



Special Council Minutes
(Adoption of Annual Budget 2008/2009)

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Bunbury City Council to adopt the 2008/2009 Budget held in the Council Chambers, City of Bunbury Administration Building, 2-4 Stephen Street, Bunbury on Tuesday, 5 August 2008.

MINUTES

5 August 2008

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING BY THE MAYOR

His Worship the Mayor, Mr David Smith, declared the meeting open at 8.34pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PRESENT

Council Committee Members	
Presiding:	His Worship the Mayor, Mr D Smith
Deputy Presiding:	Deputy Mayor, Councillor S Craddock
Members:	Councillor D Spencer
	Councillor A Leigh
	Councillor M Steck
	Councillor H Punch
	Councillor N Whittle
	Councillor R Slater
	Councillor J Harrop
	Councillor J Jones
	Councillor B Kelly
Executive Management Team (Non-Voting)	
Chief Executive Officer:	Mr G Trevaskis
Executive Manager Corporate Services:	Mr K Weary
Executive Manager City Services:	Mr M Scott
Executive Manager City Life:	Mr D Marzano
Executive Manager City Development:	Mr G Klem
Council Officers (Non-Voting):	
City Accountant:	Mr D Ransom
Assistant Accountant:	Mr D Harrison
City Engineer	Mrs B Plant
Senior Engineer	Mr C Gibberd
Information Technology Officer	Mr A Ewing
Administration Officer Corporate Services:	Ms F Wood

PRESENT (continued)

Others (Non-Voting):	
Members of the Public:	1
Members of the Press:	1

APOLOGIES

Councillor Shane Rooney – Leave of Absence
Councillor Wayne Major – Apology

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - AS SPECIFIED UNDER SECTION 5.24 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

Nil.

5. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of the Meeting is:

- To consider submissions received following advertising of Council's proposed 'Differential General Rates and Minimum Rates for the 2008/2009 Financial Year'.
- To adopt the 'Rate in the Dollar' and minimum rate for Differential and Specified Area Rates that Council will levy on property gross rental valuations.
- To adopt proposed charges for refuse collection and waste minimisation.
- To adopt proposed fees and charges for other general Council services.
- To adopt Council's 2008/2009 Budget.

6. ADVERTISING OF PROPOSED RATE 2008/2009 – PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Council advertised its proposed Differential General Rates and Minimum Rates for 2008/2009 with a public submission period of twenty one (21) days. Submissions closed 30 July 2008. One (1) submission was received and has been referred to Council **under separate cover**. It is necessary for Council to consider the submission received prior to adoption of the Budget.

COUNCIL DECISION 135/08

Moved Cr Jones

Seconded Cr Craddock

1. *Council note the submission received.*
2. *The submission be responded to outlining Council's consideration of the submission.*

CARRIED

11 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against"

7. **MEMORANDUM OF IMPOSING DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES, MINIMUM RATES AND SPECIFIED AREA RATES FOR 2008/2009**

Councillors have held two (2) budget workshops to consider the Revenue and Expenditure Draft Budget Working Papers.

COUNCIL DECISION 136/08

Moved Cr Craddock
Seconded Cr Slater

Council adopt the following Municipal Rates in the dollar on gross rental valuations for the 2008/2009 financial year:

1. Differential Rate - Zone Group (1) Residential

*The Differential Rate on current Gross Rental Values for the 2008/2009 financial year on Zone Group (1) including: Residential and land zoned other than Residential used for residential purposes as a non-conforming use be **8.8155** cents in the dollar.*

2. Differential Rate - Zone Group (2) Non Residential

*The Differential Rate on current Gross Rental Values for the 2008/2009 financial year on Zone Group (2) including: Commercial; Industrial; Public Purpose; Other Reserves; and Rural; be **6.5860** cents in the dollar.*

3. Differential Rate - Zone Group (3) City Centre

*The Differential Rate on current Gross Rental Values for the 2008/2009 financial year on Zone Group (3) City Centre be **8.4205** cents in the dollar.*

4. Differential Rate – Zone Group (4) Special Use

*The Differential Rate on the current Gross Rental Values for the 2008/2009 financial year on Zone Group (4) being land used for Special Use be **8.8190** cents in the dollar.*

5. Differential Rate - Zone Group (5) Sporting Purposes

*The Differential Rate on current Gross Rental Values for the 2008/2009 financial year on Zone Group (5) being land used for Sporting Purposes be **7.7040** cents in the dollar.*

6. Differential Rate – Zone Group (6) Storage Units

*The Differential Rate on the current Gross Rental Values for the 2008/2009 financial year on Zone Group (6) being land used for Storage Units be **6.5860** cents in the dollar.*

7. Differential Rate – Zone Group (7) Residential Vacant Land

*The Differential Rate on the current Gross Rental Values for the 2008/2009 financial year on Zone Group (7) Residential Vacant Land be **4.4140** cents in the dollar.*

8. Differential Rate – Zone Group (8) Non Residential Vacant Land

*The Differential Rate on the current Gross Rental Values for the 2008/2009 financial year on Zone Group (8) including: Commercial; Industrial; Public Purpose; Other Reserves; and Rural where the property usage is vacant be **2.1450** cents in the dollar.*

9. Differential Rate – Zone Group (9) City Centre Vacant Land

*The Differential Rate on the current Gross Rental Values for the 2008/2009 financial year on Zone Group (9) City Centre Vacant Land be **2.6960** cents in the dollar.*

10. Differential Rate – Zone Group (10) Special Use Vacant Land

*The Differential Rate on the current Gross Rental Values for the 2008/2009 financial year on Zone Group (10) Special Use Vacant Land be **4.6405** cents in the dollar.*

11. Minimum Rate

11.1 *The Minimum Rate for rateable properties within the City of Bunbury be **\$718.00** for Residential Zone Group (1) including: Residential and land zoned other than Residential used for residential purposes as a non-conforming use, Sporting Purposes Zone Group (5) and for Storage Units Zone Group (6).*

11.2 *The Minimum Rate for rateable properties within Zone Group (7), Residential Vacant Land, be **\$780.00**.*

11.3 *The Minimum Rate for rateable properties zoned Non-Residential Zone Group (2); City Centre Zone Group (3); Special Use Zone Group (4); Non-Residential Vacant Land Zone Group (8); City Centre Vacant Land Zone Group (9) and Special Use Vacant Land Zone Group (10), be **\$1,065.00**.*

12. Specified Area Rate - Central Traffic Area

*A Specified Area Rate of **0.5860** cents in the dollar (or **0.2689** cents in the dollar for vacant land) on the Gross Rental Valuation for rateable properties Non-Residential Zone Group (2); City Centre Zone Group (3) and Special Use Zone Group (4), for the provision of motor vehicle parking, road improvements and traffic management within the Central Traffic Area as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CB1”.*

13 Specified Area Rate - Marlston Hill

13.1 A Specified Area Rate of **0.1578** cents in the dollar (or **0.0931** cents in the dollar for vacant land) on the Gross Rental Valuation for all properties within the Marlston Hill Development Area Structure Plan for the provision of maintaining and serving a single television aerial cable network to those properties as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CB2”.

13.2 A Specified Area Rate of **0.4777** cents in the dollar (or **0.1894** cents in the dollar for vacant land) on the Gross Rental Valuation for all properties within the Marlston Hill Development Area Structure Plan for the provision of landscape maintenance for the entire Marlston Hill Development as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CB3”.

14. Specified Area Rate - Grand Canals, Pelican Point

A Specified Area Rate of **1.1680** cents in the dollar (or **0.4407** cents in the dollar for vacant land) on the Gross Rental Valuation for all properties within the Grand Canals Pelican Point for the provision of maintaining the waterways of the development as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CB4”.

15. Specified Area Rate – Stirling Street Streetscape

A Specified Area Rate of **2.4080** cents in the dollar (or **1.1980** cents in the dollar for vacant land) on the Gross Rental Valuation for all properties within the Stirling Street Streetscape Project Area for the purpose of part funding the redevelopment of streetscape improvements as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CB5”.

16. Specified Area Rate – Ocean Drive Underground Power

A Specified Area Rate of **1.7100** cents in the dollar (or **1.2260** cents in the dollar for vacant land) on the Gross Rental Valuation for all properties within the Ocean Drive Specified Area for the provision of underground power as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CB6”.

CARRIED

11 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

8. REFUSE COLLECTION AND WASTE MINIMISATION CHARGES 2008/2009
BUDGET

The Refuse Collection and Waste Minimisation charges include:

- Weekly collection of domestic refuse
- Provision of two annual kerbside collections each of green waste and hard waste to residential properties.
- Fortnightly kerbside collection of recyclables

Cr Leigh moved, Cr Harrop seconded (proforma) an amendment to reduce the cost of 140 and 120 litre mobile garbage bins by \$50.00 as this would be an incentive for people to recycle. The amendment is listed below:

- 1.2 *Residential properties where collection of general refuse, hard waste, green waste and recyclables includes provision of a 140 litre mobile garbage bin:
\$162.00 per annum.*
- 1.3 *Residential properties where collection of general refuse, hard waste, green waste and recyclables includes a 120 litre mobile garbage bin:
\$162.00 per annum.*

The Mayor put the amendments to vote individually with the following results:

Point 1.2 was lost *1 vote “for” to 9 votes “against”.*
Point 1.3 was lost *1 vote “for” to 9 votes “against”.*

The Mayor then put the recommendation to the vote and was carried to become Council’s Decision.

COUNCIL DECISION 137/08

Moved Cr Slater
Seconded Cr Jones

The following Refuse Collection and Waste Minimisation charges for the City of Bunbury (including general refuse collection, hard waste collection, collection of recyclables and green waste) be adopted for the 2008/2009 financial year:

1. Residential Services
- 1.1 *Residential properties where collection of general refuse, hard waste, green waste and recyclables includes provision of a **240 litre mobile garbage bin:**
\$212.00 per annum.*
- 1.2 *Residential properties where collection of general refuse, hard waste, green waste and recyclables includes provision of a **140 litre mobile garbage bin:**
\$190.00 per annum.*

- 1.3 *Residential properties where collection of general refuse, hard waste, green waste and recyclables includes a **120 litre mobile garbage bin**:
\$190.00 per annum.*

(Note: The above service charges include provision of an additional yellow-top 240 litre mobile garbage bin for collection of recyclables only.)

2. *Additional Services*

- 2.1 *Each additional service per week to a residential property incorporating a **240 litre mobile garbage bin** will be:
\$141.00 per annum.*

- 2.2 *Each additional service per week to a residential property incorporating a **140 litre mobile garbage bin** will be:
\$119.00 per annum.*

- 2.3 *Each additional service per week to a residential property incorporating a **120 litre mobile garbage bin** will be:
\$119.00 per annum.*

- 2.4 *Each additional service per fortnight to a residential property for recycling collection incorporating a **240 litre mobile garbage bin** will be:
\$37.00 per annum.*

3. *Non-residential Services*

- 3.1 *All non-residential properties (excluding commercial and industrial properties) where refuse collection includes provision of a **240 litre mobile garbage bin**:
\$144.00 per annum for each service per week.*

- 3.2 *All non-residential properties (excluding commercial and industrial properties) where refuse collection includes provision of a **140 litre mobile garbage bin**:
\$122.00 per annum for each service per week.*

- 3.3 *All non-residential properties (excluding commercial and industrial properties) where refuse collection includes provision of a **120 litre mobile garbage bin**:
\$122.00 per annum for each service per week.*

4. Commercial and Industrial Properties (Refuse Collection)

*All commercial and industrial properties where collection of refuse includes provision of a **240 litre mobile garbage bin service** will have the following refuse collection charges:*

<i>First service per week</i>	\$169.00 per annum
<i>Second and subsequent services per week</i>	\$147.00 per annum

5. Commercial and Industrial Properties (Recycling)

*All commercial and industrial properties where collection of recycling includes provision of a **240 litre mobile garbage bin service** will have the following recycling collection charges:*

<i>Fortnightly service</i>	\$74.00 per annum
<i>Weekly service</i>	\$148.00 per annum
<i>Twice weekly service</i>	\$296.00 per annum

6. Commercial and Industrial Properties (Bulk Service)

6.1 *All commercial and industrial properties where refuse collection includes provision of a **1,100 litre mobile garbage bin** will have the following refuse collection charges:*

<i>One (1) service per week</i>	\$678.00 per annum
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6.2 *All commercial and industrial properties where collection of recycling includes provision of a **1,100 litre mobile garbage bin** will have the following recycling collection charges:*

<i>Fortnightly service</i>	\$339.00 per annum
<i>Weekly service</i>	\$678.00 per annum

CARRIED

11 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

9. PROPOSED LOAN BORROWINGS AND FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS 2008/2009

Details of the purpose and financial arrangements are included in the Draft Budget (Note 13 (d) & (e)) circulated **under separate cover**:

a) Borrowings - \$3,740,000

General Projects

Loan No.	Purpose	Amount(\$)
340	Stormwater Drainage	300,000
341	Public Open Space	60,000
343	Road and Path Construction Various	440,000
Total:		800,000

Major Projects

Loan No.	Purpose	Amount(\$)
331	Car Parking	1,300,000
334	Underground Power	1,640,000
Total:		2,940,000

b) Municipal Fund Overdraft Limit - \$200,000

An overdraft provision of \$200,000 is an annual requirement of the City which is financed by the Commonwealth Bank to provide working capital (particularly in the earlier months of the financial year) prior to receipt of rate revenue. This facility exists at no cost to Council unless utilised.

COUNCIL DECISION 138/08

Moved Cr Jones
 Seconded Cr Leigh

1. *Council borrow Loan Funds of \$3,740,000 during the 2008/2009 financial year as detailed in the Draft Budget 2008/2009 for Loan No's 331, 334, 340, 341, and 343.*
2. *Council endorse the Municipal Fund having an Overdraft Limit of \$200,000.*

CARRIED

11 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

10. ADOPTION OF THE 2008/2009 BUDGET

A copy of the Draft Budget 2008/2009 has been circulated under separate cover. Councillors developed the Draft Budget at various Budget Workshops held during June 2008.

Cr Jones Moved, Cr Kelly seconded the procedural motion *“That the Council moves into a Committee as a Whole”* to allow general discussion. The Mayor put the motion to the vote and it was carried *11 votes “for” to Nil votes “against”*.

Following round the table discussions, Cr Jones moved, Cr Leigh Seconded *“That Council moves out of Committee of the Whole”* and was carried *11 votes “for” to Nil votes “against”*.

Cr Kelly Moved, Cr Jones seconded an amendment to the recommendation as follows:

1. *The Capital Works expenditure item under “Jetties and Boat Ramps”, for the demolition/restoration of the Bunbury Timber Jetty, be reduced from \$3,558,473 to \$58,473 pending a decision on a motion to rescind Council decision 203/07, due to be considered by Council Committee on 12 August 2008.*
2. *A new expenditure item “Budget Allocation Holding Account 2008/09” be created and \$3.5 million previously allocated to the “Jetties and Boat Ramps” expenditure item be credited to this account, pending an outcome on the motion to rescind Council decision 203/07.*
3. *The Cultural Development Operating Expenditure Item under “Donation Catholic Church” of \$50,000 be deleted.*

The Mayor put the amended recommendation to the vote individually with the following results:

Point 1 was lost *4 votes “for” to 7 votes “against”*.

It was requested that all votes for and against be recorded:

For: Cr’s Kelly, Jones, Steck and Slater

Against: Mayor Smith, Cr’s Spencer, Leigh, Punch, Craddock, Whittle and Harrop

Point 2 was lost *3 votes “for” to 8 votes “against”*.

Point 3 was lost *5 votes “for” to 6 votes “against”*.

The Mayor then put the recommendation to the vote and it was carried *9 votes “for” to 2 votes “against”* to become Council’s decision.

It was requested that Cr’s Kelly and Cr Steck votes “against” be recorded.

COUNCIL DECISION 139/08

Moved Cr Slater

Seconded Cr Craddock

Budgets for the following funds for the year ending 30 June 2009, be adopted:

1. Municipal Fund and the following Reserve Funds:
 - 1.1 Town Planning Scheme Land Acquisition and Compensation Reserve Fund
 - 1.2 Building Restoration and Maintenance Reserve Fund
 - 1.3 Land Subdivision and Development Reserve Fund
 - 1.4 Regional Museum Development Reserve Fund
 - 1.5 Meat Inspection Reserve Fund
 - 1.6 Plant and Equipment Reserve Fund
 - 1.7 City of Bunbury General Parking Reserve
 - 1.8 Specified Area CBD Parking Reserve
 - 1.9 CBD Contribution Parking Reserve
 - 1.10 Central Traffic Area Reserve (2)
 - 1.11 College Grove Development Reserve Fund
 - 1.13 Big Swamp Development Reserve Fund
 - 1.14 Canal Management Reserve Fund
 - 1.15 Refuse Collection & Waste Minimisation Reserve Fund
 - 1.16 Town Planning Act Section 20A Reserve Fund
 - 1.17 Bunbury Timber Jetty Reserve Fund
 - 1.18 Heritage Building (Paisley Centre) Maintenance Reserve Fund
 - 1.19 Marlston Hill Landscape Reserve (1)
 - 1.20 Marlston Hill Landscape Reserve (2)

- 1.21 Marlston Hill TV Aerial Network Reserve
- 1.22 Environmental Reserve
- 1.23 Recreation Development Reserve
- 1.24 Townscape Improvements Reserve
- 1.25 Ocean Drive Underground Power Reserve
- 1.26 Road Upgrade Contributions Reserve
- 1.27 Dual-Use Path Upgrade Contributions Reserve
- 1.28 Library Construction Reserve
- 1.29 Depot Construction Reserve
- 1.30 City Arts Collection Committee Reserve
- 1.31 Withers Underground Power Project Reserve

2. Trust Fund

CARRIED

9 Votes "For" / 2 Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

11. DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES AND RUBBISH COLLECTION CHARGES 2008/2009

The adoption of the Budget must record the due dates for payment of Rates and Rubbish Collection charges for the four-payment instalment plan. The dates are referred to Council for endorsement.

Rate Notices will be issued on 22 August 2008. Under the Local Government Act 1995, the City is required to provide at least 35 days notice to ratepayers of the 1st instalment date for payment of rates and not less than 2 months between subsequent instalment dates.

A budget information brochure will be included with every rate notice, together with a separate brochure produced by the Fire & Emergency Services Authority of WA explaining the Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

COUNCIL DECISION 140/08

Moved Cr Jones

Seconded Cr Leigh

The due dates for payment of Rates and Rubbish Collection Charges for 2008/2009 be as follows:

1. First Instalment Payment and Payment in full: 26 September 2008
2. Second Instalment: 26 November 2008
3. Third Instalment: 27 January 2009
4. Fourth Instalment: 27 March 2009

CARRIED

11 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against"

12. ADMINISTRATION AND INTEREST FEES ON RATES, RUBBISH, WASTE MINIMISATION AND GENERAL DEBTOR COLLECTION CHARGES 2008/2009

The Rates and Charges proposed are as outlined in the recommendation below.

COUNCIL DECISION 141/08

Moved Cr Jones

Seconded Cr Leigh

The following Rates and Charges are proposed as allowed under the Local Government Act 1995, to provide for Administration and Interest Charges on Rating, Rubbish, Waste Minimisation and General Debtor Collection charges during the 2008/2009 financial year:

1. Instalment Plan Administration Fee

An Instalment Plan Administration fee of \$6.00 for the second and each subsequent instalment notice issued will apply for rates and rubbish collection charges.

2. “Ad hoc” Payment Plan Fee

The recommended \$21.00 Administration Charge per assessment apply on approved payment plans for rates and rubbish accounts which fall outside the standard four instalments program.

3. Late Payment Interest Charge

A charge on outstanding rates and rubbish collection accounts (including amounts owed on ad hoc Payment Plans) of 10% will be calculated daily at 0.0274% by simple interest basis for the number of days from the account due date until the day prior to the day on which the payment is received.

4. Instalment Plan Interest Charge

An interest rate of 5.5% will be calculated on a daily basis at 0.0151% by simple interest basis from the due date of the first instalment as shown on the rate notice to the due date of each respective instalment.

5. Late Payment Interest Charge (Excluding Rates & Charges)

A charge of 10% interest, calculated on a simple interest basis for the number of days outstanding, may apply on unpaid debts (other than rates and rubbish collection charges) outstanding 35 days from the date of invoices raised after 1 July 2008.

6. Waivers

In respect to the Late Payment Interest Charge on rates and charges, the method of calculating the interest charge is on the daily balance outstanding. There are instances where a small balance remains on the property assessment. This may have occurred due to a delay in the receipt of mail payments or monies from property settlements etc., and additional daily interest has accumulated.

*Amounts outstanding of **\$5.00** and under will be waived, as it is not considered cost effective or equitable to recover from the new property owner. Estimated loss of revenue from this waiver is **\$750.00**.*

CARRIED

11 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

13. SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2008/2009 BUDGET

The Schedule of proposed Fees and Charges for the 2008/2009 financial year which forms part of the 2008/2009 Budget has been prepared and circulated to Council under separate cover.

COUNCIL DECISION 142/08

Moved Cr Jones

Seconded Cr Leigh

The Schedule of Fees and Charges (which forms part of the 2008/2009 Budget) be adopted effective from 6 August 2008.

CARRIED

11 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

14. ELECTED MEMBERS FEES AND ALLOWANCES

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, annual fees will be paid to Council members for attendance at meetings of the Council and Council (Standing) Committee together with a Communications Allowance.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will receive an additional allowance.

COUNCIL DECISION 143/08

Moved Cr Slater
Seconded Cr Jones

That Council adopt the Elected Member sitting fees and allowances as prescribed by the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 being:

<i>Councillor Sitting Fee</i>	<i>\$7,000 per annum</i>
<i>Mayoral Sitting Fee</i>	<i>\$14,000 per annum</i>
<i>Councillor and Mayoral Communications Allowance</i>	<i>\$2,400 per annum</i>
<i>Mayoral Allowance</i>	<i>\$23,300 per annum</i>
<i>Deputy Mayoral Allowance</i>	<i>\$5,825 per annum</i>

CARRIED

11 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

15. REPORTING OF MATERIAL VARIANCES IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR 2008/2009

It is a requirement under the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, for the Council to adopt (each year) a percentage or value, to be used for reporting material variances in the Statement of Financial Activity. Any variance meeting this criteria will be required to have a supporting explanation in the monthly report to Council.

Council last adopted the reporting variances criteria at the Special Council Meeting for the adoption of the 2007/2008 Budget on 14 August 2007.

Information is considered "material" if its omission, mis-statement or non-disclosure has the potential to adversely affect decisions by users of the financial report or affect the discharge of accountability by management or Council.

COUNCIL DECISION 144/08

Moved Cr Jones
Seconded Cr Punch

A variance between actual and budget-to-date of greater than or equal to 10% and \$10,000 is considered to be a material variance for reporting purposes in the Statement of Financial Activity for 2008/2009.

CARRIED

11 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against"

16. LAND UNDER ROADS ACQUIRED ON OR BEFORE 30 JUNE 2008

The new accounting standard AASB 1051 – Land Under Roads is effective from 1 July 2008 and allows Council to recognise or not recognise land under roads as a realisable asset acquired before 30 June 2008. To qualify for recognition there must be a probable future economic benefit and the cost measured reliably. As these recognition requirements can not be met it is recommended that Council continue not to recognise land under roads. A resolution by Council on the recognition of land under roads acquired on or before 30 June 2008 is required under AASB 1051.

COUNCIL DECISION 145/08

Moved Cr Jones

Seconded Cr Craddock

In accordance with AASB 1051 – Land Under Roads, Council elects to continue not to recognise land under roads as a realisable asset acquired on or before 30 June 2008.

CARRIED

11 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against"

Cr Jones then moved, Cr Kelly seconded, the following Motion:

“That a calculation of rates ceded as a result of rates-exempt properties under Section 6.2.6 of the Local Government Act 1995 be done and included in the proceedings of this meeting.”

Cr Kelly requested that a point (b) be created in the Motion to read:

“b) All rates-exempt properties within the City of Bunbury be listed.”

Cr Jones advised that due to some of these properties being safe houses, she would not see it appropriate to list these for public information and did not accept the addition of point (b).

Cr Kelly then moved an amendment to the motion which was seconded Cr Slater, to include an amended point (b) to read:

b) That Councillors be provided with a list of all rates-exempt properties within the City of Bunbury as a confidential report.”

The Mayor put the amendment to the vote and it was carried 9 votes “for” to 2 votes “against” to form part of the recommendation.

The Mayor then put the amended recommendation to the vote and it was adopted to become Council's Decision.

COUNCIL DECISION 146/08

Moved Cr Jones
Seconded Cr Kelly

- a) That a calculation of rates ceded as a result of rates-exempt properties under Section 6.26 (2) of the Local Government Act 1995 be done and included in the proceedings of this meeting.*
- b) That Councillors be provided with a list of rates-exempt properties within the City of Bunbury as a confidential report.*

CARRIED

9 Votes "For" / 2 Votes "Against"

The City of Bunbury has 164 properties which are rate-exempt under Section 6.26 (2) of the Local Government Act 1995 equalling foregone rates of \$475,266.

17. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10.47pm.

CONFIRMED this day 19 August 2008, to be a true and correct record of proceedings of the Bunbury City Council Special Council Meeting held 5 August 2008.

D SMITH
HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR