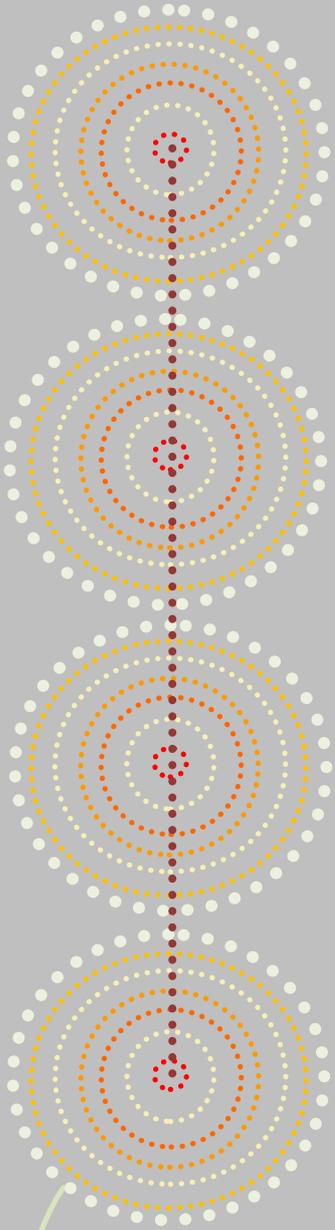


Shire of Goomalling



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (BUDGET)

JULY 2020





NYOONGAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is part of the traditional lands of the Nyoongar people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Nyoongar Ballardong people as the custodians of the greater Goomalling/Koomal area and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to the living Nyoongar Ballardong people today.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Shire of Goomalling Special Meeting of Council to adopt Council's 2020/2021 Budget, to be held in the Council Chambers, Administration Office, 32 Quinlan Street, Goomalling on Thursday, 23 July 2020 beginning at 5.00pm.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1. Attendance

Chairperson	Deputy President of Council	Cr Roland Van Gelderen
Council	Councillor	Cr Casey Butt
	Councillor	Cr Julie Chester
	Councillor	Cr Brendon Wilkes
	Councillor	Cr Rodney Sheen
Administration	Chief Executive Officer	Mr Peter Bentley

1.2. Apologies

President of Council	Cr Barry Haywood
Councillor	Cr Christine Barratt
Finance Manager	Miss Natalie Bird

1.3. Public Question Time

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors must declare to the President any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Shire Council as soon as they become aware of it.

3. MATTERS ARISING



4. REPORTS

4.1 ADOPTION – 2020/2021 BUDGET

DATE:	21 July 2020
SUBJECT:	Adoption of 2020/2021 Budget
PROPONENT:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
LOCATION:	Whole of the Shire
AUTHOR:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	N/A
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

PURPOSE

To present to Council the 2020/21 Budget with zero increase in differential rates which will equate to a 4% increase on the previous year's yield for adoption.

BACKGROUND

During the course of 2020 Council has had to react to many issues related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This included modified working conditions for staff, modified operations at the Medical Practice, reductions operating revenues and increased costs in undertaking normal business operations. There have been significant changes in cleaning practices, changing State and Federal priorities that have flowed through to our own operations, restrictions to our services, planning for our most vulnerable community members and dealing with a local case of the virus and the management of resources due to staff isolation. The most important thing though is throughout the entire time, there has been no loss of life locally due to the virus.

Council has had to take into account the effects of the pandemic in framing this year's budget and has moved to keep the rate in the \$ at the same levels as last year. Ministerial Order Clause 12 is applicable to Local Governments that have, or are proposing to, impose the differential rates and minimum payments as adopted for 2019/20 without change in the 2020/21 financial year.

Local Governments do not have to give local public notice of the intention to levy in 2020/21 the same differential rates and minimum payments as it levied in 2019/20 and consequently is not required to call for public submissions, nor consider public submissions before imposing the 2020/21 differential rates and minimum payments.

Instead the Local Government must publish the differential rates on the Local Government's website, as applicable within 10-days of the Council resolution to impose them. The exemption from public notice, public submission period and consideration of public submissions and the consequential requirement for differential rates to be published on the website should be explained for the Council and Community in the officer report with the officer recommendation evidencing compliance with the Ministerial Order.

In accordance with section 6.34 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, gazetted on 8 May 2020, the revenue estimated to be yielded



by the general rates imposed for the 2020/21 financial year will be 100% of the 2020/21 Budget expenditure over and above what is covered by all other revenue sources.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 provide prescriptive guidelines for the formal adoption of Council Budgets.

6.32. Rates and service charges

- (1) *When adopting the annual budget, a local government*
- (a) *in order to make up the budget deficiency, is to impose* a general rate on rateable land within its district, which rate may be imposed either*
 - (i) *uniformly; or*
 - (ii) *differentially;*
 - (b) *may impose* on rateable land within its district*
 - (i) *a specified area rate; or*
 - (ii) *a minimum payment; and*
 - (c) *may impose* a service charge on land within its district.*

*** Absolute majority required.**

- (2) *Where a local government resolves to impose a rate it is required to*
- (a) *set a rate which is expressed as a rate in the dollar of the gross rental value of rateable land within its district to be rated on gross rental value; and*
 - (b) *set a rate which is expressed as a rate in the dollar of the unimproved value of rateable land within its district to be rated on unimproved value.*
- (3) *A local government*
- (a) *may, at any time after the imposition of rates in a financial year, in an emergency, impose* a supplementary general rate or specified area rate for the unexpired portion of the current financial year; and*
 - (b) *is to, after a court or the State Administrative Tribunal has quashed a general valuation, rate or service charge, impose* a new general rate, specified area rate or service charge.*

*** Absolute majority required.**

- (4) *Where a court or the State Administrative Tribunal has quashed a general valuation the quashing does not render invalid a rate imposed on the basis of the quashed valuation in respect of any financial year prior to the financial year in which the proceedings which resulted in that quashing were commenced.*



6.35. Minimum payment

- (1) *Subject to this section, a local government may impose on any rateable land in its district a minimum payment which is greater than the general rate which would otherwise be payable on that land.*
- (2) *A minimum payment is to be a general minimum but, subject to subsection (3), a lesser minimum may be imposed in respect of any portion of the district.*
- (3) *In applying subsection (2) the local government is to ensure the general minimum is imposed on not less than*
 - (a) *50% of the total number of separately rated properties in the district; or*
 - (b) *50% of the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), on which a minimum payment is imposed.*
- (4) *A minimum payment is not to be imposed on more than the prescribed percentage of*
 - (a) *the number of separately rated properties in the district; or*
 - (b) *the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), unless the general minimum does not exceed the prescribed amount.*
- (5) *If a local government imposes a differential general rate on any land on the basis that the land is vacant land it may, with the approval of the Minister, impose a minimum payment in a manner that does not comply with subsections (2), (3) and (4) for that land.*
- (6) *For the purposes of this section a minimum payment is to be applied separately, in accordance with the principles set forth in subsections (2), (3) and (4) in respect of each of the following categories*
 - (a) *to land rated on gross rental value;*
 - (b) *to land rated on unimproved value; and*
 - (c) *to each differential rating category where a differential general rate is imposed.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The setting of the Shire's Annual Budget is a key decision made by Council on an annual basis. It is imperative that all Councillors fully understand the Budget and recognise the implications of decisions that have been made regarding resource allocation for the following 12 months as a result of the adoption of the Budget.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan identifies a number of key objectives and strategies based upon a sustainable future. The 2020/21 Budget as presented is in keeping with Council's Strategic direction.



COMMENT

The Council needs to adopt the budget in six (6) separate motions. Council has had take into consideration other legislative requirements that have arisen from the COVID-19 pandemic.

ATTACHMENTS

2020/21 Statutory Budget including the Draft work papers.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION 1

That the Fees and Charges and Rental Charges included within the budget document and the following Service Charges be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Health Act 1911.

Local Government Act 1995 – Service Charges 2020/21

Health Act 1911

Refuse Removal Charges

Refuse Goomalling	\$275.00
Refuse –additional bin	\$275.00
Refuse Jennacubbine	\$295.00
Refuse Wongamine	\$295.00
Refuse Konnongorring	\$295.00
Refuse –additional bin	\$295.00
Recycling –Kerbside Collection Goomalling	\$85.00

240 Litre Wheelie Bin	at cost
Tipping Fee - cubic metre – Non Residents	\$20.00

Sewerage Charges

Residential	-	08.0325 cents in the dollar Minimum Charge \$672.00
Commercial	-	08.0325 cents in the dollar Minimum charge \$672.00
Vacant Lot	-	\$672.00 per property
Minor Fixture Charge	-	\$244.00
Major Fixture Charge	-	\$794.00
Additional Fixtures	-	\$99.00

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY



229. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

Moved Cr Sheen, seconded Cr Butt

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**CARRIED BY 5/0
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RECOMMENDATION 2

That the following General Rates for 2020/21 be adopted in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.32 of the Local Government Act 1995:

That the following Rates in the Dollar be adopted for the Shire of Goomalling for the year ending 30 June 2021:-

Gross Rental Values	(Towns)
Residential	10.9585 cents in the dollar
Commercial	12.3220 cents in the dollar
Industrial	11.8170 cents in the dollar
Urban Farmland	10.5545 cents in the dollar

Unimproved Values	(Rural)
Rural Zone 2	00.6363 cents in the dollar
Special Rural	01.2625 cents in the dollar
General Zone 3	00.6918 cents in the dollar

MINIMUM RATES

That the minimum rate for Gross Rental Values and UV properties are set as follows for the various rate categories set as follows:

Minimum Rates	
GRV Residential	\$950.00 per assessment
GRV Commercial	\$900.00 per assessment
GRV Industrial	\$550.00 per assessment
GRV Urban Farmland	\$715.00 per assessment
UV Rural Zone 2	\$1,000.00 per assessment
UV Special Rural	\$1,100.00 per assessment
UV General Zone 3	\$1,195.00 per assessment

Discount

No early settlement discount to be offered in the 2020/21 Budget.

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY



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RECOMMENDATION 3

PAYMENT OPTIONS

That Council, in accordance with the provisions of section 6.45 and 6.50 of the Local Government Act 1995, offers the following payment options for the payment of rates:-

(a) Single Instalment

Payment in full within 35 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.

(b) Two Instalments

The first instalment of 50% of the total current rates, ESL, refuse charges, instalment charges plus the total outstanding arrears payable, within 35 days from the date of issue of the rate notice.

The second instalment of 50% of the total current rates, ESL, refuse charges and instalment charges, payable 4 months from the due date of the first instalment.

(c) Four Instalments

The first instalment of 25% of the total current rates, ESL, refuse charges and instalment charges plus the total outstanding arrears payable, within 35 days from the date of issue of the rate notice.

The second, third and fourth instalments, each of 25% of the current rates, ESL, refuse charges and instalment charges, payable at two monthly intervals after the due date of the first instalment.

INTEREST AND ADMINISTRATION CHARGES FOR INSTALMENT OPTIONS

That Council, in accordance with the provisions of section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 imposes an Administration Fee of \$10 per instalment notice together with an interest charge of 5.5%, both of which applies to the second instalment of the Two Instalment option, and the second, third and fourth instalments of the Four Instalment option.

LATE PAYMENT PENALTY INTEREST

That Council, in accordance with the provisions of section 6.13 and 6.51 of the Local Government Act, and Regulations 19A and 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts an interest rate of 8% per annum. Penalty interest will apply to all charges which remain unpaid after 35 days from the date of issue of the rate notice.

Excluded are eligible pensioners, deferred pensioner rates and current instalment amounts not yet due.

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY



231. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

Moved Cr Sheen, seconded Cr Chester

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**CARRIED 5/0
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**



RECOMMENDATION 4

That the Council adopts the Budget under the Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.2 for the Shire of Goomalling for the year ending 30 June 2021, incorporating:

- Operating Statement
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Statement of Non Operating Incomes and Expenditures
- Rate Setting Statement
- Statement of Rating Information
- Other supporting documents and schedules
- (Including the 10 Year Plant Replacement Program, 2020/21 Road Program)

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

232. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Wilkes

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CARRIED 5/0
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

RECOMMENDATION 5

That Council adopts the following Annual Members Meeting Attendance Fees and Allowances for 2020/21 in accordance with the requirements of Sections 5.99 and 5.99(A) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulations 34A and 34B, and the Annual President Allowance for 2020/21 in accordance with the requirements of and Section 5.98(5) of the Local Government Act 1995 be adopted :

Presidential Allowance:	\$2,500.00 Per Annum
Deputy President Allowance:	\$625.00 Per Annum
Councillor Sitting Fees:	
Council Meeting – President	\$200.00 Per Meeting
Council Meeting – Councillor	\$100.00 Per Meeting
Committee Meeting – President	\$100.00 Per Meeting
Committee Meeting – Councillor	\$50.00 Per Meeting
Travel Allowance:	\$0.9554c / km

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY



233. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

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Travel Allowance:	\$0.9554c / km

**CARRIED 5/0
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

RECOMMENDATION 6

That Council adopts, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 section 34(5), the material variance as reported in the Statement of Financial Activity in the financial year ending 30 June 2021 of 10% or \$10,000.

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

234. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

Moved Cr Sheen, seconded Cr Butt

That Council adopts, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 section 34(5), the material variance as reported in the Statement of Financial Activity in the financial year ending 30 June 2021 of 10% or \$10,000.

**CARRIED 5/0
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

5. CLOSURE

The Deputy President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.20pm.