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## **Shire of Northam**

**Minutes**

**Special Council Meeting**

**24 July 2019**

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## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President, Cr C R Antonio declared the meeting open at 5:03pm.

## 2. ATTENDANCE

### Council:

Shire President  
Deputy Shire President  
Councillors

C R Antonio  
M P Ryan  
J E G Williams  
C L Davidson  
R W Tinetti  
S B Pollard  
A J Mencshelyi  
T M Little arrived at 5:13pm  
J Proud  
C P Della

### Staff:

Chief Executive Officer  
Executive Manager Engineering Services

J B Whiteaker  
C D Kleynhans arrived at  
5:08pm

A/Executive Manager Development Services  
Executive Manager Community Services  
Executive Manager Corporate Services  
Executive Assistant – CEO

C B Hunt  
R Rayson  
C Young arrived at 5:07pm  
A C McCall

### Gallery:

Avon Valley Advocate  
Public

Eliza Wynn  
Heather Meiklem  
Roman Doroszenko  
Gloria Doroszenko  
Geoff Both  
Joyce Daniels  
Brian Daniels  
John Holland  
Leesa Khan

### 2.1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

### 2.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

The Executive Assistant – CEO left the meeting at 5:06pm and returned at 5:07pm.

The Executive Manager Corporate Services entered the meeting at 5:07pm.

The Executive Manager Engineering Services entered the meeting at 5:08pm.

### 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Item Name	Item No.	Name	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
Annual Budget Overview	12.1	Cr T M Little	Impartiality	He is a member of some Associations mentioned in the Budget.
		Cr J E G Williams	Impartiality	She is a member of Bakers Hill, Clackline and Spencers Brook Progress Associations, who receive funding from the Shire and have two have items on the considerations list. She also has two family members (non-dependent) employed by the Shire. Impartiality only as her membership is voluntary and her family members are not financially dependent on her.
Endorsement Of The Draft Budget	12.2	Cr T M Little	Impartiality	He is a member of some Associations mentioned in the Budget.
		Cr R W Tinetti	Impartiality	He is a Chamber member.
		Cr M P Ryan	Impartiality	He is the President of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Northam RSL and his children are members of the Northam Hockey Club and Northam Swimming Club.
		Cr C R Antonio	Impartiality	Member of a number of community groups which may be impacted by the proposed budget, Southern Brook Community Association, Grass Valley Progress Associations, Avon Valley Arts Society, Northam Chamber of Commerce, Avon and Northam Hockey Associations.
		Cr C L Davidson	Impartiality	Misty Ridge Plant Farm which is owned by him is a paid member of the Northam Chamber of Commerce. The Northam Chamber of Commerce may benefit from this budget.

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		Cr A J Mencshelyi	Impartiality	Avon Community Services (ASC) are nominated to do work if budget of \$15,000 is approved. He is a volunteer board member of ASC.
		Cr C P Della	Impartiality	He is a member of the Northam Chamber of Commerce. Northam PS, where his children attend are proposed to receive a donation. He is a member of various community groups which may be impacted by budget adoption.

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

Nil.

#### 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

##### 5.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

**Name:** Brian Daniels, Bakers Hill.

**Summary of Question 1:** Can the CEO justify why a 3.5% rate increase is proposed?

**Summary of Response to Question 1:** The Chief Executive Officer advised that there is no recommendation for a 3.5% rate increase. The reference to 3.5% in the Council report is the amount which is detailed within the Shire of Northam's Long Term Financial Plan, which was endorsed by Council, however the final rate increase will be determined at this meeting.

**Summary of Question 2:** Why and how can the CEO justify a 2.6% increase in salaries?

**Summary of Response to Question 2:** The Chief Executive Officer advised that this is referenced in the report and Council will make a determination in relation to this at this meeting. It was advised that the 2.6% referenced highlights the increase in overall employment costs, and does not necessarily reflect individual wage or salary increase.

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**Name:** Leesa Khan, Southern Brook.

**Summary of Question 1:** Has Council received the revised drawings for the playground at Southern Brook and is there any feedback?

**Summary of Response to Question 1:** The Chief Executive Officer advised that revised drawings were received and provided to Elected Members.

**Summary of Question 2:** Is there a provision to undertake work on Southern Brook and Grass Valley North road to make these roads safer?

**Summary of Response to Question 2:**

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there is nothing proposed in the 2019/20 budget however there are some widening and shoulder works proposed in 2020/21. The Chief Executive Officer advised that there has been a significant amount of work undertaken in the rural areas in recent times and issues are being addressed as quickly as possible, in the context of a large network. It was advised that any pressing concerns should be reported to the Shire which will be logged into the customer request system and if required remedial work will be scheduled.

The Shire President noted that he potentially had a proximity interest in this question as he owns property along Southern Brook and Grass Valley North Road.

Cr Little entered the meeting at 5:13pm.

**Name:** Geoff Both, Bakers Hill.

**Summary of Question 1:** Does the Shire of Northam have an ABN number?

**Summary of Response to Question 1:** The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the Shire has an ABN number.

**Summary of Question 2:** This therefore makes the Shire of Northam a trading company, what gives a trading company the ability to rate and fine people? A further question was asked in relation to the constitutional validity of local government

**Summary of Response to Question 2:**

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Local Government Act 1995 provides for Councils to levy rates and charges, which is legislation made by the Government of WA. Further advice was provided that there is recent case law which could be provided which addresses the question of local government and its powers to rate.

**Name:** Brian Daniels, Bakers Hill.

**Summary of Question 1:** Can the public view the content of the CEO's contract.

**Summary of Response to Question 1:** The Chief Executive Officer advised that he can make an appointment with a member of HR to review the CEO's Contract.

*The CEO later apologised for providing incorrect information. Recent changes to the Local Government Act 1995 which were provided in a circular last week have removed CEO's contracts from the list of public documents (reference section 5.94(f)).*

## 6. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

## 7. RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

### 7.1 PETITIONS

Nil.

### 7.2 PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

### 7.3 DEPUTATIONS

**Name:** Leesa Khan, Southern Brook.

**Agenda Item:** 12.2 – Endorsement of the Draft Budget (Southern Brook Playground Consideration Item).

**Summary of Statement:**

- Introduced herself to the Council as a resident and community member of Southern Brook.
- Advised that Southern Brook community has expressed the need for a safe area for children to play.
- Outlined that the hall is being used more regularly with an increasing number of bookings being made.
- At the last function, there were children aged from 1 to 14 in attendance. The absence of a play area has been noted by attendees at the hall.
- Southern Brook is the only hall with no play area for children.

### 8. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

### 9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil.

### 10. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THOSE IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY

Nil.

### 11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nil.

## 12. SPECIAL ITEMS

Cr T M Little declared an "Impartiality" interest in item 12.1 - Annual Budget Overview as he is a member of some Associations mentioned in the Budget.

Cr J E G Williams declared an "Impartiality" interest in item 12.1 - Annual Budget Overview as she is a member of Bakers Hill, Clackline and Spencers Brook Progress Associations, who receive funding from the Shire and have two have items on the considerations list. She also has two family members (non-dependent) employed by the Shire. Impartiality only as her membership is voluntary and her family members are not financially dependent on her.

### 12.1 ANNUAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

<b>Address:</b>	N/A
<b>Owner:</b>	N/A
<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>File Reference:</b>	8.2.8.1
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Colin Young Executive Manager Corporate Service
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Colin Young Executive Manager Corporate Service
<b>Officer Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil.
<b>Voting Requirement:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Press release to be issued:</b>	No

#### BRIEF

To provide information to Elected Members in relation to the budget process and influencing factors.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Draft Budget (supplied as a separate attachment to this agenda and minutes).

#### BACKGROUND / DETAILS

The development of the draft budget as presented is the culmination of many months preparatory work undertaken by each individual Department under the guidance of the Executive Manager Corporate Services, Mr Colin Young. The budget process to date has included the following key elements;

- Endorsement of the long term financial plan 23 Jan 2019
- Endorsement of draft 2 year road program 15 May 2019
- Endorsement of draft 2 Year footpath program 15 May 2019
- Endorsement of Community Assistance Applications 15 May 2019
- Endorsement of draft building maintenance program 15 May 2019
- Adoption of the 2019/20 fees and charges 19 June 2019
- Endorsement of the draft plant program 19 June 2019

The budget document has very much been guided by a number of key planning documents including;

- Strategic Community Plan;
- Corporate Business Plan; and
- Long term Financial Plan

The staff have also been through a rigorous assessment process to ensure that the Departmental and individual item draft budget allocations both reflect the intent of the Councils planning documents and ensure sufficient resources to meet the established objectives.

As Elected Members would be aware, the Long Term Financial Plan reports on a number of key performance indicators, which are reflective of the Local Government Act 1995 requirements. The following information provides an indication as to how the Council is performing against a number of the key indicators;

<b>2019/20</b>		
<b>Ratio</b>	<b>LTFP</b>	<b>Draft Budget</b>
Debt Service Ratio	8.46%	7.35%
Operating Surplus Ratio	-0.2%	-0.02%
Own Source Revenue Ratio	74.16%	70%

The draft budget as presented includes additional debt that is proposed to be taken (Northam Aquatic Facility) for a six month period, if this debt was held for the entire year and taken over a 20 year period at 3.50% interest per annum; the debt service ratio would be approximately 6.01%. However if we then eliminated the one of loss associated with sale of land the ratio would improve to 7.63%

It is also noted that the operating result has been impacted by the loss on the sale of the Wellington Street lots, which Council made an informed decision on in order to promote economic development within the community. If these were eliminated the operating surplus it would improve the ratio to in excess of 0.05%

Debt Service Ratio



Measures the Council's ability to service debt out of its uncommitted or general purpose funds available for its operations. Councils with a higher proportion of revenue from rates can also effectively operate at lower debt service ratios as they are more able to generate income (through rate increases) to cope with the debt burden.

If Ratio > 10	accepted as reasonable.
If Ratio > 5 and <10	exercise caution around debt management.
If Ratio <5	debt management may be an issue and needs to be considered in context of overall financial position.

#### Operating Surplus Ratio

Effectively highlights the scale / extent of any operating surplus or deficit in relation to the overall size of the Local Government. A sustained period of deficits will erode that local Government's ability to maintain both its operational service level and asset base.

If Ratio > 0.15	strong operating surplus which gives flexibility in relation to future operational service levels and asset base.
If Ratio > 0.00 and < 0.15	should closely monitor with improvements made where possible to increase capacity to give flexibility in relation to future operational service levels and asset base.
If Ratio <= 0.00	experiencing an operating deficit.

It is worth noting that while the draft budget indicates a small operating deficit, this does not allow for in excess of \$410,720 of operating costs which Council will carry forward into the 2019/20 financial year. When taking this into account, the Council will return an operating surplus.

#### Own Source Revenue Ratio

Measures the local government's ability to cover operating expenses from own source revenue. The higher the ratio, the more self-reliant the local government is. Allows greater flexibility as less external funds are required for operational purposes.

If Ratio > 0.9	satisfactory.
If Ratio > 0.6 and < 0.9	will need to improve if it hopes to maintain and improve the current service levels of its asset base.
If Ratio < 0.6	needs to examine the level of its own source revenue given current levels of operating expenses.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Strategic Community / Corporate Business Plan**

Theme Area 6: Governance & Leadership.

Outcome 6.3: The Shire of Northam council is a sustainable, responsive, innovative and transparent organisation.

**Financial / Resource Implications**

Refer to Attachment 1.

**Legislative Compliance**

Nil.

**Policy Implications**

Nil.

**Stake Holder Engagement / Consultation**

Consultation has occurred with Councillors and staff.

**Risk Implications**

Nil.

**OFFICER'S COMMENT**

The following changes have been carried out to the draft budget since the Budget Workshops and are presented in the table below; the current surplus calculated does not include an increase over the 2018/19 rate revenue, the surplus as presented is \$23,101.

Account/Job	Description	Reason	Amount	C/FWD, Grants etc.
<b>Surplus</b>			<b>112,001</b>	
04049005	CEO Vehicle Trade	Increased trade	10000	
05067034	Smith Road Water Tank	Missed Draft, 50% Grant	-9800	4900
5250	Rec Centre Roof Access Points	Missed Draft, Offset Trans Reserve	-10648	10648
6345	Old Town Administration Building	Added Rates Charge	-5000	
6155	Bakers Hill Pavilion	Added Annual Floor Cleaning	-1000	
05062112	Fire Prevention Other Costs	Added CBFBO/Depty Honorarium	-13000	
04041012	Salaries Governance		-29748	29748
04041012	Superannuation Governance	CEO LSL, transferred Reserve	-2826	2826
3751	Newman St	Removed C/fwd as completed	17150	-17150
1903	Buildings Rec Centre	Added, Missed in error	-75000	
<b>Surplus</b>			<b>23,101</b>	

### Wages & Salaries

There has been a provision included within the budget for a general 2% increase in salaries across the organisation. The additional 0.6% increase is represented by a range of salary adjustments to staff throughout the year. These adjustments (0.6% equates to approximately \$45,000) were for a range of reasons including the perceived need to increase a number of professional position salaries to attract individuals to vacant positions. This was after assessment of the market. It also included performance based increases to a number of staff and in one instance the removal of a Council provided motor vehicle replaced with a vehicle allowance.

Total Gross Budgeted Salaries 2019/20	7,739,379
Total Gross Budgeted Salaries 2018/19	7,542,855
Difference	196,524
<b>Percentage increase</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

### Rates

Council has in previous years taken a responsible approach to increasing rates. The table below illustrates the Council's position over the last 4 years. The Long Term Financial Plan has a proposed rate increase for the 2019/20 financial year of 3.5%.

Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 LTFP
% Rate Increase	3.5	2.86	3.51	2.52	3.5

### Projected Surplus

A provision for the end of year tied surplus (30 June 2019) of \$4,576,458 has been incorporated into the current draft budget. This is offset with corresponding expenses for projects that are being carried forward into the 19/20 budget. It includes an allocation of \$45,119 of untied for additional expenditure associated with the Northam Aquatic Facility, as per the table presented below;

<b>Additional Expenditure Northam Aquatic Facility</b>	
Legal Costs (drafting of contract)	10,336
Procurement	11,349
Cleaning of Drainage (adjacent to site)	8,600
Other (Small Items)	687
Additional Site Visits Project Management	14,147
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,119</b>

A calculation of any residual (additional untied) surplus will be

undertaken with a separate report to be provided to Council recommending how these funds can be allocated in accordance with Council policy.

The draft budget as presented indicates a surplus of \$111,101. This surplus was calculated taking into account an allocation for interim rates of \$60,000 relating to development; and no general rate increase has been factored in at this stage. In regards to a general rate increase, for every one percent (1%) increase Council will yield approximately \$101,151 of additional revenue.

#### Local Government Cost Index

WALGA reported that the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) remains steady at 1.8% for the 2019/20 financial year. That being a decrease slightly from the previous estimated increase of 2.0%.

Figures show that the Perth CPI increased by 1.25% for the twelve months to March 2019. This is however a general measure of inflation, and is not specific to the cost increases faced by local governments in providing services to their local communities. The LGCI as presented above is specific to Local Government and therefore a more accurate measure of inflation for Council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Minute No: C.3726**

**Moved: Cr Pollard**

**Seconded: Cr Mencshelyi**

**That Council receives the budget overview as presented.**

**CARRIED 10/0**

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Cr R W Tinetti declared an "Impartiality" interest in item 12.2 - Endorsement of the Draft Budget as he is a Chamber member.

Cr M P Ryan declared an "Impartiality" interest in item 12.2 - Endorsement of the Draft Budget as he is the President of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Northam RSL and his children are members of the Northam Hockey Club and Northam Swimming Club.

Cr C R Antonio declared an "Impartiality" interest in item 12.2 - Endorsement of the Draft Budget as he is a member of a number of community groups which may be impacted by the proposed budget, Southern Brook Community Association, Grass Valley Progress Associations, Avon Valley Arts Society, Northam Chamber of Commerce, Avon and Northam Hockey Associations.

Cr C L Davidson declared an "Impartiality" interest in item 12.2 - Endorsement of the Draft Budget as Misty Ridge Plant Farm which is owned by him is a paid member of the Northam Chamber of Commerce. The Northam Chamber of Commerce may benefit from this budget.

Cr J E G Williams declared an "Impartiality" interest in item 12.2 - Endorsement of the Draft Budget as she is a member of Bakers Hill, Clackline and Spencers Brook Progress Associations, who receive funding from the Shire and have two have items on the considerations list. She also has two family members (non-dependent) employed by the Shire. Impartiality only as her membership is voluntary and her family members are not financially dependent on her.

Cr A J Mencshelyi declared an "Impartiality" interest in item 12.2 - Endorsement of the Draft Budget as Avon Community Services (ASC) are nominated to do work if budget of \$15,000 is approved. He is a volunteer board member of ASC.

Cr C P Della declared an "Impartiality" interest in item 12.2 - Endorsement of the Draft Budget as he is a member of the Northam Chamber of Commerce. Northam PS, where his children attend are proposed to receive a donation. He is a member of various community groups which may be impacted by budget adoption.

## 12.2 ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT BUDGET

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<b>Owner:</b>	N/A
<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A
<b>File Reference:</b>	8.2.8.1
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Colin Young Executive Manager Corporate Service
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Colin Young Executive Manager Corporate Service
<b>Officer Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil.
<b>Voting Requirement:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Press release to be issued:</b>	No

### BRIEF

For Council to give consideration to matters raised by Elected Members and the presented consideration list for incorporation into the 2019/20 Annual Budget.

### ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Considerations List (provided as a separate attachment to this agenda/minutes).
- Attachment 2: Executive Officers Report Regionals Capital Alliance (provided as a separate confidential attachment to this agenda and minutes).

### BACKGROUND / DETAILS

All Elected Members were provided with the opportunity to attend small workshops to allow the Council Finance team to provide an outline of the Budget document as presented, answer questions, and provide clarifications. These workshops were well attended and the feedback received from Elected Members has been positive.

The Budget document consisted of the Draft Budget and a list of items for consideration. At the Budget workshops Elected Members were provided the opportunity to raise/identify issues they felt warranted further detailed discussion or debate at the Budget Meeting.

## CONSIDERATIONS

### **Strategic Community / Corporate Business Plan**

#### Theme Area 6: Governance & Leadership.

Outcome 6.3: The Shire of Northam council is a sustainable, responsive, innovative and transparent organisation.

The budget has been developed in accordance with the broad parameters established in the range of Council planning documents.

### **Financial / Resource Implications**

Budget Endorsement.

### **Legislative Compliance**

Nil.

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Stakeholder Engagement / Consultation**

Consultation has occurred with Councillors and Staff.

### **Risk Implications**

Nil.

## OFFICER'S COMMENT

As a result of the assessments by staff and the workshops held with Elected Members the following information is provided for discussion;

### Signage

It was requested from an Elected Member that a discussion would be beneficial around signage including the allocations for Wayfound 35k, the tower GEH 10k and BKB signage requirements.

### Elective Members Band

This item was raised by an Elected Member to be disclosed as to where Elected Members sit within the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal band 2 for Elected Members.

Elected Members Prescribed Attendance Fees, Band 2						
	Council Member			Shire President		
	Minimum	Actual	Maximum	Minimum	Actual	Maximum
Meeting Fees	14,865	19,750	23,230	14,865	23,600	31,149
% of Maximum		58%			54%	
Presidential Allowance				15,377	45,000	63,354
% of Maximum					62%	
Deputy President Allowance (25% of Presidents allowance)					11,250	

Elected Members currently receive the maximum telecommunications allowance of \$3,500 per annum.

#### Roads not Included in the Draft Budget

The following is a list of roads that are not included in the Draft Budget that were included in the proposed Draft Roads Program adopted by council on the 15 May 2019.

Roads Removed from Roads Program	
Name	Materials
Lyon Street (0-600)	\$115,254
Oliver Street (0-410)	\$262,302
Forrest Street (420-720)	\$138,386
Harvey Road (0-470)	\$ 33,697

#### Remaining of the River Town Pool Dredging Reserve to The River Management Reserve

Staff are suggesting the renaming and repurposing of the River Dredging Reserve to widen the scope of works that can be funded. The purpose is recommended to be changed from **Provision for dredging and maintenance of the River Town Pool** to **Provision for maintaining, rehabilitation and dredging of the Town Pool and River including the River Banks**.

#### Percentage Increase Rates

The total rates increase percentage will be calculated by dividing the projected 2019/20 rate requirement by the actual rates levied at June 30, 2018 plus interim rates raised during 2018/19 \$202,323.

## RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

**Minute No: C.3727**

**Moved: Cr Pollard**

**Seconded: Cr Mencshelyi**

**That Council suspends Standing Orders 8.5 and 8.9. to allow further discussion pertaining to the Budget content.**

**CARRIED 10/0**

Discussion was held in relation to the following matters:

- The road program and reasons for the substantial changes/reduction to what was proposed. The Chief Executive Officer advised that more detailed costings have now been undertaken and also clarified the assessment process. Clarification was provided around the roads which have been included and removed from the budget. It was advised that if roads want to be added to the budget, this will impact the amount that can be included from the consideration list.
- Utility charges, whether these are being used efficiently and also being accurately monitored. The Chief Executive Officer advised that these are all metred. Staff determined the budget through reviewing past year's charges and the projected increases. Clarification was provided in relation to the areas which are on recycled water however advised that some areas needed to be removed. Staff are currently working with the Water Corporation to increase the recycled water use capacity.
- The Chamber of Commerce differential rating. The Chief Executive Officer made reference to the discussions at a Strategic Council meeting where the direction was provided to keep the status quo for 2019/20 with the intent of gradually reducing this over the following financial years. It was advised that if Council would like staff to review this they require some direction/decision from Council.

## MOTION

**Moved: Cr Pollard**

**That Council allocate \$130,000 to the Northam Chamber of Commerce for 2019/20 from general rates.**

**LAPSED FOR WANT OF SECONDER**

- The 2.4% salaries increase and whether this is benchmarked. The Chief Executive Officer advised that the state government projected wage

growth at 2.7% (corrected to 2.25%) and the LTFP projected this Shire of Northam wages growth also at 2.25%. Salaries have also been reviewed against other local governments to ensure competitiveness. Concerns were raised in relation to being unable to attract staff and the impacts this would have on the budget if consultants are required.

- The end of year surplus. The Executive Manager Corporate Services advised that this amount is not yet known however it is not expected to be a significant amount.

**MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Minute No: C.3728**

**Moved: Cr Pollard**

**Seconded: Cr Ryan**

**That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to present a report to Council to make a determination on any untied end of year (2018/19) surplus.**

**CARRIED 10/0**

One (1) member of the gallery left the meeting at 5:59pm and returned at 6:01pm.

Two (2) members of the gallery left the meeting at 6:01pm.

One (1) member of the gallery left the meeting at 6:02pm.

Council discussed the items listed on the consideration list.

The Executive Manager Development Services left the meeting at 6:29pm and returned at 6:30pm.

Ms Eliza Wynn left the meeting at 6:34pm and returned at 6:35pm.

Cr J E G Williams left the meeting at 6:37pm and returned at 6:39pm.

The Shire President advised that there would be a short adjournment at 6:39pm. The meeting reconvened at 6:42pm.

One (1) member of the Gallery left the meeting at 6:43pm.

Two (2) members of the Gallery left the meeting at 6:59pm.

The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 7:46pm and returned at 7:47pm.

One member of the Gallery left the meeting at 8:16pm.

One member of the Gallery left the meeting at 8:39pm.

**MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Minute No: C.3729**

**Moved: Cr Little**  
**Seconded: Cr Ryan**

**That Council include the Upgrade Runway Edge for \$193,600 (Council contribution of \$96,800) on the consideration list.**

**CARRIED 10/0**

Debate was held around the motion.

**MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Minute No: C.3730**

**Moved: Cr Ryan**  
**Seconded: Cr Pollard**

**That Council include CBD Activation per connectivity plan for \$20,000 on the consideration list.**

**CARRIED 7/3**

**MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Minute No: C.3731**

**Moved: Cr Pollard**

**Seconded: Cr Ryan**

**That Council include AVAS additional funding for \$2,500 on the consideration list for 2019/20 only.**

**CARRIED 8/2**

Debate was held around the motion.

The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 8:45pm and returned at 8:46pm.

**MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Minute No: C.3732**

**Moved: Cr Mencshelyi**

**Seconded: Cr Ryan**

**That Council include Minson Avenue landscaping for up to \$165,000 on the consideration list and request the Chief Executive Officer to formalise a shared use agreement with the proponent.**

**CARRIED 9/1**

Debate was held around the motion.

**RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Minute No: C.3733**

**Moved: Cr Ryan**

**Seconded: Cr Tinetti**

**That Council resumes Standing Orders 8.5 and 8.9 to allow formal debate pertaining to the Budget content.**

**CARRIED 10/0**

## RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

**Minute No: C.3734**

**Moved: Cr Ryan**  
**Seconded: Cr Proud**

**That Council endorse the 2019/20 Draft Budget as presented with the following adjustments:**

- Including the following items from the considerations list presented;**

Description	Include in Budget	Other Finding Reserve	Other Funding Internal	Other Funding External	NET IMPACT ON RATES
Automated weather stations	\$8,149			\$4,074	\$4,075
Automated LED Fire Danger rating Signs x 3	\$39,450			\$19,725	\$19,725
Targeted Pest plant eradication Watsonia -Targeted spraying program in Shire waterways by Contractor	\$20,000	\$20,000			-
ES-1915 Clarke Street Water meter installation	\$8,950	\$8,950			-
Solar Initiative	\$106,500	\$106,500			-
ES-1941B Rock Bucket for Excavator	\$10,000	\$10,000			-
Upgrade Runway Edge	\$193,600			\$96,800	\$96,800
ES-1908 Bakers Hill Additional Water	\$4,000				\$4,000
ES-1912- Wundowie Oval Additional Water	\$4,000				\$4,000
Rural Verge Tree Pruning	\$50,000				\$50,000
Assessment Northam Town Hall significant historical objects and preservation	\$10,000			\$5,000	\$5,000
Night Hoops diversionary youth projects	\$26,000			\$19,000	\$7,000
Wundowie water tank mural. Youth diversionary anti-graffiti project	\$15,000			\$10,000	\$5,000
Northam Rec Centre basketball rings and backboards installed	\$6,000			\$3,000	\$3,000
Northam Rec Centre indoor scoreboard	\$9,650			\$4,825	\$4,825
Senior Sport	\$12,500				\$12,500
Bakers Hill Community Fair	\$5,000				\$5,000
CBD Activation per connectivity plan	\$20,000				\$20,000
AVAS additional funding	\$2,500				\$2,500
Telethon Community Cinema	\$35,000			\$35,000	-
Minson Avenue landscaping	\$165,000		\$165,000		-
Community Newsletter and quarterly reports	\$7,000				\$7,000
Southern Brook Hall Nature Play Ground	\$42,000	\$21,000		\$21,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$800,299</b>	<b>\$166,450</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>	<b>\$218,424</b>	<b>250,425</b>

2. **Rename the River Town Pool Dredging Reserve to the River Management Reserve with the purpose being; Provision for maintaining, rehabilitation and dredging of the Town Pool and River including the River Banks**
3. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to advertise the proposed differential rating based on an estimated total rates levied increase of approximately 2.25%.**

**CARRIED 10/0**

**13. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

Nil.

**14. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil.

**15. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY DECISION**

Nil.

**16. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Shire President, Cr C R Antonio declared the meeting closed at 9:03pm.

"I certify that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 24 July 2019 have been confirmed as a true and correct record."

\_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Date