



SHIRE OF NORTHAM

**MINUTES OF THE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
HELD
MONDAY
5 AUGUST 2013**

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Minutes of the Shire of Northam Budget Workshop held in the Council Chambers on MONDAY, 5 August 2013 at 6.00 pm

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The meeting was declared open at 6.00pm.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Parts of Division 6 Subdivision 1 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires Council members and employees to disclose any direct or indirect financial interest or general interest in any matter listed in this agenda.

The Act also requires the nature of the interest to be disclosed in writing before the meeting or immediately before the matter being discussed.

NB A Council member who makes a disclosure must not preside or participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the disclosed matter unless the procedures set out in Sections 5.68 or 5.69 of the Act have been complied with.

Cr R Tinetti declared an “Impartiality” interest in item SoN Draft Budget – The nature of his interest is as he is a funeral director he uses the Northam Cemetery. The extent of his interest is impartiality.

Cr U Rumjantsev declared an “Impartiality” interest in item Draft Budget Schedule 11 Page 131 – The nature of his interest is as his wife Patricia Rumjantsev is a member of Bakers Hill Tennis Club and Relay for Life Entertainment Coordinator.

3. ATTENDANCE

President
Councillors

Cr SB Pollard
TM Little
U Rumjantsev
R W Tinetti
A W Llewellyn
J E Williams
D G Beresford

A/Chief Executive Officer
Executive Manager Development Services
A/Executive Manager Engineering Services
Executive Manager Community Services
Project Manager Community Infrastructure

A J Middleton
P B Steven
T Findlay
J McGready
C B Hunt

4. APOLOGIES

Executive Manager Corporate Services

D R Gobbart

5. LEAVE OF ABSCENCE

Cr R Head has been granted leave of absence between the following dates:
5 July 2013 to 30 September 2013

Cr K Saunders has been granted leave of absence between the following dates:
25 July 2013 to 20 August 2013

Cr D Hughes has been granted leave of absence between the following dates:
03 August 2013 to 18 August 2013

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 CONSIDERATION OF THE 2013/2014 ANNUAL BUDGET

Council worked through the budget documentation and in general accepted the estimates as presented, the following chart of accounts were discussed;

FLYING 50 EVENT (2072) (2172)

Cr Beresford raised the current level of support for the Vintage Sports Car Club (WA) Inc. Funds totalling \$20,500.00 have been allocated to this event; anecdotal evidence suggests it does not have the support of some of the business owners that operate on the Sunday. The survey results to date are not conclusive as the survey returns are predominantly from businesses not affected by the event.

BAKERS HILL TOWNSITE (9054)

Cr Rumjantsev noted provision has not been made to seal Bedford, Newman and Keane Street north of Great Eastern Highway.

BAKERS HILL WATER PROJECT (3203)

Cr Llewellyn noted costs associated with the Bakers Hill Water Project and urged Council to investigate other options to provide water for recreational facilities including the use of modern small size desalination plants.

CEMETERY

Research is to be undertaken to determine if sufficient grave identification number plates are in stock. (2032)

JUBILEE PAVILLION

\$40,000 (2522) is to be transferred from the demolition of Jubilee Pavilion to the provision of a skate board track at Wundowie.

COUNTRY CLUB

Staff is to determine the status of the arrangement to pay the outstanding capital on a self-supporting loan raised by the Shire of Northam on behalf of the Country Club. (2902) (2912).

AFTER SCHOOL DAY CARE

A report to be submitted on the provision of after school day care provided at the recreational centre. (2102 – 2162).

MAY STREET RESERVE

(2042) Materials listed \$7,800. Questions were asked in relation to what this allocation was.

BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

Further information is required on what is proposed. (2242)

OTHER CULTURE

Railway precinct – Question raised as to what work is contemplated, further details are required. (7004)

TOWN PLANNING

Recognised that \$80,000 has been listed for fines. This may need to be revised when budget review is undertaken. (3023)

BMX LIGHTING

Staff to determine what alternatives are available in regards acquisition or relocation of lighting towers. (2072)

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Staff to investigate the redesign of Christmas decorations for Fitzgerald Street. A total of \$40,000 is identified within budget documents. (9014) (2092)

NUICH PARK

\$40,000 (9404) listed for playground equipment. To be reallocated.

ADVERTISING OF RATE - DIFFERENTIAL RATE**RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION****Minute No C.2120**

Moved: Cr T Little
Seconded: Cr U Rumjantsev

That Council;

Hereby give notice in accordance with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, of its intention to levy differential rates and minimum rates for the 2013/2014 financial year, including a rate on all properties with a predominant land use of commercial, industrial, community purposes and other specified land uses as shown on the schedule to raise an amount of approximately \$60,000 towards a marketing campaign for Northam via the Northam Chamber of Commerce and in accordance with Shire of Northam Town Planning Scheme Numbers 3 and 5, for the 2013/2014 financial year. Details of the various rate categories, to be made available for public inspection at the Shire's Administration Office and are as follows:

	RATE IN THE DOLLAR
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Gross Rental Value Area:	
01 General Rate - Townsites and Other Areas within Old Shire Boundaries	9.7018
02 General Rate – Townsites Commercial, Industrial, Community	10.8064
Unimproved Value Area:	
05 Agricultural Local	0.5226
06 Agricultural Regional	0.4331
07 Rural Small Holdings	0.5958
Land Use	
08 Springhill (Land Usage R1 – residential, multi residential & convention purposes)	0.6525
09 Princes Plant Nursery (Land Usage H1 – retail plant nursery)	3.0210
10 Ausbao/Bakers Hill Engineering (Land Usage R1 – engineering workshop)	1.2757
11 Archer/Outback Mining (Land Usage R1 – manufacturing)	0.9397
12 Holcim (Land Usage R1 – quarry/crushing plant/concrete)	1.9371

Minimum Rate:

A minimum rate of \$790.00 per assessment will apply to all areas throughout the Shire of Northam.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

FEES AND CHARGES

Council decided that the fees and charges for the 2013/2014 financial year will be set at a special meeting of Council to be held on Thursday, 29 August 2013 at 5.30pm.

7. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Officer declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

“I certify that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 5 August 2013 have been confirmed as a true and correct record.”

_____ Shire President

_____ Date