



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 31 JULY 2007

I hereby certify that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 31 July 2007 are a true and accurate record of the proceedings contained therein.

Shire President Confirmed

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST
KIMBERLEY HELD ON TUESDAY 31 JULY 2007 AT KUNUNURRA COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, COMMENCING AT 6:00PM.**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 6.00pm

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE
(PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)**

Attendance:

Cr Michele Pucci	Shire President
Cr John Buchanan	Deputy President
Cr Di Ausburn	Councillor
Cr Maxine Middap	Councillor
Cr Jane Parker	Councillor
Mr Peter Stubbs	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Alex Douglas	Executive Manager Engineering and Development Services
Ms Jo-Anne Ellis	Executive Manager of Corporate Services
Miss Amanda Trengove	Manager Financial Services

Apologies:

Cr Keith Wright	Councillor
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Leave of Absence (Previously Approved):

Cr Roch Devenish-Meares	Councillor
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3. DECLARATION OF:

- Financial Interest

Nil

- Members Impartiality Interest

Nil

- Proximity Interest

Nil

4. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

7. BUSINESS OF MEETING

7.1 Budget Adoption 2007/08

DATE:	31 July 2007
PROPONENT:	Shire Wyndham East Kimberley
LOCATION:	N/A
ATLAS REFERENCE:	N/A
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PURPOSE

For Council to Adopt the 2007/2008 Budget.

BACKGROUND

The proposed 2007/08 Budget as presented is in accordance with the priorities determined by Councillors at the Budget Workshops held on the 10 April, 3 May, 28 June, 3 July, 17 July and 27 July 2007.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995

Part 6 – Financial Management

Division 2 – Annual Budget

6.2 . Local government to prepare annual budget

- (1) Not later than 31 August in each financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt*, in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the next following 30 June.

** Absolute majority required.*

- (2) In the preparation of the annual budget the local government is to have regard to the contents of the plan for principal activities accepted by a local government under section 5.58 and to prepare a detailed estimate for the current year of —
 - (a) The expenditure by the local government;
 - (b) the revenue and income, independent of general rates, of the local government; and
 - (c) the amount required to make up the deficiency, if any, shown by comparing the estimated expenditure with the estimated revenue and income.

- (3) For the purposes of subsections (2)(a) and (b) all expenditure, revenue and income of the local government is to be taken into account unless otherwise prescribed.
- (4) The annual budget is to incorporate —
- (a) particulars of the estimated expenditure proposed to be incurred by the local government;
 - (b) detailed information relating to the rates and service charges which will apply to land within the district including —
 - (i) the amount it is estimated will be yielded by the general rate; and
 - (ii) the rate of interest (if any) to be charged by the local government on unpaid rates and service charges;
 - (c) the fees and charges proposed to be imposed by the local government;
 - (d) the particulars of borrowings and other financial accommodation proposed to be entered into by the local government;
 - (e) details of the amounts to be set aside in, or used from, reserve accounts and of the purpose for which they are to be set aside or used;
 - (f) particulars of proposed land transactions and trading undertakings (as those terms are defined in and for the purpose of section 3.59) of the local government; and
 - (g) such other matters as are prescribed.
- (5) Regulations may provide for —
- (a) the form of the annual budget;
 - (b) the contents of the annual budget; and
 - (c) the information to be contained in or to accompany the annual budget.

There are also numerous other sections of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 that deal with specific parts of the Annual Budget. Where possible these sections and/or regulations have been specifically mentioned in the relevant recommendation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council Policy F7 – Significant Accounting Policies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2007/2008 Budget is the primary tool for Council to manage its financial resources for 2007/08.

Should Council not adopt the Budget as presented, there will be a further delay in raising rates for 2007/08, and delaying the implementation of projects for 2007/08.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The proposed 2007/2008 Budget provides the funding required for the implementation for the Shire's Strategic Plan. This budget enables Council to progress their strategic direction in a sustainable means.

COMMENT

The 2007/2008 Budget has been compiled based on the outcomes from the Budget Workshops attended by Councillors and Staff, community requests received during the 2006/07 financial year, the Shire's Financial Plan and various statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 and related Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. As in previous budgets Councillors were asked to prioritise all new capital items. This method has now proved useful to ensure objectivity in deciding new projects and allowing Council to concentrate on the strategic direction of the Shire. The Shire has also continued its commitment to maintain a balanced budget, therefore ensuring the prudent management of ratepayer's funds.

Impact on Rates

The 2007/2008 budget is based on a rates increase equivalent to Local Government Cost Index of 5.38%. It is important that Council keeps rate increases in line with the increasing costs of service delivery, ensuring service levels are not eroded as overall costs continue to increase.

Rates are also impacted this year by Valuer General revaluations of properties. A UV revaluation has impacted on this year's rates revenue.

For the third year the Shire will raise a Bio Security Levy on all GRV and rural properties (excluding minimums) to raise an additional \$50k to assist in the delivery of Bio Security initiatives to protect the region's agricultural base.

GRV Minimum has increased by \$50, as council plans to create a standard minimum across the Shire.

Differential Rates in the dollar were advertised on the 27/7/07. Due to the submission period extending past the date of this meeting the rates in the dollar and minimum rates can only be adopted subject to consideration of submissions received and Ministerial Approval. The full rationale for this is in the agenda item titled Differential Rates in the 17 July 2007 Ordinary Council Meeting (Minute No. 7789 Refers).

Fees and Charges

The majority of fees and charges have been increased by CPI. There has been no increase in many licenses and recreation activities. Licences have not increased because of regulation.

Waste levies have increased to halt the trend over past years whereby a net transfer from reserves has resulted in erosion of the reserve fund. In 2007/08 household waste is budgeted to operate on a neutral basis to ensure funds are not required from the reserve. An increase of 10% has been applied.

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and Wages have increased by \$376,340 from the Estimated Actual Salaries and Wages for 2006/07 of \$3,237,269 to Budget Salaries and Wages for 2007/08 of \$3,613,609. This 12% increase is due to a number of factors including provision for the new Collective Workplace Agreement for non contract staff with a 19% increase in the East Kimberley

Allowance, a 6% increase on wages and an average level increase of 2% due to progression within the organisation. Pay increases for contract staff have been averaged at 5%.

The creation of new positions including a project officer and additional building inspector, the restructure of positions within the Community and Recreation Portfolio and the redundant Information Coordinator position has resulted in an increase of \$181,000 per annum. Some of this cost is reflected in the 2006/07 estimated actual figures due to the restructure in Community and Recreation taking place in 2006/07.

New Loans

Council is drawing one loan during the 2007/08 financial year. This loan is for \$250 000 and is for the Kununurra Youth Centre and is carried forward from 2006/07. The construction of this building will be completed in the first quarter of 2007/08.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority for each recommendation
Each recommendation must be dealt with individually

7.1.1 Adoption of GRV and UV Valuations

The valuation schedule for the 2007/08 year is included in the budget document at note "8 Rating Information". Total rateable values of \$157,752,950 apply to the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley for 2006/07.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.1

That

- 1) The valuation schedule for the 2007/08 year included in the budget document at note "8 Rating Information" be adopted with total rateable values of \$157,752,950 to apply to the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley for 2007/08.
- 2) Council imposes general and differential rate on rateable land within the district for the 2007/08 financial year using the valuation schedule set out in note 8 Rating Information as the basis for the 2007/08 budget rating calculations.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7807

Moved: Cr D Ausburn

Seconded: Cr J Parker

That

- 1) The valuation schedule for the 2007/08 year included in the budget document at note "8 Rating Information" be adopted with total rateable values of \$157,752,950 to apply to the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley for 2007/08.***
- 2) Council imposes general and differential rate on rateable land within the district for the 2007/08 financial year using the valuation schedule set out in note 8 Rating Information as the basis for the 2007/08 budget rating calculations.***

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.2 Setting of GRV Rate

The 2006/07 adopted GRV rate was 9.3727¢ in the dollar. The recommended 5.85% rate increase results in the new GRV rate of 9.8980¢ in the dollar.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.2

That a rate of 9.8980¢ in the dollar on GRV rated properties for the 2007/08 year be adopted subject to Ministerial Approval and the consideration of any submissions received in relation to the Differential Rating Notice pursuant to Section 6.36(1) of the Local Government Act 1995.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7808

Moved: Cr J Parker

Seconded: Cr J Buchanan

That a rate of 9.8980¢ in the dollar on GRV rated properties for the 2007/08 year be adopted subject to Ministerial Approval and the consideration of any submissions received in relation to the Differential Rating Notice pursuant to Section 6.36(1) of the Local Government Act 1995.

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.3 Setting of UV Differential Rates

The 2006/07 adopted UV rates in the dollar were:

UV – Rural Agriculture 1	0.6710
UV – Rural Agriculture 2	0.9432
UV – Rural Living	1.2466
UV – Mining	9.1931
UV - Pastoral	7.3458

The recommended 5.38% rate increase results in the new UV rate of

UV – Rural Agriculture 1	0.5745
UV – Rural Agriculture 2	0.5780
UV – Rural Living	0.7665
UV – Mining	9.1931
UV - Pastoral	7.5750

These rates differ from those advertised in the Differential Rating Notice pursuant to Section 6.36(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 due to the increase in Rural UV valuations uploaded to the rates database following the resolution of Council to advertise.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.3

That differential rates in the dollar of

UV – Rural Agriculture 1	0.5745
UV – Rural Agriculture 2	0.5780
UV – Rural Living	0.7665

UV – Mining 9.1931

UV - Pastoral 7.5750

UV rated properties for the 2007/08 year be adopted subject to Ministerial Approval and the consideration of any submissions received in relation to the Differential Rating Notice pursuant to Section 6.36(1) of the Local Government Act 1995

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7809

Moved: Cr J Parker

Seconded: Cr D Ausburn

That differential rates in the dollar of

UV – Rural Agriculture 1 0.5745

UV – Rural Agriculture 2 0.5780

UV – Rural Living 0.7665

UV – Mining 9.1931

UV - Pastoral 7.5750

UV rated properties for the 2007/08 year be adopted subject to Ministerial Approval and the consideration of any submissions received in relation to the Differential Rating Notice pursuant to Section 6.36(1) of the Local Government Act 1995.

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.4 Setting of Minimum GRV Rate

The 2006/07 adopted GRV Minimum rate was \$700. An increase of \$50 per minimum GRV is recommended in line with past practice of gradually increasing the GRV minimum rate to the same as UV minimum rate

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.4

That the minimum rate for all GRV properties of \$700 be adopted for 2007/08

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7810

Moved: Cr J Buchanan

Seconded: Cr J Parker

That the minimum rate for all GRV properties of \$700 be adopted for 2007/08.

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.5 Setting of Minimum UV Rate

The 2006/07 adopted UV Minimum rate was \$750 no increase is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.5

That the minimum rate for all UV properties of \$750 be adopted for 2007/08 subject to Ministerial Approval to impose a minimum rate on UV Mining rated properties that results in over 50% of the differential rating category being rated a minimum rate.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7811

Moved: Cr D Ausburn

Seconded: Cr J Parker

That the minimum rate for all UV properties of \$750 be adopted for 2007/08 subject to Ministerial Approval to impose a minimum rate on UV Mining rated properties that results in over 50% of the differential rating category being rated a minimum rate.

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.6 Rating Zone Categories

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.6

For the purpose of general and differential rating, the following rate zone categories apply:

Townsites

Includes all properties within the 'townsite' zone as defined in Town Planning Scheme 7 - Kununurra & Environs, and Town Planning Scheme 6 - Wyndham

Other

Includes all properties that don't meet the criteria of any other rate zoning category

Rural Agricultural 1

Includes all properties within the 'Rural Agricultural 1' zone as defined in Town Planning Scheme 7 - Kununurra & Environs

Rural Agricultural 2

Includes all properties within the 'Rural Agricultural 2' zone as defined in Town Planning Scheme 7 - Kununurra & Environs

Rural Living

Includes all properties within the 'Rural Living' zone as defined in Town Planning Scheme 7 - Kununurra & Environs and all properties within the 'Special Rural' zone as defined in Town Planning Scheme 6 - Wyndham

Mining Improved

Includes all properties that currently operate under a mining lease tenure, and the land is significantly improved.

Mining Unimproved

Includes all properties that currently operate under a mining lease tenure, and the land is not significantly improved.

Pastoral

Includes all properties that currently operate under a pastoral lease tenure

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7812

Moved: Cr J Parker

Seconded: Cr D Ausburn

For the purpose of general and differential rating, the following rate zone categories apply:

Townsites

Includes all properties within the 'townsite' zone as defined in Town Planning Scheme 7 - Kununurra & Environs, and Town Planning Scheme 6 - Wyndham

Other

Includes all properties that don't meet the criteria of any other rate zoning category

Rural Agricultural 1

Includes all properties within the 'Rural Agricultural 1' zone as defined in Town Planning Scheme 7 - Kununurra & Environs

Rural Agricultural 2

Includes all properties within the 'Rural Agricultural 2' zone as defined in Town Planning Scheme 7 - Kununurra & Environs

Rural Living

Includes all properties within the 'Rural Living' zone as defined in Town Planning Scheme 7 - Kununurra & Environs and all properties within the 'Special Rural' zone as defined in Town Planning Scheme 6 - Wyndham

Mining Improved

Includes all properties that currently operate under a mining lease tenure, and the land is significantly improved.

Mining Unimproved

Includes all properties that currently operate under a mining lease tenure, and the land is not significantly improved.

Pastoral

Includes all properties that currently operate under a pastoral lease tenure

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.7 Health Act - Waste Charges

The charges levied in 2006/07 were 304 per annum per service of 240-litre capacity and \$138 per annum Tip Maintenance Charge. A 10% increase is recommended to ensure this service operates on a cost neutral basis.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.7

That Council in accordance with sections 112A and 344C of the Health Act 1911 impose the following charges for the 2007/08 financial year:-

- 1) All urban properties (excluding caravan parks) that contain a residential accommodation unit, located within gazetted townsites - \$334 per annum per service of 240-litre capacity.
- 2) All Rural Agricultural 1, Rural Agricultural 2, Rural Living - \$152 per annum Tip Maintenance Charge.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7813

Moved: Cr J Parker

Seconded: Cr D Ausburn

That Council in accordance with sections 112A and 344C of the Health Act 1911 impose the following charges for the 2007/08 financial year:-

- 1) All urban properties (excluding caravan parks) that contain a residential accommodation unit, located within gazetted townsites - \$334 per annum per service of 240-litre capacity.***
- 2) All Rural Agricultural 1, Rural Agricultural 2, Rural Living - \$152 per annum Tip Maintenance Charge.***

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.8 Payment Instalment Options

A local government is required to provide its ratepayers with an option to pay a rate or service charge;

- (i) in full
- (ii) by 4 equal or nearly equal instalments
- (iii) by such other method of payment by instalments as is set forth in the local government's annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.8

That Council adopt the instalment plan options, being;

1. To pay in full within 35 days of service of the rates notice.
2. To pay by 2 equal instalments as under.
 - (i) 50% of the rates within 35 days

- (ii) 50% of the rates within 4 months of (i)

3. To pay by 4 equal instalments as under.

- (i) 25% of the rates within 35 days
- (ii) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (i)
- (iii) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (ii)
- (iv) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (iii) being 6 months from the expiration of the initial 35 day period and 6 months and 35 days from the date of service of the notice.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7814

Moved: Cr J Buchanan Seconded: Cr M Middap

That Council adopt the instalment plan options, being;

1. To pay in full within 35 days of service of the rates notice.

2. To pay by 2 equal instalments as under.

- (i) 50% of the rates within 35 days***
- (ii) 50% of the rates within 4 months of (i)***

3. To pay by 4 equal instalments as under.

- (i) 25% of the rates within 35 days***
- (ii) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (i)***
- (iii) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (ii)***
- (iv) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (iii) being 6 months from the expiration of the initial 35 day period and 6 months and 35 days from the date of service of the notice.***

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.9 Interest Rate

The maximum interest rate charge applicable under the Local Government Act is 11% per annum calculated on a daily basis on rates and services charges remaining unpaid (excluding eligible pensioners). This rate was charged in 2006/07 and it is recommended that the maximum charges continue to apply.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.9

That Council in accordance with section 6.51 of the Local Government Act 1995, impose interest at 11% per annum calculated on a daily basis on rates and services charges remaining unpaid (excluding eligible pensioners):-

- 1) No instalment option taken - 62 days after the issue date of the Rates Notice.
- 2) Instalment option taken - after the due date of the instalment, and continue to accrue until the instalment is paid.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7815

Moved: Cr M Middap

Seconded: Cr J Parker

That Council in accordance with section 6.51 of the Local Government Act 1995, impose interest at 11% per annum calculated on a daily basis on rates and services charges remaining unpaid (excluding eligible pensioners):-

- 1) No instalment option taken - 62 days after the issue date of the Rates Notice.*
- 2) Instalment option taken - after the due date of the instalment, and continue to accrue until the instalment is paid.*

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.10 Instalment Plan Interest Rate and Administration Fee

Council can impose an interest rate charge on each instalment if ratepayers elect to use any of the instalment plan options. The maximum interest rate is 5.5% for those on an instalment plan. Last years rate was the maximum of 5.5% and it is recommended that the maximum charges continue to be applied.

Section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 allows a local government to impose an additional charge where payment of a rate or service charge is made by instalments.

In 2006/07 a service charge of \$5.00 for each instalment other than the first was applied and it is recommended that Council continue to impose a charge of \$5 for instalment payments.

Payment of rates and service charge by payment arrangement incurred as \$25.00 per arrangement fee in 2006/07 and it is recommended that this fee again be adopted

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.10

That Council in accordance with section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, impose administration fees as follows(excluding eligible pensioners):-

- 1) Payment of rates and service charge by instalments - \$5.00 per instalment reminder notice plus interest at 5.5% per annum calculated daily.
- 2) Payment of rates and service charge by payment arrangement - \$25.00 per arrangement.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7816

Moved: Cr M Middap

Seconded: Cr J Buchanan

That Council in accordance with section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, impose administration fees as follows(excluding eligible pensioners):-

- 1) Payment of rates and service charge by instalments - \$5.00 per instalment reminder notice plus interest at 5.5% per annum calculated daily.*
- 2) Payment of rates and service charge by payment arrangement - \$25.00 per arrangement.*

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.11 Rates Discount

A discount of 5% was applied in 2006/07 if all rates are paid in full within 35 days of the date of issue of the rates notice. It is recommended this is adopted for 2007/08

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.11

That Council in accordance with section 6.12 of the Local Government Act 1995, allow a 5% discount on 2007/08 rates if all rates accounts are paid in full within 35 days of the date of issue of the Rates Notice.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7817

Moved: Cr M Middap

Seconded: Cr J Parker

That Council in accordance with section 6.12 of the Local Government Act 1995, allow a 5% discount on 2007/08 rates if all rates accounts are paid in full within 35 days of the date of issue of the Rates Notice.

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.12 User Fees and Charges

The schedule of user fees and charges is attached. The recommended Fees and Charges have been reviewed as part of the Budget Process. All fees and charges except licences include GST where applicable.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.12

That the schedule of fees and charges for the 2007/08 financial year be adopted as presented.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7820

Moved: Cr J Parker

Seconded: Cr J Buchanan

That Council adopt the following Councillor fees and allowances for 2007/08:

<i>Meeting Fees (x 1 for Councillors, x 2 for Shire President)</i>	<i>\$ 5,000</i>
<i>Communication allowance</i>	<i>\$ 2,400</i>
<i>Information Technology Allowance</i>	<i>\$ 1,000</i>
<i>Shire President's Allowance</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Deputy Shire President's Allowance</i>	<i>\$ 2,500</i>

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.15 Setting of Materiality for Monthly Reporting

Local Government Act and Regulations require the Council to set the materiality level at which explanations are required for variations between Year to Date Budget and Year to Date Actual figures. The materiality level recommended is +/-10% and +/- \$1,000 at account level and +/-10% and +/- \$5,000 at financial statement level.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.15

That materiality level for monthly reporting be set at +/-10% and +/- \$1,000 at account level and +/-10% and +/- \$5,000 at financial statement level.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7821

Moved: Cr J Buchanan

Seconded: Cr M Middap

That materiality level for monthly reporting be set at +/-10% and +/- \$1,000 at account level and +/-10% and +/- \$5,000 at financial statement level.

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.16 Adoption of Accounting Policies

Council should consider its accounting policies on an annual basis and adopt the policies to apply to the budget. The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Accounting Policies are attached.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.16

That the accounting policies be adopted as presented.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7822

Moved: Cr M Middap

Seconded: Cr D Ausburn

That the accounting policies be adopted as presented.

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.17 Reserve Fund Accounts

Council is required to adopt the name and purpose of any reserve account included in the Reserve Funds. New reserve accounts are required for the following purposes:

Bio Security Levy – To hold funds for use in emergency situations that threaten the bio security of the East Kimberley.

Aboriginal Health Vehicle Reserve – To provide for the replacement of the vehicle funded through Aboriginal Health Grants

Childcare Reserve – To hold lease payments from Kununurra Childcare Centre to provide for the capital maintenance of the building

Parks Reserve – To hold the funds from the sale of parks provided by the State to establish new parks in the Shire.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.17

That in accordance with Section 6.11 of the Local Government Act the following reserves are established to set aside funds for use in future years:

Bio Security Levy – To hold funds for use in emergency situations that threaten the bio security of the East Kimberley.

Aboriginal Health Vehicle Reserve – To provide for the replacement of the vehicle funded through Aboriginal Health Grants

Childcare Reserve – To hold lease payments from Kununurra Childcare Centre to provide for the capital maintenance of the building

Parks Reserve – To hold the funds from the sale of parks provided by the State to undertake major upgrades and to establish new parks and public open spaces in the Shire.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7823

Moved: Cr D Ausburn

Seconded: Cr J Buchanan

That in accordance with Section 6.11 of the Local Government Act the following reserves are established to set aside funds for use in future years:

Bio Security Levy – To hold funds for use in emergency situations that threaten the bio security of the East Kimberley.

Aboriginal Health Vehicle Reserve – To provide for the replacement of the vehicle funded through Aboriginal Health Grants

Childcare Reserve – To hold lease payments from Kununurra Childcare Centre to provide for the capital maintenance of the building

Parks Reserve – To hold the funds from the sale of parks provided by the State to undertake major upgrades and to establish new parks and public open spaces in the Shire.

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

7.1.18 Adoption of 2006/07 Budget

The management recommends that in order to maintain real operating expenditure and continue to position Council to undertake future projects of significant economic benefit and employment growth initiatives, that Council adopt a 5.38% rate increase.

RECOMMENDATION 7.1.18

That the 2007/08 budget, reflecting a 5.38% increase in total GRV and total UV rates, be adopted.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No. 7824

Moved: Cr J Buchanan

Seconded: Cr J Parker

That the 2007/08 budget, reflecting a 5.38% increase in total GRV and total UV rates, be adopted.

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

8. Closure of Meeting

With all items of business complete, the Shire President closed the meeting at 6.15pm.

In closing, Council congratulated Officers for their professional work during the budget process.

