



STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2020 AT THE EUROA COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CENTRE COMMENCING AT 5.00 P.M.

Chair:	Amanda McClaren (Mayor)	<i>(Lake Nagambie Ward)</i>
Councillors:	Robert Gardner	<i>(Lake Nagambie Ward)</i>
	Malcolm Little	<i>(Hughes Creek Ward)</i>
	John Mason	<i>(Seven Creeks Ward)</i>
	Chris Raeburn	<i>(Honeysuckle Creek Ward)</i>
	Alistair Thomson	<i>(Mount Wombat Ward)</i>
	Graeme Williams OAM	<i>(Seven Creeks Ward)</i>
Officers:	Julie Salomon	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
	David Roff	Director, Corporate Operations (DCO)
	Dawn Bray	Executive Manager, Governance and Customer Service (EMGCS)
	Kristin Favaloro	Executive Manager, Communications and Engagement (EMCE)
	Kylie Dowell	Community Relations Team Leader (CRTL)

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We encourage all community members to watch the meeting online, given we have had to close the public gallery until further notice following legal advice around how to comply with COVID-19 social distancing rules.

BUSINESS

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners
'I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present'
3. Apologies

Phil Howard Director, Community and Planning (DCP)
4. Disclosure of Interests

Nil.
5. Petitions

Council has received three Petitions to the draft 2020-21 Budget. These Petitions are noted as being received, and will be considered as submissions to the draft 2020-21 Budget.

It is also noted that a 'Charge.Org' petition has been received, and will also be considered as a submission to the draft 2020-21 Budget.
6. Reports of Council Officers
 - 6.1 Climate Change
 - 6.2 Infrastructure
 - 6.3 Private Enterprise
 - 6.4 Public Institutions
 - 6.5 Housing and Recreation
 - 6.6 Tourism
 - 6.7 Organisation
7. Closure of Meeting to the Public

N/A
8. Confirmation of 'Closed Portion' Decision/s

N/A

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Director Corporate Operations

Responsible Director: Director Corporate Operations / Corporate Operations
Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to receive / hear submissions made under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("The Act") in relation to the 2020/2021 proposed Budget and 2017-2021 Council Plan (2020) Review.

The closing date for submissions was Tuesday 3 June 2020 at 5.00 p.m.

There were eighty-nine (89) submissions received for the 2020/2021 Draft Budget and two (2) submissions received for the 2017-2021 Council Plan (2020 Review). Eighteen submitters (18) requested to speak to their Budget submissions, and one (1) submitter requested to speak to their Council Plan submission. Copies of all submissions have been distributed to Councillors for their information and are tabled for identification purposes.

MOVED COUNCILLOR LITTLE, SECONDED WILLIAMS

That Council resolve to –

- 1. Note that there were eighty-nine submissions received in response to the public advertisement of the 2020/2021 Draft Budget.***
- 2. Note that there were two submissions received in response to the public advertisement of the 2017-2021 Council Plan (2020 Review).***
- 3. Hear those who wish to be heard in support of their written submissions.***
- 4. Formally consider all received submissions and the adoption of the 2020/2021 Draft Budget 2017-2021 and Council Plan (2020 Review) at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 30 June 2020 in the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 5.00 pm.***

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CARRIED

6.7.1 Draft 2020//2021 Strathbogrie Shire Council Budget
2017-2021 Strathbogrie Shire Council Plan (2020 Review) (incorporating the
2020/21 to 2023/24 Strategic Resource Plan)
- Receiving / Hearing of Submissions (cont.)

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The review of the 2017-2021 Council Plan and proposed 2020/21 Budget was considered by Council at a Special Council Meeting held on Monday 27 April 2020. Subsequent to that meeting, public notice of the proposed Budget and Council Plan review was given in local newspapers, calling for submissions under Section 223 of the Act. Submissions in writing were invited until 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 3 June 2020. The proposed Budget and reviewed Council Plan were made available for inspection and accessible on Council's website. In addition, five community online 2020/21 draft budget online forums were held in May 2020 to provide a further opportunity for our community to have their say on the proposed budget.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that Priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations

The proposal is to hear submissions from the community in regard to a range of issues identified in the Budget and Council Plan – ranging from rate levels, service delivery and capital works. Following the hearing of submissions, Council will determine a position on them at the 30 June 2020 Council meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Council's proposed Council Plan Review and proposed 2020/21 Draft Budget have been on public exhibition for the statutory period of at least 28 days and submissions were invited from the community.

The 2020/21 Draft Budget provides funding allocations and support for nominated projects to proceed in both operational and capital works budgets, and, where appropriate, further community consultation will occur throughout the year specific to each project.

A series of online consultations have been conducted across the community and submission have been sought and received.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan. Specifically, the proposed Budget and review of the Council Plan are prepared in the context of the Council Plan and Council's long term financial planning.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

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The Local Government Act 1989 requires that Council give public notice of the review of the Council Plan and proposed Budget and invite submissions under Section 223 of the Act. The Act requires that Council must adopt the Budget by 30 June 2020 although an extension has been allowed until in light of the impact of COVID-19.

The Act further requires, under Section 125(7), that Council must consider whether the current Council Plan requires any adjustment. This process satisfies this requirement.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Officers providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Transparency

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

The Budget and Council Plan process has been the subject of extensive promotion, consultation and a significant number of submissions have been received

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

The Budget and Strategic Resource Plan are significant documents in ensuring the financial viability of Council.

Funding provided by the Budget allows for service delivery and maintenance and upgrade of Council's asset base.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

The Budget and Council Plan make provision for a number of economic development initiatives

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Social

The Budget and Council Plan address issues of:

- (a) sense of community – e.g. cultural activities, stakeholder participation, recognition of diversity, cultural heritage or social cohesion;
- (b) community services – e.g. range and quality of services for different groups (children and families, young people, elderly people and people with disabilities), accessibility of services or cost of services;
- (c) community health and well-being – e.g. recreation facilities, public safety, health services and facilities or public health implications;
- (d) transport – e.g. safety for travellers, emissions and fuel consumption, public transport usage, walking and cycling or transportation needs of all people

through provision of services as well as community facilities.

Environmental/Climate change

The Budget and Council Plan provides funding for initiatives in sustainability including water reuse, alternative energy.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVMENT

Investments in information technology and an ongoing process of systems review contributes to innovation or continuous improvement

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

This report considers that the recommendation does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

CONCLUSION

Council should hear the submissions prior to adopting a position in order to finalise the Budget and Council Plan

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

TABLED DOCUMENT

- Submissions to draft 2020-21 Budget and 017-2021 Council Plan (2020 Review)

5.53 p.m.

MOVED COUNCILLOR MASON, SECONDED COUNCILLOR RAEBURN

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

That Standing Orders be suspended due to the meeting extending over the scheduled commencement time of the Ordinary Council meeting and, consequently, the need to postpone the commencement time for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

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CARRIED

6.05 p.m.

MOVED COUNCILLOR MASON, SECONDED COUNCILLOR RAEBURN

That Normal Business be Resumed, and Council continue to hear submissions to the draft Budget and Council Plan.

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CARRIED

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

N/A

8. CONFIRMATION OF 'CLOSED PORTION' DECISION/S

N/A.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.36 P.M.

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting

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Chair

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Date