



Pyrenees
Shire Council

Minutes

Special Meeting of Council

6:00 pm Tuesday 7 May 2024
Virtual

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1. WELCOME

Mayor Cr Robert Vance welcomed all to the meeting.

PRESENT

Mayor: Cr Robert Vance

Councillors: Tanya Kehoe, David Clark, Ron Eason, Damian Ferrari

Chief Executive Officer: Jim Nolan

Director Asset and Development Services: Douglas Gowans

Director of Corporate and Community Services: Kathy Bramwell

Manager Finance: Glenn Kallio

EA to CEO and Councillors: Chantelle Sandlant (minutes)

Senior Communications Officer: Leah Heinrich

2. STREAMING PREAMBLE

Mayor Cr Robert Vance read the livestream preamble.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the people past and present of the Wadawurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Eastern Maar and Wotjobaluk tribes, whose land forms the Pyrenees Shire. We pay our respect to the customs, traditions and stewardship of the land by the elders and people of these tribes on whose land we meet today.

4. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

5. NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6. ITEMS FOR DECISION

6.1. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1.1. DRAFT 2024/25 BUDGET

Presenter: Kathy Bramwell – Corporate and Community Services

Declaration of Interest: As presenter of this report, I have no disclosable interest in this item.

Report Author: Glenn Kallio – Manager Finance

Declaration of Interest: As author of this report, I have no disclosable interest in this item.

File No: 32/08/18

PURPOSE

This report presents the Council with the Pyrenees Shire Council draft Budget for the 2024/25 financial year and the draft 10-year Financial Plan covering the years 2024/25 to 2033/34.

This report includes a recommendation that the Council, in accordance with sections 55, 91, 94, and 96 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) endorses the release of:

- Draft 2024/25 Budget.
- Draft 10-year financial plan.
- Revenue and Rating Plan 2024-25

It is recommended that Council, in accordance with its Community Engagement Policy, advertise the draft Budget 2024/25, draft 10-year financial plan, and Revenue and Rating plan for public comment, invite public submissions and provide for those who wish to speak to their submission, the opportunity to do so before Council. Council is required to consider all submissions prior to adopting the draft Budget and draft 10-year financial plan, Revenue and Rating plan in June 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) provides that a Council:

- Must prepare and adopt a Budget for each financial year and the subsequent three years by 30 June each year – Section 94(1)(a)
- Must develop or review the Financial Plan – Section 91(4)
- Must develop the Budget, any Revised Budget and 10-year Financial Plan in accordance with its Community Engagement Policy – Section 96(1)(b)
- Must develop the Budget, any Revised Budget and 10-year Financial Plan in accordance with the financial management principles – Section 96(1)(a)

If endorsed for consultation, the 2024/25 Draft Budget and draft 10-year financial plan will be made publicly available, and Council will invite written submissions from 13 May 2024 until 9.00am Tuesday 11 June 2024. The document will be made available at Council's customer service centres and via Council's website.

Members of the community who prepare a written submission can request to be heard in support of their submission at an unscheduled meeting of Council to be held at 6.00pm Tuesday 18 June 2024. After the community engagement is finished, including consideration of submissions, Council may adopt the draft Budget, Revenue and Rating plan, and draft 10-year Financial Plan. The Council must adopt the 2024/25 Budget by 30 June 2024.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

The Draft Budget for 2024/25 and draft 10-year Financial Plan has been prepared taking into consideration the latest economic factors, including the rate cap set by the Victorian State Government, set at 2.75%. The rate cap applies to the overall general rate revenue raised across all property types in the municipality. However, the change in the level of rates charged for individual properties may vary from the 2.75% rate cap, based on the movement in the valuation of individual properties because of the yearly revaluation of properties as determined by the Victoria State Government.

This budget has been prepared considering the financial viability of the Council over the life of the 10-year Financial Plan. Both the capital works program and service delivery have been set at a sustainable level.

The Draft Budget for 2024/25 has been prepared within the following parameters:

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| · Inflation: | 2.75% |
| · Rate cap: | 2.75% |

COUNCIL PLAN / LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

Enabling Principles

- b. Provide transparency and accountability
- c. Use resources efficiently and effectively

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

This report did not require any community engagement or consultation, this report commences the community engagement process for the adoption of the 2024/25 Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Budget 24-25 [6.1.1.1 - 58 pages]
2. 10 Year Budget 24-25 [6.1.1.2 - 22 pages]
3. Fees 2025-26 [6.1.1.3 - 20 pages]

FINANCIAL / RISK IMPLICATIONS

All financial implications associated with this report have been accounted for within the 2024/25 Draft Budget.

CONCLUSION

This report presents the draft Budget for 2024/25, Revenue and Rating plan, and draft 10-year Financial Plan (*circulated separately*) based on the ongoing delivery of current services and service levels. The draft 2024/25 Budget and draft 10-year Financial Plan as tabled provide guidance on how Council intends to deliver its strategic objectives over the next twelve months and maintain financial sustainability over the next 10 years.

Cr David Clark / Cr Ron Eason

That Council:

1. Gives Public Notice in accordance with sections 55 and 96 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm Tuesday 25 June 2024, the draft 2024/25 Budget prepared in accordance with section 94 of the Act.
2. Gives Public Notice in accordance with sections 55 and 96 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) of Council's intention to review and adopt, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.00pm Tuesday 25 June 2024, the draft 10-year Financial Plan prepared in accordance with section 91 of the Act.
3. Gives public notice seeking submissions on the proposals contained in the 2024/25 draft Budget. Written public submissions will be accepted for 28 days ending 9.00am Tuesday 11 June 2024.
4. Gives public notice seeking submissions on the proposals contained in the draft 10-year Financial Plan. Written public submissions will be accepted for 28 days ending 9am Tuesday 11 June 2024.
5. Gives public notice that any person who wishes to be heard in support of a submission received by Council should indicate in the written submission that he or she wishes to be heard. Any person requesting that he or she be heard in support of a submission is entitled to appear before a meeting of the Council either personally or by a person acting on their behalf at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 18 June 2024.

CARRIED

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Special Meeting of Council - 7 May 2024 closed at 6.14pm.

Minutes of the Meeting confirmed _____

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Mayor Cr Robert Vance