

MINUTES of the MEETING OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COLAC-OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL held at the COPACC Meeting Rooms on 20 April 2011 at 3.00pm.

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**1. OPENING PRAYER**

*Almighty God, we seek your blessing and guidance in our deliberations on behalf of the people of the Colac Otway Shire. Enable this Council's decisions to be those that contribute to the true welfare and betterment of our community.*

**AMEN**

**2. PRESENT**

Cr Brian Crook (Mayor)  
Cr Frank Buchanan  
Cr Lyn Russell  
Cr Stephen Hart  
Cr Stuart Hart  
Cr Geoff Higgins

Rob Small, Chief Executive Officer

Colin Hayman, General Manager, Corporate and Community Services  
Neil Allen, General Manager, Infrastructure and Services  
Jack Green, General Manager, Sustainable Planning and Development  
Brett Exelby, Manager Finance and Customer Services  
Rhonda Deigan, Executive Officer

**3. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4. MAYORAL STATEMENT**

Colac Otway Shire acknowledges the original custodians and law makers of this land, their elders past and present and welcomes any descendents here today.

Colac Otway Shire encourages active community input and participation in Council decisions. Council meetings provide one of these opportunities as members of the community may ask questions to Council either verbally at the meeting or in writing.

Questions asked today must relate to the Special Council Meeting Agenda.

Questions made in writing will be addressed if received within two days of the Council meeting. Please note that some questions may not be able to be answered at the meeting, these questions will be taken on notice. Council meetings also enable Councillors to debate matters prior to decisions being taken.

I ask that we all show respect to each other and respect for the office of an elected representative.

An audio recording of this meeting is being made for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting. In some circumstances the recording may be disclosed, such as where Council is compelled to do so by court order, warrant, subpoena or by any other law, such as the Freedom of Information Act 1982.'

Thank you, now question time. 30 minutes is allowed for question time.

I remind you that you must ask a question, if you do not have a question you will be asked to sit down and the next person will be invited to ask a question. This is not a forum for public debate or statements.

1. Questions received in writing prior to the meeting
2. Questions from the floor

## 5. QUESTION TIME

### Questions from the floor

#### Dieter Wessner – Colac

With reference to item five in the recommendation for agenda item 1, is the rate to be levied against residential properties in colac, Colac East, Colac West and Elliminyt \$0.3603 or \$0.003603?

#### **Response**

**The General Manager for Corporate & Community Services advised that it would be \$0.003603.**

Is the \$147 Municipal Charge the maximum flat rate or is 10.5% the rate you pay before you reach \$147?

#### **Response**

**The General Manager for Corporate & Community Services advised that the Municipal Charge of \$147 would be levied against each property which equates to 10.5% of the total rates and municipal charges collected across the Shire.**

## 6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**Corporate and Community Services**

SC112004-1     DRAFT BUDGET 2011-2012  
SC112004-2     COUNCIL PLAN (INCLUDING STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN)  
SC112004-3     LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

**Rob Small**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**SC112004-1 DRAFT BUDGET 2011-2012**

AUTHOR:	Brett Exelby	ENDORSED:	Colin Hayman
DEPARTMENT:	Corporate & Community Services	FILE REF:	GEN00392

**Original Recommendation (s)*****That Council:***

- 1. Recognises that the 2011-2012 Draft Budget annexed to this resolution be the Budget prepared by the Council pursuant to Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989.***
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:***
  - a. Give public notice of the proposed Budget in accordance with Section 129 (1) of the Local Government Act 1989: and***
  - b. Make available for public inspection a copy of the proposed budget in accordance with Section 129 (3) of the Local Government Act 1989.***
- 3. Calls for written submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 on the proposals contained in the 2011-2012 budget. Written submissions will be accepted for a 6 week period until 5:00pm Monday 6 June 2011.***
- 4. Hears any person who wishes to be heard (either personally or by a person acting on their behalf) in support of a submission received in relation to the proposed budget at a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 15 June 2011 at 1:30pm.***
- 5. Proposes that the rates in the dollar for each type of rate to be levied (expressed in "cents in the dollar" for the period commencing 1 July 2011 and concluding on 30 June 2012 are:***

<i>Residential- Colac, Colac East, Colac West, Elliminyt</i>	<u>\$0.3603</u>
<i>Residential- Balance of Shire</i>	<u>\$0.3063</u>
<i>Rural- Farm</i>	<u>\$0.2847</u>
<i>Holiday Rental</i>	<u>\$0.3603</u>
<i>Commercial/Industrial - Colac, Colac East, Colac West, Elliminyt</i>	<u>\$0.5945</u>
<i>Commercial/Industrial- Balance of Shire</i>	<u>\$0.5045</u>
<b><i>Other Charges:</i></b>	
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*Tirrengower Drainage Scheme*


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*\$2.50 per hectare*

6. ***Proposes that a Municipal Charge set at 10.5% of the total rates and municipal charges, which equates to \$147 per each rateable property in respect to which a municipal charge can be levied for the period commencing 1 July 2011 and concluding on 30 June 2012.***
7. ***Proposes that a Waste Management Charge of \$271 be levied for the period commencing 1 July 2011 and concluding on 30 June 2012 for properties in areas receiving a weekly garbage collection service.***
8. ***Proposes that a Waste Management Charge of \$183 be levied for the period commencing 1 July 2011 and concluding on 30 June 2012 for properties in areas receiving a fortnightly or monthly garbage collection service respectively.***

***MOTION - MOVED Cr Lyn Russell seconded Cr Frank Buchanan that Council:***

1. ***Recognises that the 2011-2012 Draft Budget annexed to this resolution be the Budget prepared by the Council pursuant to Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 with the adjustment to the loan amount to \$760,000 not \$900,000 as stated.***
2. ***Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:***
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***CARRIED 4 : 2***

***DIVISION called by Cr Stephen Hart***

***For the Motion: Cr Brian Crook, Cr Geoff Higgins, Cr Frank Buchanan, Cr Lyn Russell  
Against the Motion: Cr Stuart Hart, Cr Stephen Hart***

**SC112004-2 COUNCIL PLAN (INCLUDING STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN)**

AUTHOR:	Brett Exelby	ENDORSED:	Colin Hayman
DEPARTMENT:	Corporate & Community Services	FILE REF:	GEN00460

**Original Recommendation(s)*****That Council:***

- 1. Endorse the revised 2009-2013 Council Plan and the 2011-12 to 2014-15 Strategic Resource Plan and put out for public submissions for a six week period.***
- 2. Consider any submissions on the Council Plan and the Strategic Resource Plan at a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 15 June 2011 at 1.30 pm at COPACC.***

***MOTION - MOVED Cr Lyn Russell seconded Cr Frank Buchanan that Council:***

- 1. Endorses the revised 2009-2013 Council Plan and the 2011-12 to 2014-15 Strategic Resource Plan and put out for public submissions for a six week period.***
- 2. Considers any submissions on the Council Plan and the Strategic Resource Plan at a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 15 June 2011 at 1.30 pm at COPACC.***
- 3. Considers and endorses changes made to the draft budget to be included in the Strategic Resource Plan.***

***CARRIED 6:0***

**SC112004-3****LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

AUTHOR:	Brett Exelby	ENDORSED:	Colin Hayman
DEPARTMENT:	Corporate & Community Services	FILE REF:	GEN01688

**Recommendation(s)**

***That Council endorses the Long Term Financial Plan 2011-12 to 2020-21 and seeks public comment for a six week period.***

***MOTION - MOVED Cr Lyn Russell seconded Cr Frank Buchanan that Council:***

- 1. Endorses the Long Term Financial Plan 2011-12 to 2020-21 and seeks public comment for a six week period; and***
- 2. Reflects changes made to the draft budget in the Long Term Financial Plan.***

***CARRIED 6:0***

*The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 3.40 pm*

**CONFIRMED AND SIGNED** at the meeting held on

  
.....**MAYOR**