

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting  
of Shellharbour City Council  
held at the Council Chambers, Warilla  
on Tuesday 27 June 2006 commencing at 7.15 pm**

**Present**

A Ward	Councillor M Greig Councillor T Hawker
B Ward	Councillor H Stewart Councillor C Jeffreys
C Ward	Councillor J Bailey Councillor D Briggs
D Ward	Councillor J Leedham Councillor T Hore
E Ward	Councillor C Mifsud Councillor G Rose
F Ward	Councillor B Bird Councillor H Gillett

**In attendance**

General Manager	B A Weir
Director of Operations & Services	A Webster
Director of Community Planning & Strategies	P O'Rourke
Director Shell Cove Business Unit	P Woodcock
Group Manager Community Services & Devel.	L Campbell
Group Manager Corporate Services	T Gearon
Group Manager Works & Services	C Watt
Group Manager Customer & Env. Services	G Standen
Group Manager Development & Tech Services	M Boenisch
Group Manager Corporate Planning	P Masterson
Group Manager Organisational Development	B Rose
Manager Financial Services	P Henderson
Manager Media & Communications	B Parker
Corporate Meetings Officer	J Larsen

Note: Councillor Greig chaired the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

## **Acknowledgement to Country**

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Land on which we are meeting.

### **1. Apologies / Leave of Absence**

An apology was tendered on behalf of Mayor Hamilton.

286 RESOLVED: Hawker/Leedham. That the apology as tendered be accepted.

### **2. Pecuniary Interest**

Nil

### **3. General Manager's Office**

#### **3.1 2006-2009 Management Plan (8564504)**

Several Councillors asked questions of council staff in order to clarify items in the budget.

287 RESOLVED: Hawker/Briggs

#### **Recommendation A – 9.5% Rate Increase**

1. That Council resolves to increase rates by 9.5% (5.9% above ratepegging limit), as approved by the Minister for Local Government.
2. That Council adopt the Draft Management Plan as set on 27 March 2006, plus the amendments associated with the Stormwater Management Service Charge as resolved at the meeting on 23 May 2006 (Item 10.3 - Min 216).
3. That Council adopt the Budget (9.5% papers) as set on 27 March 2006, plus the following changes:
  - The amendments associated with the Stormwater Management Service Charge as resolved at the meeting on 23 May 2006 (Item 10.3 - Min 216).
  - Councillor fees to increase by 4% to \$13,980 per annum from 01 July 2006, as recommended by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

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- The Mayoral fee to increase by 4% to \$30,520 per annum from 01 July 2006, as recommended by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.
- The Shell Cove Community Development Worker contribution (\$30,177), as reported to Council on 21 March 2006.
- The Economic Gardening Building Entrepreneurship Project grant (\$123,000), as reported to Council on 13 June 2006.

4. That Council adopt the new budget items as follows:

- The Statutory new items totalling \$95,000
- The Essential "1" new items totalling \$510,553
- New Item – Albion Park Museum Security Fencing \$22,000
- New Item – Shellharbour Cemetery Carpark Upgrade \$70,000
- New Item – Replacement of Andrew Park Amenities \$90,000

This will result in an overall unrestricted cash deficit of **\$42,108.**

5. That the ward based grant matching allocations (\$180,000), be allocated on a city-wide priority basis in the 2006/07 Budget.

6. That future Capital Works programs be compiled on a city-wide basis through priorities determined by a cost benefit analysis of each project.

7. That Council adopt the projects to be carried over as detailed in the report and listed on Attachment 1 totalling \$5,525,446.

8. That Council adopt the Revenue Policy as set on 27 March 2006 plus the amendments associated with the Stormwater Management Service Charge as resolved at the meeting on 23 May 2006 (Item 10.3 - Min 216).

9. That Council adopt the Fees and Charges with the amendments as detailed in the fees and charges section of this report.

10. That Council adopt the Strategic Plan as set on 27 March 2006.

11. That the public submissions made, be received, taken into consideration and noted.

12. That an ordinary rate, consisting of an Ad-Valorem Rate of zero point three six five three eight cents in the dollar (0.36538) and a Base Amount of two hundred and nineteen dollars and forty two cents (\$219.42) per assessment in accordance with section 537 of the Local Government Act 1993 on all rateable land in the City of Shellharbour categorised as "RESIDENTIAL" in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and in accordance with section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, this rate be named "RESIDENTIAL".

Further that the percentage of the base amount, pursuant to Section 500 of the *Local Government Act 1993* is twenty five percent (25%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the rate.

13. That an ordinary rate, consisting of an Ad-Valorem Rate of zero point three four eight eight nine cents in the dollar (0.34889) per assessment on all rateable land in the City of Shellharbour categorised as "FARMLAND" in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and in accordance with section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act*, this rate be named "FARMLAND".

14. That an ordinary rate, consisting of an Ad-Valorem Rate of zero point three six four three two cents in the dollar (0.36432) per assessment on all rateable land in the City of Shellharbour categorised as "BUSINESS" in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* except all rateable land in the City of Shellharbour determined to be in the business sub-category "GENERAL" be now made for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and in accordance with section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, this rate be named "NON-URBAN".

15. That an ordinary rate, consisting of an Ad-Valorem Rate of zero point nine zero five four zero cents in the dollar (0.90540) per assessment on all rateable land in the City of Shellharbour used or zoned for professional/commercial trade or industrial purposes and determined to be a centre of activity and categorised as "BUSINESS" in accordance with Section 518, sub category "GENERAL" in accordance with section 529(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and in accordance with section 543(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, this rate be named "BUSINESS GENERAL".

16. That a Domestic Waste Service Charge and a Business Waste Service Charge of:

- i) \$172.00 per annum per 240 litre bin per fortnightly service;
- ii) \$248.00 per annum per 240 litre bin per weekly service;
- iii) \$142.00 per annum per 120 litre bin per fortnightly service;
- iv) \$198.00 per annum per 120 litre bin per weekly service, and;
- v) \$38.00 per available service (vacant land)

be now made for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 in accordance with Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

17. That a high-density bulk recycling (weekly) service charge of one hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents (\$107.50) per bin per annum be now made in accordance with section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

18. That a high-density bulk recycling (fortnightly) service charge of fifty four dollars (\$54.00) per bin per annum be now made in accordance with section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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19. That a high-density bulk waste (weekly) service charge of one hundred and seventy dollars (\$170.00) per bin per annum be now made in accordance with section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

20. That a Stormwater Management Service Charge of:

- i) \$15 per residential assessment per annum
- ii) \$7.50 per residential strata unit per annum
- iii) \$15 per 350m<sup>2</sup> (or part thereof) per business assessment per annum
- iv) Business Strata Lots – pro rata per unit of business calculation per annum

be now made for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 in accordance with section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

21. That a rate of interest of nine percent per annum (9% p.a.) accruing daily on rates and charges that remain unpaid after they become due and payable be now set for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 in accordance with section 566 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

22. That the amount of new loan borrowings be \$1,000,000, with \$1,000,000 to be borrowed if required from recognised banking institutions secured by mortgage over Council's consolidated fund income.

CARRIED Councillors Mifsud, Rose, Bailey and Stewart against.

The Deputy Mayor proposed a 10 minute break to allow the dissenting councillors to decide whether they wished to put in a rescission motion at this meeting.

She advised that she was suggesting this in order to minimise delays that might prevent the new budget from being ready to function at the start of the new financial year.

The councillors declined this offer.

**Meeting closed 7.50 pm**

CONFIRMED as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Shellharbour held 4 July 2006

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General Manager

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Chairperson