

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting
of Shellharbour City Council
held at the Council Chambers, Warilla
on Tuesday 15 May 2007 commencing at 7.15 pm**

Present

His Worship the Mayor	Councillor D Hamilton
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
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
Group Manager Planning Services	G Hoynes
Manager Financial Services	P Henderson
Manager Executive Offices	F MastroDomenico
Manager Media & Communications	B Parker
Executive Assistant	L Davey

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

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Nil

2. Pecuniary Interest

Note: Councillors who declare a Pecuniary Interest at the Council Meeting are also required to complete a Pecuniary Interest Declaration form.

Councillor Greig requested that it be noted that she is a Director of the Illawarra Business Chamber. Council's proposed budget indicates that Council will contribute \$7,000 to the Illawarra Business Chamber as sponsorship towards the annual Illawarra Business Awards.

3. General Manager's Office

3.1 2007/10 Draft Management Plan (8727647)

Councillor Mifsud requested that it be noted that he and Councillor Rose as Ward E Councillors are considering allocating \$70,000 from their capital works streetscape allocation and \$20,000 from sportsfield funds to go towards the refurbishment of the amenities at Ron Costello Oval. The General Manager advised that this could be noted at this stage as it does not change the proposed budget allocations, however, this will be required to be reported to Council for a decision once the budget has been set.

Councillor Hawker took his right of reply during which Councillor Mifsud MOVED a POINT of ORDER stating that Councillor Hawker was not accurate in statements regarding the GST. The Mayor stated that there was no POINT of ORDER and requested that Councillor Hawker continue with his right of reply.

197 RESOLVED: Hawker/Briggs

1. That Council adopt:-

- The Management Plan
- The Strategic Plan
- The Budget (Operational, Balance Sheet, Capital Works & Asset Maintenance/Replacement Program)
- The Revenue Policy
- The Fees and Charges
- The Statutory New Items totalling \$232,000
- The Essential "A" New Items totalling \$359,375

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Further that the following amendments be made to the proposed budget:

- The Donations Working Party allocation be increased by \$8,500 (total \$20,000).
- The Southern Stars contribution be increased by \$2,000 (total \$10,000).
- A one off allocation of \$5,000 towards the 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum.
- A one off allocation of \$5,000 towards the 50th Anniversary of NAIDOC.
- \$50,000 allocation towards Council's 150th Anniversary.

This budget is to be based on Council accepting the proposed rate increase to be announced by the Minister for Local Government.

And that this be advertised in accordance with s.405 of the Local Government Act. This will result in a budget deficit of \$189,898.

2. That the works (\$54,000) and sportsfield (\$90,000) ward funds be allocated on a ward by ward basis in this budget.
3. That this budget results in the following Rates and Charges:-
 - a. For the residential rate category, a base rate of 25% (\$226.38) and ad-valorem component of 0.37760 cents in the dollar on the base date 1/7/2006 land value of all rateable residential land determined to be in this category, in the local government area.
 - b. For the business rate category, an ad-valorem rate of 0.93528 cents in the dollar on the base date 1/7/2006 land value of all rateable land determined to be in the business category general, in the local government area.
 - c. For the business category, sub category non-urban, an ad-valorem rate of 0.37634 cents in the dollar on the base date 1/7/2006 land value of all rateable land determined to be in this category, in the local government area.
 - d. For the farmland category, an ad-valorem rate of 0.36040 cents in the dollar on the base date 1/7/2006 land value of all rateable land determined to be in this category, in the local government area.
 - e. A Domestic Waste Service Charge and a Business Waste Service Charge of:

\$205.00 per annum per 240 litre bin per fortnightly service
\$300.00 per annum per 240 litre bin per weekly service
\$160.00 per annum per 120 litre bin per fortnightly service
\$235.00 per annum per 120 litre bin per weekly service
\$55.00 per available service (vacant land)

A high density bulk recycling (weekly) service - \$107.50 per bin per annum.
A high density bulk recycling (fortnightly) service - \$54.00 per bin per annum.
A high density bulk waste (weekly) service - \$170.00 per bin per annum.
 - f. A Stormwater Management Service Charge of:
 - i) \$25.00 per residential assessment per annum

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- ii) \$12.50 per residential strata unit per annum
 - iii) \$25.00 per 350m² (or part thereof) per business assessment per annum capped at a maximum charge of \$150
 - iv) Business Strata Lots – pro rata per unit of business calculation per annum
- g. That the rate of interest by which overdue rates be increased for the year be 9 percent per annum, or any other percentage as permitted by the Minister.
 - h. Further that Council notes that rate yields and rates in the dollar (\$) may be subject to slight variation for any land values added to Council's rate base prior to final adoption.
4. That the amount of new loan borrowing application be \$1,000,000 with \$1,000,000 to be borrowed if required from recognised banking institutions secured by a mortgage over Council's consolidated fund income.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Matter Arising/Late Item of Business

Further discussion took place regarding GST issues which were highlighted in the 2007-2010 Draft Management Plan Report debate above wherein Councillor Hawker indicated that Council had already paid some \$9M in GST to the Federal Government for the Shell Cove Project and the total GST payment would exceed \$40M in today's dollars.

198 RESOLVED: Briggs/Hawker

That the Mayor make urgent representation to Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells for a Council delegation to Canberra to discuss with the appropriate Federal Minister Council's financial situation and seeking financial relief from the Federal Government for Council's Shell Cove Project GST commitment. Further that appropriate motions be drafted for the next Local Government Conference and the National General Assembly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting closed 7.47 pm

CONFIRMED as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Shellharbour held 22 May 2007

General Manager

Chairperson