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MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2022

MINUTES OF THE **Extraordinary Council Meeting** OF TENTERFIELD SHIRE held at the Koreelah Room, Tenterfield Shire Council Chambers on Monday, 7 February 2022 commencing at 1.04pm

ATTENDANCE

Councillor Bronwyn Petrie (Mayor)
Councillor John Macnish (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Peter Petty
Councillor Tim Bonner
Councillor Tom Peters
Councillor Kim Rhodes
Councillor Giana Saccon
Councillor Greg Sauer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive (Daryl Buckingham)
Executive Assistant & Media (Elizabeth Melling)
Chief Corporate Officer (Kylie Smith)
Director Infrastructure (Fiona Keneally)

Clause 254(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that the names of the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment are recorded and shown in the Minutes of the meeting.

WEBCASTING OF MEETING

I advise all present that this meeting is being recorded for placement on Council's website for the purposes of broadening knowledge and participation in Council issues, and demonstrating Council's commitment to openness and accountability.

All speakers must ensure their comments are relevant to the issue at hand and to refrain from making personal comments or criticisms or mentioning any private information.

No other persons are permitted to record the meeting, unless specifically authorised by Council to do so.

OPENING AND WELCOME

CIVIC PRAYER

We give thanks for the contribution by our pioneers, early settlers and those who fought in the various wars for the fabric of the Tenterfield Community we have today.

May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land that we are meeting on today. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders past, present, and emerging of the Jukembal, Kamilaroi and Bundjalung Nations and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people present.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DISCLOSURE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

That councillors now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

Name	Type	Item
Nil.		

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Nil.

URGENT, LATE & SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (PUBLIC ACCESS)

Speaking against the Motion – Stuart Bell & Lois McGuinness

MAYOR MINUTE

Nil.

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

OUR GOVERNANCE

(ITEM GOV12/22) APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL RATE VARIATION 2022/23 AND 2023/24

SUMMARY

To recommend that Council proceed with an application for a section 508A (permanent) Special Rate Variation commencing in the 2022/23 financial year for the purpose of maintaining existing services, enhancing financial sustainability, and funding infrastructure maintenance and renewal.

Due to the timing of the Council elections, further community consultation will be undertaken during February with a report brought back to Council to address any changes because of the consultation.

The proposed Special Rate Variation comprises a permanent Special Rate Variation of 34% (including rate peg) in 2022/23 and 34% (including rate peg) in 2023/24, representing a cumulative increase of 79.56%.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- (1) Receive the report on application for Special Rate Variation 2022/23 and 2023/24.
- (2) Proceed with a permanent Special Rate Variation application for the purpose of maintaining existing services, enhancing financial sustainability, and funding infrastructure maintenance and renewal.
- (3) Make an application to the Independent Pricing And Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under section 508a of the Local Government Act 1993 for increases to the ordinary rate income of 34% in 2022/23 (including the rate peg) and 34% in 2023/24 (including the rate peg), representing a total cumulative increase of 79.56% over the two-year period, to be a permanent increase retained within the rate base.
- (4) Note the additional community consultation to be undertaken in February 2022 outlined in the body of the report and request the Chief Executive respond to the submissions made.
- (5) The Chief Executive present a further report to Council prior to 7 March 2022 that will include:
 - A. A report on the additional community consultation,

- B. A copy of the final submission to IPART consisting of application form part A Special Variation and application form Part B Special Variation,
 - C. Clearly demonstrate any changes from the initial submission
- (6) Authorise the Chief Executive to undertake any necessary minor administrative or editorial changes to the submission to IPART, and
 - (7) Consider the implementation of the Special Rate Variation (if successful) during the deliberations of Council's Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget commencing for the 2022/23 financial year.

AMENDMENT:

That Council:

- (1) Receive the report on Application for Special Rate Variation 2022/23 and 2023/24;
- (2) Determine not to proceed with a permanent Special Rate Variation Application for the 2022/23 financial year for the purpose of maintaining existing services, enhancing financial sustainability, and funding infrastructure maintenance and renewal;
- (3) Request the Chief Executive advise IPART of Council's decision not to proceed with a permanent Special Rate Variation Application for the 2022/23 financial year;
- (4) Request the Chief Executive bring back a report outlining the process to consider an SRV Application for the 2023/24 financial year detailing further options and an operational efficiency review; including the community consultation program; and
- (5) Acknowledge that without an SRV in the 2022/23 financial year, service levels to the community will be impacted until the budget deficits are resolved.

(John Macnish/Greg Sauer)

Amendment Carried

RECOMMENDATION

16/22 **Resolved** that Council:

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(Peter Petty/Kim Rhodes)

Motion Carried

MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.30 pm.

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Councillor Bronwyn Petrie
Mayor/Chairperson