

URGENT BUSINESS

Additional Special Variation application to IPART F22/142, F21/321

Cr Bunting advised that he would like to move a motion in respect of Council applying to IPART for the Additional Special Variation (ASV) process for 2022/23.

The application is necessary for Council to meet its planned budget commitments and to ensure it provides appropriate service levels.

This matter is urgent as applications need to be submitted to IPART by Friday 29 April 2022.

The Mayor **RULED THE MOTION** Urgent Business.

MOTION (Cr Bunting/Cr Griffiths) –

That the business proposed to be transacted at this meeting is urgent. **CARRIED**

MOTION (Cr Bunting/Cr Griffiths) –

1. That Council applies to IPART by 29 April 2022 for a rate peg (ASV) increase of 1.6% for the 2022/23 financial year under section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, with the increase in revenue to be retained permanently in the rate base into the future.
2. Notes that the 1.6% rate variation would yield an additional \$1.746 million in rate income over the 2022/23 rate peg of 0.7% already approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, and a forecasted \$19.1 million over the next 10 years.
3. Notes the special variation is required for Council to meet its obligations set for 2022/23, and in future years within the 2021/22 Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.
4. That Council considers that the impact on ratepayers and the community, if the special variation is approved in 2022/23 and for future years, is reasonable.
5. That the additional revenue for the 2022/23 Budget year would be allocated to those savings listed as items 40 to 54, which total \$920,000 in the proposed 2022/23 budget ranking list, which was provided as Attachment 1 to Report CS420045 to the Budget Estimates Committee meeting of 20 April 2022 and the balance of \$826,000 allocated as follows to prioritise works caused by the recent high levels of rain:
 - \$426,000 to the Property Maintenance function for maintenance works on Council buildings, and
 - \$403,750 to the Transport Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance function for maintenance works on Council's Civil infrastructure
6. That all changes be made as required to the draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents which will be publicly exhibited for 28 days from 11 May to 7 June 2022. **CARRIED**