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MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2022

MINUTES OF THE **Extraordinary Council Meeting** OF TENTERFIELD SHIRE held at the "Koreelah Room" Administration Building, 247 Rouse St, Tenterfield NSW on Wednesday 7 December 2022 commencing at 9.00 am

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
Councillor Peter Murphy

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive (Daryl Buckingham)
Administration & Web Assistant (Heather Grasso)
Acting Chief Corporate Officer (Erika Bursford)
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 and livestreamed on Council's YouTube Channel 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 Jukemba, Kamilaroi and Bundjalung Nations and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people present.

APOLOGIES

231/22 **Resolved** that Cr Geoff Nye was an apology.

(Peter Petty/Greg Sauer)

Motion Carried

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.		

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (PUBLIC ACCESS)

Agenda Item – Application to IPART for a Special Rate Variation to Increase General Income – Ordinary Rate Income (ITEM GOV101/22)

Speaking "against" the Application to IPART for a Special Rate Variation to Increase General Income – Ordinary Rate Income.

Ms Cheryl Jaques

Roy Jones, Manager Finance & Technology entered the meeting, the time being 9.11 am.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

232/22 **Resolved** that Standing Orders be suspended.

(Peter Petty/John Macnish)

Motion Carried

A break in proceedings allowed for members of the community to arrive and be seated, the time being 9.13 am.

The break in proceedings concluded, and the meeting restarted, the time being 9.29 am.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

233/22 **Resolved** that Standing Orders be resumed.

(Kim Rhodes/John Macnish)

Motion Carried

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

OUR GOVERNANCE

(ITEM GOV101/22) APPLICATION TO IPART FOR A SPECIAL RATE VARIATION TO INCREASE GENERAL INCOME - ORDINARY RATE INCOME.

SUMMARY

This report is in response to Council resolution (237/22) and is the proposed Final Draft Application to IPART (Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal) for a Section 508 A (Permanent) Special Rate Variation (SRV) for the Financial Year commencing 2023/2024 and 2024/2025.

This application developed for submission is consistent with Council resolution (237/22)- Notification to IPART of Intent to Apply for a Special Rate variation comprising a permanent Special Rate Variation of 43% (including rate peg) in 2023/2024 and 43% (including rate peg) in 2024/2025, representing a cumulative increase of 104.49%.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (1) Receive the attached application for a permanent Special Rate Variation.

- (2) Adopt the submission to IPART, consisting of IPART application form Part A Special Variation 2022/2023 and IPART Application form Part B Special Variation 2022/2023.
- (3) Lodge the attached 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 43% in 2023/2024 (including the rate peg) and 43% in 2024/2025 (including the rate peg), representing a total cumulative increase of 104.49% over the two-year period, to be a permanent increase retained within the rate base.
- (4) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any necessary minor administrative or editorial changes to the submission to IPART.

AMENDMENT:

- (5) If the Financial situation of Tenterfield Shire Council improves during any or all of the following Financial Years, 2022/23, 2023/24 and/or 2024/2025, that will allow TSC to be sustainable without the full imposition of the 43% per annum Rate Increase being sought in this Application, the Councillors reserve the right to levy a Rate Increase lower than the figure approved by IPART.

(Greg Sauer/Peter Murphy)

Amendment Carried

Resolved that Council:

234/22

- (1) Receive the attached application for a permanent Special Rate Variation.
- (2) Adopt the submission to IPART, consisting of IPART application form Part A Special Variation 2022/2023 and IPART Application form Part B Special Variation 2022/2023.
- (3) Lodge the attached 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 43% in 2023/2024 (including the rate peg) and 43% in 2024/2025 (including the rate peg), representing a total cumulative increase of 104.49% over the two-year period, to be a permanent increase retained within the rate base.
- (4) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any necessary minor administrative or editorial changes to the submission to IPART.
- (5) If the Financial situation of Tenterfield Shire Council improves during any or all of the following Financial Years, 2022/23, 2023/24 and/or 2024/2025, that will allow TSC to be sustainable without the full imposition of the 43% per annum Rate Increase being sought in this

Application, the Councillors reserve the right to levy a Rate Increase lower than the figure approved by IPART.

(Greg Sauer/Peter Murphy)

Motion Carried

RECORDING OF A DIVISION

235/22 **Resolved** that the voting be recorded for (ITEM GOV101/22) Application to IPART for a Special Rate Variation to increase general income - Ordinary Rate income.

(Giana Saccon/John Macnish)

Upon being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

For the Motion were Crs TP Peters, G Sauer, J Macnish, TB Bonner, B Petrie, K Rhodes, PM Murphy and PP Petty Total (8).

Against the Motion was Cr G Saccon Total (1).

Roy Jones, Manager Finance & Technology left the meeting, the time being 10.11 am.

MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10.11 am.

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Councillor Bronwyn Petrie
Mayor/Chairperson