

PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL



Established 1879

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

24 July 2008

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 1:20pm.

ATTENDANCE/ LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Mayor

Cr Joanna Sheppard

Cr Dunsdon

Cr Land

Cr Meurant

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer

Mark Watt

Accountant

Neil Mitchell

Shire Engineer

Jashim Uddin

Health Building & Environment

Steve Mizen

APOLOGIES

Res.M08/106

*Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Dunsdon that an apology be received from Cr Ticehurst
CARRIED*

BUDGET 2008/2009

Environmental Health

Steve Mizen, Health Building and Environment Officer provided a verbal update on recent activities and health inspections.

Attendance: Cr Land left the room at 1:55pm returning at 1:58pm

Register of Regulatory and Commercial Charges - 2008/09

Consideration and review of Register of Regulatory and Commercial Charges

Res.M08/107

Moved Cr Meurant seconded Cr Land that Council adopt the Register of Regulatory Fees and Commercial Charges in accordance with s.36(2) and s.1071E of the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED

Adjournment: Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 2:20pm returning at 3:15pm.

Attendance: Sharyn Bow, Gary Quinn, Cardno and Rick Brain, Contract Water Officer entered the meeting at 3:15pm.

Cunnamulla Water Augmentation Project – Budget Allocation 2008/09

Sharyn Bow and Gary Quinn, Cardno outlined the basis upon which the current Cunnamulla Water Augmentation Project came about.

Background - Strategic Water Planning Report was written in 2002 based on Cunnamulla Water having to meet current Department of Natural Resources Guidelines, fire flow requirements to reduce loading on aquifer bores and security of supply.

Current Status of Project - to date the project has stalled with the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government, Warren Pitt MP providing an extension until December 2008 for its completion. Overall project costs so far are \$744,164 with subsidies received of \$259,782.

Problems experienced in the project – there are various reasons for the project being stalled such as geotechnical reports for the site of the 5.7MI Reservoir, requiring the proposed site to be relocated twice, and other delays during laying of trunk mains.

Subsequent changes that affect projects future – bringing the River Water supply online thus affecting demand; introduction of *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*, which legislates drinking water quality, new demand reduction strategies for future approval of water subsidies; increased costs of Reservoir arising from geotechnical reports and no consideration yet given to chlorination of supply; limited cultural heritage assessment of Reservoir site; increased cost of funding depreciation on cost of Reservoir; variable speed pump noise associated with water treatment.

Considering the above issues, it was agreed that sufficient data needs to be available before Council can meet the costs of the project and the changed legislative environment.

Res.M08/108

Moved Cr Land seconded Cr Meurant that Sharyn Bow, Cardno be requested to prepare an addendum to the Strategic Water Planning Report 2002 so that Council may consider the future of the project, having regard to changes in legislation since the commencement of the project.

CARRIED

Attendance: Sharyn Bow and Gary Quinn left the meeting at 4:30pm.

Rating Strategies – 2008/09

The Chief Executive Officer presented basic rating strategies for consideration in the upcoming budget.

MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 5:08pm.

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

Confirmation

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Cr J Sheppard
Mayor

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Mark Watt
Chief Executive officer