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# Unscheduled Council Meeting

## Minutes

5 May 2021 at 6:30pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Sturt Street,  
Ballarat



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**The next Ordinary Meeting of the Ballarat City Council will be held on Wednesday 26 May 2021.**

## 1. OPENING DECLARATION

**Councillors:** *"We, the Councillors of the City of Ballarat, declare that we will carry out our duties in the best interests of the community, and through collective leadership will maintain the highest standards of good governance."*

**Mayor:** *"I respectfully acknowledge the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung People, the traditional custodians of the land, and I would like to welcome members of the public in the gallery."*

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

### 2.1 Present

Mayor Cr Daniel Moloney  
Cr Ben Taylor  
Cr Samantha McIntosh  
Cr Belinda Coates  
Cr Mark Harris  
Cr Des Hudson  
Cr Peter Eddy  
Cr Tracey Hargreaves

Mr Evan King - Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Bridget Wetherall - Director Infrastructure and Environment  
Mr Matthew Wilson - Director Community Wellbeing  
Mr Stephen Bigarelli - Acting Director Corporate Services  
Ms Natalie Robertson - Director Development and Growth  
Mr Cameron Montgomery - Executive Manager Governance and Risk  
Ms Sophie Constable - Administration Officer Statutory Compliance

### 2.2 Apologies

Cr Amy Johnson

## 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

## 4. OFFICER REPORTS

### 4.1. 2021/2022 DRAFT BUDGET

**Division:** Executive Unit  
**Director:** Evan King, Chief Executive Officer  
**Author/Position:** Stephen Bigarelli – Acting Director Corporate Services

#### PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to present Council with the City of Ballarat's draft Budget for the 2021-2022 financial year.
2. This report includes a recommendation that Council, in accordance with sections 55, 94 and 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) endorses the release of the 2021-2022 draft Budget and invites the community to provide submissions.

#### RESOLUTION:

**That Council:**

1. **Give Public Notice in accordance with sections 55 and 96 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 23 June 2021, the proposed 2021-2022 Budget prepared in accordance with section 94 of the Act.**
  - a. **Give public notice seeking submissions on the proposals contained in the 2021-2022 draft budget. Written public submissions will be accepted for 28 days ending 9.00am Monday 7 June 2021.**
2. **Give public notice that any person who wishes to be heard in support of a submission received by Council should indicate in the written submission that he or she wishes to be heard. Any person requesting that he or she be heard in support of a submission is entitled to appear before a meeting of the Council either personally or by a person acting on their behalf at a Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday 9 June at 6.30pm.**

**Moved: Cr Daniel Moloney**  
**Seconded: Cr Des Hudson**

**CARRIED**  
**(R84/21)**

#### 4.2. 2021-2025 DRAFT REVENUE AND RATING PLAN

**Division:** Executive Unit  
**Director:** Evan King, Chief Executive Officer  
**Author/Position:** Stephen Bigarelli – Acting Director Corporate Services

#### PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to present Council with the City of Ballarat's 2021-2025 Draft Revenue and Rating Plan.
2. This report includes a recommendation that Council, in accordance with section 55, of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) endorses the release of the 2021-2025 Draft Revenue and Rating Plan and invites the community to provide submissions.

#### RESOLUTION:

**That Council:**

1. **Give Public Notice in accordance with section 55 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) of Council's intention to adopt, at a Council meeting to be held at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 23 June 2021, the proposed 2021-2025 Revenue and Rating Plan prepared in accordance with sections 93 and 94 of the Act.**
2. **In accordance with the provisions of Section 171 of the Local Government 1989, Council will waive \$95.00 of the Rates Levied for the 2021-22 year on properties where the ratepayer:**
  - a) **Is an eligible recipient within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, and has qualified for a waiver under Section 171(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the 1989 Act), and,**
  - b) **Who lives alone in their own home and is solely responsible for the payment of rates and charges on that property.**
  - c) **Give public notice seeking submissions under on the proposals contained in the 2021-25 Revenue and Rating Plan. Written public submissions will be accepted for 28 days ending 9.00am Monday 7 June 2021.**
3. **Give public notice that any person who wishes to be heard in support of a submission received by Council should indicate in the written submission that they wish to be heard. Any person requesting that they be heard in support of a submission is entitled to appear before a meeting of the Council either personally or by a person acting on their behalf at a Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday 9 June at 6.30pm.**

**Moved: Cr Ben Taylor**  
**Seconded: Cr Mark Harris**

**CARRIED**  
**(R85/21)**



#### 4.3. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

**Division:** Executive Unit  
**Director:** Evan King, Chief Executive Unit  
**Author/Position:** Cameron Montgomery – Executive Manager Governance and Risk

#### PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the report is to seek submissions on the proposed Mayor and Councillor Allowances in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the 1989 Act).

#### RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. **Endorses, in principle, the setting of Mayor and Councillor allowances at the top level 3 which is:**
  - **Mayoral allowance at \$100,434 per annum; and**
  - **Councillor allowance at \$31,444 per annum.**
  - **Plus, an additional 9.5% of the above allowances is payable as an equivalent of the Commonwealth Superannuation Guarantee.**
2. **Authorise commencement of the statutory process for the Mayor and Councillor Allowance in accordance with Part 5 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, by giving public notice of its intention to make the Mayor and Councillor Allowance and inviting submission under section 223 of the Act;**
3. **That the Chief Executive Officer be given the authority to make all administrative arrangements in relation to conducting a meeting under s223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*;**
4. **Receive a report to the 23 June 2021 Council meeting for the consideration of adoption of the Mayor and Councillor Allowances.**

**Moved: Cr Des Hudson**  
**Seconded: Cr Mark Harris**

**CARRIED**  
**(R86/21)**

