



Minutes of the Council Meeting

Alexandrina Council Special Meeting
held 24 June 2024

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On Monday, 24 June 2024, commenced at 5.32 pm

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1. Opening of Meeting

An audio recording of this meeting was made for minute-taking purposes and lasted the length of the open meeting. The audio file will be available on the Council website after the draft Minutes have been circulated.

Present

Mayor Keith Parkes (Presiding Member), Councillors Bill Coomans, Margaret Gardner, Milli Livingston, Craig Maidment, Sue Miller, Lou Nicholson, Peter Oliver, Michael Scott and Christie Thornton.

Apologies / Leave of Absence Nil

In Attendance

Nigel Morris (Chief Executive Officer), Stacey Bateson (General Manager Community), Alan Harvey (General Manager Infrastructure), Tash Hunt (General Manager Corporate) and other staff as required.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Alexandrina Council and its communities acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri, Peramangk and Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of our Council District.

Local Government Prayer

Almighty God, we humbly beseech thee to grant thy blessing upon the works of this Council, guide us in our deliberations for the advancement and the true welfare of the people of this district.

Declarations of Interest

If a Council Member has an interest in a matter which will be before the Council at this meeting, they are asked to disclose the interest to the Council and provide full and accurate details of the relevant interest at the beginning of the meeting. Members are reminded they must also declare their interest and provide details at the time the relevant item arises for consideration.

Cr Peter Oliver had provided advice that he has a material conflict of interest at Item 5.2 (*Confidential*) *Minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024* and Item 5.3 3 (*Confidential*) *Report from Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024* due to his wife operating a specialist recruitment firm which would like to be considered to tender for the appointment as the Independent HR specialist that will assist with the recruitment of a Chief Executive Officer. Cr Oliver advised that he would leave the room when these items are considered.

2. Adjourned Debate

Nil

3. Presentations / Deputations

3.1. Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 - Ms B Lewis

The Presiding Member advised that Ms Bronwyn Lewis withdrew her deputation.

3.2. Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25 - Mr P Nichols

The Presiding Member sought and was granted leave of the meeting for the deputation to be up to 10 minutes duration.

Mr Peter Nichols made a deputation regarding the Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25.

The Presiding Member thanked Mr Nichols for his deputation.

4. Administration Reports

4.1. Annual Business Plan and Budget Adoption and Rate Declaration 2024/25 Financial Year

C24321

Moved Cr Margaret Gardner seconded Cr Lou Nicholson

That Council, with the approval of at least two-thirds of the members present, grant leave of the meeting for a short-term suspension of meeting procedures in accordance with Division 2 of Part 2 Regulation (20) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations* for a period of 15 minutes (to be extended in 15 minute increments if required) to facilitate informal discussion on the Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024/25.

CARRIED

Meeting procedures were suspended at 5.43 pm

The Presiding Member determined that the suspension should be brought to an end and the meeting procedures resumed at 6.51 pm

C24322

Moved Cr Craig Maidment seconded Cr Michael Scott

That Council adopt the 2024/25 Business Plan contained at Attachment 1 in this meeting agenda, in accordance with section 123 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) and regulation 6 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* (Financial Management Regulations), having considered in accordance with section 123(6) of the Act:

- a. all submissions made during the public consultation period as tabled at the 17 June 2024 Council meeting; and**
- b. any new or revised information in the possession of the Council that is relevant to the material contained in the draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget**

and noting, as set out in Table 1, amendments made from the draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget since commencement of community engagement.

Table 1

Amendments	Amount
Budget Deficit to Consultation 2 May 2024	-\$4,682,000
Strathalbyn Pool trial of extension of opening hours for 1 additional month	-\$30,300
Additional rates from property growth to 1.82 from budgeted 1.3%	\$293,000
Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre budget update	-\$49,000
Roads to Recovery Funding Increase advised 22 May 2024	\$458,000
Remodelled Interest expense @ 5.5%	-\$102,375
Contribution to Mount Compass Netball Club court resurfacing	\$50,000
Removal of Strathalbyn Sound Shell Capital expenditure \$250,000	\$9,923
Draft Budget Deficit to Council for adoption 24 June 2024	-\$4,152,752

and including, as set out in Table 2, additional amendments to be incorporated into the 2024/25 Annual Business Plan, contained at Attachment 1 in this meeting agenda.

CARRIED

C24323

Moved Cr Bill Coomans seconded Cr Margaret Gardner

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Remove Agribusiness Officer - (0.60FTE) Position	Nil	\$70,631

CARRIED

C24324

Moved Cr Margaret Gardner seconded Cr Michael Scott

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Remove Enhanced Wayfinding Signage Strategy	Nil	\$50,000

AMENDMENT

Cr Sue Miller

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Remove Enhanced Wayfinding Signage Strategy	Nil	\$25,000

The Presiding Member advised that the amendment could not be accepted as it substantially changed the intent of the original motion.

The original motion was put and **CARRIED**

Moved Cr Michael Scott seconded Cr Lou Nicholson

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Remove Adelaide Car Rally - Staging at Strathalbyn	Nil	\$25,000

LOST

C24325

Moved Cr Michael Scott seconded Cr Sue Miller

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Remove Lifeguard Services - Goolwa Beach	Nil	\$28,000

CARRIED

C24326

Moved Cr Christie Thornton seconded Cr Lou Nicholson

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Capital Expenditure	Remove Encounter Bikeway Design	\$350,000	\$9,625

CARRIED

C24327

Moved Cr Lou Nicholson seconded Cr Christie Thornton

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Capital Expenditure	Remove Chapman Road Public Amenity	\$700,000	\$38,500

CARRIED

C24328

Moved Cr Lou Nicholson seconded Cr Milli Livingston

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Capital Expenditure	Remove Piper Crest Public Amenity	\$575,000	\$31,625

CARRIED

Moved Cr Lou Nicholson seconded Cr Michael Scott

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Remove Strathalbyn Town Plan Renewal	Nil	\$70,000

LOST

Moved Cr Peter Oliver seconded Cr Michael Scott

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Capital Expenditure	Remove Main Council Office Refurbishment	\$400,000	\$22,000

LOST

Cr Milli Livingston declared a material conflict of interest in the matter under consideration due to a related party and advised she would leave the Chamber.

Cr Milli Livingston left the Chamber at 7.40 pm

C24329

Moved Cr Lou Nicholson seconded Cr Craig Maidment

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Capital Expenditure	Remove Armfield Slip Viewing Platform	\$30,000	\$1,650

CARRIED

Cr Milli Livingston returned to the Chamber at 7.44 pm.

C24330

Moved Cr Bill Coomans seconded Cr Milli Livingston

That a report be provided to Council on the current carbon capture software including existing reporting requirements and licensing agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved Cr Sue Miller seconded Cr Craig Maidment

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Add Strathalbyn Opening Waste Depot on Saturday	Nil	\$60,540

LOST

A division was requested by Cr Sue Miller.

The Presiding Member declared the vote set aside.

Voting in the AFFIRMATIVE	Voting in the NEGATIVE
Cr Christie Thornton	Cr Peter Oliver
Cr Sue Miller	Cr Michael Scott
Cr Craig Maidment	Cr Bill Coomans
Cr Margaret Gardner	Cr Milli Livingston
	Cr Lou Nicholson

The Presiding Member declared the motion **LOST**

C24331

Moved Cr Craig Maidment seconded Cr Christie Thornton

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Capital Expenditure	Remove Excelsior Parade Pathway	\$160,000	\$8,800

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C24332

Moved Cr Peter Oliver seconded Cr Craig Maidment

That a report, including the project plan, on what Council are purchasing, and what the needs are for all IT software purchases.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Christie Thornton seconded Cr Peter Oliver

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Capital Expenditure	Remove EV Charging Station	\$40,000	\$2,200

LOST

C24333

Moved Cr Christie Thornton seconded Cr Peter Oliver

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Capital Expenditure	Remove BMX Track–Clayton Bay	\$40,000	\$2,200

CARRIED

Moved Cr Sue Miller

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Add Wayfinding Signage Strategy		\$25,000

LAPSED

for want of a seconder

Moved Cr Bill Coomans seconded Cr Peter Oliver

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Reduce Staff Salaries		\$1,000,000

Cr Michael Scott left the Chamber at 8.21 pm

LOST

A division was requested by Cr Bill Coomans.

The Presiding Member declared the vote set aside.

Voting in the AFFIRMATIVE	Voting in the NEGATIVE
Cr Peter Oliver	Cr Christie Thornton
Cr Bill Coomans	Cr Sue Miller
	Cr Milli Livingston
	Cr Craig Maidment
	Cr Lou Nicholson
	Cr Margaret Gardner

The Presiding Member declared the motion **LOST**

C24334

Moved Cr Sue Miller seconded Cr Craig Maidment

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Capital Expenditure	Remove Goolwa Yacht Club fence	\$30,000	\$1,650

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Michael Scott returned to the Chamber at 8.25 pm

Moved Cr Bill Coomans seconded Cr Peter Oliver

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Add Bahloo Glen Road Design		\$7,000

LOST

C24335

Moved Cr Peter Oliver seconded Cr Michael Scott

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Capital Expenditure	Remove Sugars Beach Toilet & Signage -carried forward 12 months	\$500,000	\$27,500

CARRIED

C24336

Moved Cr Peter Oliver seconded Cr Craig Maidment

That Council target \$3 million in savings and efficiencies for future reductions in the future.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Peter Oliver seconded

That Council target \$3million in asset sales in the 2024/25 financial year.

**LAPSED
for want of a seconder**

Moved Cr Sue Miller

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Add Animal Management Officer	Nil	\$140,146

**LAPSED
for want of a seconder**

Moved Cr Bill Coomans seconded Cr Craig Maidment

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Add an additional \$4000 to existing \$1000 to the 10 non-Council owned Community Halls	Nil	\$40,000

LOST

Moved Cr Lou Nicholson seconded Cr Milli Livingston

That the following adjustments be made to Table 2:

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Add Township Greening actions	Nil	\$100,000

LOST

C24337

Moved Cr Sue Miller seconded Cr Margaret Gardner

1. That the optional rate rise to fund the \$600,000 for the delivery of the Township Greening Strategy and Action Plan not be implemented in 2024/25.
2. That the delivery of the Action Plan resulting from the Township Greening Strategy be a priority project in the consideration of the revised A2040 Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

C24338

Moved Cr Christie Thornton seconded Cr Margaret Gardner

That Council adopt the Budget for the 2024/25 financial year, in accordance with section 123(7) of the Act and regulation 7 of the Financial Management Regulation, as set out in Appendix A and Appendix B of the 2024/25 Annual Business Plan contained at Attachment 1 in this meeting agenda, comprising the following statements:

- Budget Statement of Comprehensive Income
- Budget Statement of Financial Position
- Budget Statement of Changes in Equity
- Budget Statement of Cash Flows
- Budget Summary Statement including Financing Transactions
- Budget Key Financial Indicators

and incorporating into the 2024/25 Budget the additional amendments set out in Table 2 and the outcomes from the rate in the dollar determination.

CARRIED

Note the above CARRIED resolutions amending Table 2 resulted in the following accumulated changes:

Table 2

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
Operating Expenditure	Remove Agribusiness Officer - (0.60FTE) Position	Nil	\$70,631
Operating Expenditure	Remove Enhanced Wayfinding Signage Strategy	Nil	\$50,000
Operating Expenditure	Remove Lifeguard Services - Goolwa Beach	Nil	\$28,000
Capital Expenditure	Remove Encounter Bikeway Design	\$350,000	\$9,625

Budget	Description	Capital Amount \$	Operating Budget Amount \$
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	<i>Remove Chapman Road Public Amenity</i>	<i>\$700,000</i>	<i>\$38,500</i>
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	<i>Remove Piper Crest Public Amenity</i>	<i>\$575,000</i>	<i>\$31,625</i>
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	<i>Remove Armfield Slip Viewing Platform</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	<i>\$1,650</i>
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	<i>Remove Excelsior Parade Pathway</i>	<i>\$160,000</i>	<i>\$8,800</i>
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	<i>Remove BMX Track– Clayton Bay</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>	<i>\$2,200</i>
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	<i>Remove Goolwa Yacht Club fence</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	<i>\$1,650</i>
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	<i>Remove Sugars Beach Toilet & Signage -carried forward 12 months</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>	<i>\$27,500</i>
Total		\$2,385,000	\$270,181

The Presiding Member sought and was granted leave of the meeting to reorder the recommendations in the agenda in this meeting report to consider recommendation 6 at this time.

Moved Cr Sue Miller seconded Cr Margaret Gardner

That Council:

1. **Adopts for rating purposes for the year ending 30 June 2025, the most recent valuations of capital value made by the Valuer General for rating purposes pursuant to section 167(2) of the Act. The total valuations of the Council area comprising \$13,203,070,100 of which \$12,884,080,530 is the valuation of rateable land.**
2. **Having considered and taken into account the general principles of rating outlined in Section 150 of the Act, and in accordance with Section 153(2) of the Act - issues of consistency and equity across Council areas in the imposition of rates on various sectors of business and wider community - and pursuant to sections 152(1)(c), 153(1)(b) and 156(1)(a) of the Act, declares differential rates for the year ending 30 June 2025, based on the capital values of land by reference to the land use categorised within Regulation 14 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013*, as follows:**
 - a. **0.3248 cents in the dollar for all rateable land which is categorised by Land Use Category (a) Residential, Category (b) Commercial-Shop, Category (c) Commercial-Office, Category (d) Commercial-Other, Category (e) Industrial-Light, Category (f) Industrial-Other, Category (h) Vacant Land, and Category (i) Other.**
 - b. **0.2696 cents in the dollar for all rateable land which is categorised by Land Use Category (g) Primary Production, noting it comprises 83% of the general rate.**
3. **Impose, pursuant to sections 151 and 152(1)(c) of the Act, a fixed charge of \$440.00 on each separate piece of rateable land within the Council area.**
4. **Declares a separate rate for financial year ending 30 June 2025, pursuant to section 69 of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* and section 154 of the Act, based on the capital value of properties, to recover amounts payable to the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board as:**
 - a. **0.0100 cents in the dollar for all rateable land within the Council area.**

5. Fix a maximum increase in the general rate charged on rateable land which are the principal ratepayer's principal place of residence, pursuant to Section 153 (3) of the Act, being the amount by which the general rate payable exceeds the 2024/25 general rate payable by more than 15%, will be remitted upon application which must be made in writing before 1 September 2024.
6. Declares, pursuant to section 155(2) of the Act, the following services charges for all properties serviced by these schemes for the year ending 30 June 2025 as:
 - a. Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) Service Charges:
 - i. Occupied Unit - \$725.
 - ii. Vacant Unit - \$535.
 - b. Where the number of CWMS units is determined using the CWMS Property Units Code, the number of CWMS units will be rounded the nearest whole unit.
7. Declares, pursuant to section 181(2) of the Act, all rates and charges which have been imposed for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 will be payable in a single instalment due on 1 September or by equal quarterly instalments on the following days or if these days fall on a weekend or public holiday on the next business day:
 - 1 September 2024
 - 1 December 2024
 - 1 March 2025
 - 1 June 2025
8. Approves, pursuant to Chapter 10, Division 5 – Rate Rebates – of the Act, the Rating Policy contained at Attachment 2 in this meeting agenda, noting that for the 2024/25 financial year that all rateable land (excluding the principal place of residence) within the Council area shall be limited to a maximum rate increase of 50%, and any amount over 50% will be remitted upon application within the relevant conditions and the list of mandatory and discretionary rebates for 2024/25.

LOST

A division was requested by Cr Bill Coomans.

The Presiding Member declared the vote set aside.

Voting in the AFFIRMATIVE	Voting in the NEGATIVE
Cr Christie Thornton	Cr Peter Oliver
Cr Sue Miller	Cr Michael Scott
Cr Margaret Gardner	Cr Bill Coomans
	Cr Milli Livingston
	Cr Craig Maidment
	Cr Lou Nicholson

The Presiding Member declared the motion **LOST**

Moved Cr Peter Oliver seconded Cr Bill Coomans

That Council:

- 1. Adopts for rating purposes for the year ending 30 June 2025, the most recent valuations of capital value made by the Valuer General for rating purposes pursuant to section 167(2) of the Act. The total valuations of the Council area comprising \$13,203,070,100 of which \$12,884,080,530 is the valuation of rateable land.**
- 2. Having considered and taken into account the general principles of rating outlined in Section 150 of the Act, and in accordance with Section 153(2) of the Act - issues of consistency and equity across Council areas in the imposition of rates on various sectors of business and wider community - and pursuant to sections 152(1)(c), 153(1)(b) and 156(1)(a) of the Act, declares differential rates for the year ending 30 June 2025, based on the capital values of land by reference to the land use categorised within Regulation 14 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013*, as follows:**
 - a. Cents in the dollar (to be calculated to equal an average 6.2% rates increase to all existing ratepayers) for all rateable land which is categorised by Land Use Category (a) Residential, Category (b) Commercial-Shop, Category (c) Commercial-Office, Category (d) Commercial-Other, Category (e) Industrial-Light, Category (f) Industrial-Other, Category (h) Vacant Land, and Category (i) Other.**
 - b. Cents in the dollar (to be calculated to equal an average 6.2% rates increase to all existing ratepayer) for all rateable land which is categorised by Land Use Category (g) Primary Production, noting the cents in the dollar calculation is to comprises 83% of the general rate.**
- 3. Impose, pursuant to sections 151 and 152(1)(c) of the Act, a fixed charge of \$440.00 on each separate piece of rateable land within the Council area.**
- 4. Declares a separate rate for financial year ending 30 June 2025, pursuant to section 69 of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* and section 154 of the Act, based on the capital value of properties, to recover amounts payable to the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board as:**
 - a. 0.0100 cents in the dollar for all rateable land within the Council area.**
- 5. Fix a maximum increase in the general rate charged on rateable land which are the principal ratepayer's principal place of residence, pursuant to Section 153 (3) of the Act, being the amount by which the general rate payable exceeds the 2024/25 general rate payable by more than 15%, will be remitted upon application which must be made in writing before 1 September 2024.**
- 6. Declares, pursuant to section 155(2) of the Act, the following services charges for all properties serviced by these schemes for the year ending 30 June 2025 as:**
 - a. Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) Service Charges:**
 - i. Occupied Unit - \$725.**
 - ii. Vacant Unit - \$535.**
 - b. Where the number of CWMS units is determined using the CWMS Property Units Code, the number of CWMS units will be rounded the nearest whole unit.**
- 7. Declares, pursuant to section 181(2) of the Act, all rates and charges which have been imposed for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 will be payable in a single instalment due on 1 September or by equal quarterly instalments on the following days or if these days fall on a weekend or public holiday on the next business day:**

- 1 September 2024
- 1 December 2024
- 1 March 2025
- 1 June 2025

8. Approves, pursuant to Chapter 10, Division 5 – Rate Rebates – of the Act, the Rating Policy contained at Attachment 2 in this meeting agenda, noting that for the 2024/25 financial year that all rateable land (excluding the principal place of residence) within the Council area shall be limited to a maximum rate increase of 50%, and any amount over 50% will be remitted upon application within the relevant conditions and the list of mandatory and discretionary rebates for 2024/25.

LOST

Note if the above motion was carried Administration would have requested a pause to the meeting and calculated the cents in the dollar and present the values for formal adoption.

C24339

Moved Cr Michael Scott seconded Cr Lou Nicholson

That Council:

1. Adopts for rating purposes for the year ending 30 June 2025, the most recent valuations of capital value made by the Valuer General for rating purposes pursuant to section 167(2) of the Act. The total valuations of the Council area comprising \$13,203,070,100 of which \$12,884,080,530 is the valuation of rateable land.
2. Having considered and taken into account the general principles of rating outlined in Section 150 of the Act, and in accordance with Section 153(2) of the Act - issues of consistency and equity across Council areas in the imposition of rates on various sectors of business and wider community - and pursuant to sections 152(1)(c), 153(1)(b) and 156(1)(a) of the Act, declares differential rates for the year ending 30 June 2025, based on the capital values of land by reference to the land use categorised within Regulation 14 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013*, as follows:
 - a. 0.32334 cents in the dollar for all rateable land which is categorised by Land Use Category (a) Residential, Category (b) Commercial-Shop, Category (c) Commercial-Office, Category (d) Commercial-Other, Category (e) Industrial-Light, Category (f) Industrial-Other, Category (h) Vacant Land, and Category (i) Other.
 - b. 0.26840 cents in the dollar for all rateable land which is categorised by Land Use Category (g) Primary Production, noting it comprises 83% of the general rate.
3. Impose, pursuant to sections 151 and 152(1)(c) of the Act, a fixed charge of \$440.00 on each separate piece of rateable land within the Council area.
4. Declares a separate rate for financial year ending 30 June 2025, pursuant to section 69 of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* and section 154 of the Act, based on the capital value of properties, to recover amounts payable to the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board as:
 - a. 0.0100 cents in the dollar for all rateable land within the Council area.
5. Fix a maximum increase in the general rate charged on rateable land which are the principal ratepayer's principal place of residence, pursuant to Section 153 (3) of the Act, being the amount by which the general rate payable exceeds the 2024/25 general rate payable by more than 15%, will be remitted upon application which must be made in writing before 1 September 2024.
6. Declares, pursuant to section 155(2) of the Act, the following services charges for all properties serviced by these schemes for the year ending 30 June 2025 as:

- a. **Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) Service Charges:**
 - i. **Occupied Unit - \$725.**
 - ii. **Vacant Unit - \$535.**
 - b. **Where the number of CWMS units is determined using the CWMS Property Units Code, the number of CWMS units will be rounded the nearest whole unit.**
7. **Declares, pursuant to section 181(2) of the Act, all rates and charges which have been imposed for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 will be payable in a single instalment due on 1 September or by equal quarterly instalments on the following days or if these days fall on a weekend or public holiday on the next business day:**
 - **1 September 2024**
 - **1 December 2024**
 - **1 March 2025**
 - **1 June 2025**
 8. **Approves, pursuant to Chapter 10, Division 5 – Rate Rebates – of the Act, the Rating Policy contained at Attachment 2 in this meeting agenda, noting that for the 2024/25 financial year that all rateable land (excluding the principal place of residence) within the Council area shall be limited to a maximum rate increase of 50%, and any amount over 50% will be remitted upon application within the relevant conditions and the list of mandatory and discretionary rebates for 2024/25.**

FORMAL MOTION

Moved Cr Bill Coomans seconded Cr Peter Oliver

That this question be adjourned to the next Ordinary meeting of Council, pending further discussion.

LOST

The original motion was put and **CARRIED**

C24340

Moved Cr Sue Miller seconded Cr Christie Thornton

1. **That having considered this report, and all relevant information in the possession of the Council, and in accordance with section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council adopts the 2025-35 Long Term Financial Plan (Attachment 1 – Appendix C) prepared in accordance with Section 122(1a) of the Local Government Act 1999 and includes information and is accompanied by the statement required by regulation 5 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and incorporating any of the above changes.**
2. **When doing the full review of the Strategic Plan prior to November that this will result in proposed further updates to the Long Term Financial and the Asset Management Plan. Full consultation would then occur at this point.**

CARRIED

C24341

Moved Cr Milli Livingston seconded Cr Sue Miller

- 1. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor grammatical, formatting error and other non-significant amendments within the 2024/25 Annual Business Plan, contained at Attachment 1 in this meeting agenda and Rating Policy contained at Attachment 2 in this meeting agenda.**
- 2. Note the amendments to the Annual Business Plan and Budget contained in Table 2 (above resolutions C24323-C24335), and the setting of the average rates increase to existing ratepayers at 7.9% (above resolution C24339) will result in an approximate 2024/25 operating deficit of \$4,082,000.**

CARRIED

Crs Lou Nicholson, Peter Oliver, Margaret Gardner and Craig Maidment left Chamber at 9.58 pm

C24342

Cr Milli Livingston seconded Cr Christie Thornton

That in accordance with Council's *Code of Practice – Council Meeting Procedures*, if this Council meeting has not finished by 10.00 pm, it will continue beyond this time, until it is concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting adjourned for a short recess at 9.59 pm

Crs Lou Nicholson, Peter Oliver, Margaret Gardner and Craig Maidment returned to the Chamber and the meeting resumed at 10.01 pm

5. Confidential Items

5.1. (Confidential) Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre Authority Draft Budget 2024/25

C24343

Moved Cr Milli Livingston seconded Cr Craig Maidment

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that all members of the public be excluded, with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Infrastructure, General Manager Community, General Manager Corporate, Group Manager Regional Development, Manager Regulatory Services, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Team Leader Governance and Risk and Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council Members on the basis that it will receive and consider Item 5.1 (Confidential) Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre Authority Draft Budget 2024/25.

The Council is satisfied, pursuant to section 90(3)(d) of the Act, that the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information the disclosure of which –

- (i) Could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and**
- (ii) Would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.**

CARRIED

C24345

Moved Cr Craig Maidment seconded Cr Michael Scott

1. That having considered Agenda Item 5.1 (Confidential) Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre Authority Draft Budget 2024/25 in confidence under section 90(2) and (3)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, orders that the minutes, report and attachments and audio recording relative to the Agenda Item 5.1 (Confidential) Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre Authority Draft Budget 2024/25 be retained in confidence until further order.
2. That pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to revoke, in whole or in part, the order made in paragraph 1 of this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2. (Confidential) Minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024

Cr Peter Oliver declared a material conflict of interest at Item 5.2 *(Confidential) Minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024* and Item 5.3 *(Confidential) Report from Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024* due to his wife operating a specialist recruitment firm which would like to be considered to tender for the appointment as the Independent HR specialist that will assist with the recruitment of a Chief Executive Officer. Cr Oliver advised that he would leave the room when these items are considered.

Cr Peter Oliver left the Chamber at 10.02 pm

C24346

Moved Cr Milli Livingston seconded Cr Margaret Gardner

Pursuant to Section 90 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that all members of the public be excluded, with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Infrastructure, General Manager Community, General Manager Corporate, Group Manager Regional Development, Manager Regulatory Services, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Team Leader Governance and Risk and Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council Members on the basis it will receive and consider Item 5.2 (Confidential) Minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024.

The Council is satisfied, pursuant to Section 90 (3)(a) of the Act, that the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information that would disclose the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person, living or dead.

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because it includes information about the recruitment of a Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

C24347

Moved Cr Craig Maidment seconded Cr Margaret Gardner

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel held on 21 June 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C24348

Moved Cr Margaret Gardner seconded Cr Craig Maidment

1. That having considered Agenda Item 5.2 (Confidential) Minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024 in confidence under section 90 (2) and (3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council, pursuant to section 91 (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, orders that the report and attachments and audio recordings relative to the Agenda Item 5.2 (Confidential) Minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024 be retained in confidence until further order.
2. That pursuant to section 91 (9) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to revoke, in whole or in part, the order made in paragraph 1 of this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3. (Confidential) Report from Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024

Cr Peter Oliver had previously declared a material conflict of interest in the item under consideration.

Cr Peter Oliver had left the Chamber at 10.02 pm.

C24349

Moved Cr Milli Livingston seconded Cr Craig Maidment

Pursuant to Section 90 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that all members of the public be excluded, with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Infrastructure, General Manager Community, General Manager Corporate, Group Manager Regional Development, Manager Regulatory Services, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Team Leader Governance and Risk and Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council Members on the basis it will receive and consider Item 5.3 (Confidential) Report from Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024.

The Council is satisfied, pursuant to Sections 90(3)(a) and (d)(i)(ii) of the Act, that the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information that would be result in:

1. the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person, living or dead, and
2. commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which:
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third person, and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances as a number of matters are likely to be raised and discussed that relate to the personal and business affairs of various individuals and companies. Sensitive company dealing and deliberation are to take place that could jeopardise future engagement opportunities.

These matters are deemed to not be in the public interest, once these matters have been resolved by Council upon advice from the Panel, the report, minutes and any subsequent supporting documentation will be released as public documents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The General Manager Infrastructure, General Manager Community, General Manager Corporate, Group Manager Regional Development, Manager Regulatory Services and Interim Chief Financial Officer left the Chamber at 10.17 pm

C24353

Moved Cr Bill Coomans seconded Cr Milli Livingston

1. That having considered Agenda Item 5.3 (Confidential) Report from Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024 in confidence under section 90 (2) and (3)(a) and (d)(i)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council, pursuant to section 91 (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, orders that the minutes, report and attachments and audio recordings relative to the Agenda Item 5.3 (Confidential) Report from Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 21 June 2024 be retained in confidence until further order.
2. That pursuant to section 91 (9) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to revoke, in whole or in part, the order made in paragraph 1 of this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Closure

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 10.30 pm

MINUTES CONFIRMED.....DATE.....

Mayor Keith Parkes