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**SHIRE OF BUSSELTON**

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 JULY 2009**

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**SHIRE OF BUSSELTON****MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, SOUTHERN DRIVE, BUSSELTON, ON MONDAY,  
27 JULY 2009 AT 5:00 PM**

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 5.29 p.m.

**1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Presiding Member: Cr Wes Hartley Shire President

Members: Cr Bethwyn Hastie  
Cr David Binks  
Cr Ian Stubbs  
Cr Ross Bromell  
Cr Anne Ryan  
Cr Tom Tuffin  
Cr Jackie Emery  
Cr Bernie Masters  
Cr Rob Underdown  
Cr Bev Clarke  
Cr Don Hanran-Smith  
Cr David Reid

Officers: Mr Nigel Bancroft Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Oliver Darby Director, Community Infrastructure  
Mr Darren Whitby Principal Finance Officer  
Ms Jenny Mathies Admin. Officer - Governance

Apologies: Nil

Leave of Absence: Nil

Media: "Busselton-Dunsborough Times"  
"Busselton-Dunsborough Mail"

Public: 1

**2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

To consider the endorsement in principle of differential rates for the purposes of advertising.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil.

#### 4. DECLARATION OF DUE CONSIDERATION

The Presiding Member requested Councillors to acknowledge, in accordance with Clause 8.1 of the Standing Orders, that they have given due consideration to the matters contained within the Agenda.

Declared Due Consideration	No Declaration
Councillor Wes Hartley	
Councillor Bethwyn Hastie	
Councillor David Binks	
Councillor Ian Stubbs	
Councillor Ross Bromell	
Councillor Anne Ryan	
Councillor Tom Tuffin	
Councillor Jackie Emery	
Councillor Bernie Masters	
Councillor Rob Underdown	
Councillor Bev Clarke	
Councillor Don Hanran-Smith	
Councillor David Reid	

#### 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Nil.

#### 6. PRESENTATIONS BY PARTIES WITH AN INTEREST

Nil.

#### 7. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

##### 7.1 NOTICE OF IMPOSING DIFFERENTIAL RATES - 2009/10 FINANCIAL YEAR

<b>SUBJECT INDEX:</b>	Financial Operations
<b>STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:</b>	5.1.3 Ensure regulatory requirements are met
<b>BUSINESS UNIT:</b>	Finance
<b>SERVICE:</b>	Finance planning and reporting
<b>DATE OF COMPLETION:</b>	20 August 2009
<b>VOTING REQUIREMENT:</b>	Simple majority

#### **PRÉCIS**

Pursuant to Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act (the Act), where a local government intends to impose differential rates, or a minimum payment applying to a differential rate category, it is required to give local public notice of its intention to do so. The public notice is to invite submissions to the proposal for a period of not less than twenty one (21) days, with the Council required to consider any submissions received prior to it formally imposing the proposed differential rates and associated minimum payments, with or without modification.

As the Shire intends to impose differential rates as part of its 2009/10 annual budget, this report seeks the Council's endorsement to advertise the proposed differential rates and associated minimum payments as are recommended within this report.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

Moved Councillor Hastie, seconded Councillor Hanran-Smith:

That the following differential rates in the dollar and associated minimum payments be endorsed 'in principle' for advertising purposes in respect of the 2009/10 financial year:

<b>Differential Rates</b>	<b>Rate in the \$</b>	<b>Minimum Payment</b>
Residential/ Industrial/ Commercial Vacant Land	6.6870c	\$773
UV Rural	0.2078c	\$822
UV Commercial	0.4156c	\$822

### **AMENDMENT MOVED**

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Moved Councillor Stubbs, seconded Councillor Masters:

That rates in the dollar be advertised to reflect a 3% increase on actual rate income in the 2008/09 financial year.

### **AMENDMENT LOST 6/7**

#### Dissenting Voters:

Councillor Bethwyn Hastie  
 Councillor Wes Hartley  
 Councillor Don Hanran-Smith  
 Councillor Ross Bromell  
 Councillor Bev Clarke  
 Councillor Rob Underdown  
 Councillor David Binks

### **COUNCIL DECISION / OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

C0907/267 Moved Councillor Hastie, seconded Councillor Hanran-Smith:

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**CARRIED 8/5**Dissenting Voters:

Councillor Ian Stubbs  
Councillor Jackie Emery  
Councillor Anne Ryan  
Councillor Tom Tuffin  
Councillor David Reid

**8. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 6.27 p.m.

THESE MINUTES CONSISTING OF PAGES 1 TO 5 WERE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND  
CORRECT RECORD ON \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDING MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_