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**COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR**

**24 JUNE 2004**

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### SPECIAL MEETING

24 JUNE 2004

**Present:** Councillors K D Rhoades (Mayor), I D Hogbin (Deputy Mayor), J C Bonfield, C O Joass, R W McKelvey, I J Ovens and W R Palmer.

**Staff:** General Manager, Director of City Business Units, Acting Director of Planning, Environment and Development, Director of Corporate Services, Director of City Services, City Treasurer, Program Support Coordinator, Environmental Services Manager and Executive Assistant.

The meeting commenced at 5.04pm with the Mayor, Cr K D Rhoades in the chair.

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#### APOLOGIES

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- 112 **RESOLVED** (Hogbin/Palmer) that apologies received from Councillors Featherstone and Smithers for unavoidable absence be received and leave be granted for the current meeting of Council.

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#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

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##### 11 REVIEW OF RATING STRUCTURE - DEFERRED REPORT

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Submitted for consideration, the deferred report on the review of the rating structure.

#### MOTION

- 113 **MOVED** (Hogbin/Joass):

1. That Council implement a new rating structure with a base rate of \$200 plus ad valorem rate for the 2004/2005 year, for the Residential and Farmland rating system only.

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## 11 Review of Rating Structure - Deferred Report (cont'd)

2. That in addition to those items included for submission to the Department of Local Government by Council Resolution 50 of 18 March 2004, the following be included :
  - a) Legislative change to remove the requirement that Farmland rating be the lowest general purpose rate,
  - b) Legislative change to allow residential flats to be rated so that there is parity with similar strata title properties.
3. That Council undertake a review of the relationship between the Farmland Rate, the Residential Rate and the Business Rate to determine if the present 80%/100%/160% structure is the most appropriate.

**The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.**

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### DIVISION

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A division was duly demanded, and those member voting for an against the motion were recorded:

**FOR**

Cr Ovens  
Cr Palmer  
Cr Joass  
Cr Hogbin  
Cr Rhoades

**AGAINST**

Cr McKelvey  
Cr Bonfield

### SUPPLEMENTARY MOTION

- 114 **MOVED** (Hogbin/Ovens) that Council rescind its policy of the Business Rate being 160% of the Residential Rate, and the Farmland Rate being 80% of the Residential Rate.

**The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.**

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**12 DRAFT 2004-2007 MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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Presenting Council with the recommended 2004-2007 Draft Management Plan (incorporating Program Budgets 2004/2007 and 2004/2005 Fees & Charges) for consideration and adoption.

**MOTION**

**115 MOVED** (Bonfield/Hogbin) that:

1. Council adopts the Draft 2004-2007 Management Plan as the final 2004-2007 Management Plan, with the following amendments:
  - (a) Council supports budget adjustments and schedules listed in the Issues section of this report, for inclusion in the 2004-2007 Management Plan;
  - (b) The Budget deficit is reduced to \$507,161 in 2004-2005 while still meeting the priority needs of the Council and the community.
2. Council continues to pursue cost efficiency measures through the Coffs Best Value program to reduce the deficit during the 2004-2005 financial year and to secure a reduction of up to 3% in Council's net operating expenses.
3. Council notes the issues raised and the proposed actions and responses to community submissions to the Draft 2004-2007 Management Plan, and all those who have made submissions be thanked and informed of Council's decision.

**The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.**

**SUPPLEMENTARY MOTION**

**116 MOVED** (Ovens/Joass) that:

1. Council adopts the Draft 2004-2005 Fees and Charges as the final 2004-2005 Fees and Charges, with the amendments listed in the documents attached to the report, subject to the fees associated with all sporting fields, excluding the International Stadium, being set as the current fees with a CPI increase.
2. Council staff examine the definition of "composite/seniors" and report back to Council within 3 months.

**The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.**

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.06pm.

Confirmed: 1 July 2004

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Cr K D Rhoades  
Mayor