



SHIRE OF COOLGARDIE

A G E N D A

OF THE

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

7 July 2020

5.30pm

**Electronic Meeting
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SHIRE OF COOLGARDIE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Dear Elected Member

The next Special Meeting of the Shire of Coolgardie will be held on Tuesday 7th July 2020 electronically, commencing at 5.30pm.

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JAMES TRAIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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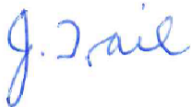
INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE:

THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS AGENDA ARE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE ACTED UPON UNTIL COUNCIL HAS RESOLVED TO ADOPT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL SHOULD BE CONFIRMED BY PERUSING THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE CONSIDERED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THEY ACT AT THEIR OWN RISK IF THEY ENACT ANY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO RECEIVING OFFICIAL WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF COUNCILS DECISION.



James Trail
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION NOTES

1. Your Council generally handles all business at Ordinary or Special Council Meetings.
2. From time to time Council may form a Committee to examine subjects and then report to Council.
3. Generally all meetings are open to the public; however, from time to time Council will be required to deal with personal, legal and other sensitive matters. On those occasions Council will generally close that part of the meeting to the public. Every endeavour will be made to do this as the last item of business of the meeting.
4. Public Question Time. It is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1995 to allow at least fifteen (15) minutes for public question time following the opening and announcements at the beginning of the meeting. Should there be a series of questions the period can be extended at the discretion of the Chairman.

Written notice of each question should be given to the Chief Executive Officer fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting. A summary of each question and response is included in the Minutes.

When a question is not able to be answered at the Council Meeting a written answer will be provided after the necessary research has been carried out. Council staff will endeavour to provide the answers prior to the next meeting of Council.

5. **Councillors** may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter before Council. Councillors must declare an interest and the extent of the interest in the matter on the Agenda. However, the Councillor can request the meeting to declare the matter **trivial, insignificant or in common with a significant number of electors or ratepayers**. The Councillor must leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed and cannot vote unless those present agree as above.

Members of staff, who have delegated authority from Council to act on certain matters, may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter on the Agenda. The member of staff must declare that interest and generally the Chairman of the meeting will advise the Officer if he/she is to leave the meeting.

6. Agendas including an Information Bulletin are delivered to Councillors within the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995, i.e. seventy-two (72) hours prior to the advertised commencement of the meeting. Whilst late items are generally not considered there is provision on the Agenda for items of an urgent nature to be considered.

Should an elector wish to have a matter placed on the Agenda the relevant information should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer in time to allow the matter to be fully researched by staff. An Agenda item including a recommendation will then be submitted to Council for consideration.

The Agenda closes the Monday week prior to the Council Meeting (i.e. ten (10) days prior to the meeting).

The Information Bulletin produced as part of the Agenda includes items of interest and information, which does not require a decision of Council.

7. Agendas for Ordinary Meetings are available in the Coolgardie and Kambalda Offices/Libraries seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting and the public are invited to secure a copy.
8. Agenda items submitted to Council will include a recommendation for Council consideration. Electors should not interpret and/or act on the recommendations until after they have been considered by Council. Please note the Disclaimer in the Agenda (page 3).
9. Public Question Time – Statutory Provisions – Local Government Act 1995

Time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to at:

- (a) Every ordinary meeting of a council; and
- (b) Such other meetings of councils or committees as may be prescribed

Procedures and the minimum time to be allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at council or committee meetings are to be in accordance with regulations.

- 9A. Question Time for the Public at Certain Meetings – s5.24 (1) (b)

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Reg 5 For the purpose of section 5.24(1)(b), the meetings at which time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to are:

- (a) every special meeting of a council; and
- (b) every meeting of a committee to which the local government has delegated a power or duty.

Minimum Question Time for the Public – s5.24 (2)

Reg 6 (1) The minimum time to be allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at ordinary meetings of councils and meetings referred to in regulation 5 is fifteen (15) minutes.

- (2) Once all the questions raised by members of the public have been asked and responded to at a meeting referred to in sub regulation (1), nothing in these regulations prevents the unused part of the minimum question time period from being used for other matters.

Procedures for Question Time for the Public – s5.24 (2)

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Reg 7 (1) Procedures for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6 (1) are to be determined:

- (a) by the person presiding at the meeting; or
- (b) in the case where the majority of members of the council or committee present at the meeting disagree with the person presiding, by the majority of members,

having regard to the requirements of sub regulations (2) and (3).

- (2) The time allocated to the asking and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to precede the discussion of any matter that requires a decision to be made by the council or the committee, as the case may be.
- (3) Each member of the public who wishes to ask a question at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to be given an equal and fair opportunity to ask the question and receive a response.
- (4) Nothing in sub regulation (3) requires:
 - (a) A council to answer a question that does not relate to a matter affecting the local government;
 - (b) A council at a special meeting to answer a question that does not relate to the purpose of the meeting; or
 - (c) A committee to answer a question that does not relate to a function of the committee.

10. Public Inspection of Unconfirmed Minutes (Reg 13)

A copy of the unconfirmed Minutes of Ordinary and Special Meetings will be available for public inspection in the Coolgardie and Kambalda Offices/Libraries within ten (10) working days after the Meeting.

NOTE:

10.3 Unopposed Business

- (1) Upon a motion being moved and seconded, the person presiding may ask the meeting if any member opposes it.
- (2) If no member signifies opposition to the motion the person presiding may declare the motion in sub clause (1) carried without debate and without taking a vote on it,
- (3) A motion carried under sub clause (2) is to be recorded in the minutes as a unanimous decision of the Council or committee.
- (4) If a member signifies opposition to a motion the motion is to be dealt with according to this Part.
- (5) This clause does not apply to any motion or decision to revoke or change a decision which has been made at a Council or committee meeting.

SHIRE OF COOLGARDIE

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Under the Provisions of Division 6 of Part 5 of the Local Government Act 1995, I hereby disclose a Financial Interest/s in the matter/s listed on this form, which is/are scheduled for consideration at the meeting of Council to be held on:

TUESDAY _____ 2020

Where indicated by the word 'YES' in column 6, I will be seeking a determination (under Section 5.68) by the meeting, for reasons I will expand on.

(Print Name) _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

NOTE: Members of Council are asked to deliver this completed form to the Chief Executive Officer on the day of the Council Meeting as required by the Act. Where this is not practicable the Disclosure/s may be telephoned to the Council Office on 9080 2111 and/or the form subsequently passed to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting.

ITEM	PAGE No.	TYPE	REASON

For inclusion for interest declaration

Interests Affecting Impartiality: Disclosing Statement

"With regard to....(the matter in item)... I disclose that I have an association with the applicant. As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly."



APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

I Cr, _____ hereby request leave of absence for the following

Dates, From _____ to _____

Signed Cr: _____

Date _____

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7.1.1 2020/21 Annual Budget

Location:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	3 July 2020
Author:	Martin Whitely, Contractor

Summary:

This report recommends that the 2020/21 Draft Budget and associated budget schedules for the year ending 30 June 2021 be presented to Council for adoption.

Background:

A series of budget workshops involving the Council, the Chief Executive Officer, Senior staff and contractors has been conducted. These workshops concluded with a review of a line by line document detailing both the capital projects and operating expenditure items included in this budget.

On the 8 May 2020 the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020 was gazetted in accordance with section 10.3 of the Local Government Act 1995. This Order will have implications for how Local Governments make rating and budget decisions, including the adoption of penalty interest rates for overdue debts.

Comment:

In addition to rates for each assessable property, specified area rates for those properties in the area serviced by the Coolgardie sewerage scheme, and charges for kerbside bin services for townsite residential properties will be set.

Rate notices may identify up to four different line item charges. These are

- Rates
- Kerbside Rubbish
- Emergency Service Levy
- Sewerage Rates (for the Coolgardie Townsite)

Rates

Normally Council would give local public notice under section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 of the intention to apply a differential rate. However the Order which came into effect on 8 May 2020, is intended to assist ratepayers that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and will directly assist local governments through removing red tape and compliance requirements that are not considered necessary while local governments and the community deal with the pandemic.

Specifically, local governments that resolve to freeze their rates in the dollar are being released from the requirement to obtain Ministerial approval for differential rates if they obtained Ministerial approval for the 2019/20 rates. The Order also recognises that the process of advertising and seeking submissions for a minimum of 21 days is not required for local governments that resolve to set differential general rates and minimum payments at a level no higher than the 2019/20 rates will not have to comply with this requirement.

Budgeted revenue from rates will increase from \$7,147,278 to \$8,301,468 representing an increase of 16.1% in overall yield. This does not mean that all rate accounts are affected in the same way. The rate in the dollar for General GRV and UV Pastoral Rural has remained the same as last year, while the rate in the dollar for UV Mining has actually decreased by 1.5%.

The yield increase of \$1,154,190 is due to increases in mining, rural and GRV properties. The minimum rates will be set at \$708, \$437 and \$684 respectively, which remain the same as the 2019/20 financial year.

Of the 44 properties rated as Rural UV, 14 attract the minimum rate of \$684. The remaining property owners will have the opportunity of applying for a concession to further reduce their rates.

Ratepayers who opt to make their payments by four instalments will pay the full rate, plus interest calculated daily on the outstanding amount after the due date for payment by a single instalment.

Unimproved Rates (UV)

As mentioned earlier, differential rating for the 2020/21 financial year were not advertised as per the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020 since Council resolved at the June Ordinary Council Meeting to set differential general rates and minimum payments at a level no higher than the 2019/20 rates. Below is a table showing the rate in the dollar and minimum rates for rate categories that have different rating which shows that these parameters have not increased. The rate in the dollar for UV Mining has decreased by 1.5%.

Rate Category	2020/21		2019/20	
	Rate in the \$ (cents)	Minimum (\$)	Rate in the \$ (cents)	Minimum (\$)
Unimproved Value - Mining	21.7160	446	22.0435	437
Unimproved Value – Pastoral/Rural	11.0513	697	11.0513	684

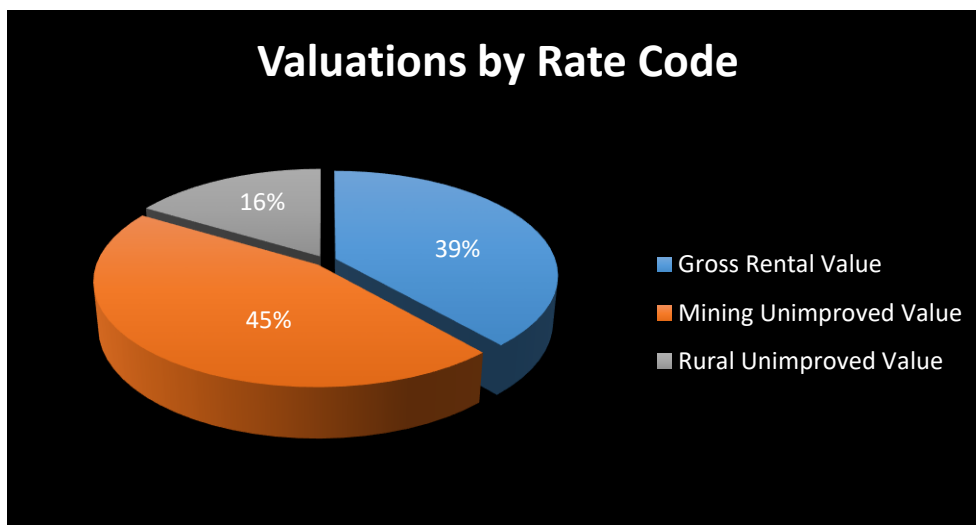
Property owners who hold Department of Transport certification as a bona fide prospector may apply for a concession. The concession will be capped at 20% of the rate levied or the minimum rate whichever is the greater

Property owners rated as UV Rural who can demonstrate that the property is used for rural pursuits which do not support mining or other non-rural commercial activities may apply for a concession of up to 50% of the rate in the dollar to a minimum rate payable not less than the set minimum rate for this category.

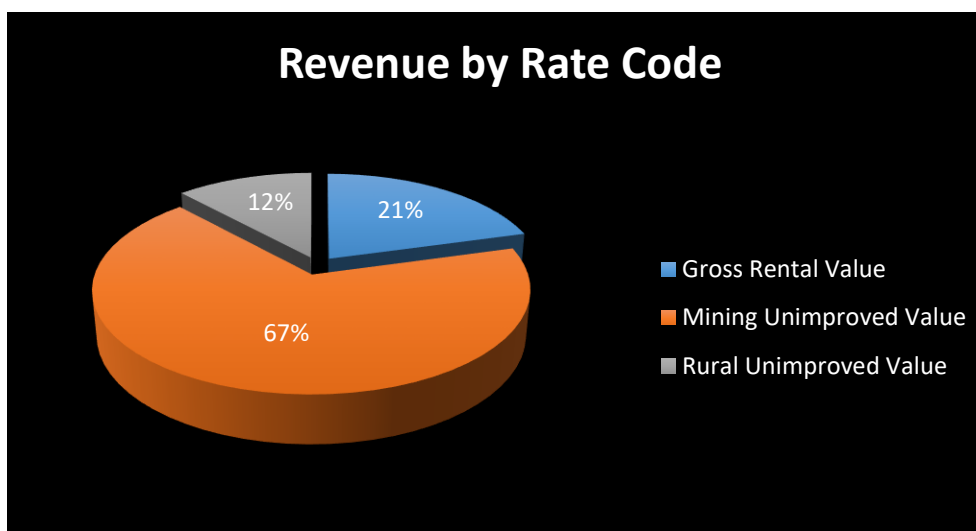
All applications for concessions must be received before the due date for the payment of rates (35 days after the date of issue).

Gross Rental Value (GRV)

A single rate in the dollar of 7.6107 is proposed for all GRV rateable properties. A minimum of \$708 is proposed. Sporting groups and charitable organisations may apply to Council for a rates concession of up to 100% of rates as per Council Policy Rates Exemption 011. These concessions are applicable from the date of Council approval.



The table shows the valuations applied by percentage. This is indicative only, as the basis for valuations for UV and GRV is different.



The table shows the percentage of rates levied for each of the rate codes. This clearly demonstrates the importance of the mining sector to the Shire. It also indicates the lack of diversity that is a part of a single sector economy.

Emergency Service Levy

The Emergency Services Levy is set by the State and collection by Local Government. This year the levy is \$84 (2019/20: \$84) for most properties. The levy is applied to all properties and mining leases.

The Shire receives an annual grant for bush fire and emergency services of \$7,130 (2019/20: \$12,500). However, it must be noted that the levy funds are for both the Kambalda and Coolgardie Fire and Rescue Services and the State Emergency Service in Kalgoorlie which also serves our towns. St Johns Ambulance Service is not funded by this levy.

Wastewater Scheme - Coolgardie

The source of power to raise a general rate for the wastewater scheme in Coolgardie is:

Under section 41 of the Health (MP) Act, a local government has the power to impose an annual 'sanitary rate' –

'For the purpose of providing for the proper performance of all or any of the services mentioned in section 112 [which includes 'the collection and disposal of sewage'], and the maintenance of any sewerage works constructed by the local government under Part IV'.

That annual rate cannot exceed 12 cents in the dollar on the gross rental value (or 3 cents in the dollar on any improved value of the land).

Recent changes to regulations have dramatically increased the cost of compliance for this service. Over the past three years, rates for this service have increased to ensure that this service continues to be managed to an appropriate standard. There continues to be a gap between revenue raised via the sanitary rate and costs to provide the service.

The estimated revenue for the 2020/21 financial year is \$295,184 from the sanitary charges and \$15,000 from the pedestal charges, totalling \$310,184 (2019/20: \$281,783). The estimated expenditure for 2019/20 is \$362,606. This represents a budgeted reduction in expenditure of 22% from the actual cost incurred of \$465,914 in 2019/20.

It is estimated that the reuse of water from the sewerage plant saves more than \$40,000 annually on water charges from Water Corp. The treated water from this service is used to reticulate many of the green spaces in the Coolgardie town site. Given this saving and revenue generated the budgeted gap between expenditure of \$362,606 and revenue/savings of \$350,184 is just over \$10,000 for the 2020/21 financial year, which is down by \$170,000 in 2019/20.

Given the reuse of water generates annual savings, the Council is of the opinion an annual transfer of just in excess of \$40,000 should be made to the sewerage reserve. It is estimated the reserve will have a balance of \$114,718 at the 30 June 2021.

The rate in the dollar for the Coolgardie townsite scheme remains unchanged at 5.4740 cents in the dollar for the 2020/21 financial year.

Pedestal Charge

In 2016/2017 the Shire charged a pedestal fee of \$189 under section 6.37 of the Local Government Act.

Having received advice, the primary source of power for the Shire to impose any proposed 'pedestal fee' is section 106 of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911 (Health (MP) Act). Section 106(1) states –

'The local government may, in lieu of, or in addition to a sanitary rate, provide for the proper disposal of sewage, whether within the district or not, by making an annual charge per pan or other receptacle, payable in one sum or by equal monthly or other instalments in advance, in respect of every house or place provided with the service'.

Among the qualifications and other provisions of section 106(2)-(8) are –

- (1) the charge must be levied on either the owner or occupier 'of every house in which such pan or other receptacle is in use';
- (2) notice of the charge may be included in the rates notice;
- (3) the charge may be limited to premises in a particular portion of the Shire's district;
- (4) the charge may be levied in respect of premises that are not rateable (as well as in respect of premises that are rateable); and
- (5) with the approval of the Chief Health Officer, the Shire may 'make different charges for services rendered in different portions of its district'.

It follows that, subject to these provisions, the Shire has the power to impose an annual charge of the type that you have proposed – although it should be referred to as a pedestal (or pan) charge (rather than a 'fee') imposed under section 106 of the Health (MP) Act

A pedestal charge of \$200 per pedestal will be imposed in 2020/21 (2019/20: \$200). There is no change to the method of rating for this service.

The total budgeted revenue to be raised this year is estimated to be \$15,000 (2019/20: \$9,200).

Rubbish Service

The charge for weekly verge pickup will remain unchanged at \$314 (GST Exclusive). Tip fees and charges are budgeted to bring in \$728,240 (2019/20: \$740,627). The budgeted cost of the service, which includes the contract for the kerbside pickup and the operation of the tips at Kambalda and Coolgardie, is \$940,873, representing a gap of \$212,633.

Each residential bin service will receive vouchers for the disposal of waste at the Kambalda and Coolgardie Tip Sites. These vouchers will be distributed with the annual rates notice. Users without vouchers may purchase vouchers from the Kambalda Recreation Centre in Kambalda, or the Coolgardie Community Recreation Centre in Coolgardie.

Fees and Charges

Fees and Charges for the year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 will remain unchanged from the 2019/20 financial year.

Summary

The 2020/2021 budget concentrates on core services, efficiencies, an extensive array of community initiatives and renewal and maintenance of the Shires many assets.

The Shire intends in consultation with the mining industry, to rate capital improvements consisting of accommodation, administration facilities, associated buildings, and maintenance workshops during the 2020/2021 year.

In addition to Rate revenue, the Shire will again receive both Federal and State Government Grants and contributions from other sources. This is estimated to be \$1.29 million. Total Non- Operating Grants this year are \$5.6 million. These grants will be used for the renewal of the Coolgardie Community Hub, Research and Development Facility at the Coolgardie Tip Site and constructions works on Coolgardie North Road, Jaurdi Hills Road and the Coolgardie Tip site Road Junction The balance of the Shires income is made up of fees and charges for the use of the Shires facilities, interest and other general revenue.

The Shire road network will benefit this year with over \$2.6 million to be spent on road renewal and almost \$665,000 on road maintenance.

The Shire will undertake the renewal of Coolgardie North Road, Coolgardie Tip Road, Cave Hill Road and the Realignment of Jaurdi Hills Road. Works will also commence on the Coolgardie Community Hub estimated at \$1.5 million for 2020/2021. An allowance of \$996,000 has been made for the redevelopment of the Coolgardie Tip Site into a Class 3 Facility. A further \$1.5 million has been allocated for the development of a research and development facility at the Coolgardie Tip Site. An allowance of \$40,000 has also been made to advance land development opportunities such as industrial land and the Coolgardie horse blocks as well as an allowance of \$450,000 to facilitate remediation at the Kambalda Tip Site. The Shire is extremely proud to have a total capital expenditure programme of \$9.4 million for the 2020/2021 year.

Attachments:

2020/21 Draft Statutory Budget

2020/21 Schedule of Fees & Charges

Consultation:

Councillor Workshops

Executive Management

Staff

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.2

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Income and Expenditure as per the proposed Annual Budget.

Strategic Implications:

Accountable and Effective Leaders

Advocating for services that support our community needs

Demonstrating sound financial management and plans for the Shire's long term financial sustainability

Ensuring the Shire of Coolgardie is well positioned to meet future needs

High quality corporate governance, accountability and compliance

Maintain integrated strategic and operational plans

Effective management of infrastructure, heritage and environment

Maintaining and renewing infrastructure and building assets

Voting Requirement: Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation:

That Council,

Recommendation 1 – Rates

That Council:

1. IMPOSE, in accordance with s.6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995 and clause 11 of the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, gazetted on 8 May 2020, Gross Rental Value (“GRV”) rate in the dollar and minimum payments for the 2020/21 financial year that are consistent with the 2019/20 GRV rate in the dollar and minimum payments;

Rate Classification	2019/20 Rate in \$	2019/20 Minimum Payment	2020/21 Rate in \$	2020/21 Minimum Payment
GRV - All	0.0761070	\$708	0.0761070	\$708

2. NOTES, that the valuations supplied by the Valuer General as stated be recorded in the rate book for use in the 2020/21 financial year.

GRV – All \$20,911,114

Recommendation 2 – Differential Rates

That Council:

1. IMPOSE, by absolute majority, in accordance with section 6.32(1)(a)(ii), 6.32(1)(b)(ii) and 6.33(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and clause 9 of the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, gazetted on 8 May 2020, the following differential rates for the 2020/21 financial year that do not exceed the corresponding 2019/20 differential rates.

Rate Classification	2019/20 Rate in \$	2019/20 Minimum Payment	2020/21 Rate in \$	2020/21 Minimum Payment
UV Mining	0.2204350	\$437	0.2171600	\$437
UV Rural/Pastoral	0.1105130	\$684	0.1105130	\$684

2. NOTES, that the valuations supplied by the Valuer General as stated be recorded in the rate book for use in the 2020/21 financial year.

UV Mining \$24,473,376
UV Rural/Pastoral \$8,908,565

3. NOTES, that in accordance with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 and clause 12 of the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, gazetted on 8 May 2020, the Shire of Coolgardie is not required to give local public notice nor seek and consider public submissions for imposing the 2020/21 differential rates as they are unchanged from those imposed in 2019/20 and will publish the differential rates on the website.

Recommendation 3 – Rubbish Removal Charge

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 67 of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007, Council imposes Receptacle Collection Charges as:

240 litre bin (first service for residential property)	\$320
240 litre bin (additional service for residential property)	\$352
240 litre bin service (per service) for non-residential property	\$352

2. NOTES, that the receptacle collection charges remain unchanged from the 2019/20 financial year

Recommendation 4 – Wastewater Scheme (Coolgardie)

That Council:

In accordance with the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911 impose an annual sanitary general rate and pedestal charge where applicable as tabled below.

Rate Classification	2019/20 Rate in \$	2019/20 Pedestal Charge	2020/21 Rate in \$	2020/21 Pedestal Charge
Sewerage	0.054740	\$200	0.054740	\$200

Recommendation 5 – Payment Options

That Council:

In accordance with regulation 64(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council nominate the following due dates for the payment of rates and charges in the 2020/21 financial year:

Issue Date	10 July 2020
Payment in Full	14 August 2020
<u>Payment in Four Instalments</u>	
First Instalment	14 August 2020
Second Instalment	16 October 2020
Third Instalment	18 December 2020
Fourth instalment	19 February 2021

Recommendation 6 – Interest

That Council:

ADOPT, by absolute majority, in accordance with section 6.13 of the Local Government Act 1995 and clause 8 of the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, gazetted on 8 May 2020, a rate of interest of 5% applicable to any amount of money owing to the local government (other than rates or service charges), with interest calculated from the due date, which is 14 August 2020, which is 35 days from the date of issue shown on the account for payment, subject to:

- a. This interest rate cannot be applied to a person who is considered by the Shire of Coolgardie to be suffering financial hardship as a consequence of COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendation 7 – Instalment Charges

That Council:

1. IMPOSES, in accordance with section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and clause 13 of the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, gazetted on 8 May 2020, an additional charge of \$30 and interest rate of 3% applicable to rate and service charge instalment arrangements, subject to:

- a. This additional charge and interest rate cannot be applied to an excluded person, as defined in the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, that has been determined as suffering financial hardship as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with Council Policy 64 Financial Hardship Policy.

Recommendation 8 – Concessions for Rates

That Council:

In accordance with section 6.47 of the Local Government Act 1995 Council resolves to grant concession for the following categories of rates

- Mining UV - a concession of up to 20% where the applicant holds a vehicle licence from the Department of Transport as a bona fide prospector
- Rural UV – a concession of up to 50% may be granted where the applicant can demonstrate that the property is used for rural pursuit not supporting mining or other non-rural activity
- General Rates – a concession of up to 100% may be granted to community groups who lease or own their premises and meet criteria as per Council Policy

Recommendation 9 – Early Payment Incentive

That Council:

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.46, incentives totalling \$2,550 in cash, be awarded randomly to residential property owners who meet the criteria and who pay in full their rates and charges prior to the close of business the due date.

- 1st Prize - \$1,000
- 2nd Prize - \$750

- 3rd Prize - \$500
- 4th Prize - \$300

Criteria

- Property assessment must be zoned residential
- All current charges levied for the 2020/21 financial year must be paid by the due date
- All arrears including penalty interest and legal charges must be paid in full
- Each property assessment can only win one prize per year
- Elected Members and Council staff shall be eligible to win prizes

Recommendation 10 – Adoption of Variance

That Council:

Pursuant to Regulation 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 and AASB 1031 Materiality, a variance of 10% and a minimum of \$10,000 is to be used in the Statements of Financial Activity and Annual Budget Review for the 2020/21 financial year.

Recommendation 11 – Members Allowances

That Council:

In accordance with Section 5.98 of the Local Government Act 1995 that allowances for the year ending 30 June 2021 be set as:

President Allowance	\$32,800
Deputy President Allowance	\$8,200
Sitting Fee – President Sitting Fee	\$25,091
Sitting Fee – (all members)	\$16,205
Telecommunications Allowance	\$3,500

Recommendation 12 – Fees and Charges

That Council:

In accordance with section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995 ADOPT the schedule of fees and charges as attached.

Recommendation 13 – Sewerage Reserve

That Council:

Transfer to the sewerage reserve of a minimum of \$40,000 reflecting the reuse of water from the Coolgardie sewerage facility be included in the Annual Budget for the next 5 years and be included in the Shire Long Term Financial Plan

Recommendation 14 – Adoption of the 2020/21 Annual Budget Statement and Notes

That Council

1. ADOPT the 2020/21 Statutory Annual Budget and Notes forming part of the budget for the year ending 30 June 2021 as presented.
2. NOTE, in accordance with section 6.34 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, gazetted on 8 May 2020, the revenue estimated to be yielded by the general rates imposed for the 2020/21 financial year will be 100% of the 2020/21 Budget expenditure.

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9 CLOSURE OF MEETING