



## *Minutes Certification*

### **SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of Council of the  
Shire of Coolgardie held on 13 July 2021,  
Commencing at 6.00pm were presented to  
Council and confirmed.

James Trail  
Chief Executive Officer

Malcolm Cullen  
Shire President

Shire President Signed 

Date Signed 27/7/2021



# **CONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Special Council Meeting**

**13 July 2021**

**6:00pm**

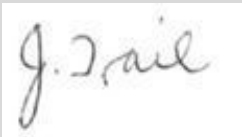
**Council Chambers, Bayley Street, Coolgardie**

**SHIRE OF COOLGARDIE**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Dear Elected Member

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Coolgardie will be held on Tuesday 13 July 2021 commencing at 6:00pm.

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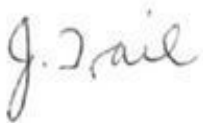
**JAMES TRAIL**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING****13 July 2021**

Welcome to the Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Coolgardie.

The dates, times and locations of the Ordinary Council Meetings for 2021 are listed hereunder.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday	January 2021	NN/A	-
Tuesday	23 February 2021	6.00pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	23 March 2021	6.00pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	27 April 2021	6.00pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	25 May 2021	6.00pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	22 June 2021	6.00pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	27 July 2021	6.00pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	24 August 2021	6.00pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	28 September 2021	6.00pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	26 October 2021	6.00pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	23 November 2021	6.00pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	21 December 2021	6.00pm	Kambalda



James Trail  
Chief Executive Officer

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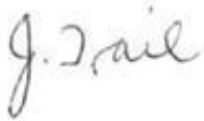
INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

**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 prior to 2:30pm on the day 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.

**2. 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.

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

Shire President, M Cullen declared the meeting open at 6:00 pm and welcomed fellow Councillors, visitors and staff and thanked them for their attendance.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE****PRESENT:**

Shire President, Malcolm Cullen  
Councillor, Tracey Rathbone  
Councillor, Kathie Lindup  
Councillor Sherryl Botting  
Councillor Tammee Keast

**MEMBERS OF STAFF:**

Chief Executive Officer, James Trail  
Executive Assistant, Jackie Pilkington  
Director of Operations, Robert Hicks  
Manager Executive Services, Julie Copley  
Projects, Bec Horan  
Project Manager, Barry Donkin  
Recreation & Aquatic Facilities Manager, Kathy Brooking  
Coolgardie Place Manager, Leanne Shilton

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Jan McLeod

**APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST****3.1 Declarations of Financial Interests – Local Government Act Section 5.60A**

Councillor Lindup declared a financial interest in Item 12, page 28 as she owns a business at the Kambalda Aquatic Facility.

**3.2 Declarations of Proximity Interests – Local Government Act Section 5.60B****3.3 Declarations of Impartiality Interests – Administration Regulation 34C****4 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

**5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Public Questions – Special Meeting 13 July 2021

Jan McLeod, Widgiemooltha

1. Due to the increase in mining rents, will Council be considering lowering the rate in the \$ for mining as the leaseholder will be paying FAR more than the 1.9% increase as proposed? \ Council resolved to adopt the differential and minimum rates advertised and included in the agenda and objectives and reasons.
2. Will Council also consider lowering the rate in the \$ for workforce accommodation as Council has stated that they support mining yet 3 camps are expected to be paying \$316,239 which calculates to over \$100,000 each? It is estimated that \$190,000 rates will be received from the 3 current camps levied under GRV Transient Workforce
3. Will Council consider lowering the minimum rate for Residential/Commercial/Industrial as I am only one property out of 662 and the minimum rate is 2.5 times the rate in the \$1 as applied to my GRV? Council resolved to adopt the differential and minimum rates advertised and included in the agenda and objectives and reasons.
4. Will Council consider lowering the pedestal charge as the proposed % inc. is 5% which is in contrast to the 1.9% ^ in other rating? Council resolved to adopt the charge included in recommendation 4.
5. Has Council budgeted for ablution facilities to be built at the TRUCK PARKING AREA in Coolgardie as they are necessary for public health and hygiene of the area? Council included \$208,000 in the budget for ablution facilities at the Truck Stop in Coolgardie
6. If not, why isn't it a priority as the Great Eastern Hwy has been closed at Coolgardie on numerous occasions due to catastrophic fire and storm conditions and these facilities are vital? Council included \$208,000 in the budget for ablution facilities at the Truck Stop in Coolgardie
7. Why has Council imposed a fee on replacement bins of \$50 as a stolen bin is outside of the property owners' control and the fact that the bins are stamped was to track them? During budget deliberations and on advice from staff Council chose to impose a fee on replacement bins stolen depending on the circumstances.
8. For the above reasons, shouldn't a replacement bin be free? During budget deliberations and on advice from staff Council chose to impose a fee on replacement bins stolen depending on the circumstances. If it is deemed not appropriate to charge for the stolen bin a charge will not be levied.
9. What does the proposed \$9m loan for Housing and Workers Accommodation entail? The proposed loan may be used for housing and workers accommodation. Preliminary discussions have been held with the Department of Communities, mining companies and constructions companies to assist in addressing the ongoing rental crisis linked to the low supply of accommodation options. If financially unviable loan funding will not be approved by the Western Australian Treasury Corporation (WATC).
10. What is the increase of \$225,000 in other revenue likely to consist of as the notes just say other reimbursements and recoveries? The increase relates to insurance reimbursements on Stage 2 and Stage 3 of Coolgardie storm damage repairs and maintenance

11. What measures are being put in place this year to budget for only \$6,000 loss on asset disposal yet last financial year there was over a \$100,000 loss?  
The difference between the sale proceeds received and the written down value in the Shire asset register determines whether a profit or loss is made and what that amount is. The written down value is determined by the accounting standards for the type of asset disposed of. The measures in place are as per the accompanying notes to the statement of comprehensive income in the statutory budget.
12. Please explain where the extra \$6m is coming from in non-operating grants... 20/21 actual \$2.26m budget now \$8.26m?  
It is proposed the extra \$6 million will be obtained thru State and Federal funding.
13. What will the \$2.5m loan for the Coolgardie Tip Site be spent on?  
The construction of the cell, leachate system and associated works for the Class III facility.
14. What are the details of the operations at the Coolgardie Tip Site to understand how they contribute to the overall function of the tip?  
This is an operational issue. The CEO has oversight of all operational issues.
15. It has been stated in the agenda that the loans will be self-supporting p.23, yet no evidence has been provided. Will evidence be provided so that ratepayers have some factual and numerical reassurance that the above will occur?  
The Shire will be required to submit loan applications to the Western Australian Treasury Corporation (WATC) for consideration for each of the projects. This includes a risk analysis using the WATC Financial Sustainability Model. The model is used by the WATC to assess loan applications submitted by local governments. The Shire of Coolgardie has already used the model in its loan application for the Coolgardie Class III Facility. The model includes a 10-year analysis of the local government's financial capacity and analysis of the Shire's financial ratios and Long-Term Financial Plan. All loans would be self - supporting with the loans to be repaid over a maximum of 10 years. The community can be reassured the loans will not be approved if they do not meet the strict requirements of WATC Financial Sustainability Model.
16. When will the revised business case for the Coolgardie Tip Site be available to the public?  
Given the ongoing changes in State and Federal legislation, regulations and strategies in waste processing, recycling and recovery the current business plan continues to remain in draft. The draft plan may be converted to an operational document in order to ensure the running of the Coolgardie Tip Site remains contemporary.
17. Which land developments will the \$0.5m loan be spent on?  
The loan may be used for land rezoned in Kambalda and Coolgardie
18. Where can my objections to the Council taking out \$15.2m in new loans without sufficient detail on what the money will be spent and that these loans will be able to be repaid without impost on the ratepayers be lodged?  
Objections can be made in writing addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

**6 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**6 REPORTS OF OFFICERS****6.1 Executive Services****7.1.1 ANNUAL BUDGET 2021/2022**

**Location:** Nil

**Applicant:** Nil

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** 10 July 2021

**Author:** Martin Whitely, Contractor

**SUMMARY**

This report recommends that the 2021/2022 Draft Budget and associated budget schedules for the year ending 30 June 2022 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.

**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**

Council gave local public notice under section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 of the intention to apply a differential rate on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 2 submissions were received and are attached.

Council has considered the Key Values contained within the Rating Policy Differential Rates (s.6.33) March 2016 released by the Department of Local Government and Communities, being:

- Objectivity
- Fairness and Equity
- Consistency
- Transparency and administrative efficiency

Council has determined its required rates yield after reviewing all revenue sources, expenditure, and efficiency measures as part of its budget deliberations.

The Rate in the Dollar applied to the valuations to determine property rates reflects a 1.9% increase for 2021/2022. This is estimated to raise a total of \$8.7 million in rates.

The estimated rate yield of \$8.73 million provides for Capital Works, and Programs which includes:

- Refurbishment of the Coolgardie Post Office
- Road Renewal Programme
- Upgrade of Coolgardie Tip Site
- Renewal on the Coolgardie Pool
- Road reseal/Gravel re-sheeting program
- Playground renewal program
- Coolgardie North Road Renewal
- Road, parks, verges, footpath, and drainage maintenance
- Renewal of Plant and Equipment

Council has reviewed its expenditure and considered efficiency measures as part of its budget deliberations. The implementation of the service level review as allowed this to occur for the fourth year in a row. The most significant impact on the estimated surplus for 2020/2021 and the draft budget for 2021/2022 has been the reduction in reserves given the refurbishment of the Kambalda Aquatic Facility and the advent of Covid-19. This has also placed significant pressure on cashflow. It is anticipated that the upgrade of the Coolgardie Tip Site to a Class III Facility during the 2021/2022 financial year will have a significant positive impact on cashflow, revenue and reserves both in the short term and long term.

In regard to 2021/2022, the following actions have been undertaken:

#### Efficiency Measures:

- Continued review of the need for and remuneration of each vacant position.
- Review of Shire land and reserves to release to the market for affordable housing.
- Disposal of under-utilised light fleet and plant.
- Continued use of local suppliers whenever possible and appropriate.
- Planning for the continued implementation of GRV rating for capital improvements under the State's Rating Policy – Valuation of Land – Mining.
- Conduct of two full budget reviews each financial year.
- Diversification of Shire revenue base with expansion of Coolgardie Tip Site to a Class III Facility,
- Implementation of bushfire mitigation firebreaks and strategies

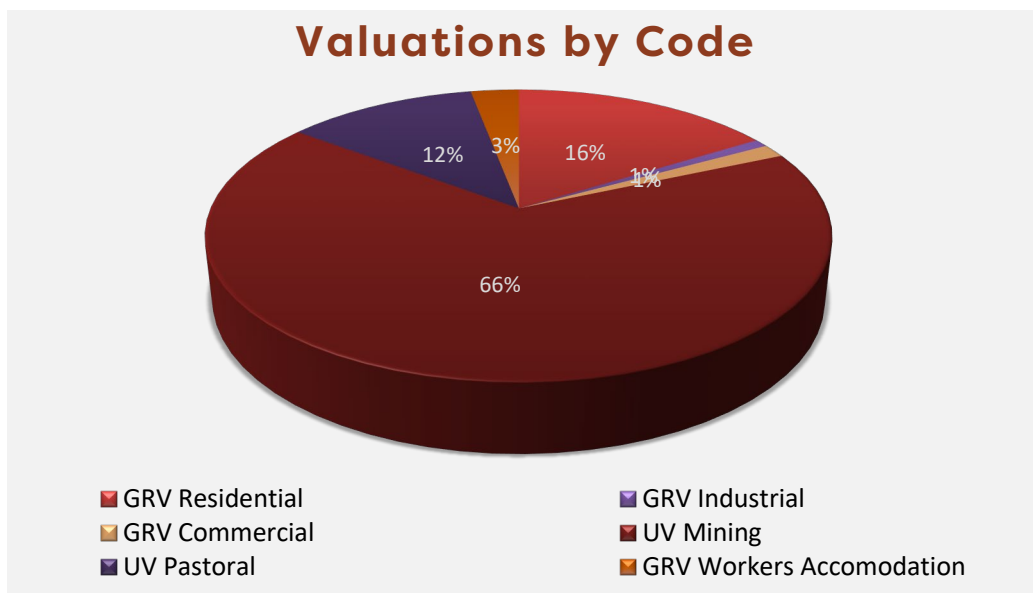
#### Service Improvements:

- Operation of the refurbished Kambalda Aquatic Facility.
- Construction of Class III Cell at Coolgardie Tip Site
- Potential increased hours in operation of Shire Tip Sites
- Commenced refurbishment of Coolgardie Community Hub
- Expansion of local road and footpath network and associated infrastructure.
- Availability of land for workforce and residential housing
- Increase in frequency and areas of road maintenance.

- Review of service levels for Shire verges, parks, ovals, and gardens
- Review of service levels for waste services
- Review of service levels for provision of customer service

Table 1 represents the Estimated total 2021/2022 rates to be levied by land use / zoning.

**Table 1: Indicative Percentage Rates Contribution by Land Use / Zoning**



#### GROSS RENTAL VALUE PROPERTIES (GRV)

The *Local Government Act 1995* determines that properties of a non-rural purpose be rated using the Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) as the basis for the calculation of annual rates.

The Valuer General supplies and updates the GRV for all properties within the Shire Coolgardie every five years. The most recent general revaluation was effective from 1 July 2016.

Interim valuations are provided monthly to Council by the Valuer General for properties where changes have occurred (i.e., subdivisions or strata title of property, amalgamations, building constructions, demolition, additions and/or property rezoning). In such instances Council recalculates the rates for the affected properties and issues interim rates notices.

Table 2 below summarises the proposed 2021/2022 minimum payments and rates in the dollar for GRV:

**Table 2: Proposed differential rates for 2021/2022 financial year.**

Proposed Differential Rates 2021/2022			
GRV/UV	Differential Rate Categories	Proposed Minimum Rate	Proposed Rate in \$
GRV	Residential	721.00	0.077556
GRV	Commercial	721.00	0.077556
GRV	General Industry, Light Industry,	721.00	0.077556



	<b>Industrial Area, Light Industrial Area</b>		
<b>GRV</b>	<b>Transient Workforce Accommodation / Workforce Accommodation</b>	1,413.00	0.152009

**Residential** means any land:

- that is predominantly used for residential purposes.

or

- which is vacant of any construction and is zoned as residential under the Shire's Planning Scheme.

The reason for the rate in the dollar for this category is to reflect the level of rating required to raise the necessary revenue to operate efficiently and provide the diverse range of services and programs and associated infrastructure/facilities required for residential and urban areas.

**Commercial** means any land:

- That is predominately used for either:
  - commercial purposes.
  - tourism purposes.
  - a combination of commercial and tourism purposes.

or

- Which is vacant of any construction, and is zoned as Commercial, Tourism, Town Centre, or Mixed Business under the Shire's Planning Scheme.

or

- That does not have the characteristics of any other GRV differential rate category.

In the last two community survey the community has emphasised the need for the Council to.

- Improve Community Infrastructure
- Improve maintenance on parks, ovals, verges, and footpaths.
- Increase funding on road renewal and maintenance.
- Attract small and local businesses outside mining,
- Encourage new business developments,
- Provide incentive for businesses to come and stay and stop making it so impossible to start up business.
- Provide childcare facilities so mums can return to work.
- Need to keep the town alive, become a ghost town.
- Clean up the town – car bodies and rubbish in the bush, dirty and rundown town, entry into town is an eyesore, derelict houses getting worse,
- Street lighting and footpaths needs to be fixed.
- Improve family friendly services/facilities,
- Improve gravel roads,
- Promote cheap housing, attract more families.
- Establish/fund/encourage clubs and associations.
- Ensure water source for DFES in the event of major bushfire.
- Introduce meals on wheels for elderly.
- Provide more sporting/after work opportunities for all ages.

- General environmental awareness (reuse, recycle, reduce) and street rubbish (promote tidy town).

The reason for the rate in the dollar for this category is to recognise the level of rating contribution made to operate efficiently and provide the diverse range of services and programs and associated infrastructure/facilities required. Council is focussed on trying to manage its community and infrastructure assets through the funding of renewal and replacement asset programs. Furthermore, to recognise the costs associated with economic development, tourism and marketing, parking, environmental health and regulatory services and amenity.

The rate for this category results in 1.90% increase in the rate-in-the-dollar for the 2021/2022 financial year. The minimum rate of \$721.00, also a 1.90% increase, is to ensure that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution for basic services and infrastructure.

**General Industry, Light Industry, Industrial Area, Light Industrial Area** means any land:

- That is predominately used for either industrial purpose.
- or
- Which is vacant of any construction and is zoned as Industrial or Mixed Business under the Shire's Planning Scheme.

The reason for the rate in the dollar for this category is to recognise the level of rating contribution made to operate efficiently and provide the diverse range of services and programs and associated infrastructure/facilities required as identified above. Council is focussed on trying to manage its community and infrastructure assets through the funding of renewal and replacement asset programs. Furthermore, to recognise the costs associated with regulatory services and associated road networks to service industry.

The rate for this category results in 1.90% increase in the rate-in-the-dollar for the 2021/2022 financial year. The minimum rate of \$721.00, also a 1.90% increase, is to ensure that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution for basic services and infrastructure.

**Transient Workforce Accommodation / Workforce Accommodation** means any land:

- That is predominately used for the purpose of workforce accommodation.
- or
- That is predominately used for the purpose of transient workforce accommodation.

This differential rate would maintain a proportional share of rating required to raise the necessary revenue to operate efficiently and provide the diverse range of services and programs and associated infrastructure/facilities required for residential and urban areas. These services, programs and facilities are available to FIFO workers in the same manner as they are available to all other residents of the Shire.

Council is focussed on sustainably managing its community and infrastructure assets through the funding of renewal and replacement asset programs. These programs include but are not limited to investment in the resealing of roads, replacement, and development of footpath networks, refurbishing of public ablutions and other building maintenance programs. In addition, these properties have access to all other services and facilities provided by Council.

Despite the lower rate per accommodation unit, TWA properties have the potential to have a greater impact on Council services/assets than other properties due to their number of occupants in a relatively small land parcel (i.e., concentrated coach/vehicle movements on local roads). In order to appropriately maintain and manage Council's asset and infrastructure in the longer term, a higher differential rate in the future may be proposed for this category to reflect the greater potential and actual intensity of use of Council assets and infrastructure.

The rate for this category supports Council's preferred option that the operational workforce associated with resource interests be housed in normal residential properties within the town boundaries. The Shire has undertaken a review of both the Goldfields Esperance Region and the Pilbara in determining the proposed differential rate.

The rate for this category results in 96% increase in the rate-in-the-dollar for the 2021/2022 financial year. The minimum rate of \$1,413.00, also a 96% increase.

### UNIMPROVED VALUE PROPERTIES (UV)

Properties that are predominantly of a rural purpose are assigned an Unimproved Value that is supplied and updated by the Valuer General on an annual basis.

Table 3 below summarises the proposed 2021/2022 minimum payments and rates in the dollar for Unimproved Values:

Table 3: Proposed differential rates for 2021/2022 financial year (UV)

Proposed Differential Rates 2021/2022			
Differential Rates 2021/2022	Differential Rates 2021/2022	Differential Rates 2021/2022	Differential Rates 2021/2022
Unimproved Value	\$	\$	%
Pastoral/Rural	\$697	0.112610	1.90%
Mining/Other	\$445	0.221286	1.90%

**Pastoral/Rural** means any land:

- That currently has a pastoral lease granted.
- and
- That is used predominantly for the purpose of grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig- farming, poultry farming, fish farming, tree farming, beekeeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of these activities.

This rating category reflects the level of rating required to raise the necessary revenue to operate efficiently and provide for rural infrastructure and services in addition to the urban services, programs and infrastructure which are available to be accessed by the properties in this category.

The rate for this category results in 1.90% increase in the rate-in-the-dollar for the 2021/2022 financial year. The minimum rate of \$697.00, also a 1.90% increase, is to ensure that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution for basic services and infrastructure.

**Mining** means any land that a mining, exploration, prospecting, or retention lease and/or license has been granted.

The reasons for this category are to reflect the impact on utilisation of rural infrastructure (comparative to Pastoral) by heavy transport and associated higher traffic volumes. Consequently, there is a greater impost on the Shire's network requiring increased maintenance to service these users. In addition, these properties have access to all other services and facilities provided by Council.

The rate for the rate for this category results in 1.90% increase in the rate-in-the-dollar for the 2021/2022 financial year. The minimum rate of \$445.00, also a 1.90% increase, is to ensure that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution for basic services and infrastructure.

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.

### **Emergency Service Levy**

The Emergency Services Levy is set by the State and collection by Local Government. This year the levy is \$88 (2020/21: \$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 \$8,900 (2020/21: \$7,130). 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 2021/2022 financial year is \$311,685 from the sanitary charges and \$15,750 from the pedestal charges, totalling \$310,184 (2020/21: \$304,649). The estimated expenditure for 2021/2022 is \$404,805 compared to an actual cost incurred of \$360,163 in 2020/2021.

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 \$404,805 and revenue/savings of \$351,685 is just over \$50,000 for the 2021/22 financial year.

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 \$55,086 at the 30 June 2022.

The rate in the dollar for the Coolgardie townsite scheme remains unchanged at 5.5780 cents in the dollar for the 2021/22 financial year.

### **Pedestal Charge**

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 \$210 per pedestal will be imposed in 2021/2022 (2020/21: \$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 \$15,500.

### **Rubbish Service**

The charge for weekly verge pickup for 2021/22 will be \$330 (GST Exclusive). Tip fees and charges are budgeted to bring in \$1,115,181 (2020/21: \$754,081). 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 \$1,411,945 compared to actuals in 2020/21 of \$1,460,371.

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.

It is anticipated the new Class III cell will be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. This will enable the Shire to increase its revenue for the last 6 months of the 2021/2022 financial year.

### **Fees and Charges**

Fees and Charges for all services have been reviewed during the budget deliberation process. In particular fees and charges for the aquatic centres, recreation centres and the waste facility for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

### **Summary**

The 2021/2022 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 2021/2022 year.

The Shire has budgeted to undertake an ambitious capital expenditure programme estimated at 25.2 million. This includes;

- Carins Road - \$511,000
- Cave Hill Road - \$420,000
- Sharpe Road Kurrawang - \$320,000
- Coolgardie Tip Road - \$170,000
- Ora Banda Road - \$145,500
- Housing and Workers Accommodation - \$9,000,000
- Coolgardie Cultural & Community Hub - \$1,388,200
- Land Development - \$500,000
- Coolgardie Storm Damage - Stage 2 - \$450,000
- Coolgardie Storm Damage - Stage 3 - \$150,000
- Tyre Shredder - \$1,000,000
- Coolgardie Transit Park - Driver Reviver - \$208,000
- Coolgardie Refuse Site - \$2,500,000
- Waste Sorting Facility - \$4,950,000
- Recycling Plant - \$2,200,000

The Shire Road network will benefit this year with over \$2.1 million to be spent on road renewal and almost \$740,000 on road maintenance.

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 \$1.7 million. Total Non- Operating Grants this year are estimated at \$8.25 million. These grants will be used for the renewal of the Coolgardie Community Hub, Renewal of the Coolgardie Tip Site, Waste Sorting Facility, weighbridge, and constructions works on Coolgardie North Road, Jaurdi Hills Road, Carins Road, Cave Hill Road, Sharpe Road Kurrawang and the Coolgardie Tip Road. 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 has included in the 2021/2022 Budget new loan borrowings of \$15,200,000. It is proposed these funds be used for;

- Coolgardie Class III Facility
- Housing & Workers Accommodation
- Tyre Shedder
- Recycling Plant
- Land Development

The Shire will be required to submit loan applications to the Western Australian Treasury Corporation (WATC) for consideration for each of the projects. This includes a risk analysis using the WATC Financial Sustainability Model. The model is used by the WATC to assess loan applications submitted by local governments. The Shire of Coolgardie has already used the model in its loan application for the Coolgardie Class III Facility. The model includes a 10-year analysis of the local government's financial capacity and analysis of the Shire's financial ratios and Long-Term Financial Plan. All loans would be self - supporting with the loans to be repaid over a maximum of 10 years.

It is estimated the Shire will end the financial year with cash and cash equivalents of \$1.29 million and a deficit of \$352,872. This position included;

- Reduction in the transfer from reserves to enable more projects to be undertaken in 2021/2022
- Adjustment of year end surplus position at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 from \$1.13 million to \$761,000 due to the accounting requirement for a provision for the Kambalda Landfill rehabilitation
- \$300,000 of Shire funds have been spent in advance to prepare for the upgrades to Coolgardie Landfill Facility to Class III
- Covid – 19 resulted in an extra cost to the Shire of \$500,000 in order to maintain facilities and adhere to WA Health Department requirements
- Various building insurance repairs increased operating expenditure by \$500,000 along with operating revenue.
- Expenditure on the Coolgardie Post office Precinct of \$250,000 incurred with funding not available until 2021/2022
- Levels of service being maintained as well as road renewal and maintenance completed and acquitted.
- A change in accounting standards where grant funding and contributions received in advance required to be treated as an unspent liability.

## **CONSULTATION**

Councillor Workshops

Executive Management

Staff

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.2

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Income and Expenditure as per the proposed Annual Budget.

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

### **A thriving local economy**

Encouraging and attracting new investment and advocating for local employment

### **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

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. **Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021/2022**
2. **Differential Rates Submission 1**
3. **Differential Rates Submission 2**

- 4. Road Programme 2021/2022**
- 5. 2021/2022 Statutory Annual Budget and Notes forming part of the budget**

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority



**SPECIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND OFFICER RECOMMENDATION****Recommendation 1 – Rates**

That Council:

1. IMPOSE, in accordance with s.6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Gross Rental Value (“GRV”) rate in the dollar and minimum payments for the 2021/2022 financial year;

<b>Rate Classification</b>	<b>2021/2022 Rate in \$</b>	<b>2021/2022 Minimum Payment</b>
GRV - Residential	0.077556	721.00
GRV - Commercial	0.077556	721.00
GRV - General Industry, Light Industry, Industrial Area, Light Industrial Area	0.077556	721.00
GRV - Transient Workforce Accommodation / Workforce Accommodation	0.152009	1,413.00

2. NOTES, that the valuations supplied by the Valuer General as stated be recorded in the rate book for use in the 2021/2022 financial year.

GRV – Residential \$16,353,878

GRV – Commercial \$2,520,140

GRV - General Industry, Light Industry, Industrial Area, Light Industrial Area \$739,462

GRV - Transient Workforce Accommodation / Workforce Accommodation \$1,251,500

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #115**

**Moved: Councillor, T Rathbone**

**Seconded: Councillor, T Keast**

1. IMPOSE, in accordance with s.6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Gross Rental Value (“GRV”) rate in the dollar and minimum payments for the 2021/2022 financial year;

<b>Rate Classification</b>	<b>2021/2022 Rate in \$</b>	<b>2021/2022 Minimum Payment</b>
GRV - Residential	0.077556	721.00
GRV - Commercial	0.077556	721.00
GRV - General Industry, Light Industry, Industrial Area, Light Industrial Area	0.077556	721.00

GRV - Transient Accommodation / Accommodation	Workforce Workforce	0.152009	1,413.00
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GRV - Transient Workforce Accommodation / Workforce Accommodation \$1,251,500

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0**

### **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 the following differential rates for the 2021/2022 financial year;

Rate Classification	2021/2022 Rate in \$	2021/2022 Minimum Payment
UV Mining	0.221286	\$445
UV Rural/Pastoral	0.112610	\$697

2. NOTES, that the valuations supplied by the Valuer General as stated be recorded in the rate book for use in the 2020/2022 financial year.

UV Mining \$25,002,980

UV Rural/Pastoral \$8,876,565

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #116**

**Moved: Councillor, S Botting**

**Seconded: Councillor, T Keast**

**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 the following differential rates for the 2021/2022 financial year;

Rate Classification	2021/2022 Rate in \$	2021/2022 Minimum Payment
UV Mining	0.221286	\$445
UV Rural/Pastoral	0.112610	\$697

2. NOTES, that the valuations supplied by the Valuer General as stated be recorded in the rate book for use in the 2020/2022 financial year.

UV Mining                \$25,002,980

UV Rural/Pastoral    \$8,876,565

In Favour:        Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

Against:         Nil

CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

### **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)	\$330
240 litre bin (additional service for residential property)	\$363
240 litre bin service (per service) for non-residential property	\$363

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #117**

Moved: Councillor K Lindup

Seconded: Councillor S Botting

That Council:

2. 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)	\$330
240 litre bin (additional service for residential property)	\$363
240 litre bin service (per service) for non-residential property	\$363

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0**

**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	2021/2022 Rate in \$	2021/2022 Pedestal Charge
Sewerage	0.055780	\$210

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #118**

**Moved:** Councillor T Rathbone

**Seconded:** Councillor K Lindup

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	2021/2022 Rate in \$	2021/2022 Pedestal Charge
Sewerage	0.055780	\$210

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0**

**Recommendation 5 – Payment Options**

That Council in accordance with regulation 64(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, nominate the following due dates for the payment of rates and charges in the 2021/2022 financial year:

Issue Date	16 July 2021
Payment in Full	20 August 2021

**Payment in Four Instalments**

First Instalment	20 August 2021
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Second Instalment	22 October 2021
Third Instalment	23 December 2021
Fourth instalment	25 February 2022

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #119****Moved: Councillor, T Keast****Seconded: Councillor, K Lindup**

That Council in accordance with regulation 64(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, nominate the following due dates for the payment of rates and charges in the 2021/2022 financial year:

Issue Date	16 July 2021
Payment in Full	20 August 2021

**Payment in Four Instalments**

First Instalment	20 August 2021
Second Instalment	22 October 2021
Third Instalment	23 December 2021
Fourth instalment	25 February 2022

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0**

**Recommendation 6 – Interest**

That Council Pursuant to Section 6.51(1) and subject to Section 6.51(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, impose an interest rate of 5% for rates (and charges) and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remain unpaid after becoming due and payable.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #120****Moved: Councillor, T Rathbone****Seconded: Councillor, T Keast**

That Council Pursuant to Section 6.51(1) and subject to Section 6.51(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, impose an interest rate of 5% for rates (and charges) and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remain unpaid after becoming due and payable

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0**

### **Recommendation 7 – Instalment Charges**

That Council in accordance with section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council imposes administration fees (excluding eligible pensioners and seniors) as:

- Payment of rates and charges by instalments (not including first instalment) \$10 per instalment and there be no instalment interest for instalments that remain outstanding after the due date;
- Payment of rates and charges by alternative arrangement to be \$80 per arrangement, and to incur penalty interest of 3% for rates remaining outstanding after due date.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #121**

**Moved: Councillor, T Keast**

**Seconded: Councillor, T Rathbone**

**That Council in accordance with section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council imposes administration fees (excluding eligible pensioners and seniors) as:**

- **Payment of rates and charges by instalments (not including first instalment) \$10 per instalment and there be no instalment interest for instalments that remain outstanding after the due date;**
- **Payment of rates and charges by alternative arrangement to be \$80 per arrangement, and to incur penalty interest of 3% for rates remaining outstanding after due date.**
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**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0**

### **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.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #122****Moved:**Councillor, T Keast**Seconded:** Councillor T Rathbone

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.

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0**

**Recommendation 9 – Early Payment Incentive**

That Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.46, incentives totalling \$2,500 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.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$700
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$500
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$300

**Criteria**

- Property assessment must be zoned residential.
- All current charges levied for the 2021/2022 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.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #123****Moved:** Councillor, K Lindup**Seconded:** Councillor, T Rathbone

That Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.46, incentives totalling \$2,500 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.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$700
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$500

- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$300

**Criteria**

- Property assessment must be zoned residential.
- All current charges levied for the 2021/2022 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.

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0**

**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 2021/2022 financial year.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #124**

**Moved:** Councillor, T Rathbone

**Seconded:** Councillor, S Botting

**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 2021/2022 financial year.**

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0**

**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 2022 be set as:

President Allowance	\$34,957
Deputy President Allowance	\$8,739
Sitting Fee – President Sitting Fee	\$25,342
Sitting Fee – (all members)	\$16,367
Telecommunications Allowance	\$3,500



**COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #125****Moved: Councillor, S Botting****Seconded: Councillor, T Keast**

That Council in accordance with Section 5.98 of the Local Government Act 1995 that allowances for the year ending 30 June 2022 be set as:

President Allowance	\$34,957
Deputy President Allowance	\$8,739
Sitting Fee – President Sitting Fee	\$25,342
Sitting Fee – (all members)	\$16,367
Telecommunications Allowance	\$3,500

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0**

Councillor Lindup left the meeting 6.20 pm

**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.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #126****Moved: Counillor, T Keast****Seconded: Councillor, T Rathbone**

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

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0**

Councillor Lindup returned to the meeting 6.22 pm

**Recommendation 13 – Sewerage Reserve**

That Council transfer to the sewerage reserve 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.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #127**

**Moved: Councillor, S Botting**

**Seconded: Counillor, T Rathbone**

**That Council transfer to the sewerage reserve 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.**

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOULTE MAJORITY 5/0**

**Recommendation 14 – Adoption of the 2021/2022 Annual Budget Statement and Notes**

**That Council ADOPT the 2021/2022 Statutory Annual Budget and Notes forming part of the budget, as amended for the year ending 30 June 2022 as presented.**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION: #128**

**Moved: Councillor, T Rathbone**

**Seconded: Councillor, K Lindup**

**That Council ADOPT the 2021/2022 Statutory Annual Budget and Notes forming part of the budget, as amended for the year ending 30 June 2022 as presented.**

**In Favour:** Crs Malcolm Cullen, Tracey Rathbone, Sherryl Botting, Tammee Keast and Kathie Lindup

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0**

**7 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

Shire President, M Cullen declared the meeting closed at 6.27pm and thanked all for their attendance.