



Special Council Meeting Minutes

**Monday 8 July 2019
6:00 PM**

Council Chambers, Civic Centre,
Stuart Highway, Katherine

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE MONDAY 8 JULY 2019 @ 6:00PM**

Special Council Meeting Declared open at 06:00PM

1. Present:

Mayor Fay Miller
Deputy Mayor Lis Clark
Alderman Peter Gazey
Alderman Toni Tapp Coutts
Alderman Matthew Hurley
Alderman John Zellely
Alderman Jon Raynor

Robert Jennings - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Allan McGill – Acting Chief Executive Officer (A/CEO)
Claire Johansson – Chief Operations Officer (COO)
Rosemary Jennings – Exec Mgr Corporate and Community Development (XCCD)

Minute Taker: Casey Anderson – Governance Officer

2. Apologies and Leave of Absence:

Nil

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Nil

4. Reports of Officers

4.1 2019/2020 Municipal Plan

MOVED: Hurly SECONDED: Tapp-Coutts

Mayor Miller – Thankyou to those who sent through their submissions regarding the 2019/2020 Municipal Plan. It shows Council, that the community members are interested in what Council is doing with the dollars.

Alderman Gazey – As many times we have seen this document and bringing it back to Council, the responses from the Community; even though limited in numbers but very valuable responses we have received. I do believe Council has acted on these responses accordingly. I would like to note, that we did not receive any relating to rates, interestedly enough given the discussion we have had regarding rates; nobody has put forward saying that the rates are unjust or queries regarding where the financial plan is going. All this information is in Municipal Plan, I wonder how many people read the document. The first part of

the document does spell out what Council is doing, where money is going and what the Council is going to be held accountable for. Understanding the financial plans and the fees and charges, I do hope people read the document to make use of the amount of work that has been put into the document. Well done to all those who were involved.

Alderman Raynor – I am amused about the submissions and appreciated the people who have put forward their submissions. However, I am still amused given there was no submission regarding rates.

Deputy Mayor Clark – On page 18, we have the funding provided for the museums. Can I please have breakdown of the funding.

Mayor Miller – In-kind?

Deputy Mayor Clark – Yes, I was under the assumption we did not give them \$100,000.00

(COO) – That includes 44k in grants and there are other costs.

(XCCD) – That figure refers to the Master Plan 2017 – 2021

Mayor Miller – Thankyou, the Katherine Museum has also sent me an email requesting additional funding and considering the amount of work that has gone in to the budget and municipal plan for the next 12 months; we will need to discuss this matter at a later date. I do note that I have also responded to that email, apologises Ms Johansson, I was meant to include you into the response email and I will do that. In future years, can we please implement the breakdown of the projects, when we discuss the specific amount for a building or ground can we please clarify where the money came from e.g. A Grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation or from Sandra Nelson? this is so we can marry it up.

(CEO) – That information was in the Municipal Plan however; the information was removed as the document was getting a bit cluttered.

Mayor Miller – Thank you, I just think that it would provide transparency to the community as Council do receive good grant funding and not everything is based on rate revenue. I would like for that to show, in the future years.

Alderman Raynor – Page 47,48 and 49 regarding revenue, I notice there is nothing in there about the airport.

(COO) – So, I am thinking this is rates revenue and no rates revenue goes towards the airport. Although we do spend money there, we do not spend rate payer's money towards the airport.

Alderman Zelle - The pie charts page 42 – 46, there is a duplicate in there.

(XCCD) – There is a duplication, page 42 is the summary of the expenditure.

(CEO) – Was that on the original draft that went out correctly.

(XCCD) – Yes it was.

Mayor Miller – So it was added twice. Well done to the team, as this document is an enormous task. We have gone back and made significant changes and thank the staff for their efforts that they have put into this document.

Recommendation:

That it be recommended to Council:

1. Receive the submissions and note the responses to the Municipal Plan and Budget.
2. Note the attached memo (Appendix 6) relating to adjustments to the Municipal Plan
3. Note the attached memo (Appendix 7) of adjustments to the Budget.
4. Note the attached memo (Appendix 8) of adjustments to the KTC Fees & Charges.
5. Adopt the 2019-2020 Municipal Plan including the accepted submissions.
6. Adopt the 2019-2020 Budget.
7. Adopt the Elected Member Allowances

CARRIED: 7 AGAINST:0

7. Meeting Close

The Special Council meeting declared closed at 06:10PM



Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE