



Special Council Meeting Minutes

**Monday 8 July 2019
6:30 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 @ 6:30PM**

Special Council Meeting declared open at 06:10PM

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 Declaration of Rates

MOVED: Hurley SECONED: Tapp - Coutts

Alderman Gazey – Page 1 and 2 of the 2019/2020 Declaration of Rates, I would like to note that the differential rate is multiplied by the unimproved capital value to calculate the rate amount; has those rates changed considerably since the last year?

(XCCD) – As per attachment, the rates have been applied with a 7.5% increase in accordance to Council's Long-Term Financial Plan.

Alderman Gazey – So the differential rate number has had an increase?

(XCCD) – As there has been no revaluation this year, it is consistent with 2018/2019. Next year, when the revaluation is carried out it may be a little harder.

Alderman Gazey – So there should be no surprises for the rate payers in the community, regarding their rates changing based on the revaluation.

(XCCD) – The only downfall is, if the rate payer was to receive a revaluation based on zoning, sub divisions or amalgamations. This would potentially be the only scenario where a change of the differential rate would be outside the 7.5% increase.

Mayor Miller – Your correct there has been no revaluation, if so this could cause a headache.

Alderman Raynor – The difference between CB1, CB2, CB3, CB1 and CB3 is similar however CB2 is less, can you please explain why that is?

(XCCD) – I will have to take that request on notice and explore the rational behind that difference. From a rating perspective, for a number of years this has been carried forward.

Alderman Raynor – Furthermore, there has been a few of our Katherine residents that have attended the open forums who currently reside; living not actually working or having a business within the CBD area. Will they be affected by the differential rates, or will they be paying the minimum? What will they be paying?

(XCCD) – The rates are based on zoning, it does not necessarily stipulate whether they are using their properties for commercial purposes. I believe if it is residential and it is zoned at CB2 and it will therefore be rated as CB2.

Alderman Raynor - Regarding Tindal and Binjari the rate is 0.00000001, if you use that figure roughly on \$150,000.00 unimproved capital value of their property. Council would receive 1/15th of dollar per property. In saying that because Tindal use a lot of Council land, would they pay 15th percent of each property or will they pay the minimum? Should Council consider applying the minimum?

(XCCD) – The RAAF base is federal land and is non-rateable, it is through an ex-gratia arrangement that they pay the minimum, the rate that is in the document is a token rate; they do pay the minimum per property.

Deputy Mayor Clarke – I would like to ask regarding the charge for the allotment of land, the 2019/2020 declaration of rates state \$127.12, what was it before?

(XCCD) - \$111.18

Mayor Miller – Further Queries

Recommendation:

That it be recommended to Council:

That items 1 to 7 in the attached Declaration of Rates & Charges be approved for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2020, pursuant to Part 11.5 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED: 7 AGAINST: 0

5. Meeting Close

Special Meeting declared closed at 6:24PM



Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE