

**MINUTES OF MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MISSION ROAD, GUNUNA  
ON TUESDAY, 30 JULY 2024 AT 10:00 AM**

**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by Mayor Richard Sewter at 10:05am.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the Lardil people of Mornington Island and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We would also like to acknowledge the Kaiadilt, Yangkaal, Waanyi, Gangalidda and Garawa people who share our homelands.

**3 PRESENT**

Mayor Richard Sewter, Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson, Cr Renee Wilson, Cr Jane Ah Kit  
Ian McCarthy (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Skye Price (Director Corporate and Community),  
Rhianne Williams (minute-taking)

**4 APOLOGIES****RESOLUTION 2024/104**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That apologies from Cr Farrah Linden be received and accepted.

**CARRIED 4/0**

**5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**

Nil

**6 CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS**

A minute's silence was observed for loved ones.

**7 FINANCE**

At 11:03 am, Cr Renee Wilson left the meeting.

At 11:04 am, Cr Renee Wilson returned to the meeting.

## 7.1 ADOPTION OF 2024/25 BUDGET AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL

### RESOLUTION 2024/105

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council pursuant to s104 (5)(a)(iv) of the Local Government Act 2009 and s168, s169, s170, s171, S172 and s193 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the **Council adopt the Budget** for the 2024/2025 financial year, incorporating:

- i. Statements of financial position;
- ii. Statements of cash flow;
- iii. Statements of income and expenditure for 2024/25 and subsequent two financial years;
- iv. Statements of changes in equity;
- v. Long-term financial forecast;
- vi. Capital Works Program;
- vii. Revenue statement;
- viii. Revenue policy;
- ix. Debt policy
- x. Investment policy
- xi. Relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
- xii. That the Council states that the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget is 7%.

**CARRIED 4/0**

### 7.1.1 INTEREST

#### RESOLUTION 2024/106

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council pursuant to s133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, compound interest at the rate of 11.64% per annum may be charged on all overdue charges.

**CARRIED 4/0**

### 7.1.2 LEVYING RATES AND CHARGES

#### RESOLUTION 2024/107

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council

- a) pursuant to s107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's utility charges be levied for the year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 - 1 August 2024; and
- b) that pursuant to s118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council's utility charges, be payable within 30 days of the date of the issue of the rate notice.

**CARRIED 4/0**

### 7.1.3 PAYING RATES AND CHARGES

#### RESOLUTION 2024/108

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council pursuant to s129 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council's utility charges may be payable by either weekly, fortnightly, monthly or yearly instalments within the levied financial year.

**CARRIED 4/0**

### 7.1.4 STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION

#### RESOLUTION 2024/109

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council pursuant to s205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the statement of the financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the previous financial year ("the Statement of Estimated Financial Position") be received and its contents noted.

**CARRIED 4/0**

**7.1.5 RECOGNITION OF STAFF FOR THEIR WORK ON THE BUDGET****RESOLUTION 2024/110**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council recognise the work undertaken by its management staff in developing the 2023/24 budget and thank those staff and in particular, recognise and thank our Chief Finance Officer, for their collaborative efforts in finalising the budget that supports Council's goals.

**CARRIED 4/0**

At 11:41 am, Cr Renee Wilson left the meeting.

At 11:42 am, Cr Renee Wilson returned to the meeting.

**7.2 ADOPTION OF FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25****RESOLUTION 2024/111**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson  
Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council adopt the 2024/25 fees and charges as attached to the report.

**CARRIED 4/0**

**7.3 ADOPTION OF OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024/25****RESOLUTION 2024/112**

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit  
Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council adopt the 2024/25 operational plan.

**CARRIED 4/0**

**7.4 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE****RESOLUTION 2024/113**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson  
Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council received and adopt the 2024 organisation structure.

**CARRIED 4/0**

**8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

Nil

**9 CLOSURE**

Mayor Sewter closed the meeting at 12:08pm.

Ian McCarthy  
Acting Chief Executive Officer.

Minutes Confirmed:

Mayor .....

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_