



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CIVIC CENTRE
101 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE**

On 24 March 2020

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett
Councillor G G Churchill
Councillor K Goodluck
Councillor R A Hansen
Councillor P J Masters
Councillor D V O'Grady
Councillor P J Sobhanian
Councillor C A Trevor
Councillor N Muszkat

Officers

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
Miss C Daly (Executive Secretary)
Mr M Holmes

G/0.3.2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS

Pursuant to section 175(C) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, where a Councillor declares a Material Personal Interest in an agenda item, the Councillor must leave the room for the agenda item.

Cr Trevor

Councillor Chris Trevor declared a material personal interest in Item G/3.1.2 COVID-19 SUPPORT PACKAGE, in particular, Item 3(c) of the Officer's Recommendation, as he is an honorary solicitor to a substantial number of sporting groups and community groups that are potential recipients of monies in relation to the proposed resolution. In addition, Cr Trevor is or has been a financial sponsor of several community groups and organisations in the region which may stand to gain a benefit from the resolution.

Cr Trevor advised that he would leave the room for the consideration of Item G/3.1.2 or should the consideration of Item G3.1.2 be split, for consideration of Item 3(c) of the Officer's Recommendation.

Cr Hansen

Councillor Rick Hanson declared a material personal interest in Item G/3.1.2 COVID-19 SUPPORT PACKAGE, as between them, he and his wife have five businesses in the Gladstone region that may suffer a loss or gain a benefit dependent on the decision of this item.

Cr Hansen advised that he would leave the room for the consideration of Item G/3.1.2 or should the consideration of Item G3.1.2 be split, for consideration of Item 5 of the Officer's Recommendation.

G/3. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/3.1. OFFICER'S REPORTS

G/3.1.2. COVID-19 SUPPORT PACKAGE

File Ref: HS12.6, RV9.1

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide direction and authority for the granting of financial assistance and support to the local community as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Officer's Recommendation:

That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that:

1. The due date of Water Consumption levies issued by Council in rates notices issued on 18 February 2020, shall be extended under s130(7) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to have an effective due date of 30 June 2020;
2. Effective from 1 March 2020, a concession equivalent to the Interest on Overdue Rates or Charges be granted until 30 June 2020;
3. The Chief Executive Officer:
 - (a) report back to Council before 30 June 2020, with recommendations for further rates concessions for the 2020/21 financial year, aligned with the status of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to take effect from 1 July 2020;
 - (b) update the current Rating Financial Hardship Policy (P-2019-07) to provide concessions for residents, businesses and other entities that have been affected by a pandemic such as the Coronavirus (COVID-19) for approval by Council; and
 - (c) develop and implement a grants program for eligible sporting and community groups that have been adversely affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19). The grants program is to be for a maximum of \$400,000 allocated from the 2019/20 Expenditure Budget with individual grants up to a maximum of \$10,000 for each eligible group;
4. All Council event applications, booking and ticketing fees, permits and associated licenses for events that have been cancelled as a direct result of Coronavirus (COVID-19);
5. All existing permits for regulated uses and premises including but not limited to Environmentally Relevant Activities, Personal Appearance Services, Food Businesses, Roadside Vending and Street Marketing and Commercial Activities on Council Owned Land be extended for a period of six-months from the relevant expiry date;
6. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the power to approve all applications for commercial activities on council land in accordance with the Commercial Activities on Council Land Policy (P-2018-11);
7. Waive commercial rents on Council owned/or managed land from 1 March 2020 until 30 June 2020; and
8. The Chief Executive Officer identifies and reports to Council on any other measures to be implemented that may reduce the financial impact on residents, businesses and the community as affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19) before 30 June 2020.

G/20/4123 Procedural Motion:

Moved Cr Trevor

Seconded Cr Churchill

That Item G/3.1.2. Covid Support Package be split into individual elements for consideration as separate resolutions:

1. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the due date of Water Consumption levies issued by Council in rates notices issued on 18 February 2020, shall be extended under s130(7) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to have an effective due date of 30 June 2020.
2. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that effective from 1 March 2020, a concession equivalent to the Interest on Overdue Rates or Charges be granted until 30 June 2020.
3. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer report back to Council before 30 June 2020, with recommendations for further rates concessions for the 2020/21 financial year, aligned with the status of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to take effect from 1 July 2020.
4. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer update the current Rating Financial Hardship Policy (P-2019-07) to provide concessions for residents, businesses and other entities that have been affected by a pandemic such as the Coronavirus (COVID-19) for approval by Council.
5. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer develop and implement a grants program for eligible sporting and community groups that have been adversely affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19). The grants program is to be for a maximum of \$400,000 allocated from the 2019/20 Expenditure Budget with individual grants up to a maximum of \$10,000 for each eligible group.
6. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that all Council event applications, booking and ticketing fees, permits and associated licenses for events that have been cancelled as a direct result of Coronavirus (COVID-19).
7. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that all existing permits for regulated uses and premises including but not limited to Environmentally Relevant Activities, Personal Appearance Services, Food Businesses, Roadside Vending and Street Marketing and Commercial Activities on Council Owned Land be extended for a period of six-months from the relevant expiry date.
8. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer be delegated the power to approve all applications for commercial activities on council land in accordance with the Commercial Activities on Council Land Policy (P-2018-11).
9. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that waive commercial rents on Council owned/or managed land from 1 March 2020 until 30 June 2020.
10. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer identifies and reports to Council on any other measures to be implemented that may reduce the financial impact on residents, businesses and the community as affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19) before 30 June 2020.

CARRIED

1. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the due date of Water Consumption levies issued by Council in rates notices issued on 18 February 2020, shall be extended under s130(7) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to have an effective due date of 30 June 2020.

G/20/4124 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

2. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that effective from 1 March 2020, a concession equivalent to the Interest on Overdue Rates or Charges be granted until 30 June 2020;

G/20/4125 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Masters

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

3. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer report back to Council before 30 June 2020, with recommendations for further rates concessions for the 2020/21 financial year, aligned with the status of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to take effect from 1 July 2020;

G/20/4126 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Sobhanian
Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

4. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer update the current *Rating Financial Hardship Policy (P-2019-07)* to provide concessions for residents, businesses and other entities that have been affected by a pandemic such as the Coronavirus (COVID-19) for approval by Council.

G/20/4127 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Masters
Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

**Cr Trevor (declared Material Personal Interest)
left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/3.1.2, Item 5.
(refer G/0.3.2 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 4)**

5. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer develop and implement a grants program for eligible sporting and community groups that have been adversely affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19). The grants program is to be for a maximum of \$400,000 allocated from the 2019/20 Expenditure Budget with individual grants up to a maximum of \$10,000 for each eligible group.

G/20/4128 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

6. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that all Council event applications, booking and ticketing fees, permits and associated licenses for events that have been cancelled as a direct result of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

G/20/4129 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat
Seconded Cr Hansen

CARRIED

**Cr Hansen (declared Material Personal Interest)
left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/3.1.2, Item 7.
(refer G/0.3.2 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 4)**

7. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that all existing permits for regulated uses and premises including but not limited to Environmentally Relevant Activities, Personal Appearance Services, Food Businesses, Roadside Vending and Street Marketing and Commercial Activities on Council Owned Land be extended for a period of six-months from the relevant expiry date.

G/20/4130 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Masters
Seconded Cr Sobhanian

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

8. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer be delegated the power to approve all applications for commercial activities on council land in accordance with the Commercial Activities on Council Land Policy (P-2018-11).

G/20/4131 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Hansen

That Pursuant to section 9(1) of the Local Government Act 2009, Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer be delegated the power to approve all applications for commercial activities on council land in accordance with the Commercial Activities on Council Land Policy (P-2018-11) until such time as the public health emergency in respect to Coronavirus (COVID-19) is declared over.

CARRIED

9. That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that waive commercial rents on Council owned/or managed land from 1 March 2020 until 30 June 2020.

G/20/4132 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Cr Churchill

That pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, subject to relevant leases not having appropriate business interruption insurance covering such loss, Council resolves that commercial rents on Council owned/or managed land be waived from 1 March 2020 until 30 June 2020.

CARRIED

10. That Pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer identifies and reports to Council on any other measures to be implemented that may reduce the financial impact on residents, businesses and the community as affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19) before 30 June 2020.

G/20/4133 Council Resolution:

Moved Mayor Burnett
Seconded Cr Trevor

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor formally closed the meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 09.45am

CERTIFICATION

I hereby confirm that I have read the minutes and they are a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting. I certify that these 10 pages form the official copy of Gladstone Regional Council General Meeting Minutes of the 24 March 2020.

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Mayor Matt Burnett

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Date