

**MINUTES OF CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE - VIRTUAL MEETING LIVE STREAMED
ON THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2020 AT 5.31 P.M.**

**PRESENT
VIA ELECTRONIC
MEANS**

Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM), Cr Sonya Mezinac, Cr Kate Amoroso, Cr Max Bruins (arrived 5.32 p.m.), Cr Christian Greco, Cr Ben Hood (arrived 5.32 p.m.), Cr Paul Jenner (arrived 5.36 p.m.), Cr Frank Morello, Cr Steven Perryman (arrived 5.32 p.m.)

**OFFICERS IN
ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer	- Mr A Meddle
General Manager Community Wellbeing	- Ms B Cernovskis
General Manager City Infrastructure	- Mr N Serle
General Manager City Growth	- Dr J Nagy
Manager Executive Administration	- Mr M McCarthy
Communications Officer	- Mrs A Watson
IServices - Support Officer	- Mr A Myers
Senior Rates Officer	- Mrs J Scheidl
Executive Administration Officer	- Mrs F McGregor

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

Cr Max Bruins joined the meeting at 5.32 p.m.
Cr Ben Hood joined the meeting at 5.32 p.m.
Cr Steven Perryman joined the meeting at 5.32 p.m.
Cr Paul Jenner joined the meeting at 5.36 p.m.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil



4 COUNCIL REPORTS

The Mayor sought the approval of at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting to suspend meeting procedures:

Purpose of the Suspension: to discuss Item 4.1

Carried by more than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

Meeting Procedures were suspended at 5.47 p.m.

The Mayor determined that the period of suspension should be brought to an end; Carried by more than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

The Period of Suspension came to an end and Meeting Procedures resumed at 6:10 p.m.

4.1 COVID-19 RATE RELIEF

RESOLUTION 2020/184

Moved: Cr Max Bruins

Seconded: Cr Christian Greco

1. That Council Report No. AR20/28591 titled 'COVID-19 Rate Relief' as presented on 07 May 2020 be noted.
2. That council agree to a refund or waiver equivalent to one quarter of the rates and Regional Landscape Levy for the property 2019/20, on application, for all Mount Gambier Commercial Properties subject to:
 - i) Being a business specified in the Direction; or
 - ii) Being in receipt of JobKeeper payments; or
 - iii) Being able to demonstrate a 30% or greater loss of trade for one month or more as a result of COVID-19.
3. That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to determine applications until 30th June 2020.
4. That Council agree the relevant Direction for application and decision-making be the Emergency Management (Non-Essential Business and Other Activities No 4) (COVID-19) Direction 2020.
5. The refused applications be reported to Council confidentially.

CARRIED

Cr Paul Jenner left the meeting at 6:45 pm

Cr Paul Jenner returned to the meeting at 6:50 pm



4.2 REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT 'COVID PREPARED'

RESOLUTION 2020/185

Moved: Cr Steven Perryman

Seconded: Cr Ben Hood

1. That Council Report No. AR20/28592 titled 'Request for Funding to Support 'COVID PREPARED' as presented on 07 May 2020 be noted.
2. That \$2,000 be allocated to supporting a COVID PREPARED project to build confidence for a return to our region.
3. That the funding be provided to the Chamber of Commerce to auspice the COVID PREPARED project on behalf of our community.

CARRIED

5 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Mount Gambier held on 19 May 2020.

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PRESIDING MEMBER

