



Special Meeting of Council

Minutes

2nd June 2026

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5:01pm

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil

3. ATTENDANCE

Members	Cr B Close Cr G Guerini Cr D Newbury Cr L Granich Cr B Bradford Cr D Stephen Cr L Rose via electronic means	
Council Officers	B Forbes C Watson K Chrisp	Chief Executive Officer Executive Manager Corporate Services Asset & Projects Manager
Apologies:	G Brigg T Prue	Executive Manager Infrastructure Finance Manager
Observers:	Nil	
Leave of Absence:	Nil	

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

7. PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8.1 Reporting Officer – Executive Manager Corporate Services

8.1.1 Differential Rates – 2026/2027

File Reference	8.1.1.5
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Author	Cameron Watson-Executive Manager Corporate Services
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of Report

To consider the proposed Differential Rate in the dollar for the 2026/2027 financial year for all land categories that was advertised in accordance with the *Local Government Act (1995)*.

Background

At the April 2026 Ordinary meeting, Council resolved the following as the commencement of the Differential Rating process for the 2026/2027 financial year:-

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Moved Cr Guerini/Seconded Cr Rose

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Differential Rating - Objects and Reasons for the 2026/2027 rating years as presented;**
- 2. Endorse the following proposed Differential General Rates Categories, Rates in the Dollar and Minimum amounts for the Shire of Yilgarn for the 2026/2027 financial year:**

Land Category	Rate - Cents in the Dollar	Minimum Payment
GRV - Residential/Industrial	9.1523	\$600
GRV - Commercial	8.1996	\$450
GRV - Minesites	16.3879	\$450
GRV - SPQ	16.3879	\$450
UV - Rural	1.0699	\$450
UV - Mining	15.5988	\$450

- 3. Endorse a public notice and consultation process on the proposed Differential General Rates and General Minimum Rates as follows:**
 - Local public notice being placed on Councils website on Friday, 1st May 2026 with ancillary notices being published as soon as practicable after this, as per the requirements of section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995.**
 - Individual ratepayer consultation for all ratepayers in General Rate Categories with less than 30 ratepayers.**

CARRIED (7/0)

The intent for the proposed Rates in the Dollar (RID) endorsed by Council was to apply a

minimal rate increase of 2.5% to all rating categories. It will be proposed that, due to significant increases in the valuation of agricultural land (UV Rural) and Mining Tenements (UV Mining) that a lower RID be applied to maintain the previously endorsed 2.5% increase in rates raised.

In accordance with Section 6.33 (3) of the Local Government Act 1995, a Local Government is not, without the approval of the Minister, to impose a differential general rate which is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed by it.

With the Differential General Rates being proposed in the 2026/2027 Rating Strategy and Objects & Reasons, Council falls under the umbrella of this section of the Act. Note however that it is only applicable to UV Mining.

Accordingly, Ministerial approval is required and the proposal to impose this rate required that it be advertised for a period of not less than 21 days with any submissions received subsequently being presented to Council for consideration.

Comment

The following advertising was carried out, effective 1st May 2026, to comply with the statutory notice period of 21 days:

- Councils Website;
- Councils Facebook Page;
- The Public Notice section of the “Kalgoorlie Miner” newspaper;
- A Special Edition of the local “Crosswords” publication; and
- On the Administration and Public Library Notice Boards.

There were NO submissions received at the close of the submission period being 4:00pm, Monday 25th May 2026.

Statutory Environment

Local government Act 1995

6.33. Differential general rates

- (3) In imposing a differential general rate a local government is not to, without the approval of the Minister, impose a differential general rate which is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed by it.

6.35. Minimum payment

- (1) Subject to this section, a local government may impose on any rateable land in its district a minimum payment which is greater than the general rate which would otherwise be payable on that land.
- (2) A minimum payment is to be a general minimum but, subject to subsection (3), a lesser minimum may be imposed in respect of any portion of the district.
- (3) In applying subsection (2) the local government is to ensure the general minimum is imposed on not less than —
 - (a) 50% of the total number of separately rated properties in the district; or

- (b) 50% of the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), on which a minimum payment is imposed.
- (4) A minimum payment is not to be imposed on more than the prescribed percentage of —
 - (a) the number of separately rated properties in the district; or
 - (b) the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), unless the general minimum does not exceed the prescribed amount.
- (5) If a local government imposes a differential general rate on any land on the basis that the land is vacant land it may, with the approval of the Minister, impose a minimum payment in a manner that does not comply with subsections (2), (3) and (4) for that land.
- (6) For the purposes of this section a minimum payment is to be applied separately, in accordance with the principles set forth in subsections (2), (3) and (4) in respect of each of the following categories —
 - (a) to land rated on gross rental value; and
 - (b) to land rated on unimproved value; and
 - (c) to each differential rating category where a differential general rate is imposed.

6.36. Local government to give notice of certain rates

- (1) Before imposing any differential general rates or a minimum payment applying to a differential rate category under section 6.35(6)(c) a local government is to give local public notice of its intention to do so.
- (2) A local government is required to ensure that a notice referred to in subsection (1) is published in sufficient time to allow compliance with the requirements specified in this section and section 6.2(1).
- (3) A notice referred to in subsection (1) —
 - (a) may be published within the period of 2 months preceding the commencement of the financial year to which the proposed rates are to apply on the basis of the local government's estimate of the budget deficiency; and
 - (b) is to contain —
 - (i) details of each rate or minimum payment the local government intends to impose; and
 - (ii) an invitation for submissions to be made by an elector or a ratepayer in respect of the proposed rate or minimum payment and any related matters within 21 days (or such longer period as is specified in the notice) of the notice; and
 - (iii) any further information in relation to the matters specified in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) which may be prescribed;

and

(c) is to advise electors and ratepayers of the time and place where a document describing the objects of, and reasons for, each proposed rate and minimum payment may be inspected.

(4) The local government is required to consider any submissions received before imposing the proposed rate or minimum payment with or without modification.

Strategic Implications

The 2026/2027 Rating Strategy, contains detailed information on the proposed rating structure.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The endorsed rate in the dollar will form the basis of the 2026/2027 budgeted rates revenue.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood)	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Nil	Nil	Nil
Financial Impact	Non or late payment of Rates by Ratepayers.	High (12)	If funding not received, projects and/or services can't be provided or undertaken.
Service Interruption	Non or late payment of Rates by Ratepayers.	Moderate (8)	Effective and efficient collection action.
Compliance	Act and Ministerial Policy differential rating requirements.	Moderate (9)	Ensure all requirements undertaken.
Reputational	Nil	Nil	Nil
Property	Nil	Nil	Nil
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil

Risk Matrix						
Consequence		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Likelihood		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	Moderate (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
Likely	4	Low (4)	Moderate (8)	High (12)	High (16)	Extreme (20)
Possible	3	Low (3)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (9)	High (12)	High (15)
Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Moderate (5)

Officer Recommendation / Council Decision

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Moved Cr Granich/Seconded Cr Stephen

That Council:

- Council notes that it has complied with Sections 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 in respect advertising requirements and preparation of the 2026/2027 “Rating Strategy” and “Objects and Reasons” documents;*
- Note that there were no submissions received;*
- Endorse the following proposed Differential General Rates Categories, Rates in the Dollar and Minimum amounts for the Shire of Yilgarn for the 2026/2027 financial year:*

<i>Land Category</i>	<i>Rate – Cents in the Dollar</i>	<i>Minimum Payment</i>
<i>GRV - Residential/Industrial</i>	<i>9.1117</i>	<i>\$600</i>
<i>GRV - Commercial</i>	<i>8.3132</i>	<i>\$450</i>
<i>GRV - Minesites</i>	<i>16.3879</i>	<i>\$450</i>
<i>GRV -Single Persons Quarters</i>	<i>16.3879</i>	<i>\$450</i>
<i>UV - Rural</i>	<i>1.0468</i>	<i>\$450</i>
<i>UV - Mining</i>	<i>15.1118</i>	<i>\$450</i>

and

- Make application to the Minister for Local Government to impose the UV Mining Differential Rate, being more than twice the lowest differential UV rate.*

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (7/0)

Cr’s For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Granich, Newbury, Rose, Stephen

Cr’s Against: Nil

9 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

10 MOTIONS FOR WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

11 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

Nil

12 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC-CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

13 CLOSURE

As there was no further business to discuss, the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 5:02pm

I, Bryan Close, confirm the above Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 2nd June 2026, are confirmed on Thursday, 18th June 2026 as a true and correct record of the 2nd June 2026 Special Meeting of Council.

Cr Bryan Close
SHIRE PRESIDENT