



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE ON
FRIDAY, 24 JUNE 2022 AT 10:00AM

1 MEETING OPENED

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2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald (10:35am), Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Bobby Abbott, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Annie Young (10:16am) and Councillor Lynette Ellis (12:15pm).

Staff:

Jeff McLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Sabine Wedemeyer – Director Community Services, Bhan Pratap – Director Corporate Services, Belinda Urquhart – Director Service Delivery, Simon Murphy – Director Technical Services, Michael Tomlinson – Manager Governance and Compliance, Barbara Newland – Coordinator Policy and June Crabb – Governance Officer.

Guests:

Greg Sharman – Titjikala Local Authority Member.

Apologies:

Council was advised that Deputy President Dalton McDonald and Cr Lynette Ellis would be late in arriving as they were required to attend to important matters of a personal nature.

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

OCM2022-075 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lynette Ellis)

That Council:

- 1. notes the attendance at the meeting held 24 June 2022;**
- 2. notes the apologies for late attendance received from Deputy President Dalton and Cr Ellis for the meeting held 24 June 2022; and**
- 3. records the absence, without apology, of Councillor Peter Turner for the meeting held 24 June 2022.**

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

OCM2022-076 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes that the CEO, Jeff MacLeod, will take leave on the 27 and 28 June 2022. In his absence, Bhan Pratap will be acting in the position of CEO.

Minute Note: CEO, Jeff MacLeod updated Council on significant staff movements as follows:

- Thomas Coelli-Donaghy, MRC's Human Resources Manager is departing. Thomas was thanked for stepping up to this role and for his great contribution, in particular his work on the Enterprise Agreement.
- After five years with MRC Bhan Pratap is stepping down as Director Corporate Services. Bhan has provided exemplary services, especially in the area of financial compliance and stability.
- Simon Murphy, one of MRC's longest serving employees, is retiring as the Director Technical Services, a position he has held for the past 11 years. Simon has been integral to the growth of MRC with the new MRC HQ building being the jewel in the crown of his many achievements.
- Barbara Newland came to MRC with vast experience in the area of governance and in her time as the Manager Governance and Compliance has redesigned the governance profile. She should be very proud of the redevelopment of the Regional Plan. Barbara is moving to the position of Coordinator Policy and will be working from her home in Brisbane.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OCM2022-077 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

6.1 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2022

OCM2022-078 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Special Council meeting held 27 May 2022 as a true record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

7.1 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

OCM2022-079 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Abraham Poulson)

That the Agenda papers for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 24 June 2022 as presented be received for consideration noting that there were some minor amendments as a result of the comments submitted by the Northern Territory Government in relation to the Regional Plan 2022-2023.

7.2 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

OCM2022-080 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the General Business item raised by Councillor Lisa Sharman to be discussed at item 16:1 being Mbunghara Outstation.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OCM2022-081 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

1. notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
2. notes that there were no conflicts of interest declared.

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

12.1 DRAFT MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council considers the minutes of each Local Authority ordinary meeting or provisional meeting at the next available Ordinary Council meeting.

OCM2022-082 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Marlene Abbott)

That Council:

1. approves the minutes of the Finke, Imanpa, Wallace Rockhole, Santa Teresa, Titjikala, Docker River, Mt Liebig, Papunya, Hermannsburg Local Authority ordinary meetings;
2. approves the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority provisional meeting;

3. endorses the request from the Hermannsburg Local Authority to reduce their membership from ten (10) members to seven (7) members; and
4. endorses the request from Haasts Bluff Local Authority to re-assign Atji Creek Outstation to being part of Haasts Bluff Community and not Papunya.

12.2 NOMINATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As recorded in the minutes of the Local Authority meetings, the recommendation put forth to Council is to accept and endorse the nominations submitted for membership of the Authorities.

OCM2022-083 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Marlene Abbott)

That Council:

1. accepts the nominations submitted by the Local Authorities; and
2. endorses:
 - Mr Lawrence Webb, Ms Samantha Stuart, Mr Travis Williams and Ms Marilyn Dixon for the Amoonguna Local Authority; and
 - Ms Julie Dempsey for the Kintore Local Authority.

12.3 RESIGNATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to ask Council to endorse the resignations of the Authority membership made at a provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority held 1 June 2022 and the resignations provided at the Wallace Rockhole meeting held 13 April 2022.

OCM2022-084 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Patrick Allen)

That Council endorses the resignation of membership received from:

1. Natasha Stuart and Donna Dixon from the Amoonguna Local Authority; and
2. Ken Porter and Daniel Abbott from the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

Minute note: Deputy President Dalton McDonald arrived at 10.35am.

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

13.1 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Councilors with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council/President in the period following the past Council meeting.

OCM2022-085 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent and records that:

1. no requests were received for nominations for LGANT's Code of Conduct Panel Charter;
2. Councilors were asked to consider nominating emerging leaders from their communities for the First Circle Leadership Program;
3. no nominations were expressed for positions on the LGANT Executive Board; and
4. there has been a response received from the Minister for Local Government to MRC's letter of 9.6.2022 which will be tabled at the next meeting.

13.2 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council reviews the attached actions that have been raised at previous Ordinary Council meetings and provides the status and/or updates of each action.

OCM2022-086 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- 1. notes the progress on the actions in the register;**
- 2. closed Action OCM2022-024(2), which was acknowledged by Councillor Marlene Abbott.**

14 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

14.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides details of the meetings and conferences attended by President Roxanne Kenny for the months of April and May 2022.

OCM2022-087 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)

That Council receives the President's report for the months of April and May 2022.

Minute note: Meeting adjourned at 11:05am and resumed at 11:22am.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OCM2022-088 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services report.

15.2 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details activities of the Technical Services directorate during the most recent reporting period.

OCM2022-089 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the Technical Services report.

15.3 SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY – MAY 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update of Council delivered services provided across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

OCM2022-090 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and accepts the report Service Centre Delivery – May 2022.

Minute note: Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:18pm and resumed at 1:02pm.

Minute note: Cr Lynette Ellis arrived at 12.15pm.

15.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the activities and services of the Director of Corporate Services for the months of April – May 2022.

OCM2022-091 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Patrick Allen)

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Report.

Minute note: Mr Pratap, Director Corporate Services, raised a matter which had not been included in the agenda, that being the need for elected members to complete “Related Parties Disclosure” and “Return of Declared Interests” forms as part of the End of Financial Year auditing requirements. The forms were distributed to all elected members to be completed at the conclusion of today’s meeting.

15.5 FINANCE REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Section 17:

3. The CEO must, in each month, give the council a report setting out:

- a) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and
- b) the most recently adopted annual budget; and
- c) details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget.

OCM2022-092 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Annie Young)

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 31 May 2022.

15.6 POLICY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report recommends the endorsement of the amended IR02-CP Digitisation Policy.

OCM2022-093 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Marlene Abbott)

That Council approves the amended IR02-CP Digitisation Policy.

15.7 USE OF COMMON SEAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 38(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (LGA) states that “the affixing of the Common Seal to a document must be authorised or ratified [endorsed] by resolution of the Council”. This report requests Council to ratify [endorse] the use of the Common Seal on the listed documents.

OCM2022-094 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Patrick Allen)

That Council ratifies the use of the Common Seal on the following documents:

- Capital Grant – Hermannsburg Softball field upgrades**
- Capital Grant – Papunya Softball field upgrades Grant**
- Capital Grant – Shade shelter in Santa Teresa Grant**
- Capital Grant – Community and Home Support Grant**
- S19 Licence – NT portion 1230, playground in Imanpa**

15.8 CERTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT RECORD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to accept and acknowledge the certification provided by the Chief Executive in relation to the Assessment Record for properties within the MacDonald Regional Council region.

OCM2022-095 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman)

That Council acknowledges the certification of the Assessment Record for rateable property in the MacDonnell Regional Council provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

15.9 RATES DECLARATION 2022-2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to declare the General Rates, Special Rates and Charges for the 2022-2023 financial year.

OCM2022-096 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- 1. notes that no submissions were received from the public on rates, special rates and charges;**
- 2. declares its Rates and Charges for the 2022-2023 financial year as per the attached document “MacDonnell Regional Council – Rates and Charges Declaration 2022-2023” in accordance with sections 237(1) and 237 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*; and**
- 3. publishes notice of the Rates and Charges Declaration 2022-2023 on the MRC website and in a newspaper circulating generally in the MRC area in accordance with section 241 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.**

15.10 ADOPTION OF MRC BUDGET 2022-2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the final draft of the MacDonnell Regional Council Budget 2022-2023 as contained within its Financial Plan 2022-2023, following the consultation period, for adoption.

OCM2022-097 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That Council, as per resolution OCM2022-053 of 29 April 2022, sets the Elected Member’s Allowances for the 2022-2023 financial year as per Maximum Council Member Allowances authorised by the Minister’s Guidelines.

OCM2022-098 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes that one submission was received from the Northern Territory Government which was incorporated into the budget as an amendment to page 41 “Members’ Allowances” which was changed from \$407,178 to \$312,150.

OCM2022-099 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lynette Ellis)

That Council adopts the MacDonnell Regional Council Budget for 2022-2023 in accordance with section 203(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

15.11 ADOPTION OF DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN 2022-2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the final draft of the MacDonnell Regional Council Regional Plan 2022-2023, following the consultation period, for adoption.

OCM2022-100 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes that one submission was received from the Northern Territory Government regarding the Regional Plan.

OCM2022-101 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes that the changes recommended in the submission have been incorporated into the tabled document.

OCM2022-102 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Annie Young)

That Council adopts the MacDonnell Regional Council Plan for 2022-2023 (including the Financial Plan 2022-2023) and delegates the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Northern Territory Government thanking them for the submission.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

16.1 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

OCM2022-103 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes the matter raised at item 7.2 was withdrawn by Councillor Sharman and no further matters were raised.

17 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

17.1 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

OCM2022-104 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Abraham Poulson)

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items were about to be discussed. The meeting is closed in accordance with clause 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matters to be discussed include information that, if publicly disclosed, would likely prejudice the interests of the Council or some other person.

Minute note: The open session of the meeting was closed at 2:26pm.

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

18.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides the minutes of the Confidential Session of the previous Special Council meeting to be approved by Council.

OCM2022-105 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the Confidential Session of the Special Council meeting held 27 May 2022 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

18.2 TENDER RECOMENDATION - PERIMETER FENCING FOR 3 SWIMMING POOLS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the results of the recent tender 'MRC415-001 Swimming pool fencing tender'.

OCM2022-106 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)

That Council:

- 1. approves the recommendation to award the tender to AJ Nicol Fencing P/L.**

OCM2022-107 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- 2. approves to move the results of the tender into open Council.**

OCM2022-108 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That Council:

- 3. approves to post the result of the tender on Council's website.**

18.3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and clauses 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be opened to the public following the consideration of confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

OCM2022-109 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That Council discloses motions from the confidential section of this meeting in the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public.

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 2:51 pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 24 June 2022 and were confirmed Friday, 26 August 2022.

President