



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE MECURE HOTEL - ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 26 MAY 2023 AT 9:00AM

1 MEETING OPENED at 9:25am

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2 WELCOME from President Roxanne Kenny

3 DECLARATION OF THE BY-ELECTION – RODINGA WARD

3.1 NTEC - MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION RESULTS - RODINGA WARD 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to formally present to Council the advice received from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) regarding the result of the by-election in the Rodinga Ward for the MacDonnell Regional Council, nominations closing on Friday 19th May 2023.

OCM2023-058 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) noted and accepted the notification by NTEC as to the result of the 2023 MacDonnell Regional Council By-Election: Rodinga Ward;
- b) posts the declaration of the results to the Council's website;
- c) noted the by-election for Luritja Pintubi ward will be held from 8 of June to 15 of June 2023; and
- d) noted that two nominations have been received.

3.2 DECLARATION BY RECENTLY APPOINTED ELECTED MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the procedure for the signing of declarations by the newly appointed elected members.

OCM2023-059 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Marlene Abbott)

That each newly Elected Member cited their declaration and signed their individual Declaration Certificate.

4 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald arrived at 9:36am, Councillor Bobby Abbott, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Aloyiscois Hayes, and Councillor Abraham Poulson arrived at 11:44am

Staff:

Jeff McLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Sabine Wedemeyer – Director Community Services, Chris Kendrick – Director Corporate Services Keith Hassett – Acting Director Service Delivery, Sheree Sherry - Manager Finance, Brian Robinson - Manager People & Culture and Gaurab Ghimire - Governance Administration Officer

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe, Regional Manager, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet arrived at 12:31pm

Apologies:

Nil

Absent:

Councillor Jason Minor

4.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

OCM2023-060 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That the Special Council:

- a) noted the attendance and apologies; and
- b) noted the absence without permission of Councillor Jason Minor to the Special Council Meeting.

5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 REQUESTS FOR FUTURE LEAVES OF ABSENCES

OCM2023-061 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That the Special Council noted the Request for Future Leaves of Absences for:

- a) Councillor Mark away on leave for one week in June 2023;
- b) Deputy President Dalton McDonald away on leave for two weeks starting on Monday, 29 May 2023; and
- c) Corporate Services Director Chris Kendrick away on leave from 16th of June 2023.

6 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

6.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OCM2023-062 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Marlene Abbott)

That the Special Council noted the Council Code of Conduct.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2023

OCM2023-063 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting and amended to read:

- A) Item 8.1 conflict of interest was seconded by councillor Mark Inkamala noting that councillor Marlene Abbott was absent at that meeting.**

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

8.1 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

OCM2023-064 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That members noted as all members were not present that no matters of General Business could be added to the Agenda.

8.2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

OCM2023-065 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

That the papers circulated were received for consideration at this Special meeting.

9 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

9.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OCM2023-066 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Aloyischois Hayes)

- a) That the Special Council noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) That members did not declare any conflict of interest.**

10 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

13 LOCAL AUTHORITY

Nil

14 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Nil

15 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil

16 OFFICERS' REPORTS

16.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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.

OCM2023-067 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Aloyischois Hayes)

That Council:

- a) noted the correspondence received and sent;
- b) request to write for additional information in regards to Sponsorship Opportunity – 2023 NT Aboriginal Leadership and Governance Forum as to the total amount they are looking to raise the deadline for getting involved and who is running the forum; and
- c) noted that the council will again discuss the Sponsorship Opportunity - 2023 NT Aboriginal Leadership and Governance Forum at the June Ordinary Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned for break at 10:37am and resumed at 11:08am

16.2 FINANCE REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

- (1) 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 recent 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.

OCM2023-068 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Patrick Allen)

That Council noted and accepted the Finance Report as at 30 April 2023.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

Nil

18 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

18.1 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

OCM2023-069 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Andrew Davis)

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are 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 be likely to prejudice the interest of the council or some other person.

19 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

19.1 MOVE RESOLUTION TO OPEN COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In line with Council's policy MC14-CP 'Confidential Information and Business Policy' items of confidential business should be considered as to how long, if at all, the item should remain confidential. The options being:

- a) the type of confidential information that should no longer be confidential after a specified period of time; or
- b) the type of confidential information that should be subject to periodic review to determine if it should no longer be confidential; or
- c) the type of confidential information that should never become public or would remain confidential for a maximum period allowed under the Information Act 2002 (i.e. 30 years)

OCM2023-070 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman)

That Council moved resolution OCM2023-055 and the related report, resolved at the April Council confidential meeting, into open Council. The resolution being:

That Council:

- a) received and noted the report on the Remuneration Tribunal Determinations for the 2024 Financial year; and
- b) agreed to pursue a variation with the Remuneration Tribunal in their determination to the elected members travel per km.

19.2 POLICY REVIEWS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) is an independent statutory body that determines the allowances for members of Council. The Tribunal has recently released the determination for Councillor Allowances for the 2023-24 financial year. These changes require amendments to policy MC03-CP 'Allowances – Elected Members Policy' and MC08-CP 'Travel and Accommodation Policy – Members'.

OCM2023-071 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) approved the revised version of policy MC03-CP 'Allowances – Elected Members Policy'.
- b) approved the revised version of policy MC08-CP 'Travel and Accommodation – Members'.
- c) moved this report, the resolution and the two policies into Open Council.

19.3 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN 2023/24

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Further to section 35(3) of the Local Government Act 2019, the Council needs to approve a Draft Regional Plan for the 2023/24 year, prior to the plan being released to the public for comment. After the plan is made publically available for a period of at least 21 days, the Council will need to review any comments, finalise and adopt the 2023/24 Regional Plan.

OCM2023-072 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Marlene Abbott)

That Council :

- a) reviewed and approved the proposed Draft 2023/24 Regional Plan;
- b) moved this report into Open Council;
- c) puts the Draft 2023/24 Regional Plan on display for public comment for a period of at least 21 days; and
- d) recommended to rewrite the front cover of the regional plan 2023/24 with a message that Council welcomes community members to all their meetings including the Local Authority meetings.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulations 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.

OCM2023-073 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Marlene Abbott)

That Council disclosed motions from the confidential section of this meeting into the open section of the meeting as follows:

- a) Moves the resolution to Open Council, item 19.1;
- b) Policy reviews, item 19.2; and
- c) Draft Regional Plan, item 19.3

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting adjourned at 12:22pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Friday 26 May 2023 and were confirmed on 30 June 2023

President