

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting Wednesday, 18 March 2020

Date: Wednesday, 18 March 2020

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Civic Centre
McGregor St
Port Hedland

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Item 1 Opening of Meeting

The Commissioner declared the meeting open at 4:31pm.

Item 2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Dignitaries

The Commissioner acknowledged the Kariyarra people, on whose lands we are meeting, and paid his respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Item 3 Recording of Attendance

3.1 Attendance

Scheduled Present: Commissioner Hon. Fredrick Riebeling AM JP
Scheduled for Attendance: Carl Askew (Chief Executive Officer)
Anthea Bird (Director Corporate Services) – Arrived 4:32pm
Josephine Bianchi (Director Community Services)
Craig Watts (Director Regulatory Services) – Arrived 4:32pm
Lee Furness (Director Infrastructure Services)
Angelique Cook (Senior Governance Advisor/Minute Taker)

Staff: 3
Media: 0
Public: 0

3.2 Attendance by Telephone / Instantaneous Communications

Nil

3.3 Apologies

Nil

3.4 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

3.5 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

Item 4 Public Time

Important note:

'This meeting is being recorded on audio tape and streamed live online as an additional record of the meeting and to assist with minute-taking purposes which may be released upon request to third parties. If you do not give permission for recording your participation please indicate this at the meeting. The public is reminded that in accordance with Section 6.16 of the Town of Port Hedland Local Law on Standing Orders nobody shall use any visual or vocal electronic device or instrument to record the proceedings of any meeting unless that person has been given permission by the chairperson to do so. Members of the public are also reminded that in accordance with section 6.17(4) of the Town of Port Hedland Local Law on Standing Orders mobile telephones must be switched off and not used during the meeting.'

In accordance with section 6.7(3) of the Town of Port Hedland Local Law on Standing Orders, members of the public are required to complete a question form and place the completed form in the tray provided.

If the Presiding Member determines that questions and statements are out of order due to the use of an offensive or objectionable expression or are defamatory, they will not be recorded or responded to.

The Commissioner opened Public Question Time at 4:34pm.

4.1 Public Question Time

The Commissioner closed Public Question Time at 4:35pm.

The Commissioner opened Public Statement Time open at 4:35pm.

4.2 Public Statement Time

The Commission closed Public Statement Time at closed at 4:36pm.

4.3 Petitions/Deputations/Presentations/Submissions

Nil

Item 5 Questions from Members without Notice

Nil

Item 6 Announcements by Presiding Member without Discussion

Nil

Item 7 Declarations of All Members to Have Given Due Consideration to All Matters Contained in the Business Paper before the Meeting

The Commissioner declared that he had given due consideration to all matters contained in the agenda.

Item 8 Reports of Officers

Nil

Item 9 Matters for Which Meeting May Be Closed (Confidential Matters)

CM201920/176 COUNCIL DECISION

That Council close the meeting to members of the public as prescribed in section 5.23(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, to consider items:

9.1 Approval for Land Acquisition.

CARRIED BY COMMISSIONER RIEBELING

4:36pm The commissioner declared the meeting closed to the public.

9.1 APPROVAL FOR LAND ACQUISITION

Author: Coordinator Property Management
Authorising Officer: Director Corporate Services

Disclosure of Interest: The Author and Authorising Officer declare that they do not have any conflicts of interest in relation to this item. This report has been deemed confidential pursuant to Section 5.23(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, as the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item is in relation to clause (c) a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

Before considering the below recommendations, the Commissioner made the following statement:

This particular item is regarding the acquisition of two parcels of land that will be developed for staff housing. This will allow, in my view, the better retention of qualified employees to have somewhere decent to live, once these houses are built. The Town has trouble in attracting people in technical roles, as well as those that fall into the categories of requiring houses.

An opportunity has arisen to make an offer on suitable land and a Special Council Meeting is needed to authorise the purchase of the land.

I support both recommendations.

CM201920/177 OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION 1/ COUNCIL DECISION

That Council:

1. Amend the 2019/20 annual budget to increase Staff Housing Acquisition budget by \$400,000 to be funded from the Financial Risk Reserve.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY BY COMMISSIONER RIEBELING

CM201920/178 OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION 2/ COUNCIL DECISION

That Council:

1. Note the information per confidential attachment 1 for the purchase of Land Parcel A;
2. Note the information per confidential attachment 2 for the purchase of Land parcel B;
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with the two acquisitions as detailed in point 1 & 2 above; and
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with negotiations on similar land parcels should the bids not be successful on Land Parcel A and/or B, for no more than the budgeted amount.

CARRIED BY COMMISSIONER RIEBELING

CM201920/179 COUNCIL DECISION

That Council open the meeting to members of the public.

CARRIED BY COMMISSIONER RIEBELING

The Commissioner declared the meeting open to public at 4:41pm.

The Commissioner read aloud the resolution CM201920/177 and CM201920/178.

Item 10 Closure

10.1 Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 25 March 2020 commencing at 5:30pm.

10.2 Closure

There being no further business, the Commissioner declared the meeting closed at 4:43pm.

DECLARATION OF CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

I certify that these Minutes were confirmed by the Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 March 2020.

CONFIRMATION:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. S.', written over a horizontal line.

COMMISSIONER

26th March 2020

DATE