

**MINUTES OF MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MISSION ROAD, GUNUNA
ON WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY 2024 AT 9:00AM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was opened by Mayor Richard Sewter at 9:18am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the Lardil people of Mornington Island and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We would also like to acknowledge the Kaiadilt, Yangkaal, Waanyi, Gangalidda and Garawa people who share our homelands.

3 PRESENT

Mayor Richard Sewter, Cr Farrah Linden, Cr Renee Wilson, Cr Jane Ah Kit

Gary Uhlmann (Chief Executive Officer), Skye Price (Director Corporate and Community), Rhianne Williams (minute-taking)

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Nil

6 CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS

A minute's silence was observed for loved ones.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**7.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 19 JUNE 2024****RESOLUTION 2024/87**

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council held on Wednesday 19 June 2024 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED 4/0

At 9:35 am, Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson joined the meeting.

8 DEPUTATIONS

10:00 am Nicola and Martyn from PwC Indigenous Consulting.

10:30 am Alana Mitchell from Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs.

9 ACTION SCHEDULE**9.1 ACTION ITEMS AS AT 12 JULY 2024****RESOLUTION 2024/88**

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden
Seconded: Mayor Richard Sewter

That the Action Schedule as tabled be updated and that completed items be removed.

CARRIED 5/0

10 POLICY DOCUMENTS

Nil

RECEPTION & CONSIDERATION OF OFFICERS REPORTS**11 MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS****11.1 MAYOR RICHARD SEWTER AND COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/89**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson
Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council endorse the Mayor and Councillors verbal report and wish to add the below items to action;

- Distribute the climate change environmental study
- Councillors receive an invitation for all key strategic meetings (i.e. not operational) with external service providers

Mayor wishes to congratulate Councillor Jane Ah Kit and welcomes her to the Council.

Mayor wishes to thank Councillor Farrah Linden and Rhianna for efforts during NAIDOC week.

Deputy Mayor verbal notes

- Outstation water holes, roads and bore water

Cr. Wilson verbal notes

- Regional arts meeting
- Suggestions on using shipping containers as stages for events

Cr. Linden verbal notes

- Thank MCS support for NAIDOC
- What are the commitments for Local Show Day
- Upcoming community events
- Council potential support for the careers expo
- Funerals (funeral co-ordinator role still vacant)

CARRIED 5/0

At 10:09 am, Cr Renee Wilson left the meeting.

At 10:10 am, Cr Renee Wilson returned to the meeting.

Deputation| Nicola and Martyn deputation regarding food security in community.

At 10:31 am, Cr Renee Wilson left the meeting.

Mayor adjourned the meeting 10:32 am.

Mayor recommenced the meeting 10.35 am.

At 10:35 am, Cr Renee Wilson returned to the meeting.

Deputation | Alana Mitchell deputation regarding Child Safety and Delegated Authority.

Action – Cr. Linden and Cr. Ah Kit to meet with Alana Mitchell in August visit to island.

At 11:39 am, Cr Renee Wilson left the meeting.

At 11:46 am, Cr Renee Wilson returned to the meeting.

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, GARY UHLMANN VERBAL REPORT

RESOLUTION 2024/90

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer's verbal report for July 2024.

- Great results from the Council to achieve a \$4million surplus
- QBuild painting (30 houses painted, 50 on schedule)
- Grant acquittals are up to date
- Lardil main street footpaths commenced and forward foot work paths to continue around the community
- Tavern kitchen plans have been drawn for costings
- Water security and water quality projects are underway with a Government stakeholder working party
- WIFI (Australian Private Network returning to island in few weeks to finalise connectivity)
- Plant and Machinery audit servicing disposal and upgrade is occurring
- Councillor portfolio appointment and review of Council's strategic and operational plans are underway
- Gary will be on leave 18 July – 2 August 2024 and Ian McCarthy will be acting Chief Executive Officer

CARRIED 5/0

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

Mayor recommenced the meeting at 12:45 pm.

Ian McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer joined the meeting to present to Council.

13 FINANCE**13.1 FINANCIAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/91**

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden
Seconded: Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council note and receive the financial report for July 2024.

CARRIED 5/0

At 1:27 pm, Cr Renee Wilson left the meeting.

At 1:30 pm, Cr Renee Wilson returned to the meeting.

13.3 NEW CORPORATE CARD**RESOLUTION 2024/92**

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council endorse a new credit card with a thirty thousand dollar (\$30,000) limit to be utilised exclusively for purchasing Council and Local Fare flights.

CARRIED 5/0

At 1:47 pm, Cr Jane Ah Kit left the meeting.

13.2 TENDER MSC 2024-002 PLANT HIRE 2024 - 2026**RESOLUTION 2024/93**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson
Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That;

1. pursuant to section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council resolve to engage O.R. Richardson and W.M. Richardson, trading as Gulf Regional Services (ABN 18 261 832 082) as sole supplier to deliver plant hire goods and ancillary services for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years (two years), as there is only one supplier reasonably available; and
2. that Council resolve to give financial delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with and pay invoices as and when due to Gulf Regional Services subject to availability of approved budget and/or grant funds.

CARRIED 4/0

At 1:52 pm, Cr Jane Ah Kit returned to the meeting.

Item - 13.3 New corporate card - has been moved to another part of the document.

13.4 FARE SUBSIDY SCHEME - REX AIRLINES**RESOLUTION 2024/94**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council endorse subsidised REX airfares and that a mandatory prerequisite for subsidised airfares is that they only be offered for the benefit of local Indigenous community members who are permanent residents.

CARRIED 5/0

Ken Tapfield, Human Resources Manager joined the meeting to present to Council.

14 HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**14.1 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/95**

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive the human resources report for July 2024.

CARRIED 5/0

15 GOVERNANCE**15.1 QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TENANCY SERVICES UPDATE****RESOLUTION 2024/96**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter
Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the report related to Queensland Government Department of Housing Tenancy Services for June 2024.

CARRIED 5/0

16 PLANNING AND COMMUNITIES

Item - 16.1 Potential citizenship ceremony - has been moved to another part of the document.

17 HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Item - 17.1 Housing report - has been moved to another part of the document.

18 FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Item - 18.1 Facilities report - has been moved to another part of the document.

19 ENGINEERING

Item - 19.1 Engineering verbal report - has been moved to another part of the document.

20 GENERAL BUSINESS**20.1 CR. JANE AH KIT - GENERAL BUSINESS****RESOLUTION 2024/97**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson
Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council note and receive Cr Jane Ah Kit's items of general business.

Organisational Structure, TCICA, update on well-being centre, policies: review cultural leave and special leave, funded projects and correction to documented minutes of meeting delegation.

CARRIED 5/0

21 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**RESOLUTION 2024/98**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulations 2012:

16.1 Potential citizenship ceremony

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J3(i) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

CARRIED 5/0

RESOLUTION 2024/99

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED 5/0

16.1 POTENTIAL CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**RESOLUTION 2024/100**

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council endorse Friday 13 September 2024 as the nominated citizenship ceremony date for two potential conferees and nominate Mayor Richard Sewter and Chief Executive Officer Gary Uhlmann as the Authorised Presiding Officer.

CARRIED 5/0

At 2:38 pm, Cr Farrah Linden left the meeting.

At 2:41 pm, Cr Farrah Linden returned to the meeting.

17.1 HOUSING REPORT

RESOLUTION 2024/101

Moved: Cr Renee Wilson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson
That Council receive the housing report for July 2024.

CARRIED 5/0

18.1 FACILITIES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2024/102

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson
Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden
That Council note and receive the facilities department report for July 2024.

CARRIED 5/0

19.1 ENGINEERING VERBAL REPORT

RESOLUTION 2024/103

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden
Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit
That Council receive the engineering department verbal report for July 2024.

CARRIED 5/0

22 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 28 August 2024.

23 CLOSURE

Mayor Sewter closed the meeting at 3:17pm.

Gary Uhlmann
Chief Executive Officer.

Minutes Confirmed:

Mayor

Date: 17/072024

Gary Uhlmann
Chief Executive Officer

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