



Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

Ordinary Council Meeting #16

Minutes

Wednesday, 21st July 2021

Injinoo Council Office

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening of Meeting
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners
3. Present
4. Apologies
5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
6. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting
7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting
8. Mayoral Report
9. Confidential - Chief Executive Officer Report
10. Finance Report
11. Other Business
 - 11.1 Water Treatment Plant – Clear Water Tank Duplication
 - 11.2 Water Treatment Plant – CMF Third Filter Membrane Train Installation
 - 11.3 NPARC and Regional Waste Strategy
 - 11.4 Development Permit for Reconfiguration of SP323446
 - 11.5 2022 Northern Peninsula Area Special Holiday Application
12. Closure of Meeting

Agenda Item 1. Welcome and Opening of Meeting

Mayor Yusia welcomed attendees and opened the meeting at 9:20am with a prayer by Cr Gebadi.

Agenda Item 2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Agenda Item 3. Present

Mayor & Councillors

Mayor Patricia Yusia	Mayor
Cr Gina Nona	Division 1
Cr Rob Tamwoy – by phone	Division 2
Cr Kitty Gebadi	Deputy Mayor/Division 3
Cr Eric Cottis	Division 4

Other Attendees

Susan Law	CEO
Shane Anderson	Executive Manager Operations
Gary Pemberton	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Michael Booth	Acting Finance Manager
Jillian Anderson	Executive Assistant
Lanitta Jawai	Executive Assistant

Resolution:

That Council accept Cr Tamwoy participation by phone.

**Moved: Cr Cottis
Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Gebadi
Resolution: C3– 21072021**

Cr Tamwoy joined the meeting by phone at 9:34am

Agenda Item 4. Apologies

Cr Francis Elu	Division 5
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Resolution:

That Council moves to accept apology from Councillor Elu as he is unwell and obtaining a medical certificate.

**Moved: Cr Gebadi
Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Tamwoy
Resolution: C4 – 21072021**

Agenda Item

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations of conflicts of interest were declared.

Agenda Item

6. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution:

That Council notes and confirms the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held Wednesday, 16th June 2021 with amendment to Agenda Item 13.1 NPA Housing Investment Plan 2020-2021, All properties are three bedrooms except property on Ware Street Injinoo which is 2 bedrooms.

Moved: Cr Gebadi
Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Tamwoy
Resolution: C6.1 – 21072021

Resolution:

That Council notes and confirms the minutes from the Extraordinary Council Meeting held Friday, 16th July 2021.

Moved: Cr Tamwoy
Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi
Resolution: C6.2 – 21072021

Agenda Item

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Resolution:

That Council adjourns at 10:49am for a 10 minute break.

Moved: Cr Nona

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Resolution:

That Council reconvenes at 11:10am

Moved: Cr Nona

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Agenda Item

8. Mayoral Report

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide a verbal update on the Mayor's activities since the previous meeting.

Mayor Yusia provided the following update to the Councilors:

- Sorry business within communities
- Strategic Meeting dates to be confirmed
- Work with Traditional Owners regarding ILUA
- LDMG Meeting held to discuss COVID 19 Strategies
- More work to be done on Safety Plan
 - o Money identified from DATSIP can be used for Safety Plan
- Sub Strategic Plan developed with Ross Higgins 2020

Resolution:

That Council note and accept the Mayor's verbal report for June 2021.

Moved: Cr Tamwoy

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Resolution: C8 – 21072021

Procedural Resolution:

That Council closes the meeting to the public at 11:18 under *Local Government Regulation 2012* Section 254J (3) (b) to deliberate on Confidential Reports.

Moved: Cr Cottis
Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Agenda Item 9. Chief Executive Officer Report

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide a verbal update on the Chief Executive Officer's activities since the previous meeting.

Procedural Resolution:

That Council open the meeting to the public at 11:55am

Moved: Cr Cottis
Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Approve the establishment of 2 Advisory Committees
2. Request the CEO prepare draft Terms of Reference
3. Request the CEO commence the EOI process to identify suitable external interested parties to participate on the Committees
4. Approve the establishment of four (4) portfolios for the Mayor to allocate responsibility to Councillors

Moved: Cr Cottis
Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi
Resolution: C9.1 – 21072021

Resolution:

That Council note and accept the Chief Executive Officers report for July 2021.

**Moved: Cr Cottis
Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Gebadi
Resolution: C9.2 – 21072021**

Agenda Item 10. Finance Report

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with an up to date financial position of the Council as per the *Local Government Act 2009* and s204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

Resolution:

That Council note and accept the Acting Manager Finance Report for June 2021.

**Moved: Cr Gebadi
Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Nona
Resolution: C10 – 21072021**

Agenda Item 11.1 Water Treatment Plant – Clear Water Tank Duplication

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Councillor's that Council has received Indigenous Councils Critical Infrastructure Program (ICCIP) funding to install a duplicate clear water tank and carryout repairs to the existing clear water tank.

Resolution:

That Council resolves to approve the appointment of a specialist water consultant to prepare tender specifications, evaluate tender responses and project manage installation of a second clear water storage tank in accordance with the exemptions provided in the Local Government Regulation.

**Moved: Cr Gebadi
Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Nona
Resolution: C11.1 – 21072021**

Resolution:

That Council take a 20 minute break at 1:02pm

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Seconded: Cr Tamwoy

Vote: 5/0

Resolution:

That Council resume the meeting at 1:45 pm.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Seconded: Cr Nona

Vote: 5/0

Agenda Item 11.2 Water Treatment Plant – CMF Third Filter Membrane Train Installation

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Councillor's with advice in relation to proposed upgrade works at the Bamaga Water Treatment Plant (WTP) considered essential to ensure the delivery of safe drinking water to the NPA communities.

Cr Cottis left room 1:53pm

Cr Cottis returned 1:54 pm

Resolution:

That Council resolves to approve the recommendation to engage the current water treatment plant operator to project manage the installation of the third membrane train in accordance with the exemptions provided in the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Section 235).

Moved: Cr Cottis

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 5/0

Resolution: C11.2 – 21072021

Agenda Item 11.3 NPARC and Regional Waste Strategy

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide advice to the Councillors of the Regional Waste Management Plan (RP) and its intent along with advice on how the RP fits in with the overarching State Governments Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy.

The report includes proposed solutions to waste issues in the NPA as well as the wider Torres Strait region including rationalisation of regional landfills, design construction and operation of waste transfer stations, waste separation and development of container for exchange programs etc.

Resolution:

That Council resolves to:

1. Support in principal, the proposed Waste Management Plan (Work-up Table); and
2. Acknowledge a further detailed report will be prepared to seek full endorsement of a Regional Waste Management Plan to support a funding application at a later date.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Tamwoy

Resolution: C11.3 – 21072021

Agenda Item 11.4 Development Permit for Reconfiguration of SP323446

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Provide information to support the recommendation to allow Survey Plan 323446 to be registered with the Department of Resources.

Resolution:

That Council resolves to:

- (a) take any and all steps required to give effect to the lodgement and registration of plan of subdivision SP323446;
- (b) consent to the allocation of reservation with an area of 212ha to Lot 58 on SP323446;
- (c) consent to all associated land administration actions necessary to facilitate registration of the plan;
- (d) confirm the requisite development approvals have been obtained for lodgement and registration of SP323446; and
- (e) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer authority to take any steps necessary to give effect to items (a) – (d) above.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Tamwoy

Resolution: C11.4 – 21072021

Agenda Item 11.5 2022 Northern Peninsula Area Special Holiday Application

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider dates which Council may wish to request as special holidays to be observed during the 2021-2022 financial year for districts in their local government area in accordance with the *Holidays Act 1983*.

Resolution:

In pursuit of the *Holidays Act 1983* (Sect 4) and the *Industrial Relations Act 2016*, Council resolves to nominate the following dates for the 2022 Northern Peninsula Area special holidays and for the related purposes of:-

- Mabo Day – Friday 3rd June 2022
- NPA Cultural Festival (Keeping the Flames of Culture Burning) – Friday 17th June 2022
- NPA Annual Show Day – Friday 26th August 2022
- NPA Sporting Carnival – Friday 21st October 2022

Moved: Cr Gebadi
Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Tamwoy
Resolution: C11.5 – 21072021

Agenda Item 12 Other Business

Cr Nona Returns 2:31pm

Cr Nona has left for the remainder of the meeting 2:53pm

Cr Cottis left meeting 3:14pm

Cr Cottis returned at 3:16pm

Mayor Yusia left 3:19pm

Mayor Yusia returned 3:21pm

Councillors provided information of issues within their communities to be added to the Action Item List.

Agenda Item 13 Closure of Meeting

Meeting closed at 3:45pm with a closing prayer by Cr Tamwoy.