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Meeting Commenced at 9.00am

AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings of the Council shall be digitally recorded as provided for by Regulation 33 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 except for the proceedings of meetings or parts of meetings closed to the public in accordance with Regulation 15(2).

Therefore no recording shall be made of this meeting.

1. PRESENT

Cr Tim Harris, Deputy Mayor (Chairperson)
Cr Justine Brooks
Cr Chris Barraclough
Cr Greg Dawson
Cr Andrew Michieletto
Cr Winston Mason
Cr Greg Kieser
Cr Heather Barwick

1.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager
Team Leader Corporate & Finance
Team Leader Community & Development Services
Governance Support Officer

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Bridget Archer, Mayor

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2. GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION

I certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendations provided to Council with this Agenda:

- the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- where any advice is given directly to Council by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.



Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

- (1) A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- (2) A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless –
 - (a) the general manager certifies, in writing –
 - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
 - (ii) that the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
 - (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

Cr Barwick requested that it be noted in the minutes that the pamphlet being circulated by the "Liberal Party" is not accurate in respect to Labor's election promises.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

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4. GENERAL MANAGER

077/19 4.1 REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE – JUNE 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

FILE NO: 14.12

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council agrees to reschedule the June 2019 ordinary Council meeting from the 18 June 2019 to the 25 June 2019 commencing at 1.00pm.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Dawson

Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council agrees to reschedule the June 2019 ordinary Council meeting from the 18 June 2019 to the 25 June 2019 commencing at 1.00pm.

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson, Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser

Against: Cr Barwick, Cr Brooks

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/2

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078/19 4.2 FEDERAL ELECTION ADVOCACY

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

FILE NO: 14.12

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of council services and infrastructure;
2. Expresses its concern about the decline in the value of Financial Assistance Grants funding at the national level from an amount equal to around 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue in 1996 to a current figure of around 0.55%.; and
3. Calls on all political parties contesting the 2019 Federal Election and their local candidates to support the Australian Local Government Association's call to restore the national value of Financial Assistance Grants funding to an amount equal to at least 1 % of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue and therefore to provide a Fairer Share of Federal funding for our local communities.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Kieser
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of council services and infrastructure;
2. Expresses its concern about the decline in the value of Financial Assistance Grants funding at the national level from an amount equal to around 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue in 1996 to a current figure of around 0.55%.; and
3. Calls on all political parties contesting the 2019 Federal Election and their local candidates to support the Australian Local Government Association's call to restore the national value of Financial Assistance Grants funding to an amount equal to at least 1 % of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue and therefore to provide a Fairer Share of Federal funding for our local communities.

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078/19 4.2 FEDERAL ELECTION ADVOCACY (CONT.)

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson,
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser
Against: Cr Barwick

CARRIED 7/1

Cr Barwick requested that it be noted in the open minutes that the General Manager will be removing himself from the meeting for discussion on the next item.

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5. CLOSED SESSION

079/19 5.1 INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Michieletto

That Council move into closed session at 9.14am to discuss the following item:

Item No. 1 General Manager Performance Plan and Appraisal - Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 r.15(2) (a) & (b)

DECISION

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick
Against:

CARRIED BY ABOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

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081/19 5.3 OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 regulation 15(8) while in a closed meeting the Council is to consider whether any discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to that closed meeting are to be kept confidential or released to the public, taking into account privacy and confidentiality issues.

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council moves out of Closed Session and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Session and the information remains Confidential.

DECISION

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson,
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 8/0

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.38am.

Cr Tim Harris
DEPUTY MAYOR