

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE, 2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
ON TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2020 AT 10:30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE – Chairperson;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Owen TURNER; and
- Independent Member Awais Ur REHMAN.

1.2 Staff

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer;
- Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager;
- Marc GARDNER, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability; and
- Dave HERON, Finance Manager.

1.3 Guests

Nil.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Finance Committee Meeting opened at 10:46am. The Mayor welcomed members and staff to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Finance Committee Meeting.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 27 MAY 2020 10:30AM

52/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee confirmed the minutes from the meeting held on 27 May 2020 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION LIST

53/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Awais Ur REHMAN)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Received and noted Action List; and
- (b) Approved the removal of completed items.

7 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Lot 88, Mataranka
- Roads Committee Recommendations
- Crawford Street Update
- Mataranka Cemetery car park update

8 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

54/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council accepted the incoming correspondence.

9 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

55/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That Council accepted the outgoing correspondence.

10 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW UPDATE

56/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Received and noted the report on consultation for the constitutional review; and
- (b) Approved that no changes be made to:
 - i. The titles of Elected Members and the Principal Member;
 - ii. The number of wards;
 - iii. The number of Elected Members; and
 - iv. The name of any wards.

11 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

12.1 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31.07.2020

57/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance Committee received and noted the financial reports as at 31 July 2020.

12.2 INVESTMENT STRATEGY

58/2020 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That the Finance Committee noted the establishment of an Investment Working Group to consider investment opportunities.

12.3 CERTIFICATION OF RATES INFORMATION

59/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Noted that the Chief Executive Officer did not provide Council with a formal rates records certification prior to Council approving the 2020/21 Budget; and
- (b) Acknowledged that the Chief Executive Officer herein certifies that all available records of rateable land within the Roper Gulf Regional Council area is recorded in the assessment record and that to the best of the Chief Executive Officer's knowledge, information and belief the assessment record is and has been since 1 July 2019, a comprehensive record of rateable land in this area.

13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

14 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 LOT 88, MATARANKA

60/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Noted the information provided by Department of Infrastructure, Lands and Planning about the process to transfer Special Purpose Leases;
- (b) Agreed that a compensation may be required to the current lease holder to achieve a transfer; and
- (c) Approved that the CEO can negotiate a compensation to the current lease holders up to \$100,000.

14.2 ROADS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

61/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Approved an allocation of \$30,000 for the Barunga – Local Roads Shoulder

- Repairs;
- (b) Approved an allocation of up to \$40,000 for an AAPA certificate for the Beswick - Cameron and Madigan roads intersection upgrade;
 - (c) Approved an allocation of up to \$500,000 for the Numbulwar community for better roads outcomes;
 - (d) Cancelled the CAPEX for Jilkminggan; and
 - (e) Approved an allocation of \$500,000 for Roads Future Fund.

14.3 CRAWFORD STREET UPDATE

Discussion was made about the update of the certificate process of the Crawford Street property. It was noted the CEO will wait for Victoria Regional Daly Council to make contact with RGRC.

The meeting stopped for lunch, the time being 12.10pm

Reconvened at 12:35pm.

14 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

62/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 14.1 **Finance Committee Meeting Confidential session- 27 May 2020** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iv).*
- 14.2 **NDIS Report** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(e).*
- 14.3 **Use of Common Seal** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(e).*

15 RESUMPTION OF MEETING

15.1 MOVE OUT OF CONFIDENTIAL

63/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee moves to return to the open session of the Finance Committee meeting and declare the resolutions made in the confidential session not be available to the public in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008*, section 201.

Councillor Evans left the meeting, the time being 1:08pm.

Councillor Evans returned to the meeting, the time being 1:10pm.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1:12pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 25 August 2020 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Mayor Judy MacFARLANE
Confirmed on 24 November 2020

