

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, NGUKURR, NT
ON WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2020 AT 8.30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Don GARNER;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor Clifford DUNCAN;
- Councillor Deanna KENNEDY;
- Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR (via teleconference); and
- Councillor David MURRUNIGAN (via teleconference).

1.2 Staff

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer;
- Steve SANDERSON, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Marc GARDNER, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability; and
- Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager.

1.3 Guests

- Paul FRANCIS, Chief Executive Officer Yugul Mangi;
- Amanda HAIGH, Chief Minister and Cabinet (via teleconference); and
- Rodney HOFFMAN, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (via teleconference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:33am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

Councillor Clifford DUNCAN read the pledge as he was formally inducted into his first Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Paul FRANCIS, Chief Executive Officer Yugul Mangi gave a brief presentation about the Yugul Mangi projects and various Ngukurr community assets.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

The council accepted the apologies from Councillor Selina ASHLEY, Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT, and Councillor Marlene KARKADOO for the meeting 28 October 2020.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

2/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Clifford DUNCAN)

CARRIED

The Council confirmed the minutes from the meeting held on 30 September 2020 and affirmed them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 ACTION LIST

3/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

The Council:

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

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- Urapunga Loop Internal Road
- Urapunga Community Hall
- Urapunga Cemetery Size
- Barunga Relocation of Night Patrol
- Barunga Library Veranda
- Numbulwar Cemetery and Cemetery Charges
- Numbulwar Cursing
- Recognition of Traditional Owners
- Ngukurr Internal Road Blockage

9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Don GARNER and Councillor Owen TURNER disclosed declarations of interest at this Ordinary Meeting of Council.

10 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

10.1 CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

4/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/David MURRONGUN) CARRIED

The Council adopts the recommendations from the Audit Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2020.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

5/2020 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

The Council accepted the incoming correspondence.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

6/2020 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

The Council accepted the outgoing correspondence.

13 WARD REPORTS

Nil.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 SPECIAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AND EMPLOYMENT GRANT

7/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Certification Statement for the Special Community Assistance and Local Employment Program; and
- (b) Acknowledged the Territory Government in respect of the funding provided.

14.2 BARUNGA - LOCAL ROADS SHOULDER REPAIRS

8/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and noted the update on edge repairs along bitumen roads in Barunga
- (b) Approved and increased in the Capital Works budget of \$1615.64;
- (c) Awarded the contract to Northern Machinery Sales; and
- (d) Approved the use of the Common Seal on the contract.

14.3 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9/2020 RESOLVED (David MURRONGUN/Donald GARNER) CARRIED

The Council accepted the Audited Annual Financial Statements for the 2019/2020 financial year.

Cr Owen TURNER left the meeting, the time being 09:21 AM.

14.4 CONCRETE WORKS INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF LOADING RAMP - NGUKURR FREIGHT HUB PROJECT

10/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Awarded the contract for Concrete Works including loading ramp (package 2) in Ngukurr Freight Hub Project to Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation (YMDAC); and
- (b) Approved the use of Common Seal on the contract agreement.

Cr Owen TURNER returned to the meeting, the time being 09:26 AM.

14.5 ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2027

11/2020 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Endorsed the project to develop a Strategic Plan for 2021/22 to 2025/26;
- (b) Approved an amendment to Council's budget for \$50,000 for the Strategic Plan project.

14.5 URAPUNGA LOOP INTERNAL ROAD

12/2020 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

ACTION: The Council requested the CEO to obtain a scope and project estimate for the reseal of the Urapunga loop road.

14.6 URAPUNGA COMMUNITY HALL

ACTION: The Council requested the CEO to obtain a costing for the Works Depot to be used as a Community Hall at Urapunga.

14.7 URAPUNGA CEMETERY SIZE

The Council had a discussion regarding the size of the Urapunga Cemetery. No formal resolution was made.

14.8 BARUNGA RELOCATION OF NIGHT PATROL

ACTION: CEO to investigate the opportunity to relocate the Night Patrol Office in Barunga.

14.9 BARUNGA LIBRARY VERANDA

ACTION: The Council recommends the CEO to obtain a scope and estimate for a veranda at the front of the library.

Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 11:32 AM.

Mayor Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 11:33 AM.

14.10 NUMBULWAR CEMETERY AND CEMETERY BURIAL CHARGES

The Council had discussion regarding the Numbulwar Cemetery. No formal resolution was made.

14.11 NUMBULWAR CURSING

ACTION: Councillor NUNGGUMABJARR to liaise with Numbulwar community members and present options back to Council about cursing and possible signage options.

Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 11:47 AM.

Mayor Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 11:47 AM.

14.12 RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

ACTION: CEO to send letter to NLC requesting Numbulwar Traditional Owners.

14.13 NGUKURR INTERNAL ROAD BLOCKAGE

13/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Clifford DUNCAN) CARRIED

The Council endorsed the CEO to request Council staff to avoid the area of the accidental death.

ACTION: CEO to liaise with Area Manager on details and email relevant staff.

15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

14/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/David MURRUNGUN) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

15.2 MAYOR'S UPDATE

15/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

The Council noted and accepted the Mayor's update report.

15.3 ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE

16/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Clifford DUNCAN) CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Annual Report Update; and
- (b) Delegated the approval of the final draft of the 2019/20 Annual Report to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the CEO.

15.4 DRAFT MEETING CALENDAR 2021

17/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

The Council adopted the Draft 2021 Meeting Calendar.

15.5 GREEN WAY PARK - LARRIMAH

18/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Clifford DUNCAN) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the update on the Regulatory Order issued to tidy up Green Park – Larrimah.

16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

18.1 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.09.2020

19/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Donald GARNER) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the financial reports as at 30 September 2020.

Cr Deanna KENNEDY left the meeting, the time being 10:03 AM.

Cr Deanna KENNEDY returned to the meeting, the time being 10:04 AM.

19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

19.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

20/2020 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the Local Authority Projects Update.

19.2 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATES

21/2020 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the Major Projects Updates Report.

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

22/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Deanna KENNEDY) 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:-

- 20.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council - 30 September 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).*
- 20.2 King Ash Bay Fishing Club Rates** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(b) (c)(i).*
- 20.3 Business Hardship Rates Relief** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(b) (c)(i).*
- 20.4 Request for Reversal of Waste Management Charge** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(b) (c)(i).*
- 20.5 Telstra Network Upgrades Update** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i).*
- 20.6 Rates Relief - Business Hardship** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(b).*
- 20.7 Corporate Processes Policy** - *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).*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

23/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That Council moved to return to the open session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council and declared the resolutions made in the confidential session not be available to the public in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008*, section 201.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 12:46pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 28 October 2020 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

Confirmed on 11 December 2020

