

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE FUNCTION AREA, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN ON TUESDAY, 4 MAY 2010, COMMENCING AT 5.04 P.M.

PRESENT: The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer (Chairman); Member J D Bailey; Member R T Dee; Member R K Elix; Member H I Galton (from 5.26 pm); Member R M Knox; Member G A Lambert; Member F P Marrone; Member A R Mitchell; Member K M Moir (from 5.16 pm); Member J L Sangster; Member H D Sjoberg (from 5.11 pm).

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B Dowd; Acting General Manager Corporate Services, Mr L Carroll; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Mr J Banks; General Manager Infrastructure, Mr L Cercarelli; Principal Policy Officer, Community & Cultural Services, Ms A Farrell; Finance Manager, Ms K Stidworthy.

GUESTS: Mr Tony Tapsell from LGANT and Mr Michael Tatham, Executive Officer of the Statehood Steering Committee were in attendance from 5.05 pm to 5.55 pm to brief the Council.

APOLOGY: Member R Lesley.

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## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 5.04 p.m.

## **2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **2.1 Apologies**

(Sangster/Dee)

A. THAT it be noted that Member H I Galton would arrive late.

B. THAT it be noted that Member K M Moir would arrive late.

DECISION NO.20\2736 (04/05/10) Carried

### **2.2 Leave of Absence Granted**

(Marrone/Elix)

THAT it be noted that Member R Lesley is an apology due to a Leave of Absence being previously granted on 13 April 2010 for the period 2 - 7 May 2010.

DECISION NO.20\2737 (04/05/10) Carried

### **2.3 Leave of Absence Requested**

(Sangster/Dee)

A. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member A R Mitchell for the period 31 May 2010 to 4 June 2010.

B. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member R K Elix for the period 1 – 4 June 2010.

C. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member G A Lambert for the period 21 – 25 July 2010.

D. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member F P Marrone for the period 29 May 2010 – 1 June 2010.

DECISION NO.20\2738 (04/05/10) Carried



### **3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Nil

### **4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

#### **4.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items**

(Sangster/Elix)

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential matters referred from Committees including Confidential Committee Items, and the following Items:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C9.1	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
C9.2	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

DECISION NO.20\2739

(04/05/10)

Carried



**5 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**5.1 Overview of Concepts and Issues Regarding the Prospect of the Northern Territory's Transition to Statehood**

Report No.10TC0028 BD:af (29/04/10) Common No. 1763246

*Mr Tony Tapsell from LGANT and Mr Michael Tatham, Executive Officer of the Statehood Steering Committee were in attendance from 5.05 pm. to 5.55 pm to brief the Council.*

**Procedural Motion – Suspension of Meeting Procedures in Accordance with By-law 147 at 5.06 p.m.**

(Lambert/Dee)

THAT in accordance with By-Law 147 the operation of procedures set out in Part 7 of the Darwin City Council By-Laws, that limits the duration and number of times a Member may speak, be suspended to allow for discussion on the report relating to Overview of Concepts and Issues Regarding the Prospect of the Northern Territory's Transition to Statehood.

Carried

**Resumption of Meeting Procedures at 5.55 p.m.**

(Lambert/Sangster)

THAT the operation of procedures as set out in Part 7 of the Darwin City Council By-Laws, be resumed.

Carried

(Elix/Moir)

- A. THAT Report Number 10TC0028 entitled, Overview of Concepts and Issues Regarding The Prospect of The Northern Territory's Transition to Statehood, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council supports the principle of Statehood for the Northern Territory.

DECISION NO.20\2740

(04/05/10)

Carried



## **5 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

### **5.2 Response to 2010-11 Draft Budget Queries**

Report No. 10A0081 FC:ks (28/04/10) Common No. 1786201

*With the consent of the Council, the Decisions arising from this item were moved from the Confidential Section into the Open Section of the Minutes.*

(Moir/Marrone)

- A. THAT Report Number 10A0081 entitled, Response to 2010-11 Draft Budget Queries, be received and noted.
- B. THAT this decision be moved into Open.

DECISION NO.20\2741 (04/05/10) Carried

### **5.3 Draft 2010-11 Budget – Rating Strategy**

Report No. 10A0086 FC:ks (29/04/10) Common No. 1786829

*With the consent of the Council, the Decisions arising from this item were moved from the Confidential Section into the Open Section of the Minutes.*

(Elix/Lambert)

- A. THAT Report Number 10A0086 entitled, Draft 2010-11 Budget – Rating Strategy, be received and noted.
- B. THAT this decision be moved into Open.

DECISION NO.20\2742 (04/05/10) Carried

## **6 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

(Lambert/Marrone)

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

DECISION NO.20\2743 (04/05/10) Carried



The meeting moved into Confidential at 5.58 pm.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE  
LORD MAYOR, MR G R SAWYER  
(CHAIRMAN) – SPECIAL  
COUNCIL MEETING –  
TUESDAY, 4 MAY 2010

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**Confirmed on:** **Tuesday, 11 May 2010**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

