

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE FUNCTION AREA, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN ON TUESDAY, 9 MARCH 2010, COMMENCING AT 5.09 P.M.

PRESENT: The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer (Chairman); Member J D Bailey; Member R K Elix; Member H I Galton; Member G A Lambert; Member R Lesley; Member A R Mitchell; Member K M Moir; Member H D Sjoberg.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B Dowd; General Manager Corporate Services, Mr F Crawley; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Mr J Banks; General Manager Infrastructure, Mr L Cercarelli; Manager Strategy & Outcomes, Ms A Hammond; Manager Community Services, Ms K Hearn; Manager Finance, Ms K Stidworthy; Community Services Executive Officer, Ms A Farrell.

GUESTS: Ms Alana Eldridge of the Larrakia Nation was in attendance from 5.12 p.m. to 5.50 p.m. to update Council on the key issues for Homeless Aboriginal people in Darwin.

APOLOGY: Member R T Dee; Member F P Marrone; Member J L Sangster.

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 5.09 p.m.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Apologies

(Lesley/Elix)

THAT the apology from Member R T Dee, be received and a Leave of Absence be granted.

DECISION NO.20\2523 (09/03/10) Carried

2.2 Leave of Absence Granted

(Elix/Lesley)

A. THAT it be noted that Member F P Marrone is an apology due to a Leave of Absence being previously granted on 23 February 2010 for the period 27 February – 13 March 2010.

B. THAT it be noted that Member J L Sangster is an apology due to a Leave of Absence being previously granted on 16 February 2010 for the period 16 February – 22 March 2010.

DECISION NO.20\2524 (09/03/10) Carried



2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.3 Leave of Absence Requested

(Lesley/Galton)

- A. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer for the period 16 March – 4 April 2010.
- B. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member R T Dee for the period 9 - 26 March 2010.
- C. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member J D Bailey for the period 27 March – 4 April 2010.
- D. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member H D Sjoberg for the period 25 - 26 March 2010.

DECISION NO.20\2525

(09/03/10)

Carried

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Nil

4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

4.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items

(Moir/Lesley)

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	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person. (Moved from Confidential)

DECISION NO.20\2526

(09/03/10)

Carried



5 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

5.1 Overview of Key Issues for Homeless Aboriginal People in Darwin Common No. 1526418

(Lesley/Elix)

Ms Alana Eldridge of the Larrakia Nation was in attendance from 5.12 p.m. to 5.50 pm. to update Council on the key issues for Homeless Aboriginal people in Darwin.

- A. THAT the presentation by Ms A Eldridge of the Larrakia Nation in relation to the key issues for Homeless Aboriginal people in Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT a further report be presented to Council on the options available to assist in addressing homelessness in Darwin, which should include consideration of managed campsites.

DECISION NO.20\2527

(09/03/10)

Carried

ACTION: GM COMM & CULT



5 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

5.2 Submission to the Inquiry into the Child Protection System in the Northern Territory

Report No. 10C0028 (04/03/10) Common No. 1727481

(Lesley/Elix)

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0028 AF:kl entitled, Submission to the Inquiry into the Child Protection System in the Northern Territory, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorses the submission to the Inquiry into the Child Protection System in the Northern Territory attached to Report Number 10C0028 AF:kl.
- C. THAT Council requests that the NT Government commits to the implementation of the unmet and partially unmet recommendations made in the Little Children are Sacred Report of 2007 in accordance with the NT Children's Commissioner's Child Deaths Review Committee's 2008-09 annual report.
- D. THAT in recognition that the care and protection of children should rank in the highest order of priorities, Council requests that the NT Government ensures that funding for the child protection system is adequate in terms of the development of effective and contemporary policy development and program implementation.
- E. THAT Council requests that the NT Government makes publically available its endeavours to resolve the current inadequacies of its child protection system including an implementation plan and its timeframes.

DECISION NO. 20\2528

(09/03/10)

Carried

ACTION: GM COMM & CULT



5 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

5.3 Community Satisfaction Survey Recommendations

Common No. 482285

(Bailey/Galton)

THAT the presentation by the Manager, Strategy and Outcomes in relation to Community Satisfaction Survey Recommendations, be received and noted.

DECISION NO. 20\2529

(09/03/10)

Carried

5.4 Long Term Financial Plan and 2010-11 Budget Parameters

Common No. 1333675

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.

(Lambert/Moir)

- A. THAT the presentation on the Long Term Financial Plan and 2010-11 Budget Parameters, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council adopt the Budget Timetable contained in **Attachment A** to Report Number 10A0039 noting that the tour of Council Assets will be undertaken on Saturday, 10 April 2010.
- C. THAT Council endorse the proposed 2010-11 Budget Parameters contained in Report Number 10A0039.
- D. THAT this decision and **Attachment A** to Report Number 10A0039 be moved into Open.

DECISION NO. 20\2530

(09/03/10)

Carried

ACTION: GM CORP
ACTION: FINANCE MGR
NOTE:CEO PA
NOTE: LM EA



6 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

(Moir/Lambert)

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\2531 (09/03/10)

Carried



The meeting moved into the Confidential Section at 7.08 p.m.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE
LORD MAYOR, MR G R SAWYER
(CHAIRMAN) – SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING –
TUESDAY, 9 MARCH, 2010

Confirmed on: **Tuesday, 16 March 2010**

Chairman: _____

