

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, FINANCE AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
ON WEDNESDAY, 27 JULY 2022 AT 10:38AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (*via teleconference*);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Owen TURNER (*turned up later in the meeting- via teleconference*); and
- Independent Member Awais UR REHMAN (*via teleconference*).

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant to the CEO; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer.

1.3 Guests

- Deb LOCKHART, National Indigenous Australians Agency; (*via teleconference*)
- Jean LEFTWICH, National Indigenous Australians Agency; (*via teleconference*)
- Kon VATSKALIS, Lord Mayor, City of Darwin; and
- Sean HOLDEN, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of the Northern Territory.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Finance Committee Meeting opened at 10:38am. The Mayor welcomed members and staff to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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38/2022 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Helen LEE.

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

39/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Awais Ur REHMAN)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee acknowledge that Mayor Tony JACK and Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR declared an interest in the confidential item 14.2 – Outstanding Rates.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE PREVIOUS MINUTES - 25 MAY 2022

40/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 25 May 2022 and affirms them to be true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION LIST

41/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) approves the removal of completed items.

7 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mulgan Camp Road Sealing; (Cr. Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR);
- Nominations for LGANT Executive. (Mayor Tony JACK)
- Mara Camp Road – Borroloola - Sealing (Cr. Samuel EVANS)

8 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

42/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee accepts the incoming correspondence report.

9 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

43/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee notes the outgoing correspondence.

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 11:17 am.

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 11:22 am.

10 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING - CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

44/2022 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Awais Ur REHMAN)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee approve rescheduling the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting change of meeting date from 19 October 2022 to 31 October 2022.

10.2 ROADS - WILTON RIVER TO NGUKURR AND ACCESS ROAD TO URAPUNGA

45/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Awais Ur REHMAN)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the report on – Wilton River to Ngukurr Road and Access Road to Urapunga.

Cr Samuel EVANS left the meeting, the time being 11:40 am

Cr Samuel EVANS returned to the meeting, the time being 11:45 am

10.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NT - ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS NT COMMUNITIES

46/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives and notes the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory - Alcohol Restrictions Northern Territory Communities report;
- b) requests a meeting to be convened before the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting on 09 August 2022 at 2:00pm in regards to Mulgan Camp alcohol restrictions; and
- c) requests the Chief Executive Officer to seek staff assistance in organising Mulgan Camp Meeting.

10.4 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - NORTHERN TERRITORY DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

47/2022 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Department of Social Services – Northern Territory Connectivity Project report;

Meeting adjourned at 12:27pm and reconvened at 1:03pm.

Cr Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 12:27pm.

10.5 GUIDELINE 7: PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS IN DECIDING CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee deferred this item to the Ordinary Council Meeting, on 24 August 2022.

11 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

11.1 YOUTH RECONNECT UPDATE

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee deferred this item to the Ordinary Council Meeting, on 24 August 2022.

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

12.1 IT HARDWARE UPGRADES

48/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Awais Ur REHMAN)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee approves an amendment to the 2022/23 Council Budget to include an allocation of \$300,000 from general reserves for the purchase of Information Technology Hardware.

12.2 APPLICATION TO PURCHASE TAMARIND PARK

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee deferred this item to the Ordinary Council Meeting, 24 August 2022.

12.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee deferred this item to the Ordinary Council Meeting, 24 August 2022.

Councillor Owen TURNER joined the meeting time being 2:37pm.

12.4 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.6.2022

49/2022 **RESOLVED** (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Awais Ur REHMAN) **CARRIED**

That Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the financial reports as at 30 June 2022.

13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee deferred this item to the Ordinary Council Meeting, 24 August 2022.

14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

50/2022 **RESOLVED** (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Samuel EVANS) **CARRIED**

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

14.1 Confirmation of Finance and Infrastructure Committee Previous Confidential Minutes - 25 May 2022 - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest..*

14.2 Outstanding Rates - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(b), information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

14.3 MYOB Advanced Update - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(iv), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

14.4 Procurement Exemption - The Demolition Contract for Lot 156 - NUMBULWAR - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

14.5 Ngukurr Airstrip Facilities Upgrade and Ongoing Maintenance - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

14.6 Call for Council Member Nominations - Prescribed Corporation Panel Pool - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*

14.7 Ngukurr Sacred Sites - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(a) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (e), information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*

The meeting moved to the Confidential Items at 2:33pm.

RETURN TO OPEN

51/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be re-opened to the public.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 2:51pm.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY EXECUTIVE

55/2022 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee nominates Mayor Tony JACK as

- President;
- Vice President Regional and Shire; and
- Board Member Regional and Shire

to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Executive.

General Business items Mulgan Camp Road Sealing and Mara Camp Road were not discussed. These issues were transferred to the Chief Executive Officer to respond to Councillors outside of decision.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2:57pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee held on Wednesday, 27 July 2022 and will be confirmed on Wednesday 23 November 2022.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on Wednesday 23 November 2022

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