



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2024 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Edna ILES;
- Councillor Patricia FARREL;
- Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN; and
- Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Clare CUPITT, Acting General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Luke HADDOW, Acting GM Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Officer (minute secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Adelaide LAQERE; Regional Project Officer, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet; and
- Maree DE LACEY, Executive Director, Local government, Department of the Chief minister and Cabinet.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:42am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

72/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) accepts the tendered apology from Councillor Selina ASHLEY, Councillor Owen TURNER, Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT, Councillor John DALYWATER; and
- (b) does not accept the tendered apology from Councillor Jana DANIELS.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

73/2024 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Gadrian HOOSAN)

CARRIED

That Council confirms the minutes from its Ordinary Meeting held on 24 April 2024, and Special Meeting held on 30 May 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 ACTION LIST

74/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edna ILES)

CARRIED

That Council:

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

Councillor Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI joined the Meeting at 8:56am.

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Ordinary Meeting of Council.

10 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

10.1 PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

75/2024 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)
CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Minutes of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting;
- (b) ratifies the Decisions made by the Finance and Infrastructure Committee as tabled in the same; and
- (c) reschedules, in accordance with Section 96 (1) (b) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the next Meeting of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee to Monday 22 July 2024.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

76/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the incoming correspondence.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

77/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council notes the outgoing correspondence.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

78/2024 RESOLVED (Edna ILES/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Jilkmिंगgan Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 07 May 2024;
- (c) approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 07 May 2024;
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer open a '21 days nomination period' to fill the one (1) vacancy on the Jilkmिंगgan Local Authority; and
- (e) requests a review into the efficacy of the Mataranka Local Authority, and for that report to be tabled to it at its next Ordinary Meeting.

13.2 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

79/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) notes the resignation tendered by Anne Marie RYAN from the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority;
- (c) requests the Chief Executive Officer calls for a 21 day nomination period to fill the one (1) vacancy on the Wugularr (Beswick) Local Authority; and
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer calls for a 21 day nomination period to fill the one (1) vacancy on the Barunga Local Authority;
- (e) reschedules the Wugularr (Beswick) and Manyallaluk Local Authority from 01 July 2024 to 08 July 2024, Barunga Local Authority from 02 July 2024 to 09 July 2024 and Bulman Local Authority from 04 July 2024 to 11 July 2024.

13.3 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

80/2024 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Robinson River Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 09 May 2024; and
- (c) requests to review the Borroloola Local Authority Membership.
- (d) requests a review into the efficacy of the Borroloola Local Authority, and for that report to be tabled to it at its next Ordinary Meeting.

13.4 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT

81/2024 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Edna ILES) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward report;
- (b) approves the recommendations from the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 05 June 2024;
- (c) increases the size of Numbulwar Local Authority membership from eight (8) to ten (10) Members; and
- (d) requests the Chief Executive Officer to open a '21 days nomination period' to fill the two

(2) vacancies on the Numbulwar Local Authority.

13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

82/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

83/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Mayoral Report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12am and reconvened at 10:42am.

14.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

84/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the (Acting) Chief Executive Officer's Report.

14.3 COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

85/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Meeting Attendance Report; and
- (b) requests Acting Chief Executive Officer to write a letter of concern to Councillor Jana DANIELS in relation to her attendance.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 REGIONAL PLAN 2024-25

86/2024 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Patricia FARRELL) CARRIED

That Council adopts the 2024-25 Regional Plan and all contents therein in accordance with Section 35 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) and its statutory instruments, including:

- (a) Elected Member Allowances in accordance with 106 of the Act;
- (b) Declared Rates in accordance with Sections 237 and 238 of the Act, having been certified by the Acting Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*;
- (c) Budget for Financial Year 2024-25 in accordance with Section 203 of the Act; and

And authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to submit the finalised, adopted version of the Regional Plan 2024-25 to the Minister for Local Government.

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 11:29 AM

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 11:32 AM

15.2 POLICY REVIEW

87/2024 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council resolves to:

- (a) rescind the:
 - (i) FIN006 Accounting and Policy Manual;
 - (ii) FIN012 Revenue Growth and Sustainability Policy;

- (iii) FIN013 Petty Cash Policy;
 - (iv) FIN015 Use of External Auditors and Non-Audit Services Policy;
 - (v) FIN019 Public Benefit Concessions Policy for Commercial Ratepayers Policy;
 - (vi) HR027 Staff Criminal Offences Policy;
 - (vii) ADM006 Computer, Telephones, Internet and Email Policy;
 - (viii) ADM010 Media Policy;
 - (ix) ADM013 Social Media Policy; and
- (b) adopt the revised:
- (i) FIN007 Fraud Protection Policy;
 - (ii) FIN005 Corporate Credit Card Policy
 - (iii) FIN010 Borrowing Policy;
 - (iv) FIN020 Accountable Forms Policy; and
 - (v) ASS002 Asset Management Policy.

Cr Edna ILES left the meeting, the time being 12:20 PM

Cr Edna ILES returned to the meeting, the time being 12:24 PM

15.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

88/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edna ILES)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report;

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm and reconvened at 1:16pm.

15.4 LEASES

89/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That Council renews the following Section 19 *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Cth) Lease Agreements, and authorises the use of its Common Seal for this purpose:

- (1) Licence to Maintain – Lot 191 Beswick – Basketball Court;
- (2) Unsurveyed Land Barunga – River Pump;
- (3) Licence to Maintain – part Lot 208 Beswick – Playground; and
- (4) Licence to Maintain – Lot 57 Beswick – Ablution Block.

Cr Patricia FARRELL left the meeting, the time being 01:25 PM

Cr Patricia FARRELL returned to the meeting, the time being 01:27 PM

15.5 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2024

90/2024 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 31 May 2024.

15.6 DEED OF VARIATION IN RELATION TO AGED CARE SERVICES

91/2024 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Deed of Variation: Agreement ID: 4-7SCH212, Program Schedule ID: 4-7ST90R8
- (b) approves the Acting Chief Executive Officer to sign the Deed of Variation for \$1,099,491.27 GST excl.
- (c) approves the use of the common seal on the Deed of Variation.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

16.1 PROGRAMS UPDATE

92/2024 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes this Programs Update Report; and
- (b) requests Night Patrol Report at the next Robinson River Local Authority Meeting.

16.2 AGED CARE COUNCIL REPORT

93/2024 RESOLVED (Edna ILES/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes this Aged Care & Disability Services Report.

16.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR BULMAN AND WEEMOL

94/2024 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI) CARRIED

That Council

- (a) receives and notes this report pertaining to a Community Safety Coordinator to be based in Bulman; and
- (b) approves the financial allocation of \$81,761.36 plus super and entitlements from grant funding in order to accommodate this position.

16.4 MIKEY'S CUP CRICKET CHALLENGE - FEE WAIVER REQUEST

95/2024 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Gadrian HOOSAN) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Mikey's Cup Cricket Challenge – Fee waiver request Report; and
- (b) waives the fee of Mataranka Sports and Recreation Cricket Oval for the Mikey's Cup Cricket Challenge event scheduled to be held from 03 August 2024 to 05 August 2024.

16.5 COUNCIL SERVICES UPDATE

96/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council receive and note the Council Services Update Report.

16.6 NUMBURINDI DEVELOPMENT ABORIGINAL CORPORATION - LOCAL DECISION MAKING SIGNING CEREMONY, FEE WAIVER REQUEST

97/2024 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Numburindi Development Aboriginal Corporation - Local Decision Making Signing Ceremony, Fee Waiver Request Report; and
- (b) waives the fee for Numburindi Development Aboriginal Corporation for the use of equipment and Board room hire cost on 05 July 2025.

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT

98/2024 RESOLVED (Edna ILES/Patricia FARRELL) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Major Projects report; and
- (b) authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to engage Turner and Townsend to Project Manage the Bulman staff housing project, total procurement value of

\$674,778.00.

17.2 DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

99/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes this Draft Waste Management Strategy report; and
- (b) approves for the Draft Waste Management Strategy to be released for public consultation.

18 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

19 GENERAL BUSINESS

19.1 COMMUNITY FUEL PRICES

100/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That Council receives Councillor NUMAMURDIRDI's concerns in relation to the rising fuel prices in Numbulwar Community, and having deliberated on the matter; and further notes that Council's fuel prices have not increased for the past twelve months, and that Council supplies fuel to the Numbulwar Community at a (financial) loss, especially during the wet season.

20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session

89/2024 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Edna ILES) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) confirms the minutes from Confidential Session of the meeting held on Wednesday, 24 April 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings;
- (b) rescinds resolution 20.18 item (c);
- (d) makes public the resolution from this report, with the exception of item (c) in the open minutes of this Council meeting; and
- (e) confirms the Minutes from the Special Meeting of Council 'held in Confidential Session' on 14 May 2024 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

20.3 Previous Committee Minutes Confidential Session

91/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edna ILES) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) receives and notes the Previous Committee Confidential Session Meeting minutes report;
- (b) ratifies the Decisions made by the Finance and Infrastructure Committee as tabled in the same; and
- (c) makes public the resolution from this report in the open minutes of this Council meeting.

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

101/2024 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne NUMAMURDIRDI/Helen LEE)

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:-

20.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Session - 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.

- 20.2 Action List** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(iv) (d), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*
- 20.3 Previous Committee Minutes Confidential Session** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(d) (e), information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; 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.*
- 20.4 Compliance Review Report** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(iii) (c)(iv), 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.*
- 20.5 Numbulwar Gravel Pit** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(d), information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*
- 20.6 Printer Provider Tender Submission and Recommendations** - *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.*
- 20.7 iAge Health Consultancy Agreement** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(iv), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*
- 20.8 Recruitment of Chief Executive Officer** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(iv) (e), 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 Session at 2:37pm.

RETURN TO OPEN

102/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Patricia FARRELL)

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 4:26 pm.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4:26 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 26 June 2024 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on Wednesday, 28 August 2024.