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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1 BENEREMBAH STREET, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 ON  
TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2015 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

The Mayor, John Dal Broi in the Chair; Councillors, Patricia Cox, Simon Croce, Doug Curran, Bill Lancaster, Anne Napoli, Mike Neville, Paul Rossetto, and Christine Stead.

**STAFF**

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Dallas Bibby, Manager Executive Services, Shireen Donaldson, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Sustainable Development, Neil Southorn, Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services, Max Turner and Minute Secretary, Naomi Brugger

**MEDIA**

Stephen Mudd, The Area News

**1 COUNCIL PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Meeting opened with Councillor Lancaster reading the Council prayer and the Acknowledgment of Country.

**2 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

15/230

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Paul Rossetto that apologies be received from Councillors Balind, Thorpe and Zappacosta, and a leave of absence granted.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

15/231

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Doug Curran that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers 1 Benerembah Street, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 on 28 July 2015, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

**4 BUSINESS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **Pecuniary Interests**

*Councillors making a pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.*

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

### **Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

*Councillors making a significant non-pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.*

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

### **Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

*Councillors making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.*

Councillor Doug Curran

CL01 - Intermodal Freight Transport Facility

Reason – Councillor Curran has been involved in numerous meetings with objectors, applicants and land owners in regards to the DA.

Councillor Anne Napoli

CL01 - Intermodal Freight Transport Facility

Reason – Councillor Napoli has attended a presentation delivered by the applicant at GCC and has also met with the objectors.

Councillor Mike Neville

CL01 - Intermodal Freight Transport Facility

Reason – Councillor Neville has been lobbied by the proponent and the objectors about aspects of the report.

Councillor Paul Rossetto

CL01 - Intermodal Freight Transport Facility

Reason – Councillor Rossetto has met with both objectors and developers with other Councillors.

Councillor Paul Rossetto

Minutes of the Utilities Committee Meeting & Minutes of Business Development & Major Projects Committee Meeting

Reason – Councillor Rossetto is a shareholder of MI and has had discussions with a Calabria Road developer. Not significant share holding in MI. Councillor role information exchanged.

Councillor Paul Rossetto

Minutes of the Business Development & Major Projects Committee Meeting

Reason – Councillor Rossetto is a shareholder of Almondco. No significant influence in the company.

Councillor Christine Stead

CL01 - Intermodal Freight Transport Facility

Reason – Councillor Stead has spoken to objectors and also attended a meeting at Council with both the developer and objectors.

Councillor Christine Stead

CL07 - Review of Developer Charges for Multi Dwelling Residential Development

Reason – Councillor Stead has spoken to a developer in regards to Section 64 contributions.

## **6 PRESENTATIONS**

### **GRIFFITH HEALTH FACILITIES LIMITED FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE PRESENTATION TO THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL AND GRIFFITH CYCLE CLUB PRESENTATION OF CHAMPIONS JERSEY TO COUNCIL**

15/232

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Christine Stead that standing Orders be suspended to allow the presentation from the Griffith Health Facilities Limited Fundraising Committee to the Private Hospital and Griffith Cycle Club presentation of Champions Jersey to Council.

Standing orders were suspended at 7.07pm.

15/233

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Paul Rossetto that the meeting resume standing orders.

## **7 MAYORAL MINUTES**

### **MM01 REPORT OF THE 2016 CENTENARY COMMITTEE MEETING - WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2015**

15/234

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Doug Curran that:

1. Council endorse the Committee report items from the August 5, 2015 Meeting, being:
  - (a) The adoption of the Communication Strategy for 2016.
  - (b) The cost of 50% production fee, and the sale price of \$5 each for the Centenary Souvenir Booklet.
  - (c) The cost of \$1,500 inc. GST for the calendar sponsorship.
  - (d) The quote from Dolce Films to be paid over the two financial years equally for the production of the Centenary DVD and event highlights reel.
  - (e) The order for 200 Centenary shirts with a vinyl logo in place of embroidered.
  - (f) Adjustments to the Terms of Reference, being:
    - (i) That the Meeting Time be changed to 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month.
    - (ii) That Mr Alan Barton and Mrs Monique Patterson be appointed as voting members of the Committee.
    - (iii) That the quorum remain at 6.
2. Council note the Draft Calendar of Events and the Draft Budget for the 2016 Centenary.

## **8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **CL01 INTERMODAL FREIGHT TRANSPORT FACILITY**

15/235

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Doug Curran that Mr Paul Pearsall (Grainlink – Objector), Mr Terry McFarlane (Objector) and Mr Cameron Jackson (Applicant) be granted leave to address Council in regard to the proposed development

Mr Paul Pearsall addressed Council, the time being 7.19pm.

Mr Terry McFarlane addressed Council, the time being 7.25pm.

Mr Cameron Jackson addressed Council, the time being 7.28pm.

15/236

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Anne Napoli that

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 80(1)(a) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 Council grant consent to Development Application No. 64/2015 for an intermodal freight transport facility at Lot 3 DP 14591, 4 Irrigation Way, Widgelli subject to conditions set out in Attachment "A" of this report.
- (b) The application be delegated to the Director of Sustainable Development for preparation and issue of the notice of determination.

In accordance with the Local Government Action (section 375A - Recording of voting on planning matters) Council must record the Councillor's vote in relation to the matter.

For

Councillor John Dal Broi  
Councillor Patricia Cox  
Councillor Simon Croce  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Bill Lancaster  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mike Neville  
Councillor Paul Rossetto  
Councillor Christine Stead

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0**

### **CL02 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS**

15/237

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Christine Stead that Council nominate the Mayor and General Manager, or their delegates to attend the Australian National Local Roads and Transport Congress from 17-19 November 2015.

**CL03 LICENCE AGREEMENT WITH VODAFONE NETWORK PTY LIMITED OVER PART LOT 1 DP 914631 SCENIC HILL**

15/238

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Patricia Cox that:

- (a) Subject to satisfactory structural engineering design, Council enter into a licence agreement with Vodafone Network Pty Limited for the temporary installation of a 21 metre high (above ground level) wooden pole on part Lot 1 DP 914631 for an initial period of 6 months and thereafter on a monthly basis,
- (b) On relocation of the Vodafone service, Vodafone Network Pty Limited remove the pole and associated equipment and reinstate the site to its original condition at the cost of the applicant.
- (c) The rental for 6 months be charged at \$7,993.50 + GST and thereafter be charged on equal monthly instalments of \$1,332.25 + GST to increase by CPI on an annual basis.
- (d) All cost and charges associated with the preparation of the licence agreement setting out all terms and conditions shall be at Vodafone Network Pty Limited expense.
- (e) Council delegate authority to the General Manager and Mayor to execute the licence agreement under the Common Seal if so required.

**CL04 DRAFT POLICY "VANDALISM - REWARD FOR INFORMATION GC-CP-314" FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

15/239

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Paul Rossetto and Anne Napoli that the report be raised from the table.

Councillors Paul Rossetto and Mike Neville moved the following **MOTION** that:

- (a) Council endorse the Vandalism, Graffiti and Rubbish Dumping – Reward for Information Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (b) If any submissions are received, there be a report back to Council.
- (c) If no submissions are received, the policy be considered adopted as at the date of the close of the submission period.

Councillors Bill Lancaster and Doug Curran moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

- (a) Council endorse the Vandalism, Graffiti and Rubbish Dumping – Reward for Information Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (b) Amend the 'Eligibility for Rewards' to state that Council staff, Councillors, Law Enforcement and Security Services Personnel are excluded in the Draft Policy prior to placing on public exhibition.
- (c) If any submissions are received, there be a report back to Council.
- (d) If no submissions are received, the policy be considered adopted as at the date of the close of the submission period.

The **AMENDMENT** was **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

15/240

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Paul Rossetto and Mike Neville that:

- (a) Council endorse the Vandalism, Graffiti and Rubbish Dumping – Reward for Information Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (b) Amend the ‘Eligibility for Rewards’ to state that Council staff, Councillors, Law Enforcement and Security Services Personnel are excluded from rewards in the Draft Policy prior to placing on public exhibition.
- (c) If any submissions are received, there be a report back to Council.
- (d) If no submissions are received, the policy be considered adopted as at the date of the close of the submission period.

**CL05 REVIEW OF POLICY (GC-CP-407) - COUNCILLOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES**

15/241

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Patricia Cox and Simon Croce that:

- (a) Council place the draft Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy (GC-CP-407) on public display for 28 days.
- (b) If any submissions are received a further report be prepared for Council
- (c) If no submissions are received, the draft policy be considered as adopted by Council as at the date of the conclusion of the advertised exhibition period.

**CL06 COUNCIL SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS**

15/242

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Paul Rossetto and Christine Stead that:

- (a) Council consider a funding allocation of \$1,000 in the 2016/17 budget process for a University scholarship program.
- (b) Council’s Communities Committee be requested to nominate the criteria upon which scholarships might be awarded, including eligibility, types of courses and any particular conditions that might apply.

**CL07 REVIEW OF DEVELOPER CHARGES FOR MULTI DWELLING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

15/243

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Mike Neville that Council retain the current section 64 charges required under Council’s Development Servicing Plan.

Councillor Christine Stead requested her vote AGAINST be recorded.

**CL08 GRIFFITH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT FUNDING REQUEST**

Councillors Christine Stead and Anne Napoli moved the following **MOTION** that:

- (a) Council increase the Carols by Candlelight budget for 2015/16 from \$1,500 to \$5,000.
- (b) Council approve an annual budget of \$5,000 (adjusted annually for CPI increases) to support the Carols by Candlelight event from 2016/17, subject to Council's ongoing annual budget approval process.
- (c) The Carols by Candlelight Committee provide a report to Council by 28 February annually that includes;
  - 1. A summary of how that year's event performed, and
  - 2. An expenditure and income statement for the event.

Councillors Paul Rossetto and Christine Stead moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

- (a) Council increase the Carols by Candlelight budget for 2015/16 from \$1,500 to \$5,000.
- (b) Council approve an annual budget of \$5,000 (adjusted annually for CPI increases) to support the Carols by Candlelight event from 2016/17, subject to Council's ongoing annual budget approval process.
- (c) That the Carols by Candlelight Committee provide a report to Council by 28 February annually that includes;
  - 1. A summary of how that year's event performed, and
  - 2. An expenditure and income statement for the event.
- (d) That 10% of the budget, being \$500, be allocated to the Yenda Carols by Candlelight.

The **AMENDMENT** was **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

15/244

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Anne Napoli that:

- (a) Council increase the Carols by Candlelight budget for 2015/16 from \$1,500 to \$5,000.
- (b) Council approve an annual budget of \$5,000 (adjusted annually for CPI increases) to support the Carols by Candlelight event from 2016/17, subject to Council's ongoing annual budget approval process.
- (c) That the Carols by Candlelight Committee provide a report to Council by 28 February annually that includes;
  - 1. A summary of how that year's event performed, and
  - 2. An expenditure and income statement for the event.
- (d) That 10% of the budget, being \$500, be allocated to the Yenda Carols by Candlelight.

## **9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **CL09 CUSTOMER FOCUS REVIEW - MID TERM STATUS REPORT**

15/245

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Christine Stead that Council continue to support the actions from the Customer Focus Improvement Strategy.

### **CL10 EXPENSES INCURRED UNDER COUNCILLORS PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES POLICY (GC-CP-407)**

15/246

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Simon Croce that the information be noted.

## **10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2015**

15/247

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Paul Rossetto and Mike Neville that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Utilities Committee meeting held on 16 July 2015 be adopted.

### **MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MAJOR PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2015**

15/248

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Business Development and Major Projects Committee meeting held on 20 July 2015 be adopted.

## **11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

## **12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS**

Nil

## **13 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Mike Neville asked the following question:

“I would like to give notice to the GM to raise from the table the report to Council on 14/7/15 by Mr Lawrence re “Griffith Easter Party” CRM No 14785 Minute No 15/200.”

The General Manager, Mr Brett Stonestreet noted the request.



**14 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

15/249

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Mike Neville that the report be noted by Council.

**15 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL**

Nil

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8.01pm.

Confirmed: .....

CHAIRPERSON