
**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1 BENEREMBAH STREET, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 ON
TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor, Doug Curran in the Chair; Councillors, Alison Balind, Patricia Cox, Simon Croce, Bill Lancaster, Anne Napoli, Mike Neville, Paul Rossetto, Christine Stead and Dino Zappacosta

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, Wendy Krzus

MEDIA

Riley Krause, The Area News

1 COUNCIL PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

15/190

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Paul Rossetto that apologies be received from Councillors John Dal Broi and Leon Thorpe and leave of absence granted.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

15/191

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Alison Balind that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers 1 Benerembah Street, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 on 23 June 2015, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

The following *Councillors* declared less than significant non-pecuniary interests in the following clauses:

Councillor Alison Balind

Minutes of the Access Committee Meeting – 23 June 2015

Reason – Councillor Balind's husband is Council's Road Safety Officer and attends the Access Committee. Councillor Balind's husband's role is in an advisory role.

Councillor Doug Curran

MM01 – Sikh Temple – Shri Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Holy Book) Procession and Temple Operation

Reason - Councillor Curran has held numerous meetings with the Sikh community regarding the Traffic Management Plan. Councillor Curran has held discussions in line with his role as a Councillor on the Traffic Committee.

Councillor Anne Napoli

MM01 - Sikh Temple – Shri Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Holy Book) Procession and Temple Operation

Reason – Councillor Napoli was lobbied by the Sikh community in regards to compliance issues and the official opening of the Sikh Temple.

Councillor Anne Napoli

Notice of Motion – Shri Guru Granth (Sikh Holy Book) Sahib Procession – Traffic Management Plan

Reason – Councillor Napoli was lobbied by some members of the Sikh community re. the Traffic Management Plan

Councillor Mike Neville

MM01 - Sikh Temple – Shri Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Holy Book) Procession and Temple Operation

Reason – Councillor Neville has spoken to members of the Sikh community about aspects of the report.

Councillor Mike Neville

Notice of Motion – Shri Guru Granth (Sikh Holy Book) Sahib Procession – Traffic Management Plan

Reason – Councillor Neville has spoken to members of the Sikh community about aspects of this motion and report.

Councillor Paul Rossetto

MM01 - Sikh Temple – Shri Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Holy Book) Procession and Temple Operation & CL12 Notice of Motion – Shri Guru Granth (Sikh Holy Book) Sahib Procession – Traffic Management Plan

Reason – Councillor Paul Rossetto has spoken with members of the Temple Committee. Information based.

Councillor Christine Stead

MM01 - Sikh Temple – Shri Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Holy Book) Procession and Temple Operation & Business with Notice - Notice of Motion – Shri Guru Granth (Sikh Holy Book) Sahib Procession – Traffic Management Plan

Reason – Councillor Stead has spoken to 3 members of the Sikh Temple and a site visit also.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

MM01 SIKH TEMPLE - SHRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB (SIKH HOLY BOOK) PROCESSION AND TEMPLE OPERATION

15/192

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Bill Lancaster and Anne Napoli that

- (a) Council rescind that part of resolution 15/188, being CL07 Part (d) of the Traffic Committee Minutes dated 9 June 2015 as follows:

“The Sikh Temple off Rae Road is required to have obtained a full Occupation Certificate as part of Development Application 147/2009 prior to event occurring on Saturday 18 July 2015. If the temple does not obtain a full Occupation Certificate and/or the road works along Kidman Way and Rae Road associated with the development are not completed before Saturday 18 July 2015 the event shall be postponed until an Occupation Certificate is issued.”

- (b) Council approve the procession of the Shri Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Holy Book) Saturday 18 July 2015 on the basis that an Interim Occupation Certificate is issued by Council and the approved Traffic Management Plan be amended and implemented.
- (c) An additional Traffic Management Plan is to be implemented to enable ongoing use of the temple following the procession until all conditions of consent under DA147/2009 are complied with.
- (d) Council waive the requirement for submission of a bond that would normally be required under Council's Engineering Guidelines.

For

Councillor Alison Balind
Councillor Patricia Cox
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Bill Lancaster
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Mike Neville
Councillor Paul Rossetto
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS FOR 2016 ELECTION

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

Council adopt a 12 Councillor structure for the 2016-2020 term of Council.

Councillor Bill Lancaster **MOVED** the following **AMENDMENT**.

Council adopt a 12 Councillor structure for the 2016-2020 term of Council and included a referendum question in the September 2016 election process seeking alteration to the number of Councillors for the 2020-2024 term of Council.

Councillor Alison Balind **SECONDED** the **AMENDMENT**.

The **AMENDMENT** was **PUT**.

The vote was tied at 5 all with the Acting Mayor using his casting vote to declare the amendment **LOST**.

15/193

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Anne Napoli that Council adopt a 12 Councillor structure for the 2016-2020 term of Council.

CL02 GRIFFITH CBD STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Christine Stead **MOVED** the following **MOTION** that:

- (a) The draft Griffith CBD Strategy be adopted with minor edits as per Attachment (a) to this report.
- (b) Council allocate \$100,000 annually to reserve in relation to the CBD Strategy.

Councillor Paul Rossetto **MOVED** that:

The matter lay on the table pending further information to be reported to Council and that the Mayor and General Manager to have discussions with representatives of the business community to explore potential partnership(s) and funding options in delivering actions identified in the draft Griffith CBD Strategy.

15/194

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rossetto that the matter lay on the table pending further information to be reported to Council and that the Mayor and General Manager to have discussions with representatives of the business community to explore potential partnership(s) and funding options in delivering actions identified in the draft Griffith CBD Strategy.

Mr Southorn left the meeting, the time being 7.32 pm.

Mr Southorn returned to the meeting, the time being 7.35 pm.

CL03 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2015

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

- (a) Council be represented at the 2015 Local Government NSW Water Management Conference to be held in Bowral NSW from 24 - 26 August 2015.
- (b) Councillor Bill Lancaster be nominated to attend the Conference.
- (c) Expenses to attend the Conference be paid by Council in accordance with the Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta **MOVED** the following **AMENDMENT** that:

- (a) Council be represented at the 2015 Local Government NSW Water Management Conference to be held in Bowral NSW from 24 - 26 August 2015.
- (b) Councillor Paul Rossetto be nominated to attend the Conference.
- (c) Expenses to attend the Conference be paid by Council in accordance with the Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy.

Councillor Paul Rossetto declined the nomination to attend the Conference.

Councillor Paul Rossetto **MOVED** the following **AMENDMENT** that:

- (a) Council be represented at the 2015 Local Government NSW Water Management Conference to be held in Bowral NSW from 24 - 26 August 2015.
- (b) The General Manager nominate two staff members to attend the Conference.

Councillor Patricia Cox **SECONDED** the **AMENDMENT**.

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

15/195

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Paul Rossetto and Patricia Cox that:

- (a) Council be represented at the 2015 Local Government NSW Water Management Conference to be held in Bowral NSW from 24 - 26 August 2015.
- (b) The General Manager nominate two staff members to attend the Conference.

CL04 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - 2015 - 2016

15/196

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Paul Rossetto that:

- (a) Council increase the Councillor fees for 2015/16 financial year to \$18,380.
- (b) Council increase the Mayoral allowance for 2015/16 financial year to \$40,090.

Councillors Alison Balind, Patricia Cox and Bill Lancaster requested their vote against the motion be recorded.

CL05 REVIEW OF INFORMATION GUIDE

15/197

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Alison Balind and Mike Neville that:

- (a) Council note the information contained in the report.
- (b) Council endorse the revised Information Guide.

CL06 GRIFFITH EASTER PARTY

15/198

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Alison Balind that Standing Orders be suspended to allow Mr Lance Perry to address Council in relation to Clause 06 – Griffith Easter Party, regarding attendance figures at the 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 La Festa event.

Mr Perry distributed information to the Acting Mayor and General Manager and addressed the meeting, the time being 7.44 pm.

15/199

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Alison Balind that Standing Orders be resumed, the time being 7.47 pm.

Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Christine Stead **MOVED** the following **MOTION** that:

- (a) Council encourages the La Festa Committee to reconsider its business model & return the event to more like a Community Festival.
- (b) Council investigate attracting high profile entertainment events and therefore significant visitors to the region in line with the Promotion, Advertising & Sponsorship of Events Policy, in conjunction with or in addition to the Griffith Easter Party program.

Councillor Alison Balind **MOVED** that:

The matter lay on the table pending further information being reported to Council.

15/200

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Alison Balind that the matter lay on the table pending further information being reported to Council.

CL07 ROAD NAMING REQUEST - LAMARI

15/201

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Christine Stead that the name of Lamari be approved and reserved for future road naming purposes by the Lamari family.

CL08 NAMING OF ROADWAY – BAGTOWN CEMETERY

15/202

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Alison Balind and Christine Stead that the report be raised from the table.

15/203

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Alison Balind and Anne Napoli that having received no submissions from the public that Council approve the name Bagtown Cemetery Drive for the dedicated roadway and entrance to Bagtown Cemetery.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

CL09 INVESTMENTS AT 31 MAY 2015

15/204

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Christine Stead that the report be noted by Council.

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PIONEER PARK MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2015

15/205

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Pioneer Park Museum Committee meeting held on 26 May 2015 be adopted.

Point 8.3 Bagtown Identification, this matter be referred to the Environment and Sustainability Committee for action.

MINUTES OF THE FESTIVAL OF GARDENS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2015

15/206

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Patricia Cox and Dino Zappacosta that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Festival of Gardens Committee meeting held on 11 June 2015 be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2015

15/207

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on 16 June 2015 be adopted with the following amendment.

Title of Clause 04 be amended to read “Youth” not “Your”.

Councillor Croce left the meeting, the time being 8.26 pm.

Councillor Croce returned to the meeting, the time being 8.28 pm.

MINUTES OF THE TOURISM AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2015

15/208

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Alison Balind that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Tourism and Events Committee meeting held on 18 June 2015 be adopted with the exception Clause 01 - Draft Griffith City Council Marketing Plan 2015-2018.

Councillor Alison Balind **FORESHADOWED** a **NOTICE OF MOTION** for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 28 July 2015 to review the 2016 Centenary Working Group and change the Working Group to a Committee.

Councillor Balind left the meeting, the time being 8.32 pm.

MINUTES OF THE ACCESS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 JUNE 2015

15/209

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Access Committee meeting held on 23 June 2015 be adopted.

Councillor Balind returned to the meeting, the time being 8.34 pm.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

SHRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB (SIKH HOLY BOOK) PROCESSION – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

This matter was dealt with as part of Mayoral Minute 01.

13 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Councillor Croce asked the following question.

“Regarding the Article in the Area News regarding “Deacon University coming”. Do we have any information on this that can be shared?”

Mr Southorn advised that the article referred to by Councillor Croce included a number of initiatives by Deakin University in piloting a program bringing Deakin University to a regional centre with a vision and plan of 'Growing our Own in Griffith' without the need to be on campus. The concept is to bring students, employers and educators into alignment to ensure people could get skills and use them within the region. Mr Southorn further advised that a plan has been published which he will distribute to Councillors for their information.

14 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

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Council Meeting Date – 14 April 2015 – Naming of Roadway – Bagtown Cemetery Drive – this matter was dealt with in Clause 08 of the agenda – remove from the Action Report.

15/210

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Paul Rossetto and Christine Stead that the Outstanding Action Report be noted.

At this point of the meeting Councillor Croce stated that he had been asked by members of the Sikh community to thank Council for their support in the consideration of the report regarding the Sikh Temple.

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged the members of the Sikh community and expressed his gratitude to staff and congratulated them for their hard work and tireless efforts in relation to the development and the execution of the Traffic Management Plan.

15 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Set out below is Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to matters which can be dealt with in the closed part of a meeting.

The matters and information are the following:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)**
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer**
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business**
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:**
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or**
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or**
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret**
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law**

- (f) **matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property**
- (g) **advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege**
- (h) **information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.**
- (i) **alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993.**

15/211

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Christine Stead that:

- (a) Council resolve into closed council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
- (b) That pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provision of section [10A(2)] as outlined above.
- (c) That the correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council resolved that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items listed below, and that discussion of the report in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.

CC01 239 BANNA AVENUE, GRIFFITH - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO LEASE THE PREMISES

Reason: Council Business 10A(2)(c)

Council closed its meeting at 8.38 pm . The public and media left the chamber.

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

15/212

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Paul Rossetto that Open Council be resumed.

Open Council resumed at 8.45 pm.

Upon resuming open Council the Deputy Mayor reported that the following resolutions had been made in Closed Council:

MATTERS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED COUNCIL

**CC01 239 BANNA AVENUE, GRIFFITH - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO LEASE
THE PREMISES**

15/213

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Christine Stead that:

- (a) Council accept Submission 1 as described in this report, subject to agreement to terms and conditions of the lease.
- (b) The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate the lease terms and conditions with the proponents of Submission 1, with a rental in the range noted in this report. Should negotiations fail with the proponents of submission 1 Council be able to enter into negotiations with the proponents of submission 2.
- (c) Subject to (b), Council enter into a lease agreement with the proponents of Submission 1 (or Submission 2) for 239 Banna Avenue Griffith, setting out all terms and conditions as negotiated and for a term of 3 years.
- (d) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the lease agreement on behalf of Council under the common seal.
- (e) A further report including costings be provided to Council for information following execution of the lease.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8.47 pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON