



MINUTES

General Meeting

29 May 2024

**MINUTES OF NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE EIDSVOLD BOARDROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2024 AT 9:00 AM**

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.00am and welcomed all attendees.

2 ATTENDEES

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Leslie Hotz	(Mayor)
Cr Melinda Jones	(Deputy Mayor / Division 1)^
Cr Trina Vaughan	(Division 2)
Cr Susan Payne	(Division 3)
Cr Renee McGilvery	(Division 4)
Cr Michael Dingle	(Division 5)
Cr Moira Thompson	(Division 6)

OFFICERS:

Anna Scott	(Acting CEO, General Manager Works)*
Kim Mahoney	(General Manager Corporate and Community)*
Jess Marteene	(Administration Officer – Executive Services)*
Kat Bright	(Senior Executive Assistant to the CEO & Mayor)
Kath Hamilton	(Executive Assistant to the GM C&C)*^
Lauren Frencham	(Project Officer)*^
Marlene Carstens	(Executive Assistant to the GM Works)*^
Michael Cartwright	(Governance, Policy and Risk Advisor)
Rhys Habermann	(Strategic Relationships Manager)*

*attended part of the meeting ^attended via Microsoft Teams

3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of Council, the Mayor extended an Acknowledgement of Country.

5 MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

The Mayor called for a moment of silence to pay respects to those who have passed in our region.

<i>Betty Wade</i>	<i>Biggenden</i>
<i>Bruce Rennie</i>	<i>Gayndah</i>
<i>Colin Portch</i>	<i>Gayndah</i>
<i>Douglas Horton</i>	<i>Gayndah</i>
<i>Garth Plunkett</i>	<i>Gayndah</i>
<i>Jenette Rennie</i>	<i>Gayndah</i>
<i>Michelle Gibson</i>	<i>Gayndah</i>
<i>Linda Jamieson</i>	<i>Monto</i>
<i>Roy May</i>	<i>Monto</i>
<i>Delphine Geck</i>	<i>Mundubbera</i>
<i>Iris Riethmuller</i>	<i>Mundubbera</i>
<i>John Parr</i>	<i>Mundubbera</i>

6 DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

Nil.

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**8.1 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2024****OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 24 April 2024 be confirmed.

RESOLUTION 2024/90

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Susan Payne

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 24 April 2024 be confirmed.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0**8.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 1 MAY 2024****OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 1 May 2024 be confirmed.

RESOLUTION 2024/91

Moved: Cr Moira Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 1 May 2024 be confirmed.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

8.3 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2024

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 13 May 2024 be confirmed.

RESOLUTION 2024/92

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 13 May 2024 be confirmed.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

9 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 OUTSTANDING COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, QUESTIONS ON NOTICE AND ACTIONS REPORT

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Outstanding Council Resolutions, Questions on Notice and Actions Report from 30 June 2021 to 14 May 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024/93

Moved: Cr Susan Payne

Seconded: Cr Moira Thompson

That Council receives the Outstanding Council Resolutions, Questions on Notice and Actions Report from 30 June 2021 to 14 May 2024.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

MEETING WITH SHOW SOCIETIES REGARDING TRUSTEE RESIGNATION

RESOLUTION 2024/94

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery
 Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That Councillors, Acting/Interim Chief Executive Officer and the General Manager Corporate and Community meet with Gayndah, Mt Perry, Monto and Eidsvold Show Societies (inc. a representative of affected associations) at Eidsvold Showgrounds before the end of August 2024 to gain an understanding of the show societies concerns and reiterate that Council has already resigned as Trustee as per Resolution 2021/64.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Renee McGilvery and Moira Thompson

Against: Crs Susan Payne and Michael Dingle

CARRIED 5/2

NOTE: Cr Payne and Cr Dingle noted their decision to oppose the motion, citing the already completed resignation.

9.2 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints the following Councillors as Portfolio and Proxy / Assistant Portfolio Councillors:

Portfolio	Portfolio Councillor	Proxy / Assistant Councillor
Water and Waste	Cr [enter name]	Cr [enter name]
Roads and Infrastructure	Cr [enter name]	Cr [enter name]
Arts, Sports and Recreation	Cr [enter name]	Cr [enter name]
Economic Development, Community and Tourism	Cr [enter name]	Cr [enter name]

RESOLUTION 2024/95

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones
 Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

That Council agrees to leave Councillor Portfolios on the table until a further Councillor Information Workshop is held.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

9.3 PROPOSED AMENDED LOCAL LAWS

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt by Resolution:

- (a) Amended Local Law & Subordinate Local Law No.1 (Administration) 2024
- (b) Amended Local Law & Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2024
- (c) Amended Local Law & Subordinate Local Law No.3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2024
- (d) Amended Local Law & Subordinate Local Law No.4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2024
- (e) Amended Local Law No.6 (Waste Management) 2024

2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the Local Law making process.

NOTE: Anna Scott (Acting CEO) highlighted the necessity for an administrative correction regarding the CEO's name, to be amended upon the adoption of the Local Laws.

RESOLUTION 2024/96

Moved: Cr Trina Vaughan
Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That the proposed amended Local Laws be laid on the table until a further Councillor Information Workshop is held.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

9.4 STATUTORY POLICY 1022 COUNCILLOR CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That in accordance with Section 150AE of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopt by resolution Statutory Policy 1022 – Councillor Conduct Investigations.

RESOLUTION 2024/97

Moved: Cr Susan Payne

Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

That in accordance with Section 150AE of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopt by resolution Statutory Policy 1022 – Councillor Conduct Investigations.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

9.5 AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (ANZDEM)

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with Statutory Policy 1003 *Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors*:

1. Registers the virtual attendance of three (3) Councillors being Cr [name here], Cr [name here] and Cr [name here] as per Option 3 presented as attendees of the Australia and New Zealand Disaster and Emergency Management Conference on the Gold Coast 22-23 July 2024; and
2. Agree to pay for the necessary costs directly associated with attendance at this conference. Such expenses may include registration fees.

RESOLUTION 2024/98

Moved: Cr Trina Vaughan
Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

That Council, in accordance with Statutory Policy 1003 *Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors*:

1. Registers the in-person attendance of two (2) Councillors being Cr McGilvery, Cr Vaughan as attendees of the Australia and New Zealand Disaster and Emergency Management Conference on the Gold Coast 22-23 July 2024; and
2. Agree to pay for the necessary costs directly associated with attendance at this conference. Such expenses may include registration fees.

That council, in accordance with provisions of section 254b(4) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

3. Reschedule the Ordinary Meeting of council from Wednesday 24 July 2024, to Wednesday 31 July 2024; and
4. That the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Monto boardroom, commencing at 9.00am.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan and Renee McGilvery

Against: Crs Susan Payne, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

CARRIED 4/3

NOTE: Cr Payne, Cr Dingle and Cr Thompson noted that their decision to oppose the motion was based on their recognition of Councils financial position and the expenses related to the conference. They further noted concerns that the nominated Councillors have not completed the required Disaster and Emergency Management training as required by deputy chairs of the Local Disaster Management Group.

NOTE: Cr Jones expressed her intention to attend the Australia and New Zealand Disaster and Emergency Management Conference, stating that she would cover the expenses personally.

9.6 PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BUDGET MEETING DATE

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with provisions of Section 254B(4) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

1. Reschedule the Budget Meeting of Council from Wednesday 26 June 2024, to Wednesday 10 July 2024; and
2. That the Budget Meeting of Council will be held in the Gayndah Boardroom, commencing at 9.00am.

RESOLUTION 2024/99

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That Council, in accordance with provisions of Section 254B(4) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

1. Reschedule the Budget Meeting of Council from Wednesday 26 June 2024, to Wednesday 10 July 2024; and
2. That the Budget Meeting of Council will be held in the Gayndah Boardroom, commencing at 9.00am.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

10.1 FINANCE REPORT TO 30 APRIL 2024

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with section 204 *Local Government Regulation 2012*, receives the Finance Report for the period ended 30 April 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024/100

Moved: Cr Susan Payne

Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

That Council, in accordance with section 204 *Local Government Regulation 2012*, receives the Finance Report for the period ended 30 April 2024.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.2 PAYG AND SUPERANNUATION FOR COUNCILLORS

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors resolve to adopt one of the following:

1. Council resolves that elected officials remain non-PAYG and superannuation exempt.
2. Council resolves for elected officials to remain non-PAYG and will contribute superannuation pursuant to s226 *Local Government Act 2009*, at a rate in line with Council's statutory requirements for employees.
3. Council unanimously resolves to become an 'eligible governing body' pursuant to Division 446-5 of Schedule 1 of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*. This will take effect on (insert date) and written notice will be provided to the Australian Taxation Office Commissioner by 4 June 2024. Section 12 (10) of the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* will automatically apply.

RESOLUTION 2024/101

Moved: Cr Susan Payne

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That Council resolves for elected officials to remain non-PAYG and will contribute superannuation pursuant to s226 *Local Government Act 2009*, at a rate in line with Council's statutory requirements for employees.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Cr Melinda Jones

CARRIED 6/1

NOTE: Cr Jones noted her decision to oppose the motion, stating her preference for option 3 of the Officers Recommendation. However, Cr Jones acknowledged the necessity for a unanimous decision with this option.

11 WORKS

11.1 REVISED AND APPROVED DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the approved Drinking Water Quality Management Plan version 8.0.

RESOLUTION 2024/102

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Susan Payne

That Council:

1. Adopts the approved Drinking Water Quality Management Plan version 8.0.
2. Acknowledged the work of the Water and Wastewater Manager and the team by extension; and
3. Make a printed copy available at the Customer Service and Library Centres across the region for community reference.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

12 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

12.1 OVERVIEW OF MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS ACTIVITIES - APRIL 2024

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Councillor Reports for the period 1 April 2024 to 30 April 2024.

NOTE: Cr Jones offered an apology for not submitting a report for the period, citing her absence on leave at the time reports were due.

RESOLUTION 2024/103

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That Council receives the Councillor Reports for the period 1 April 2024 to 30 April 2024.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

12.2 MAYORS REPORT - AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF COMPANY DIRECTORS MAYORS TRAINING PROGRAM

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Mayors Report in relation his participation at the Australian Institute of Company Directors Mayors Training Program held in Brisbane from 15 – 16 April 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024/104

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That Council receive the Mayors Report in relation his participation at the Australian Institute of Company Directors Mayors Training Program held in Brisbane from 15 – 16 April 2024.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

GM ACTION 12 AICD TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS

Officers to speak with the Department about future plans for AICD training, including potential training sessions in the region or across regions for Councillors to attend.

12.3 MAYORS REPORT - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND (LGAQ) SPECIAL MAYORAL FORUM

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Mayors Report in relation his participation at the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Special Mayoral Forum held in Brisbane on 17 April 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024/105

Moved: Cr Moira Thompson

Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That Council receive the Mayors Report in relation his participation at the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Special Mayoral Forum held in Brisbane on 17 April 2024.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

12.4 MAYORS REPORT - PARADISE DAM REFERENCE GROUP MEETING**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the Mayors Report in relation to his attendance at the Paradise Dam Reference Group Meeting, held in Bundaberg, 9 May 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024/106

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

That Council receives the Mayors Report in relation to his attendance at the Paradise Dam Reference Group Meeting, held in Bundaberg, 9 May 2024.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

12.5 WIDE BAY BURNETT REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS FLYING MINUTE

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the proposed motion received from WBBROC President Mayor Seymour on 7 May 2024 with the following amendments:

1. The moratorium excludes the Mount Rawdon Pumped Hydro Project as it is already significantly progressed through the approval process including a detailed environmental impact assessment.
2. Reference to the need for appropriate regulation to protect threatened and endangered species is removed as legislation is already in place at the state and federal level.
3. Clarity to the purpose of condition points e, g, h and j are provided to the satisfaction of Mayor Hotz.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Susan Payne

That Council does not endorse the proposed motion received from WBBROC President Mayor Seymour on 7 May 2024.

LAPSED DUE TO NO SECONDER

RESOLUTION 2024/107

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That Council endorses the proposed motion received from WBBROC President Mayor Seymour on 7 May 2024 with the following amendments:

1. The moratorium excludes the Mount Rawdon Pumped Hydro Project as it is already significantly progressed through the approval process including a detailed environmental impact assessment.
2. Reference to the need for appropriate regulation to protect threatened and endangered species is removed as legislation is already in place at the state and federal level.
3. Clarity to the purpose of condition points e, g, h and j are provided to the satisfaction of Mayor Hotz.
4. Requests that WBBROC considers other Advocacy already in place.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Cr Payne

CARRIED 6/1

NOTE: Cr Payne noted her decision to oppose the motion due to her uncertainty about the definition of "large scale" and the potential effects or consequences it may have on projects in the North Burnett region.

13 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

14.1 Council Roadside Billboards

This matter is considered to be confidential under 254J - 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

14.2 Procurement Exception - Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO) - Partner Funding Arrangements

This matter is considered to be confidential under 254J - 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

14.3 Recruitment Process - Interim and Permanent CEO

This matter is considered to be confidential under 254J - 254J(3)(a) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer.

RESOLUTION 2024/108

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle
Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

14.1 Council Roadside Billboards

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In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

THE MEETING MOVED INTO A CLOSED SESSION AT 10.57AM.

NOTE: During the confidential session, Councillors discussed the content in the confidential reports listed above.

RESOLUTION 2024/109

Moved: Cr Trina Vaughan
Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

That Council moves out of Closed Session into Open Session.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

THE MEETING MOVED BACK INTO AN OPEN SESSION AT 11.26AM.**14.1 COUNCIL ROADSIDE BILLBOARDS****OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Divest itself of any Council-owned or maintained roadside billboard signs featuring tourism, tourism attractions (including caravan parks), economic development, and/or community/cultural centre advertising; and
2. Does not enter into new lease arrangements relating to the subject billboards on private land, and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to exit any such agreements in accordance with their applicable terms; and
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to arrange for the disposal or removal of the subject billboards in the most cost-effective and lawful manner available to it, which may include gifting billboard assets to landowners.

RESOLUTION 2024/110

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery
Seconded: Cr Moira Thompson

That Council agrees to lay the Council Roadside Billboards report on the table until a further Councillor Information Workshop is held.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

GM ACTION 13 COUNCIL ROADSIDE BILLBOARDS

Officers to investigate further options for Council to consider Roadside Billboards moving forward with an update to be tabled at a Councillor Information Workshop.

14.2 PROCUREMENT EXCEPTION - BURNETT INLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (BIEDO) - PARTNER FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. In accordance with Section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, resolve that due to the specialised nature of the services being sought, it is satisfied that it would be impractical and disadvantageous to invite quotes or tenders for the provision of economic development activities, and,
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into the Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO) Funding Agreement.

RESOLUTION 2024/111

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That Council:

1. In accordance with Section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, resolve that due to the specialised nature of the services being sought, it is satisfied that it would be impractical and disadvantageous to invite quotes or tenders for the provision of economic development activities; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into the Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO) Funding Agreement.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11.28AM.

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12.37PM.

The Mayor opened the meeting at 12.37pm to address the remaining agenda item.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**RESOLUTION 2024/112**

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Moira Thompson

That Council considers the confidential report listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

14.3 Recruitment Process - Interim and Permanent CEO

This matter is considered to be confidential under 254J - 254J(3)(a) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

THE MEETING MOVED INTO A CLOSED SESSION AT 12.39PM.

NOTE: During the confidential session, Councillors discussed the content in the confidential report listed above.

RESOLUTION 2024/113

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That Council moves out of Closed Session into Open Session.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

THE MEETING MOVED BACK INTO AN OPEN SESSION AT 1.41pm.

14.3 RECRUITMENT PROCESS - INTERIM AND PERMANENT CEO

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive each of the written Expressions of Interest for the position of Interim Chief Executive Officer;
2. Invite <number> shortlisted candidates to formally address Councillors before any decision is made as to who Council will appoint as Interim Chief Executive Officer; and
3. Invite Quotations from Recruitment Agencies to assist in the search and appointment of a permanent Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLUTION 2024/114

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That Council:

1. Receive each of the written Expressions of Interest for the position of Interim Chief Executive Officer.
2. Invite four (4) shortlisted candidates to formally address Councillors before any decision is made as to who Council will appoint as Interim Chief Executive Officer; and
3. Advertise for the position of permanent Chief Executive Officer from individuals and invite experienced Local Government Executive recruitment agencies to present a panel of suitable candidates for Council's consideration. The advertisement is to commence as soon as possible and will remain open for a period of four (4) weeks.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR INTERIM CEO RECRUITMENT

RESOLUTION 2024/115

Moved: Cr Trina Vaughan

Seconded: Cr Moira Thompson

That Council:

1. Reviews and amends, as necessary, the draft interview questions for the recruitment of the Interim CEO; and
2. Submits the finalised interview questions to the Interview Facilitator for consideration and amendment as necessary.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 1.48pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the General Meeting held on 26 June 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON