



5 November, 2015

Minutes Of The Extraordinary Meeting Of Murrumbidgee Shire Council Held In The Council Chambers Room in Darlington Point on Thursday, 5 November, 2015 at 5.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors Austin Evans, Philip Wells, Robert Black,
Christine Chirgwin, Gavin Gilbert and Robert Curphey

IN ATTENDANCE: Kerry McMurray (General Manager)
Sue Mitchell (Director Corporate Performance and Community)
Alison Balind (Executive Assistant – Minute Secretary)
Steve Goodsall (GIS/Assets Officer)

The meeting opened at 5.00pm with Mayor Austin Evans reading the Council Prayer.

Apologies

Nil

Declarations of Interest

Acting General Manager Kerry McMurray declared a pecuniary interest in IC Mayoral Minute. Having made the declaration, Mr McMurray will leave the Chamber for the duration of the debate and not return until the matter has been resolved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. FIT FOR THE FUTURE

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15202. Resolution

Moved Cr Gilbert Seconded Cr Wells

1. That Council prepare a detailed and comprehensive submission vigorously objecting to Murrumbidgee Shire Council being determined by IPART as not meeting the majority of the characteristics of a Rural Council and reinforce the community's very strong preference for a Rural Council as part of a Murrumbidgee Joint Organisation.
2. That Murrumbidgee Shire Council commission the preparation of a possible merger business case for Murrumbidgee Shire Council, Leeton Shire Council and Narrandera Shire Council through Morrison Low at a cost of \$19,000
3. That Murrumbidgee Shire Council commission the preparation of a possible merger business case for Murrumbidgee Shire Council and Griffith City Council through Morrison Low at a cost of \$13,500.
4. That a survey be prepared and issued to the community both online and in paper form seeking their views on the options now available.
5. That a public meeting be held on Monday 16th November, 2015 at the Darlington Point Club at 6.30pm to discuss the matter with our community.

Carried (5-0)

1. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTER IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Extraordinary Council Meeting 15 APRIL 2015 KM:AGM – Notice of Intention to Deal with Matter in Confidential Session

15215. Resolution

Moved Cr Gilbert Seconded Cr Black

- 1. That the meeting is closed during the discussion of the matters “IC1” and “IC Mayoral Minute” as on balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision-making because the disclosure of this information would prejudice Council and individuals from achieving a ‘best’ outcome for the community and individuals involved;**

IC1 and IC Mayoral Minute – (2) The matters and information are the following:

- a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals

Carried (5-0)

Cr Chirgwin entered the Chamber, the time being 5.03pm.

Having resolved to go into Closed Council, the meeting was closed to the public at 5.03pm.

Open Council resumed at 5.07pm by virtue of Resolution No. 15218 and the Chamber was opened to the public. The Acting General Manager and Staff returned to the Chamber at 5.07pm.

In accordance with Clause 253 of the Local Government (General) regulations 2005, Cr Evans reported the following decisions of Council that were made in Closed Session:

IC1 – PERSONNEL MATTER – LEAVE ALLOWANCE

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15216. Resolution

Moved Cr Gilbert, Seconded Cr Black

That Council grant Mr Mark Shaxson an additional 4 weeks sick leave, one week for each year of completed service with the organisation.

Carried (6-0)

Having previously declared an interest in the following item, the Acting General Manager left the Chamber. Staff present also left the Chamber at this time, being 5.06pm

IC MAYORAL MINUTE – PERSONNEL MATTERS – CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Extraordinary Meeting 5 November, 2015 AE:MAYOR – Personnel Matters – Contract Amendment

15217. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin Seconded Cr Gilbert

- 1. That Council define reasonable hours in terms of Clause 6.1 of the Acting General Manager’s contract at 45 hours week.**
- 2. That those hours worked above that, due to current workloads and the absence of the Director of Community Infrastructure and Sustainability be added to Time In Lieu/paid hours**
- 3. That Council amend Schedule A of the Contract to reflect this resolution.**

Carried (6-0)

15218. Resolution

Moved Cr Chirgwin Seconded Cr Gilbert

That Open Council be resumed.

Carried (6-0)

Having so resolved, the meeting re-opened to the public at 5.07pm. The Mayor then read the resolutions passed in Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5.08pm.