

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE
ON WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL 2020 AT 10:00AM

Mayor Wilson declared the meeting opened at 10:10am and welcomed all in attendance.

PRESENT

John Wilson	Mayor
Terry Sams	Deputy Mayor
Wally Minjin	Councillor
Ralph Narburup	Councillor
Mark Martin	Councillor
Mark Tunmuck-Smith	Councillor

Staff

Shaun Hardy	Chief Executive Officer
Steve Horton	Director of Council and Community Services
Rebecca Purser	Manager Corporate
Ramesh Pudasaini	Senior Financial Consultant (CouncilBIZ)

Guest

Stuart McGill	Office of Warren Snowdon MP
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APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 March 2020

059/2020 **Motion:**

That the minutes be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Moved: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith

Seconded: Cr. Narburup

Resolution: Unanimously

CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS – NIL

REPORTS

1) **Financial Report - March 2020**

060/2020 **Motion:**

1. That Council receives and notes the Financial Report - March 2020.

Moved: Cr. Minjin
Seconded: Cr. Martin
Resolution: Unanimously

2) Regional Plan 2020-21

061/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Regional Plan and Budget 2020-21 schedule.**

Moved: Deputy Sams
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

3) Council Meeting Dates

062/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council approves the 2020 Schedule of Meetings and Events.**

Moved: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

4) COVID-19 Pandemic Update

063/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes measures in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and**
- 2. That requests on rates and rents hardship be deferred to the OCM in May 2020.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup
Seconded: Deputy Sams
Resolution: Unanimously

GENERAL BUSINESS

Stuart McGill advised that Chief Minister Michael Gunner has stated that by 30 April 2020 he hopes enough progress has been made to contain COVID-19 in the NT that “we can begin planning our path back to normal.”

The Chief Minister also stated:

- There is to be a slow and staged easing of some of the NT’s restrictions but he can’t yet state what or when.
- Businesses will open well prior to our borders being opened.
- Social restrictions are expected at least six months.

Elected Members also requested an update as to when the Port Keats Road works are to commence and Stuart McGill advised that he is to enquire and report back to Council.

Councillor Minjin advised that there is a funeral in Wadeye on 24 April 2020.

Stuart McGill left the meeting at 11:00am

Mayor Wilson closed the meeting to the public and moved to the closed session

RECOMMENDATION:

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 5 Rates and Refuse Charges 2020-21** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 6 CEO Contract** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

The meeting closed at 11:05am.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 2 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Meeting of Council HELD ON Wednesday, 22 April 2020 AND CONFIRMED Friday 22 May 2020