

Mayor Wilson declared the meeting open at 9:55am and welcomed all in attendance.

**PRESENT**

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

**Staff**

Matthew Eastham	Chief Executive Officer
Peter Holt	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Rebecca Purser	Manager Corporate
Ramesh Pudasaini	Senior Financial Consultant (CouncilBIZ)

**Guest**

Daryl Ella Ritchie	National Indigenous Australians Agency
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**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Apology received from Cr. Narburup

**Motion:**

**That the Council notes and accepts the apology received from Cr. Ralph Narburup.**

Moved: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith

Seconded: Deputy Sams

Resolution: Unanimously

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**

Mayor John Wilson declared a member interest in Agenda Items 6 and 7 of the Ordinary Agenda and remained in the meeting however did not participate in discussion.

Ramesh Pudasaini declared an employee interest for CouncilBiz in Agenda Item 8 of the Confidential Agenda and left the meeting during discussions.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 February 2021**

Minute No. 9 - Deputy Sams agreed to submit a nomination as a representative for the Place Name Committee.

013/2021 **Motion:**

**That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.**

Moved: Cr. Martin

Seconded: Cr. Minjin

Resolution: Unanimously

### **CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

CEO called for a late item under Confidential Agenda – Organisational Review.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **1) Lead in time about the Voice - short presentation**

Indigenous Voice groups were formed to ensure that Aboriginal people have more of a say in regional level governance structure that would:

- Be designed and led by communities
- Provide advice to all levels of government about what's important in communities and the region.
- Work in partnership with all governments to make plans on how to meet community aspirations and deliver on local priorities.
- Provide local views to the National Voice where this informs national issues.

Consultation is to take place on 28 April 2021 at Wadeye.

Council requests that a consultation day also take place at Peppimenarti and the CEO will correspond with NIAA.

### **REPORTS**

#### **2) Financial Report - February 2021**

014/2021 **Motion:**

**1. That Council receives and notes the Financial Report for February 2021.**

Moved: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith

Seconded: Deputy Sams

Resolution: Unanimously

#### **3) Local Authority Minutes and Recommendations to Council**

015/2021 **Motion:**

**1. That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Minutes for Nganmariyanga and Wadeye for 9 and 10 March 2021 respectively.**

**2. That Council approves the following Local Authority Recommendations:**

**WADEYE:**

- a) to allocate an amount up to \$80,000 for the purchase of three new zero turn mowers for Wadeye
- b) to allocate an amount up to \$20,000 for the cemetery fence at Manthathpe.
- c) to allocate an amount up to \$8,000 for the purchase and installation of a cool water bubbler at councils office
- d) to allocate an amount up to \$1,600 to purchase 700 personal water bottles.
- e) to allocate an amount of \$300,000 as co-contribution to support the Council's submission to the Building Better Regions fund for the replacement of the Wadeye Swimming Pool

**NGANMARRIYANGA**

- a) the resignation of Jill Wodidj
- b) for Lorraine Kerringbo to be appointed as a Local Authority Member for Nganmarriyanga.
- c) to allocate an amount of \$28,000 for playground equipment and shade structure.

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

**4) Healthy Lifestyle Grant for Healthy Lifestyle Projects**

016/2021 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council accepts the grant funding of \$18,110 and approves the use of the common seal on the Short Form Grant Agreement for Healthy Lifestyle Grant from the Department of Health.

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

**5) 2021 Schedule of Meetings and Events**

Mayor and CEO to correspond with Department of Chief Minister requesting consultation with Council when setting future dates for Kardu Allianz meetings. This is to avoid conflicting dates with Council meetings and allow elected members ability to attend the Kardu Allianz meetings.

017/2021 **Motion:**

**That council notes the meeting scheduled for 21 April 2021 will be moved to Thursday 29 April 2021 in Darwin.**

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

Mayor Wilson declared a members conflict of interest in Agenda Items 6 and 7. Mayor Wilson remained in the meeting however did not participate in discussion.

**6) Licence to Maintain - Lot 88 Peppimenarti (Sporting Hub)**

018/2021 **Motion:**

**1. That Council approves the use of the Common Seal to be applied to the Licence to Maintain over Lot 88 Peppimenarti between the Daly River/Port Keats Aboriginal Land Trust, West Daly Regional Council and Northern Land Council**

Moved: Deputy Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith  
Resolution: Unanimously

**7) Licence to Maintain - Lot 97 Peppimenarti**

019/2021 **Motion:**

**1. That Council approves the use of the Common Seal to be applied to the Licence to Maintain over Lot 97 Peppimenarti between the Daly River/Port Keats Aboriginal Land Trust, West Daly Regional Council and Northern Land Council**

Moved: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith  
Seconded: Deputy Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

## **DECISION TO MOVE TO 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:-

- 8 Financial Risks to WDRC associated with VDRC resigning from CouncilBIZ** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) 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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*
- 9 Audit Timeline & Audit Engagement letter - 2020/21** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (f) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains Under Part 4 of the Local Government Regulations 8 (c) (i) "cause commercial prejudice to or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person".*

**Late Item:**

**Organisational Review** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (e) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.*

The meeting closed at 12:30pm.

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