



# **SPECIAL MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**30 APRIL 2024**

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON  
ON TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 9:00AM**

**1 OPENING**

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

**2 PRESENT**

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)  
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson  
Councillor S Latcham  
Councillor G D Mathers  
Councillor E W Oram  
Councillor M A Taylor

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer  
Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services  
Ms A Cutler – General Manager Community Services  
Ms M Taylor – Chief Financial Officer  
Mr A Russell – Executive Manager Advance Rockhampton  
Mr D Morrison – Manager Workforce and Governance  
Mr J Kann – Manager Office of the Mayor  
Ms K Walsh – Committee Support Officer

### 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### 3.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR CHERIE RUTHERFORD - 25 APRIL 2024 TO 14 MAY 2024

**File No:** 10072  
**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor

#### SUMMARY

*Councillor Cherie Rutherford is seeking leave of absence from Thursday 25 April 2024 up to and including Tuesday 14 May 2024.*

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Councillor Cherie Rutherford be granted leave of absence from Thursday 25 April 2024 to Tuesday 14 May 2024 inclusive.

**Moved by:** Councillor Wickerson  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Taylor  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR NEIL FISHER - 30 APRIL 2024 TO 14 MAY 2024

**File No:** 10072  
**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

#### SUMMARY

*Councillor Neil Fisher is seeking leave of absence from Tuesday 30 April 2024 up to and including Tuesday 14 May 2024.*

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Councillor Neil Fisher be granted leave of absence from Tuesday 30 April 2024 to Tuesday 14 May 2024 inclusive.

**Moved by:** Councillor Latcham  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Wickerson  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Nil

## 5 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

#### 6.1 2024/2025 Budget Briefing

In accordance with section 254J(3)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss the local government's budget.

**Moved by:** Councillor Wickerson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Taylor

**MOTION CARRIED**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**9:03AM**

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves into Closed Session and be closed to the public.

**Moved by:** Councillor Mathers

**Seconded by:** Mayor Williams

**MOTION CARRIED**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**10:00AM**

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

**Moved by:** Councillor Oram

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mathers

**MOTION CARRIED**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:00AM

THAT the meeting be adjourned, to resume at 10:10am.

**Moved by:** Mayor Williams

**Seconded by:** Councillor Wickerson

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:12AM

THAT the meeting be resumed.

**Moved by: Councillor Wickerson****Seconded by: Councillor Mathers****MOTION CARRIED**

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)

Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson

Councillor S Latcham

Councillor G D Mathers

Councillor E W Oram

Councillor M A Taylor

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services

Ms A Cutler – General Manager Community Services

Ms M Taylor – Chief Financial Officer

M A Russell – Executive Manager Advance Rockhampton

Mr D Morrison – Manager Workforce and Governance

Mr J Kann – Manager Office of the Mayor

Ms K Walsh – Committee Support Officer

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:12AM

**THAT** pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves into Closed Session and be closed to the public.**Moved by: Councillor Wickerson****Seconded by: Councillor Mathers****MOTION CARRIED**

10:14AM Councillor Taylor and Councillor Oram attended the meeting.

10:17AM Councillor Oram left the meeting room

10:18AM Councillor Oram returned to the meeting room

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:48AM

**THAT** pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.**Moved by: Mayor Williams****Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson****MOTION CARRIED**

## 6 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

### 6.1 2024/2025 BUDGET BRIEFING

**File No:** 8785

**Authorising Officer:** Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**Author:** Marnie Taylor - Chief Financial Officer

In accordance with section 254J(3)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss the local government's budget.

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#### SUMMARY

*This report will provide an update to Council on the progress of the 2024/2025 Budget.*

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council receive the information associated with the briefing on the 2024/2025 Budget as presented.

**Moved by:** Mayor Williams

**Seconded by:** Councillor Wickerson

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**7 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:48am.

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CHAIRPERSON

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DATE