



SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

15 MAY 2024

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9:03AM**

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Drew Wickerson appointed Chairperson until Mayor Tony Williams attends the meeting.

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 C R Rutherford (via video-link)
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 M O’Keeffe – Manager Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling (via video-link)
Mr D Toon – Manager Water and Wastewater (via video-link)
Mr J Webb – Manager Communities and Culture (via video-link)
Mr M Crow – Manager Infrastructure Planning (via video-link)
Mr A Collins – Manager Project Delivery (via video-link)
Ms E Dwyer – Manager Community Assets and Facilities (via video-link)
Ms M Younger – Manager Corporate and Technology Services (via video-link)
Mr A Pont – Manager Parks (via video-link)
Mr C Claassen – Civil Works Manager (via video-link)
Mr M Vycke – Manager Airport (via video-link)
Mr D Morrison – Manager Workforce and Governance (via video-link)
Mr J Kann – Manager Office of the Mayor
Ms L Leeder – Senior Committee Support Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR NEIL FISHER - 15 MAY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2024

File No: 10072
Authorising Officer: Nicole Semfel - Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Justin Kann – Manager Office of the Mayor
Evan Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Author: Katie-Lea Kellett - Executive Support Officer

SUMMARY

Councillor Neil Fisher is seeking leave of absence from Wednesday 15 May 2024 up to and including Sunday 30 June 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Councillor Neil Fisher be granted leave of absence from Wednesday 15 May 2024 to Sunday 30 June 2024 inclusive.

Moved by: Councillor Latcham
Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED

9:06AM Mayor Williams attended the meeting and assumed the Chair.

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 Taylor
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

9:07AM

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

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED

9:36AM Chief Executive Officer left the meeting

9:38AM Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting

9:47AM Chief Executive Officer left the meeting

9:58AM Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**10:25AM**

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**10:26AM**

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes, to resume at 10:36am.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson
MOTION CARRIED

10:42AM The meeting resumed.

Deputy Mayor Councillor Wickerson assumed the role of Chairperson.

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 C R Rutherford (via video-link)
Councillor M A Taylor

In Attendance:

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Mr A Pont – Manager Parks (via video-link)
Mr M Vycke – Manager Airport (via video-link)
Mr D Morrison – Manager Workforce and Governance (via video-link)
Mr J Kann – Manager Office of the Mayor
Ms L Leeder – Senior Committee Support Officer

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:42AM

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: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED

10:57AM Mayor Williams returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair

11:25AM Chief Executive Officer left the meeting

11:46AM Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12:44PM

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 Oram

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12:45PM

THAT the meeting be adjourned for a 30 minute recess, to resume at 1:15pm.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED

1:17PM The meeting resumed.

Members Present:

Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson (Chairperson)
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E W Oram
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION**1:17PM**

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

Moved by: Councillor Oram
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****1:48PM**

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

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson
Seconded by: Councillor Oram

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.

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: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1:49pm.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE