



SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

15 APRIL 2024

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON MONDAY, 15 APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 9:00AM**

1 OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor, Councillors and Officers observed a minute's silence in honour of the victims of the tragic circumstances that occurred over the weekend at Bondi Junction. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, relatives and friends of those victims.

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor N K Fisher
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Ms A Cutler – General Manager Community Services
Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services
Mr A Russell – Executive Manager Advance Rockhampton
Ms M Taylor – Chief Financial Officer
Mr J Kann – Manager Office of the Mayor
Mr D Morrison – Manager Workforce and Governance
Ms E Brodel – Coordinator Communications and Engagement (via video-link)
Ms L Leeder – Senior Committee Support Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

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 Considerations and Assumptions

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: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:40AM

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 Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

6 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

6.1 2024/2025 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

File No: 8785
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Acting 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 provides an introduction to the formation and progress of the 2024/2025 Budget.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council considers the information contained in the report to work towards a sound budgetary position for 2024/2025 and beyond.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Adjourned**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:42AM

THAT the meeting be adjourned until 11:00am.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED***Meeting Resumed*****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:58AM

THAT the meeting be resumed.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor N K Fisher
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
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Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services
Mr A Russell – Executive Manager Advance Rockhampton
Ms M Taylor – Chief Financial Officer
Mr J Kann – Manager Office of the Mayor
Mr D Morrison – Manager Workforce and Governance
Ms E Brodel – Coordinator Communications and Engagement (via video-link)
Ms S Jennings – Coordinator Legal and Governance
Ms J Delaney – Governance Officer
Ms L Leeder – Senior Committee Support Officer

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 DRAFT 2024-2025 OPERATIONAL PLAN

File No: 8320
Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - Manager Workforce and Governance
Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author: Shannon Jennings - Coordinator Legal and Governance

SUMMARY

Draft Operational Plan actions and targets for the financial year 2024-25 are presented for Councillor discussion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council considers the draft Operational Plan actions and targets to work towards a final Operational Plan for 2024-2025 which will be adopted in conjunction with Council's budget.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:51am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE