



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE PIRLANGIMPI
OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2014 AT 10:00 AM**

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10:08 am

The Mayor welcomed councillors and guests.

1.2 Present

Mayor: Lynette De Santis

Councillors: Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi, Manyi Rioli, John Naden, Therese Bourke, Crystal Johnson, Barry Puruntatameri, Anita Moreen, Irene Tipiloura.

Casual Vacancy: Wurankuwu Ward (Cr Brian Tipungwuti resigned 18 July 2014).

Officers: Rosanna De Santis (Director Community Support), Lesley Palmer (Deputy Director Corporate Services), Hollie Abra (Contracts Manager & A / Finance Manager), Maina Brown (Executive Assistant), Mark Pollard (Fleet Manager), Saadia Ullungura (Governance Support).

Visitors: Richard Munt (DLGR), Colvin Crowe (DLGR), Amanda Leach (Menzies School of Health Research), Christine Wigger (Menzies School of Health Research).

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager)

1.3 Apologies

Accepted: Cr Leslie Tungutalum, Cr Gawin Tipiloura, Alan Hudson (CEO), Karl Sibley (Director Infrastructure),

Not Accepted: Nil

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Nil

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Ordinary Meeting - 30 July 2014

44 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30 July 2014 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 **MENZIES SCHOOL OF HEALTH RESEARCH - PROPOSED RESEARCH STUDY - "I HEAR BETA"**

Council are provided with a copy of a recent email and letter from Menzies School of Health Research representatives advising of a proposed research study planned to commence in 2015 covering the three Tiwi Islands communities (Wurrumiyanga, Milikapiti, and Pirlangimpi).

Menzies representatives will be attending the Council Meeting to discuss and outline further details to Council.

45 RESOLUTION

Moved: Therese Bourke

Seconded: Crystal Johnson

That Council welcomes the representatives from Menzies School of Health Research, and endorses this research project in the three nominated communities.

CARRIED

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 **LETTER FROM DEPT. LOCAL GOVERNMENT & REGIONS RE NEW CEO DATED 31 JULY 2014.**

Council are provided with a copy of a recent letter dated 31 July from Dept. Local Government & Regions (received on 06 August 2014) advising of the appointment of an acting CEO for the Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the correspondence from Dept. Local Government & Regions advising of the new CEO and Executive Director of the Department.

4.2 **LETTER FROM MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS DATED 15 AUGUST 2014.**

Council are provided with a copy of a recent letter dated 15 August from the Australian Government Minister for Indigenous Affairs in relation to the new Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the correspondence from the Minister for Indigenous Affairs advising of the new Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) and the timelines for lodging funding applications.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Please refer to the Other Business Agenda Section (after Section 7 – Reports for Information).

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 COUNCIL MOTOR VEHICLE ASSETS FOR DISPOSAL

Seeking Council approval to endorse the sale of motor vehicle assets.

46 RESOLUTION

Moved: *John Naden*

Seconded: *Crystal Johnson*

That Council notes the sale of the Motor Vehicles (Asset # MV-000141 to MV-00090) inclusive, and notes the lower section of the listing covering vehicles in Darwin awaiting auction.

CARRIED

6.2 COUNCIL EXPENDITURE (31 JULY 2014 TO 22 AUGUST 2014)

Seeking Council approval and endorsement for all expenditure items from 31 July 2014 to 22 August 2014 (covering the draft budget 14/15 and final approved budget 14/15).

47 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Pirrawayingi*

Seconded: *John Naden*

That Council approves and endorses the expenditure for the interim period (31 July to 22 August) covering the period before the adoption of the final TIRC approved budget for 2014/15 on 22 August 2014.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 FINANCE END OF MONTH REPORT - JULY 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.2 HUMAN RESOURCES END OF MONTH REPORT - JULY 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.3 CORPORATE SERVICES END OF MONTH REPORT - JULY 2014

This report illustrates the business conducted within the independent business units including financial management, business improvement, and information technology including IT support, communications and administration.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.4 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT - EOM REPORT FOR JULY

This report illustrates the business within units including; Children's Services, Youth and Community, Sports and Recreation, Community Safety, Centrelink and Libraries.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information.

7.5 INFRASTRUCTURE EOM REPORT FOR JULY 2014

This report outlines activities for the Infrastructure Directorate for the previous month

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information.

7.6 GOVERNANCE MANAGERS REPORT - END OF MONTH - JULY 2014

48 RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri

Seconded: John Naden

That Council notes Reports 7.1 to 7.6 for information

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 COUNCILLOR ACCESS TO VEHICLES

Cr Manyi Rioli raised the issue of Councillors needing a dedicated Council vehicle to be allocated in each community for their sole use in undertaking their Councillor duties. There should be some incentives for Councillors to want to be a councillor.

Action : CEO to respond at next meeting.

5.2 FINANCE REPORT – EOM JULY 2014 – QUESTION RE LEGAL EXPENSES

Cr John Naden asked a question in relation to the \$ 9,384.00 expense shown for July under Legal Expenses (Page 45 of Council Agenda). Further details would be provided at the Special Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 18th September 2014.

5.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT FOR REGIONAL COUNCILS

Cr Manyi Rioli asked a question as to why Regional Councils did not have a separate Act that better suited their remote operations. There were vast differences between

Municipal and Regional Councils and the NT Local Government Act should be amended to reflect this. Richard Munt advised Council that Local Government Acts were a State / Territory Government Act and there was only one Act that covered all Councils in each State / Territory.

5.4 COUNCIL MOTION – REQUEST FOR REPORT ON COURT CASES

MOTION

49 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Emmanuel Rioli

Council requested that a report be prepared for a future meeting outlining the number of Court Actions / Cases that had been taken out against Council over the last 12 months.

CARRIED

Action : CEO to prepare a report for a future Council meeting.

5.5 ACCESS TO COMMUNITY SAFETY FACILITIES BY DEPUTY MAYOR

Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi advised that he has a new casual job with NTG Dept. Corrections and was seeking to access the Council Community Safety Facility as this was next door to his home.

Advice was provided to Pirrawayingi that due to this Council facility being utilised by Council Community Safety staff plus part of this facility was also sub-leased to Catholic Care it was not appropriate for him to access these facilities. His employer NTG Dept. Corrections should be responsible for making appropriate arrangements for office / work space via NTG sources.

An alternative option was offered to Pirrawayingi as an interim arrangement but this was not considered or accepted by him.

5.6 PARKS & LEISURE AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE - CAIRNS QLD

Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi asked the question as to which staff were attending the Parks & Leisure Australia Conference in Cairns. Which Tiwi people were asked (if any) ? This was an operational matter and the CEO would respond to this at the next Council meeting.

Action: CEO to prepare a response for Council at a future meeting.

5.7 REGISTER OF ATTENDEES AT VARIOUS CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS / EVENTS

Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi and Cr John Naden suggested that it may be worthwhile to create and maintain some form of Attendance Register, and what were the benefits to Tiwi people of attending these types of events ?.

This is an operational matter and needs further discussion with Council.

5.8 NEW COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD OUTSIDE NUA STORE - WURRUMIYANGA

Cr John Naden asked if the new notice board had been installed yet ? It was suggested that the noticeboard be divided into sections (one side to show the Regional Council and Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notices, and the other side to be allocated for Community information / other service provider use).

Action: Wurrumiyanga Office Manager to check this new notice board and arrange for all notices to be displayed per the above instructions.

5.9 TIWI LEADERS FORUM – NEXT MEETING

Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi suggested that a letter be sent to the Tiwi Land Council requesting advice on when the next scheduled meeting of the Tiwi Leaders Forum was likely to be ?

Action: CEO to send a letter to the Tiwi Land Council seeking a possible date for the next Tiwi Leaders Forum meeting.

5.10 CULTURAL OBLIGATIONS – FUNERALS

Cr Manyi Rioli raised the very important issue of cultural obligations / recognition of the “Tiwi First” principle in relation to funerals across the Tiwi Islands.

In relation to the preparation of graves that the preference by families for all graves to be ready (minimum of 2 days before the funeral).

8 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 24 September 2014

9 Closure

The meeting closed at 1:25 pm.