



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA
ON THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 10:00 AM**

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10:55 am. The Mayor welcomed councillors, staff and guests.

1.2 Present

Mayor: Lynette De Santis

Councillors:, Barry Puruntatameri, John Naden, Irene Tipiloura, Anita Moreen, Leslie Tungutalum, Crystal Johnson.

Officers: Alan Hudson (CEO), Karl Sibley (Director Infrastructure), Lesley Palmer (Deputy Director Corporate Services), Maina Brown (Executive Assistant), Saadia Ullungura (Governance Support).

Visitors: David Shoobridge.

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager)

1.3 Apologies

Accepted: Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi, Cr Therese Bourke, Cr Emmanuel Rioli.

Not Accepted: Cr Gawin Tipiloura.

Casual Vacancy: Wurankuwu Ward (By-Election to be held).

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Cr John Naden advised (Item 6.4) that his son also operates a similar Ferry / Tourist business in Darwin. The CEO advised that this report was only for Council's information at this stage and no decision was being made.

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Special Meeting - 22 August 2014

1. RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden
Seconded: Anita Moreen

That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 22 August 2014 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

3 CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 MEETING OF TIWI LEADERS GROUP

Council are provided with a copy of the recent letter dated 9th September 2014 sent to the Tiwi Land Council requesting a possible date and location for the next Tiwi Leaders Group Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter to the Tiwi Land Council dated 9th September 2014.

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1 RECONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL'S AUDIT/FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

This report seeks Council's nomination of members from Council and appointment of an independent Chairperson for its Audit/Finance subcommittee.

2. RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden
Seconded: Crystal Johnson

That Council appoints Mr David Shoobridge to be the Independent Chair of it's Audit / Finance sub-committee

That Council seeks nominations for and appoint Council members as members of that same committee. Nominations are:

**Milikapiti Ward (Mayor Lynette De Santis, Cr Irene Tipiloura)
Nguuu Ward (Cr Leslie Tungutalum, Cr John Naden)
Pirlangimpi Ward (Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi, Cr Manyi Rioli)**

CARRIED

5.2 FREQUENCY AND NATURE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

This report asks Council to consider options for both the frequency and nature of Council meetings.

3.RESOLUTION

Moved: Irene Tipungwuti
Seconded: John Naden

That Council endorses this schedule of meetings on a trial basis to 30 June 2015

CARRIED

Cr Leslie Tungutalum left the meeting at 11:25 am.

Cr Leslie Tungutalum returned to the meeting at 11:34 am.

5.3 DRAFT TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION POLICY

Council is being asked to review and approve the Draft Travel & Accommodation Policy.

4 RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri
Seconded: John Naden

That Council adopts the Travel and Accommodation Policy and that this policy supersedes all previous versions.

CARRIED

5.4 DRAFT CORPORATE CREDIT CARD POLICY

Council is being asked to review and approve the Draft Corporate Credit Card Policy.

5 RESOLUTION

Moved: Crystal Johnson
Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That Council adopts the Corporate Credit Card Policy and that this policy supersedes all previous versions.

CARRIED

5.5 DRAFT HIGHER DUTIES POLICY

Council is being asked to review and approve the Draft Higher Duties Policy.

6 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden
Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That Council adopts the Higher Duties Policy and that this policy supersedes all previous versions.

CARRIED

Cr Barry Puruntatameri left the meeting at 11:45 am.

Cr Barry Puruntatameri returned to the meeting at 11:54 am.

5.6 DRAFT FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS POLICY

Council is being asked to review and approve the Draft Financial Delegations Policy.

7 RESOLUTION

Moved: Leslie Tungutalum
Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That Council adopts the Financial Delegations Policy and that this policy supersedes all previous versions.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OUTLINE OF LEGAL COSTS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

At it's last Ordinary Council Meeting a request was made for details of legal expenses as reported in the Finance Manager's report

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the report on expenses occurred for legal actions

Cr Barry Puruntatameri left the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Cr Barry Puruntatameri returned to the meeting at 12:11 pm.

6.2 RESPONSE TO COUNCIL QUERY REGARDING INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACTIONS

At their last Ordinary Council meeting Councillors requested details as to how many "court" cases Council had had to respond to over the last 12 months.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report.

At this point of the Meeting a lunch break was called at 12:20 pm.
The Meeting resumed after lunch at 12:53 pm.

Cr Crystal Johnson returned after lunch at 1:00 pm.

6.3 OPTIONS FOR DARWIN BASED COUNCIL SERVICES

This report canvasses options to reflect a reduced presence for Council through its Darwin office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes that the costs of remaining in our existing premises, the alternatives presented and that a final report will be presented to them shortly.

6.4 PROPOSAL FOR DARWIN TO TIWI FERRY TO RECOMMENCE OPERATIONS ON SUNDAYS

Proposal by Sealink Ferries to recommence operations on Sundays.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council raise it's concerns as follows;

- To the head of the Department and Minister for Transport pointing out that we have again been ignored and will NOT be providing any supporting service
- To the operators of the Ferry that we have not been consulted, even advised and that they should not expect that Council will operate ANY form of support service on Sundays
- To the media pointing out the sheer hypocrisy in a commercial service being subsidized when a vital community service goes ignored.

7 Next Meeting

8 Closure

The meeting closed at 1:15 pm.