



MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

Wednesday, 13 November 2024

Time: 6:00pm

**Location: 13 McGregor Street, PORT HEDLAND WA
6721**

Distribution Date: 11 December 2024

The purpose of this Special Meeting is reconsideration of Confidential Item – Recruitment of an Acting CEO.

Mayor

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1 Opening of Meeting

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6:08pm

2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Dignitaries

The Presiding Member acknowledges the Kariyarra people as the Traditional Custodians of the land that we are meeting on and recognises their strength and resilience and pays respect to elders past, present and emerging.

3 Recording of Attendance

Important note:

This meeting is being live-streamed and audio recorded to facilitate community participation and for minute-taking purposes, which may be released upon request to third parties. In accordance with Section 6.16 of the Town of Port Hedland Local Law on Standing Orders members of the public are not permitted to use any visual or vocal electronic device or instrument to record the proceedings of any meeting unless that person has been given permission by the Presiding Member to do so. Members of the public are also reminded that in accordance with section 6.17(4) of the Town of Port Hedland Standing Orders Local Law mobile telephones must be switched off and not used during the meeting.

3.1 Attendance

Scheduled Present:

Mayor Peter Carter
Deputy Mayor Ash Christensen
Cr Sven Arentz
Cr Flo Bennett
Cr Camilo Blanco
Cr Lorraine Butson
Cr Adrian McRae
Cr Ambika Rebello
Cr Tim Turner

Scheduled for Attendance:

Carl Askew (Chief Executive Officer)
Tom Kettle (Manager Governance)

3.2 Attendance by Telephone / Instantaneous Communications

Nil

3.3 Apologies

Nil

3.4 Approved Leave of Absence

3.5 Disclosures Of Interest

Nil

4 Public Time

4.1 Public Question Time

Nil

4.2 Public Statement Time

Nil

5 Questions from Members without Notice

Nil

6 Announcements by Presiding Member without Discussion

7 Declarations of All Members to have given due consideration to all matters contained in the Business Paper before the Meeting

Mayor Peter Carter

Deputy Mayor Ash Christensen (gave due consideration upon arrival at 6:15pm)

Cr Sven Arentz

Cr Flo Bennett

Cr Camilo Blanco

Cr Lorraine Butson

Cr Adrian McRae

Cr Ambika Rebello

Cr Tim Turner

8 Matters for Which Meeting May be Closed (Confidential Matters)**SCM202425/114 COUNCIL DECISION****MOVED: Cr Sven Arentz****SECONDED: Cr Tim Turner****That Council close the meeting to members of the public as prescribed in section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, to consider item 8.1.*****CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY (8/0)***

For: Mayor Peter Carter, Cr Sven Arentz, Cr Flo Bennett, Cr Camilo Blanco, Cr Lorraine Butson, Cr Ambika Rebello, Cr Adrian McRae and Cr Tim Turner
Against: Nil

Meeting Closed at 6:13pm.

Deputy Mayor Christensen arrived at 6:15pm.

Deputy Mayor Christensen provided due consideration.

SCM202425/116 COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED: Cr Ambika Rebello****SECONDED: Deputy Mayor Ash Christensen****That Council suspend sections 9.6, 9.8 and 9.9 of the Town of Port Hedland Standing Orders Local Law 2014, in accordance with section 18.2 'Suspension for Standing Orders*****CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY (9/0)***

For: Mayor Peter Carter, Deputy Mayor Ash Christensen, Cr Sven Arentz, Cr Flo Bennett, Cr Camilo Blanco, Cr Lorraine Butson, Cr Ambika Rebello, Cr Adrian McRae and Cr Tim Turner
Against: Nil

SCM202425/117 COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED: Cr Ambika Rebello****SECONDED: Cr Sven Arentz****That Council resume sections 9.6, 9.8 and 9.9 of the Town of Port Hedland Standing Orders Local Law 2014.*****CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY (9/0)***

For: Mayor Peter Carter, Deputy Mayor Ash Christensen, Cr Sven Arentz, Cr Camilo Blanco, Cr Lorraine Butson, Cr Ambika Rebello, Cr Adrian McRae and Cr Tim Turner
Against: Nil

8.1 Recruitment of Acting CEO

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Author: Executive Manager Human Resources

Authorising Officer: Mayor

Disclosure of Interest: The Author and Authorising Officer declare that they do not have any conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

Reasons for Confidentiality

This report has been deemed confidential pursuant to Section 5.23 (2) of the Local Government Act 1995, as the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item is in relation to clause; (a) a matter affecting an employee or employees. (b) the personal affairs of any person.

SCM202425/113 COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED: Cr Tim Turner

SECONDED: Cr Ambika Rebello

That Council approve the appointment of Applicant A who is considered to be the most suitably qualified and experienced candidate to be employed as the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Port Hedland, from 27 November 2024 until the Chief Executive Officer position is filled.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (5/4)

For: Mayor Peter Carter, Deputy Mayor Ash Christensen, Cr Flo Bennett, Cr Ambika Rebello and Cr Tim Turner

Against: Cr Sven Arentz, Cr Camilo Blanco, Cr Lorraine Butson and Cr Adrian McRae

SCM202425/118 COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED: Cr Tim Turner

SECONDED: Deputy Mayor Ash Christensen

Council reopen the meeting to members of the public.

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY (9/0)

For: Mayor Peter Carter, Deputy Mayor Ash Christensen, Cr Sven Arentz, Cr Flo Bennett, Cr Camilo Blanco, Cr Lorraine Butson, Cr Ambika Rebello, Cr Adrian McRae and Cr Tim Turner

Against: Nil

The Mayor read aloud the Council decision made behind closed doors and thanked the Councillors, public members and staff for their attendance.

9 Closure

9.1 Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 27 November 2024 commencing at 5:30pm.

9.2 Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6:48pm.