



MINUTES

Special Council Meeting Monday, 19 October 2020

Date: Monday, 19 October 2020

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Civic Centre
McGregor St
Port Hedland

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Mr Carl Askew
Chief Executive Officer
Town of Port Hedland
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Dear Carl,

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

In accordance with Section 5.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Council Decision CM202021/039, I hereby request that you arrange for a Special Meeting of Council to be held on **Monday, 19 October 2020** at 5.30pm to consider the following matters:

1. Swearing in of New Elected Members; and
2. Election of Deputy Mayor.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fredrick Riebeling".

Hon. Fredrick Riebeling
Commissioner

14 October 2020

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Item 1 Opening of Meeting

The Commissioner declared the meeting open at 5:32pm.

Item 2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Dignitaries

The Commissioner acknowledged the Kariyarra people as the Traditional Custodians of this land, on whose land we met, and recognised their strength and resilience, and paid his respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

The Commissioner acknowledged the Honorary Freeman of Port Hedland, Mr Arnold Carter.

Item 2.1 Public Time

Important note:

'This meeting is being recorded on audio tape and streamed live online as an additional record of the meeting and to assist with minute-taking purposes which may be released upon request to third parties. If you do not give permission for recording your participation please indicate this at the meeting. The public is reminded that in accordance with Section 6.16 of the Town of Port Hedland Local Law on Standing Orders nobody shall 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 chairperson to do so. Members of the public are also reminded that in accordance with section 6.17(4) of the Town of Port Hedland Local Law on Standing Orders mobile telephones must be switched off and not used during the meeting.'

In accordance with section 6.7(3) of the Town of Port Hedland Local Law on Standing Orders, members of the public are required to complete a question form and place the completed form in the tray provided.

If the Presiding Member determines that questions and statements are out of order due to the use of an offensive or objectionable expression or are defamatory, they will not be recorded or responded to.

2.1.1 Public Question Time

The Commissioner declared Public Question Time opened at 5:35pm.

The Commissioner declared Public Question Time closed at 5:35pm.

2.1.2 Public Statement Time

The Commissioner declared Public Statement Time opened at 5:35pm.

2.1.3 MR CAMILO BLANCO

I'm really happy that we've come to this point. I have had a look at all of the people that have been selected by the community, and we actually have a great selection of new Councillors to shift us into a new era. I'm really happy with the way the community has selected the Elected Members. I wish you all the best moving forward and if you require any assistance moving forward you have my number.

Thank you for putting your hand up - It is a big ask to put your hand up and come onto Council and be hounded by the community. At the end of the day all you have to ask yourself is two questions when anything comes forward; is it good for Port Hedland, or is it not good for Port Hedland? And if it's good for Port Hedland you say 'yes'.

We're going to do great things because the budget has been fixed. When I came on we were spending \$7M more than we were earning a year, having big problems with finance. Now you have a budget where we have doubled our income. You can actually do great things, you can fix the aging assets that we have and that's something that you obviously don't get objection from, from a small part of the community where you have fifty year old assets that are end of life, and you have to replace them. We need new things to be built, things to be replaced in Town. We've got the money to do it, so let's just get on and do it. Thanks again for putting your hand up and good luck.

The Commissioner declared Public Statement Time closed at 5:38pm.

Item 3 Declaration by Newly Elected Members of Council

In accordance with Section 2.29 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* a person elected to Officer of Mayor or Councillor is not entitled to act in the Office until he or she has made a 'Declaration of Officer' in the prescribed form before an authorised person.

The Commissioner made the following statement:

Before I get to the next little bit, I just want to congratulate everyone on being elected. I genuinely believe this Council has the potential to be fantastic, and if I had any role in getting you to put your hands up then I am very happy.

I think this Council has the potential to make Port Hedland the true Capital of the North, as it should be, and I believe the fact that there are four females on this Council is a great result as well.

The Hon. Fredrick Riebeling AM JP as a Justice of the Peace, declared that he is an authorised person before whom a statutory declaration can be made under the *Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declaration Act 2005*.

The Hon. Fredrick Riebeling AM JP called upon the Mayor and Elected Members to make the 'Declaration by Elected Member of Council' as prescribed under Form 7 of Schedule 1 (Attachment 1) of the *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998*.

Mayor Peter Carter made the Declaration in the prescribed form at 5:41pm.

Councillor Jan Gillingham made the Declaration in the prescribed form at 5:44pm.

Councillor Renae Coles made the Declaration in the prescribed form at 5:45pm.

Councillor Elmar Zielke made the Declaration in the prescribed form at 5:48pm.

Councillor Warren McDonogh made the Declaration in the prescribed form at 5:50pm.

Councillor Kylie Unkovich made the Declaration in the prescribed form at 5:50pm.

Councillor Eva Bartho made the Declaration in the prescribed form at 5:52pm.

Councillor Lewis Kew Ming made the Declaration in the prescribed form at 5:54pm.

Councillor Tim Turner made the Declaration in the prescribed form at 5:56pm.

Item 4 Recording of Attendance

4.1 Attendance

Scheduled Present: Hon. Fredrick Riebeling AM JP
Scheduled for Attendance: Carl Askew (Chief Executive Officer)
Anthea Bird (Director Corporate Services)
Craig Watts (Director Regulatory Services)
Lee Furness (Director Infrastructure Services)
Josephine Bianchi (Director Community Services)
Leith Hoffensetz (Manager Governance)
Angelique Cook (Senior Governance Advisor)
Naomi Murcott (Corporate Support Officer / Minute Taker)

Mayor Peter Carter
Councillor Jan Gillingham
Councillor Renae Coles
Councillor Elmar Zielke
Councillor Warren McDonogh
Councillor Kylie Unkovich
Councillor Eva Bartho
Councillor Lewis Kew Ming
Councillor Tim Turner

Staff: 3
Public: 20
Media: 3

(Physical distancing measures due to COVID-19 apply at Council meetings. All attendees at council meetings are required to comply with the 2 square metres per person rule.)

4.2 Attendance by Telephone / Instantaneous Communications

Nil.

4.3 Apologies

Nil.

4.4 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil.

4.5 Disclosure of Interests

Nil.

Item 5 Election of the Deputy Town Mayor

The Chief Executive Officer called for any further nominations and, there being none, declared the close of nominations for Deputy Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that he had received three (3) nominations in writing for the position of Deputy Mayor, being (in no particular order):

- Cr Renae Coles;
- Cr Jan Gillingham; and
- Cr Warren McDonogh.

A brief adjournment was called to allow ballot papers to be prepared in accordance with Regulation 11A of the *Local Government (Constitution) Amendment Regulations 2005* and distributed to the Elected Members.

The Manager Governance and Chief Executive Officer oversaw the counting of the votes for the position of Deputy Mayor and in accordance with of the *Local Government (Constitution) Amendment Regulations 2005*, the Mayor declared Councillor Renae Coles elected as Deputy Mayor of the Town of Port Hedland for a twelve (12) month term.

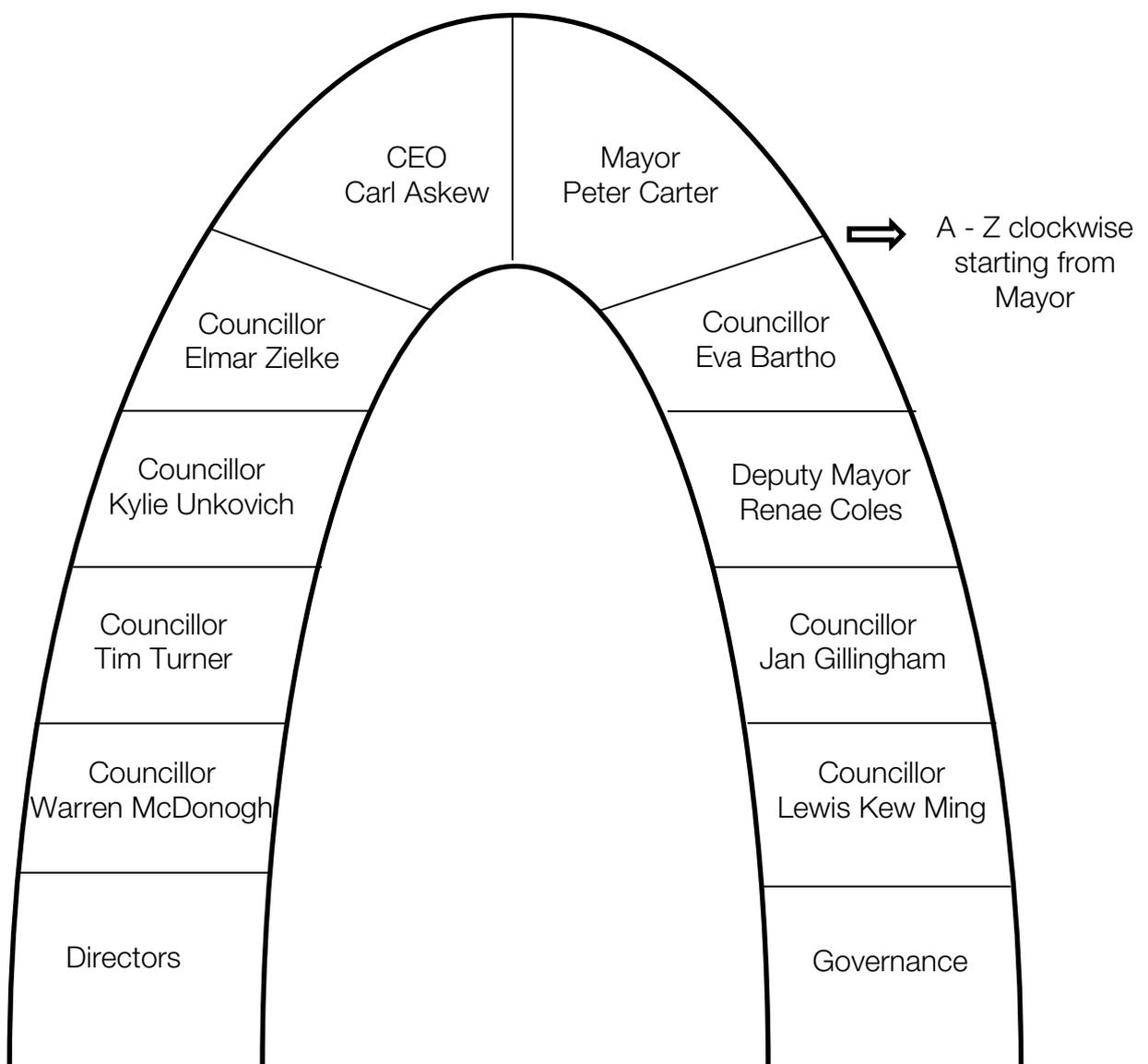
The newly elected Deputy Mayor Renae Coles made her declaration before the Mayor and Hon. Fredrick Riebeling AM JP at 6:02pm.

Item 6 Elected Member Seating

In accordance with the *Town of Port Hedland's Standing Orders Local Law 2014, Section 9.1* Members to be in their proper places:

- (1) At the first meeting held after each election day, the CEO is to allot a position at the council table to each member; and
- (2) Each Member is to occupy his or her allotted position at each Council meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Councillor seating will be arranged in an alphabetical order of their surnames, as shown below:



Item 7 Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at **6:04pm**.

DECLARATION OF CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

I certify that these Minutes were confirmed by the Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 4 November 2020.

CONFIRMATION:



PRESIDING MEMBER

4/11/2020

DATED