



MINUTES

FOR THE

SPECIAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL

HELD ON

MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2015

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19 October 2015

Signed:
Presiding Elected Member

Date:.....



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 5.04PM

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| PRESENT: | Councillors | Cr I F West Cr M T Smith <i>arrived at 5:14pm.</i> Cr S F Gumley Cr D R Kennedy Cr M Leonard Cr M G Meares Cr B R Thompson |
| | Staff | Mr D J Simmons - Chief Executive Officer Mr G M Peddie – Director Corporate and Community Ms E Greaves – Coordinator Executive Services |
| | Guests | Mr S C Chandler JP |
| | Gallery | Mr J Arden, Mrs A Arden, Mrs E West and Mrs S Thompson |
| | Apologies | Cr B C Scott Ms S van Aswegen – Director Planning and Infrastructure |

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Mr Stuart Chandler JP, being an authorised person under the Local Government Act 1995, witnessed the declarations of the following newly-elected Councillors:

Sandra Faye GUMLEY
Malcom Goldsmith MEARES
Barrye Roy THOMPSON

Each Councillor made the “Declaration by an Elected Member of Council” before acting as a Councillor for the Shire of Irwin in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, the Chief Executive Officer declared the meeting open at 5:04pm and welcomed all those in attendance.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The CEO had been in contact with Cr Smith who advised he was running late and would be in attendance as soon as possible.

Apologies had been received from Cr B C Scott and Ms S van Aswegen.

3. ELECTION OF SHIRE PRESIDENT

The CEO advised that one (1) nomination had been received for the office of Shire President, being Cr Ian West, and called for any further nominations. There being no other nominations, the CEO declared the nomination period closed and subsequently declared Cr Ian West the Shire President for the Shire of Irwin for the next two (2) years.

Cr West, in assuming the chair as Shire President, briefly addressed the meeting and then adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm.

During the adjournment, Mr Stuart Chandler JP, being an authorised person under the Local Government Act 1995, witnessed Cr Smith's declaration by an Elected Member of Council in order to act as a Councillor for the Shire of Irwin in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995.

At 5.14pm, the Shire President reconvened the meeting with all previously listed attendees and Cr Smith in attendance.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

The Shire President requested the CEO assist him to undertake the election of Deputy Shire President.

The CEO advised that two (2) nominations had been received for the office of Deputy Shire President, being Cr Michael Smith and Cr Barrye Thompson. An invitation for any further nominations was provided and, as no other nominations were forthcoming, the nomination period was closed.

As there were more nominations received than vacancies, the Shire President advised that a secret ballot would be conducted and again requested the CEO to assist.

Prior to the ballot, both nominees were provided with an opportunity to address the Councillors with Cr Barrye Thompson providing a brief presentation in support of his nomination.

A secret ballot was conducted and following a tally of the votes by the Shire President and CEO, Cr Michael Smith was declared elected to the position of Deputy Shire President for the Shire of Irwin for the next two (2) years.

Cr Michael Smith made his declaration as Deputy Shire President before Mr Stuart Chandler JP, being an authorised person under the Local Government Act 1995. Cr Smith then assumed his chair to the right of the Shire President.

5. COUNCILLOR SEATING ALLOCATION

Councillor seating allocation was allocated by random draw in accordance with Clause 6.2 of Shire of Irwin Standing Orders Local Law 2000 as follows:

Seat 1 – Cr Sandy Gumley

Seat 2 – Cr David Kennedy

Seat 3 – Cr Bronwen Scott

Seat 4 – Cr Barrye Thompson

Seat 5 – Cr Mark Leonard

Seat 6 – Cr Malcom Meares

The Shire President and Deputy President are automatically provided seats upon the podium at the head of the Council Chambers, as shown in the attached Seating Plan.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

7. CLOSURE

Prior to the closure of the meeting, the Shire President addressed Council, thanking them for their support in electing him President. He congratulated Cr Smith on his election as Deputy President and thanked Cr Thompson for nominating for this position.

The Shire President wished the Council and staff all the best for the next two years and outlined that he would like to adopt a consultative and inclusive style as President and expects all Councillors to be active participants in Council activities and within the community.

The Shire President also thanked Mr Stuart Chandler for assisting with the proceedings today and acknowledged his 20 years service as an Elected Member for the Shire of Irwin and presented him with a gift in honour of his compassion, contributions and leadership shown to the community.

Mr Stuart Chandler, the immediate past Shire President, was invited by the Shire President to address Council.

Mr Chandler indicated that he felt that he said what he wanted to say during his valedictory address at the last Council meeting however he wished to publicly congratulate Cr West, Cr Smith and the newly elected Councillors and wished them all the best.

The Shire President provided the Chief Executive Officer an opportunity to comment.

Mr Simmons expressed congratulations to the new Councillors and office bearers on behalf of all staff and looks forward to working collaboratively, in what he described as challenging times, with Council and staff to achieve successful community outcomes.

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 5:35pm.

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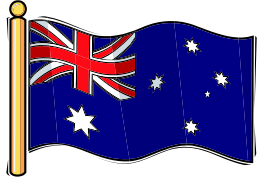
Signed:
Presiding Elected Member

Date:.....

Deputy
President
Cr Smith

Shire
President
Cr West

Darren
Simmons
CEO



PODIUM (FRONT OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

Cr Gumley

Cr Kennedy

Cr Scott

Geoff Peddie
Director Corporate and
Community

Erin Greaves
Coordinator
Executive
Services

Cr Meares

Cr Leonard

Cr Thompson

Suzette van
Aswegen
Director Planning
and Infrastructure

Guest and Gallery seating

BACK OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS