

**MINUTES OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 52 PERRICOOTA
ROAD, MOAMA
ON TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2024 AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Frank Crawley (Mayor), Cr Neil Gorey (Deputy Mayor), Cr Nikki Cohen (Councillor), Cr Ann Crowe (Councillor), Cr Dennis Gleeson (Councillor), Cr Kron Nicholas (Councillor), Cr Thomas Weyrich (Councillor), Cr Geoff Wise (Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Dodds (Chief Executive Officer), Lindy Leyonhjelm (Executive Assistant), Rod Croft (Director Planning & Environment), Stephen Fernando (Director Corporate Services), Jack Bond (Director Infrastructure), Sarah Ryan (Director Community & Economic Development), Sandra Gordon (Manager Governance & Risk)

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor held a short appropriate prayer.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

3 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12 DEC 2023 OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 010124

Moved: Cr Ann Crowe

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 12 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Questions without notice arising from minutes of previous meeting/s

5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr Frank Crawley declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in 'Item 9.2.2 Payment of the Mayoral Allowance when assuming the position of Acting Mayor'.

Cr Neil Gorey declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in 'Item 9.2.2 Payment of the Mayoral Allowance when assuming the position of Acting Mayor'.

6 DEPUTATIONS**7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)****7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - THAT THE VACANT LINE ROAD PROPERTY BE ADVERTISED FOR AGISTMENT****RESOLUTION 020124**

Moved: Cr Frank Crawley

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That council consider that the Line Road (Murray River Energy) land, currently vacant be advertised for agistment or cropping, with provisions included to terminate the lease should the land be sold.

CARRIED

8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****9.1.1 RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL - RESOLUTION TRACKER & INFOCOUNCIL ACTION REPORTS****RESOLUTION 030124**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

That the Council resolve to receive and note the status of previous resolutions of Council (in open and closed Council) contained in the Monthly Operation Report including the Resolution Tracker Reports.

CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**RESOLUTION 040124**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That the Council suspend standing orders for debate on this matter.

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION 050124

Moved: Cr Ann Crowe
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That the Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED

9.1.2 SUBMISSIONS TO LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE & ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**RESOLUTION 060124**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

That Council consider motions for submission to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) conference being held in Canberra from 2 – 4 July 2024 and the LGNSW Conference.

CARRIED

9.1.3 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT**RESOLUTION 070124**

Moved: Cr Ann Crowe
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That the Monthly Operational Report as of November 2023 be received and the information noted by the Council.

CARRIED

9.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**9.2.1 2022-2023 CODE OF CONDUCT STATISTICS REPORT****RESOLUTION 080124**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Thomas Weyrich

That the 2022-2023 Code of Conduct Statistics Report be received and the information noted by Council.

CARRIED

At 1:27 pm, Cr Frank Crawley left the meeting.

At 1:27 pm, Cr Neil Gorey left the meeting.

9.2.2 PAYMENT OF THE MAYORAL ALLOWANCE WHEN ASSUMING THE POSITON OF ACTING MAYOR**RESOLUTION 090124**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That:

1. The Mayoral Allowance is paid to the Councillor that is acting in the role of Mayor during any period of leave of absence granted to the Mayor by Council.
2. The Mayoral Allowance will be paid on a pro-rata basis calculated on the number of days of leave approved by Council.
3. During the period of approved leave, the Mayor will not be paid the Mayoral Allowance.

CARRIED

At 1:29 pm, Cr Frank Crawley returned to the meeting.

At 1:29 pm, Cr Neil Gorey returned to the meeting.

9.2.3 INVESTMENTS AND RESERVES REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**RESOLUTION 100124**

Moved: Cr Kron Nicholas

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That Council resolve to receive the Investments & Reserves Report, as of 31 December 2023.

CARRIED**9.2.4 CIRCULAR 24-01 CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUMS AND COUNCIL POLLS****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That

1. Council does not want to hold a constitutional referendum or Council poll to run in parallel with the Council elections in September 2024.

OR

2. Council does want to hold a constitutional referendum or Council poll to run in parallel with the Council elections in September 2024. The proposal changes by referendum and/or the subject matter of a Council Poll will be the subject of a further report for the March Ordinary Council meeting.

Cr Weyrich moved item 2 and Cr Wise seconded item 2.

Motion was lost

RESOLUTION 110124

Moved: Cr Kron Nicholas

Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

FORESHADOWED MOTION

If item 2 becomes a lost resolution, Council is to place item 1 up for resolution.

Item 1 being:

1. Council does not want to hold a constitutional referendum or Council poll to run in parallel with the Council elections in September 2024.

The Foreshadowed motion now becomes resolution of Council.

CARRIED

9.3 DIRECTOR IINFRASTRUCTURE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**9.3.1 HORSESHOE LAGOON MASTER PLAN - DECISION REQUIRED****RESOLUTION 120124**

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

Item (a) was moved by Cr Cohen and seconded by Cr Crowe and successfully resolved.

That Council:

- (a) Support (in principle) the notion of Council investigating and attracting commercial investment opportunities within the Horseshoe Lagoon Precinct, Moama NSW via a detailed master planning process (subject to the allocation of funds via the 2024/25 budget process).

Or

- (b) Do not support the notion of any further commercialisation at the Horseshoe Lagoon Precinct, Moama, NSW.

Item (a) now becomes resolution of Council.

CARRIED

9.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

Nil

9.5 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**9.5.1 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS AT DECEMBER 2023****RESOLUTION 130124**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Council receive and note the December 2023 Section 355 Committee Report.

CARRIED

9.6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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RESOLUTION 140124

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Kron Nicholas

That the Correspondence Report be received and the information noted by the Council.

CARRIED

9.7 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT

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RESOLUTION 150124

Moved: Cr Kron Nicholas

Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

That the Sundry Delegates Report of the Mayor and Councillors for the period 1 December 2023 through to 31 December 2023 be received and the information noted by the Council; and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

CARRIED

10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - DISCUSSION TO SPLIT LGNSW TO SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW & LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NSW

RESOLUTION 160124

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Council advocate through RAMJO, NSW Country Mayors, and other local government entities, to demerge from the Local Government NSW association reverting to the Shires Association of NSW and Local Government Association of NSW to allow rural issues to be represented to government more robustly.

CARRIED

10.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - MASTERPLAN MURRAY DOWNS AND MOULAMEIN

RESOLUTION 170124

Moved: Cr Ann Crowe
Seconded: Cr Thomas Weyrich

That Murray River Council allocate a budget for the purposes of constructing a Masterplan for Murray Downs and a main street redevelopment plan for Moulamein and Mathoura in this year's coming budget 2024/25.

CARRIED

11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

12 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2:09pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council will be held on Tuesday 27 February 2024, commencing at 1:00 PM, in Riverside Reception Centre, Noorong Street, Barham NSW 2732.

THESE MINUTES ARE SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2024, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON 27 FEBRUARY 2024.



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MAYOR



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CEO