

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
13 OCTOBER 2020 AT 5.30 PM IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

1. **ATTENDANCE**

1.1 Opening of the Meeting by the Mayor (Chair)

Mayor Damien Ryan declared the meeting open at **5.30pm** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Alice Springs News, The Centralian Advocate and ABC Alice Springs were present

Mayor Ryan acknowledged the Central Arrernte people who are the traditional owners and custodians of Alice Springs.

PRESENT

Mayor Damien Ryan (Chair)

Deputy Mayor J. Price

Councillor G. Auricht

Councillor M. Banks

Councillor J. de Brenni

Councillor J. Cocking

Councillor M. Paterson

Councillor C. Satour

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms S. Taylor – Acting CEO/Director Corporate Services

Mr S. Allen – Director Technical Services

Ms. K Sutton – Director Community Development

Mrs C. Ashard – Media and Communications

Mrs B. Lang – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

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5.31pm - Councillor Paterson entered the meeting

2. PRAYER

The prayer was read by Reverend Canon Brian Jeffries, Church of the Ascension, Anglican Parish of Alice Springs.

3. APOLOGIES

Councillor E. Melky – Personal Leave

Mr R. Jennings, Chief Executive Officer - Personal Leave

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Second – Councillor Satour

That the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED (21224)

4. WELCOME AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Banks – Item 13.1 Finance Reports

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting of Council held on 29 September 2020

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held 29 September 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

CARRIED (21225)

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

- 6.2.1 Mayor Ryan asked a question around the Tree Planting Policy and if Council had planted the number of tree's set out in the policy. The Mayor stated his concern with this policy being rescinded as it didn't have a policy number. The Director of Technical Services took the question on notice.

7 ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 7.1 That Elected Members and Officers provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

7.1.1 Councillor Satour – Torres Strait Islander Flag

7.1.2 Mayor Ryan – MyAlice App

8 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 MEMORIALS

A minute's silence was held for Mr Murray Neck, who passed away 6th October 2020.

Murray Neck was appointed to the Alice Springs Town Management Board in 1962 and served for 10 years before the establishment of the Alice Spring Town Council in 1971. Murray Neck was described as resilient and a gentleman with a kind heart. He's achievements throughout his life are extensive, making him one of the most successful business men in the Northern Territory's history.

Murray Neck bought his fathers ice making and soft drink business in 1955. He grew the business to include consumer items, sports goods, toys and recorded music. In 1960 he opened a modern and expanded store and with the arrival of the transistor Radio, established a service department.

In 1972 Murray Neck TV City Rentals was established and gave customers access to black and white TV's as well as other electrical appliances.

1980 saw Murry opening Murray Neck VideoWorld in Todd Street, which moved to the base of Billy Goat Hill in 1987. 1987 was a busy year for the Neck family with the opening of Murray Neck Retravision and Murray Neck Music World.

In 1989 Murray opened the Westpoint Complex and expanded the facility in 1994 to include Bizcom. In 1996 Blockbuster USA purchased Murray Neck VideoWorld Westpoint and it's 35,000 movies and become a long-term tenant of the Westpoint Complex.

2002 Saw the opening of Murray Neck HomeWorld which offered consumers a choice in electrical, furniture, bedding and floor coverings.

In 2007 the Neck family celebrated 70 years of retailing in Central Australia, making them Alice Springs longest continuous retailer.

11 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

12 REPORTS OF FINANCE

12.1 Finance Reports (Deferred from September Ordinary Meeting)
Report 222/20 cncl (MF)

Moved – Councillor Paterson

Second – Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the August 2020 Corporate Services Committee Directorate Update Report be received and noted

CARRIED (21226)

Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 5.42pm

Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 5.44pm

The question was raised around whether Council was required to provide a motion to cease accepting hardship applications. The Director of Corporate Services stated that Officers are seeking direction from Elected Members on when Council stops accepting hardship applications.

Deputy Mayor Price asked if an assessment of need be included in the COVID relief budget update. To determine to number of applications being received and if the community is in further need.

Director of Corporate Services to provide a report updating the financial position of the \$5 million COVID relief budget.

Move - Councillor Cocking

Second - Councillor Auricht

CARRIED (21227)

Councillor Auricht asked if the recent announcement from Federal Government in relation to businesses claiming full depreciations on all assets would have an effect on Council operations and budget lines.

Director of Corporate Services took the question on notice.

An update was requested on Solar Smart Trees progress.

The Director of Technical Services took the question on notice.

13 REPORTS OF TECHICAL SERVICES

13.1 Technical Services Report to Council
Report 225 / 20 cncl (DTS)

This report provides a quarterly departmental update and review of the Technical Services Directorate from 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020.

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Second – Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (21228)

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Councillor de Brenni questioned if a local consultant will be used in the lighting of Jim McConville Oval. The Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

A question was raised around the tree planting policy and why in the months of July through to September, which is the best time to plant trees, a net of 13 trees were planted, which is not the target set out in the policy.

The Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

Elected members have requested a 6-12 monthly update report on the Smart Bins

Councillor Cocking asked a question around the recycling totals, and the significant drop off in recycling levels monthly totals and whether it had to do with the stockpile of recyclable products being reduced.

The Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

Councillor Paterson left the Chamber at 5.59pm

Councillor Paterson returned to the Chamber at 6.02pm

A question was asked around Council's responsibility and liability if emergency services are unable to access an area due to the installation on bollards.

Director Corporate Services took the question on notice

There was discussion in regards to the installation of culverts under the Wills Tce causeway to improve water flow and reduced the need to close Wills Tce. It is suggested that Council write to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, who have had a flood mitigation plan for Alice Springs for 5 years in regards to funding of the project.

Council to approach the responsible Northern Territory Government Minister for funding of the culverts project on Wills Tce, once Council Officers have completed the design process.

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Second – Councillor Auricht

CARRIED (21229)

13.2 Request to Revoke and Return Alice Springs Street Name to Reserve List
Report 226 / 20 cncl (DTS)

This report requests that a street name, Thomas Street - gazetted in 1988, be revoked, and be added back to the Alice Springs Place Names Reserve List. This report gives history and context to this request.

Moved – Councillor Cocking
Second – Deputy Mayor Price

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council request the Place Names Committee revoke the following street name from the Place Names Register and add the name to the Alice Springs Place Names Reserve List:

Place ID 8031 - Thomas Street

CARRIED (21230)

13.3 Animated Signs Visible from Roads within Alice Springs Municipality
Report 227 / 20 cncl (MI)

This report is to provide Usage of flashing lights or flashing lights in an animated sign including variable message boards visible from roads within Alice Springs Municipality.

Moved - Councillor de Brenni
Second – Councillor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council review the Erection of Signs Policy

CARRIED (21231)

13.4 Climate Action Plan Report
Report 228 / 20 cncl (MI)

This report is in regard to the progress of the Climate Action Plan 2018 – 2021.

Moved - Councillor Cocking
Second – Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (21232)

A question was asked around the emissions statistics and what has caused our emissions to increase over 2 years.

Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

Councillor Cocking suggested adding adaptation measures for heat mitigation to the Climate Action Plan

Deputy Mayor Price left the Chamber at 6.24pm

Deputy Mayor Price returned to the Chamber at 6.25pm

13.5 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
Report 229 / 20 cncl (MI)

This report was prepared to provide an update regarding the installation of two electric vehicle charging points at Anzac Oval carpark.

Moved - Councillor Cocking
Second - Councillor Auricht

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (21233)

Discussion ensued around removing Electric Vehicle Charging Stations from the Climate Action Plan until such time as the need for these stations increase.

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13.6 Ross Park Soccer Field - Lighting
Report 232 / 20 cncl (MTS)

This report provides Council with a request to access the SFAC Budget to fund the repair and minor upgrade works for Ross Park Soccer Field

Moved – Deputy Mayor Price
Second – Councillor Paterson

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Officers complete Ross Park Soccer Field lighting repair and minor upgrades through SFAC Funds to the value of \$44,000 inc GST

CARRIED (21234)

13.7 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Access Advisory Committee – 1 September 2020

Moved – Councillor Auricht
Second – Councillor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Access Advisory Committee held 1 September 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED (21235)

13.8 Hook Truck Report
Report 228/ 20 cncl (MW)

This item was moved from CONFIDENTIAL Agenda Item 28.1

This report is to provide Council with the cost and the tender panel assessment for the purchase of a new Hook Lift truck.

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

RESOLVED

That it be a recommended to Council:

1. **That Council approve the purchase of a (new) replacement Isuzu Hook Lift truck from CJD Isuzu for the purchase price is \$296,005.80 including GST (176)**
2. **That the item be moved out of Confidential to allow the tenderers to be notified**

CARRIED (21249)

14 REPORTS OF OTHER DIRECTORATES

14.1 Christmas Period Arrangements
Report 230 / 20 cncl (DCS)

Council is requested to approve meeting arrangements and community facility opening times for December 2020, the festive season; and the January 2021 period.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

- A. **That only one December Finance Ordinary Council meeting be held, and scheduled for Tuesday 8 December 2020.**
- B. **That only one January Community Development/Finance combined Ordinary Council meeting be held, scheduled for Thursday 28th January 2020.**
- C. **That the Depot and Civic Centre be closed to the public after 3:30pm and 5:00pm, respectively on Thursday 24 December 2020 and reopen Monday 4 January 2021.**

- D. That the Alice Springs Public Library be closed to the public Friday 25 and Monday 28 December 2020 and New Year's Day, Friday 1 January 2021 with service hours during the Christmas and New Year period from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 December 2020.
- E. That the Aquatic and Leisure Centre be closed Christmas Day, Friday 25 December 2020 only.
- F. That the Regional Waste Management Facility be closed Christmas Day, Friday 25 December 2020 and New Year's Day, Friday 1 January 2021; with the Rediscovery Centre being closed from Friday 25 December 2020 reopening on Monday 4 January 2021.

DEFERED

Director Corporate Services to seek advise from the Department on if Council can apply to defer the January meeting to early February.

14.2 Volunteering SA & NT Sponsorship Application
Report 231 / 20 cncl (MCCD)

This report is in regards to a sponsorship application from Volunteering SA&NT.

Moved – Councillor Banks
Second – Councillor Satour

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council supports the sponsorship application from Volunteering SA&NT to the value of \$4,000 (GST excl.) for the NT Volunteer of the Year Awards 2020.

CARRIED (21236)

14.3 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Creative Arts Recovery Grants Committee – 29 September

Moved – Deputy Mayor Price
Second – Councillor Satour

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Creative Arts Recovery Grants Committee held 29 September 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED (21237)

Councillor Banks noted that in the Creative Arts Recovery Grants Committee minutes of the 15th October, 2020 meeting, she voted against, and was opposed to Item 7 not Item 23.

Councillor Paterson left the Chamber at 6.47pm

Councillor Paterson returned to the Chamber 6.48pm

14.4 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee – 24 September

Moved - Councillor Cocking

Second - Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee held 24 September 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED (21238)

15 MINUTES FROM 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

15.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Corporate Services Committee – 14 September 2020

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Second – Councillor Paterson

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Corporate Service Committee held 14 September 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

CARRIED (21239)

15.2 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Community Development Committee – 14 September 2020

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Second – Councillor Auricht

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Community Development Committee held 14 September 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

CARRIED (21240)

15.3 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Technical Services Committee – 14 September 2020

Moved – Deputy Mayor Price

Second – Councillor Satour

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Technical Services Committee held 14 September 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

CARRIED (21241)

16 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 Councillor Satour – Torres Strait Islander Flag on Anzac Hill

Discussion was had around raising the Torres Strait Island flag on Anzac Hill, and the options of doing so in line with the Flag Protocol.

Moved - Councillor Satour

Second – Councillor Paterson

That standing orders be removed.

CARRIED (21242)

There was discussion and support in installing a fourth flag pole on Anzac Hill to enable the flying of the Torres Strait Island Flag.

Director Technical Services advised that this would require the same process that was undertaken with the raising of the Aboriginal Flag and that the Flag protocol will have to be checked in order to determine the placement of the fourth pole.

Moved - Councillor Satour

Second – Councillor Paterson

That standing orders be resumed

CARRIED (21243)

Moved – Councillor Satour

Second – Councillor de Brenni

That Alice Springs Town Council proceeds with installation of a fourth flag pole on Anzac Hill to display the Torres Strait Islander flag.

CARRIED (21244)

It has been requested that the Director Technical Services have the Flag Policy reviewed and changed to incorporate the Torres Strait Island Flag to be presented to Council for endorsement.

18.2 Mayor Ryan – MyAlice App

The Mayor requested an update on the status of the MyAlice App and when it will be launched.

The Director Corporate Services advised that Officers were meeting on a daily basis in relation to the MyAlice App and that negotiations are still ongoing with the sub-license agreement. It is anticipated, should the sub-license agreement be agreeable to both parties, the App should be up and running within the next 3 weeks.

17.2 Director Technical Services – Youth Hub Update

This item was transferred from Confidential item 32.1

The Director Technical Services provided Elected Members with an update on the progression of the Youth Hub.

CARRIED (21255)

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Nil

19 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 27th October 2020, 5.30pm

20 ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at **7.10 pm**

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

The Council stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

CARRIED (21245)

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____