



Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Chambers

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Tuesday 20 February 2024

at 6:00 PM

Minutes

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5:59 pm.

## **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

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The Mayor acknowledged Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside and extended respect to our neighbouring nations.

The Mayor went on to inform all those in attendance at this meeting, that the meeting is being webcast and that those in attendance should refrain from making any defamatory statements concerning any person, Councillor or employee, and refrain from discussing those matters subject to Closed Council proceedings as indicated in clause 14.1 of the code of meeting practice.

## **2. Present**

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Her Worship the Mayor Councillor M Statham

Councillor A Bryce

Councillor C Coleman

Councillor D Goodwin

Councillor S Lesslie

Councillor S McGhie

Councillor E Mahony

Councillor C O' Connor

Councillor S Ring

Also in attendance

Craig Butler

General Manager

Ross Gurney

Director Finance & Governance

Sarah Lewis

Minutes Secretary

Michael McGrath

Acting Human Resources Manager

## **3. Apologies**

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All being in attendance there were no apologies.

## **4. Declaration of Interest**

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The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest made.

## **5. Public Forum**

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At 6:01pm members of the public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

There was no requests from the public to speak.

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## **6. Mayoral Minutes**

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No Mayoral Minutes were tabled.

### **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

THAT Item 9.1 is moved to this point in the meeting.

**MOVED:** Councillor D Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Councillor A Bryce

**CARRIED**

Councillor S Ring called a Point of Order on Councillor S McGhie in relation to a comment made on that Council is not doing anything.

Councillor S McGhie withdrew his comment, hence the Mayor did not rule on the Point of Order.

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor M Statham

### **Divisions**

**FOR:** Councillor M Statham, Councillor A Bryce, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor S McGhie and Councillor C O'Connor

**AGAINST:** Councillor C Coleman, Councillor S Lesslie, Councillor E Mahony and Councillor S Ring

The Mayor asked if there were any objections from the public with regards to the listed reports being in a session of the meeting that is closed to the public.

There were Nil objections.

### **24 -18 RESOLVED**

THAT Council resolve to move into Closed Council to consider the confidential report 9.1 in the business paper at 6:10pm.

**MOVED:** Councillor A Bryce

**SECONDED:** Councillor D Goodwin

**CARRIED**

Councillor E Mahony called a Point of Order on Councillor M Statham in relation to comments made about why Council is going into Closed Council.

The Mayor overruled the Point of Order.

Councillor E Mahony called a Point of Order on Councillor M Statham in relation to going into Closed Council before the Council has voted on the motion to go into Closed Council.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order

The **MOTION** was **PUT** and was **CARRIED**.

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor M Statham

### **Divisions**

**FOR:** Councillor M Statham, Councillor C Coleman, Councillor A Bryce, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor S Lesslie, Councillor S McGhie, Councillor C O'Connor and Councillor S Ring

**AGAINST:** Councillor E Mahony

Councillor S Lesslie called a Point of Order on Councillor M Statham in relation to the order of business and the need to not debate Item 7.1.

The Mayor did not rule on the Point of Order.

The Mayor and General Manager informed the small public that the order of the proceedings had been changes. The public were invited to remain in the building and return to the meeting when it deals with Item 7.1

### **24 -19 RESOLVED**

THAT Council resolve to return to open Council and inform the public of the resolutions of the session of the meeting that is closed to the public at 6:52 pm.

**MOVED:** Councillor C Coleman

**SECONDED:** Councillor S Ring

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

The General Manager read the resolution of the Closed Council to the public.

**24 -20 RESOLVED**

That Mr Ross Gurney is offered the role of Acting General Manager from 1st July 2024 until the appointment of a new General Manager.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor A Bryce

**CARRIED**

**7. Administration Reports****7.1. Responsible Governance & Civic Leadership****7.1.1. EXEC - 20/02/2024 - Recruitment of a new General Manager****MOTION**

THAT the Council

1. Contact LGNSW to work with councillors to prepare the position description for the General Manager
2. Activate the recruitment process immediately,
3. Establish the panel comprising of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and one other Councillor.
4. Acknowledge that the final decision may be made by the new council.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor A Bryce

**AMENDMENT**

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**MOVED:** Councillor S Lesslie

**SECONDED:** Councillor E Mahony

The AMENDMENT was PUT.

**LOST**

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor M Statham

**Divisions**

**FOR:** Councillor C Coleman, Councillor S Lesslie and Councillor E Mahony

**AGAINST:** Councillor M Statham, Councillor A Bryce, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor S McGhie, Councillor C O'Connor and Councillor S Ring

**24 -21 RESOLVED**

- THAT the Council
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**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor A Bryce

**CARRIED**

Councillor S Lesslie requested that it be noted that he voted against the recommendation.

**8. Business of Great Urgency**

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The Mayor asked if there were any matters to be considered as matters of great urgency.

There was nil matters of great urgency raised.

**9. Closed Council**

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This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:20 pm.