



Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 11 December 2024

at 6:00 PM

Minutes

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6:00 pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

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.

Present

Public: Nil

Councillor C Coleman
Councillor T Evangelidis
Councillor E Fredericks
Councillor E Mahony
Councillor S Ring
Councillor R Smith
Councillor M Ticehurst - via audio link

Also in attendance

Ross Gurney	General Manager
Jonathon Edgecombe	Director Infrastructure and Economy
Shaun Elwood	Director People & Places
Trinity Newton	Minutes Secretary

24 -278 RESOLVED

That, in accordance with section 5.24 of Code of Meeting, Council approve the request by Councillor M Ticehurst to attend the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council 11 December 2024, by audio-visual link due to working commitments.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

Apologies

An apology was received and leave of absence granted to Councillor M Statham and Councillor D Goodwin who were unable to attend due to personal business.

Procedural Motion

That a leave of absence be granted to Councillor M Statham and Councillor D Goodwin.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

1. Mayoral Minutes

1.1. Mayoral Minute - 11 December 2024 - Proposed Visit - NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

24 -279 RESOLVED

THAT Council invite the Hon. Jenny Aitchison, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, to visit the Lithgow LGA to inspect roads and local areas, as well as to meet with residents and Councillors.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

2. Closed Council

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 -280 RESOLVED

THAT Council resolve to move into Closed Council to consider the confidential reports as listed in the business paper at 6:09 pm.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

The Mayor informed the Public that the webcasting will be turned off at this point in the meeting and will be reopened at the end of the session of the meeting that is closed to the public.

Councillor M Ticehurst declared a conflict of Interest in Item 3.2 on the Business Paper and undertook that he will leave the meeting.

2.1. CONFIDENTIAL - I&E - 11/12/2024 - Wolgan Road - Project Briefing and Procurement Report

24 -281 RESOLVED

THAT Council approve:

1. The engagement of WSP Australia Pty Limited for a total fee of \$5,955,810 excl. GST
2. A contingency allowance of 15% of the above Fee valued of \$893,371.50 excl. GST to allow for unforeseen variations to the Contact. Total value = \$6,849,181.50 exc. GST
3. Utilisation of funds provided as part of the tripartite agreement (payment in advance), noting that NSW Reconstruction Authority and Transport for NSW have endorsed the commitment of the above Fee.
4. The General Manager to execute the Professional Services Contract (PSC) including negotiated changes reviewed by Lithgow City Council Administration with a Contract start date of 16 December 2024.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

2.2. CONFIDENTIAL - I&E - 11/12/2024 - Strategic Employment Lands Projects

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Council move into a Committee of the Whole.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Council move back into full Council.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

24 -282 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the General Manager to progress Actions 1 and 2 set out in the body of the Report.
2. Note that purchase options – in the form of a right of refusal – will be funded through the LEEP budget, with master planning supported by the LEEP budget and/or potential grants under the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program and similar programs. Any such expenditure would first be reported to Council for approval.
3. Note that the execution of any successful grant applications by Council officers will not proceed until the successful outcomes are reported to Council and Council's endorsement to proceed with the grants is obtained.

MOVED: Councillor T Evangelidis

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor S Ring

Divisions

FOR: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor R Smith and Councillor E Mahony

AGAINST: Councillor S Ring

24 -283 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 6:51 pm.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

CARRIED:

The General Manager read the resolutions of the Closed Council to the Public.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:53 pm.