



Resolutions in Brief

To be read in conjunction with the Agenda of 16 September 2014

PRESENT:

Councillor Scott Rossetti, Mayor Councillor Patrick McIvor Councillor Bob Wenger Councillor Carolyn Crossley Councillor Emilie Davine Councillor Malcolm Hole Councillor John Duncan Councillor Darren McCubbin Councillor Peter Cleary

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer Liz Collins, General Manager Governance Chris Hastie, General Manager Built & Natural Environment John Websdale, General Manager Development Vanessa Ebsworth, Manager Organisation Development

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

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ITEM A4

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S

OBJECTIVE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 September 2014 as tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 September 2014 as tabled.

COUNCILLOR WENGER/COUNCILLOR DAVINE

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 September 2014 as tabled.

CARRIED

ITEM A5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S

NIL

ITEM A6 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

NIL

ITEM A7 NOTICE/S OF AMENDMENT OR RESCISSION

NIL

ITEM A8(1) NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Councillor Malcolm Hole, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 16 September 2014.

I move that all petitions, gathered in the public arena, are to be presented to Council for consideration in their entirety, which will include the rationale, the printed name and a signed signature plus the signees address.

Rationale

All petitioners are invited to participate in the request to Council on the petition document. It is a public document, as anyone is able to see who has signed it. However, when Council has these petitions presented, the addresses are deleted and Councillors are not able to identify whether they are Wellington Shire residents, or friends and relatives from other shires in Victoria or interstate.

This openness will also allow anyone who wishes to object to any petition to have full knowledge for their challenge.

COUNCILLOR HOLE/COUNCILLOR McIVOR

I move that all petitions, gathered in the public arena, are to be presented to Council for consideration in their entirety, which will include the rationale, the printed name and a signed signature plus the signees address.

LOST

ITEM A8(2) NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Councillor Malcolm Hole, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 16 September 2014.

I move that the following item be submitted to the MAV as an agenda item for the State Council meeting in October 2014

Rationale

Water and sewerage authorities occupy land for the purposes of accommodating staff, depots and as part of their utility and servicing provisions, amongst others. This land is often in commercial and industrial areas that would otherwise be used for an alternate purpose where owners/occupants would usually make a contribution, through their rates, to the range of Council services provided to the community. In some cases, these authorities also operate commercial farms, having acquired previously rateable farmland.

Councils are required to pay for the use of water and sewerage services in its offices, community buildings, swimming pools, recreation reserves, public toilets etc. These payments take the form of both a fixed contribution to infrastructure maintenance and repair and a usage charge for water and sewer provision. These charges can make up a significant portion of Councils annual expenditure. Therefore, with equity in mind, Councils should be able to apportion their rates, a fair share if you will, to include contributions from Water and Sewerage Boards/ Authorities for the services we provide to them.

COUNCILLOR HOLE/COUNCILLOR CLEARY

That the following item be submitted as an agenda item to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Conference in October 2014

That the Municipal Association of Victoria request the State Government to allow Local Government to rate any property under the control and use of Water and Sewerage Boards/Authorities.

CARRIED

ITEM A9(1) OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

NIL

ITEM A9(2)

RECEIPT OF PETITION: AMENDMENT C85 AND AMENDMENT C88, SALE

OBJECTIVE

To present Council with a petition relating to Amendment C85 and Amendment C88, Sale.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the attached petition relating to Amendment C85 and Amendment C88, Sale.

Councillor Davine declared an Indirect Conflict of Interest due to close association to one of the developers.

Councillor Davine left the Council Chamber at 6.26pm.

COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN/COUNCILLOR CLEARY

That Council receive the attached petition relating to Amendment C85 and Amendment C88, Sale.

CARRIED

Councillor Davine returned to the Council Chamber at 6.27pm.

ITEM A10 INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Rossetti on behalf of Council thanked the General Manager Governance, Liz Collins for her work with Council over the past five years of service.

Councillor Crossley presented a book on the History of Stratford Red Cross Society – 100 years of operation.

ITEM A11 GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

ITEM A12 QUESTION ON NOTICE

At the 16 September 2014 Council Meeting, Councillor Hole asked the following Question on Notice:

COUNCILLOR HOLE

Could the CEO please request from the Shadow Minister for Transport an assurance that ALL Gippsland line passenger rail services, beginning and ending east of Pakenham, will start and/or terminate at either Flinders Street station or Southern Cross station, should the Labor Party form government after the next State election?

ITEM A12(1)

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Question on Notice: When the 2014/15 Federal budget was announced it was revealed that indexation of Federal Assistance Grants would be 'paused' for three years. This announcement has resulted in a shortfall in funding for the Wellington Shire of \$420,000 for 2014/15 with the cumulative effect of 'freezing' the grant at 2013/14 levels over the four years of the Strategic Resource Plan being a loss of approximately \$3.6 million in revenue for local infrastructure projects. Because the minimum general purpose grant allocated to the inner Melbourne Councils is provided as of right, the effect of this "pause" on their budgets is negligible. As a result, the impact of the federal government indexation freeze is being most felt by regional and rural Councils that have the greatest need. In the Gippsland Times of Friday 27 June 2014, Gippsland MHR Darren Chester was quoted as saying "that the Government had committed to a significant boost in roads funding to help local Government deliver large and small scale roads projects which was expected to offset the indexation pause for Regional Councils". Can the CEO please explain what additional funding in Federal Road Funding is expected over the life of the Strategic Resource Plan and what, if any, are the conditions on accessing these additional funds?	15 July 2014	A response will be provided at a future Council Meeting. 5 August 2014 The briefing paper below at attachment 1 provides relevant background information in relation to the impact on the freezing of indexation on the Grants Commission allocation. A copy of this briefing paper has also been provided to Darren Chester MP. A copy of a letter received from Darren Chester MP at attachment 2 is provided in response to the Question on Notice. Given the general nature of the response from Mr Chester, the Chief Executive Officer has forwarded a further letter requesting specific details in relation to Wellington Shire Council. One a response has been received the information will be provided at a future meeting of Council. 19 August 2014 No response 3 September 2014 No response 16 September 2014 No response	General Manager Governance

ITEM A 13

MAYOR'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's report be noted.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR WENGER That the Mayor's report be noted.

CARRIED

ITEM C1.1

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR WENGER
That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.

CARRIED

ITEM C1.2

AUGUST 2014 COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive and note the August 2014 Council Performance Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the August 2014 Council Performance Report as attached.

COUNCILLOR CLEARY/COUNCILLOR DUNCAN

That Council receive and note the August 2014 Council Performance Report as attached.

CARRIED

ITEM C2.2

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assemblies of Councillors records received during the period 19 August to 9 September 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records received during the period 19 August 2014 to 9 September 2014.

COUNCILLOR DAVINE/COUNCILLOR McIVOR

That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records received during the period 19 August 2014 to 9 September 2014.

CARRIED

ITEM C5.1

ESSO BHP BILLITON WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES

OBJECTIVE

To receive the minutes from the Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre Advisory Group meeting held on 20 August 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes of the Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre Advisory Group meeting held on 20 August 2014.

Councillor McCubbin declared a Direct Conflict of Interest due to undertaking business interests at the Entertainment Centre and being a member of the Gippsland Regional Arts Sale.

Councillor Crossley declared an Indirect Conflict of Interest due to close association.

Councillor McCubbin and Councillor Crossley left the Council Chamber at 6.45pm.

COUNCILLOR DAVINE/COUNCILLOR McIVOR

That Council receive the minutes of the Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre Advisory Group meeting held on 20 August 2014.

CARRIED

Councillor McCubbin and Councillor Crossley returned to the Council Chamber at 6.46pm.



D. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL



E. FURTHER GALLERY AND CHAT ROOM COMMENTS

NIL

COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN//COUNCILLOR CLEARY

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 to consider: h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person

CARRIED

IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR CLEARY/COUNCILLOR WENGER

That the meeting resume in open session and Council ratify the decisions made in closed session.

CARRIED

Meeting declared closed at 6.53pm.