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**MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

held on

WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2022

PRESENT

Councillors Craig Davies (Mayor and Chair), Dawn Collins (Deputy Mayor), Les Lambert, Lyn Jablonski, Lachlan Roberts, Casey Forrester, Adine Hoey, Diane Beaumont, Ewen Jones and Mrs Jane Redden (General Manager), Mr Phil Johnston (Director Community & Economic Development), Mr Barry Bonthuys (Director Finance & Corporate Strategy), Mrs Marion Truscott (Director Governance) and Mrs Sally McDonnell (Minute Taker).

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer was taken by those present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was made by the Mayor.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Lambert that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 February 2022 be adopted.

2022/026

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Jane Redden (General Manager) declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 3 – Confidential Matters Report – Narramine Industrial Precinct and Freight Exchange as she is an owner of property on Narramine to Narrabri Inland Rail Route (as previously disclosed)

MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Jablonski that the information be noted.

2022/027

2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Jones that the information be noted.

2022/028

MAYORAL MINUTE (Cont'd)

3. 2022 FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Roberts that;

1. Council supports the national funding priorities of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), which would contribute an estimated \$6.46 billion per year to Australia's GDP and create 43,444 jobs; and
2. Council agrees to support and participate in the Australian Local Government Association's advocacy for their endorsed national funding priorities by writing to the local Federal Member(s) of Parliament, all known election candidates in local Federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association to:
 - a. express support for ALGA's funding priorities;
 - b. identify priority local projects and programs that could be progressed with the additional financial assistance from the Federal Government being sought by ALGA; and
 - c. seek funding commitments from the members, candidates and their parties for these identified local projects and programs.

2022/029

4. DELEGATE REPORT – MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION STRATEGIC PLANNING

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Jones that the information be noted.

2022/030

5. DELEGATE REPORT – LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Roberts that the information be noted.

2022/031

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. REPORT OF THE NARROMINE SHOWGROUND AND RACECOURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Roberts that the report of the Narromine Showground and Racecourse Advisory Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 17 February 2022 be adopted.

It was noted that in the Apologies section of the minutes it should read Cr Beaumont as the seconder, not Cr Lambert.

2022/032

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES (Cont'd)

2. REPORT OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Jones/Lambert that the recommendations from the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2022 be adopted.

2022/033

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER

1. INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK TIMETABLE

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Jablonski that Council hold an Extraordinary Meeting on 4 May 2022 to consider endorsing the draft Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework documents for public exhibition.

2022/034

2. ESSENTIAL ENERGY – DEED OF AGREEMENT

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Roberts that Council renew the Deed of Agreement with Essential Energy for a further five-year period.

2022/035

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY

1. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Forrester;

1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio be received and noted;
2. That the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer is noted and the report adopted.

2022/036

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Jablonski that the information be noted.

2022/037

2. EMPLOYMENT ZONES REFORMS

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Roberts that Council note the proposed upcoming exhibition of the land use tables for the employment lands reform and support the DPE with the proposed communications strategy for public exhibition.

2022/038

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING SERVICES

1. WORKS REPORT

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Forrester that the information be noted.

2022/039

2. PROPOSED NEW PUBLIC FACILITY IN DUNDAS PARK NARROMINE

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Jones that Council investigate detailed costings and further funding opportunities, in conjunction with the relevant sporting clubs to provide a new or upgraded facility between Dundas Oval and Dundas Park.

2022/040

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. TRANGIE SPORTING PRECINCT

RESOLVED Crs Hoey/Lambert that Council staff provide a progress update on the implementation of the Trangie Sporting Precinct Concept Plan.

2022/041

It was noted by the General Manager that Cr Jablonski's Notice of Motion was inadvertently excluded and could be considered at the next meeting. Cr Jablonski subsequently withdrew the Notice of Motion.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS REPORT

- 1. INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER**
- 2. WESTVIEW DRIVE IN**
- 3. NARROMINE INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT AND FREIGHT EXCHANGE**

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Beaumont;

1. That Council move into Closed Meeting in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) to consider the Independent Internal Audit Committee report as it contains information of a personnel nature concerning a particular individual; and is therefore not in the public interest to disclose.
2. That Council consider the Westview Drive In and the Narromine Industrial Precinct and Freight Exchange reports in Closed Meeting in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, as they contain commercial information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and is therefore not in the public interest to disclose. Early disclosure of this information would put Council at a commercial disadvantage and prevent it from achieving best value for money outcome for the community.

2022/042

OPEN COUNCIL

Jane Redden (General Manager) returned to the meeting at 6.08pm.

The Motion adopted in the Closed Meeting is as follows:

1. INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Jablonski;

1. That Council appoint Mr Grahame Marchant as an Independent Committee member from 14 March 2022 to 31 August 2024.
2. That Council extend Mr Neil Maltby's tenure as an Independent Committee member from 31 August 2022 to 31 August 2024.

2022/043

2. WESTVIEW DRIVE IN

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Jablonski that the report be noted and that the Westview Drive In equipment and frame have been sold.

2022/044

3. NARROMINE INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT AND FREIGHT EXCHANGE

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Lambert;

1. That Council seeks an independent valuation of the land for the potential acquisition of 557HA to consider development of the Industrial Hub.
2. That a further report be brought back to Council to consider the independent market value; potential acquisition; and identification of appropriate funding sources.
3. That Council acknowledge the interest of developers to date in seeking opportunities to develop within the Industrial Hub and with regard to the future use of the property.

2022/045

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.10pm

The Minutes (pages 1 to 6) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of _____ 2022, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 9 March 2022.

Chair