



COUNCIL MINUTES

LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

held in the Council Chambers, Litchfield

on Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 6:30pm

Present	Maree Bredhauer	Mayor
	Christine Simpson	Deputy Mayor / Councillor Central Ward
	Kirsty Sayers-Hunt	Councillor East Ward
	Doug Barden	Councillor South Ward
	Mathew Salter	Councillor North Ward
Staff	Daniel Fletcher	Chief Executive Officer
	Nadine Nilon	Director Infrastructure and Operations
	Silke Maynard	Director Community & Corporate Services
	Wendy Smith	Manager Planning & Development
	Debbie Branson	Executive Assistant
Public	Peter Curtis	Noonamah
	Lorraine Curtis	Noonamah
	Larry Cameron	Noonamah
	Rob Lee	NT Government
	Wendy Burgemeister	Berry Springs

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public.

The Mayor advised that an audio recording of the meeting will be made for minute taking purposes as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

On behalf of Council, the Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the Council meet on. The Mayor also conveyed Council's respect to the Elders past, present and future for their continuing custodianship of the land and the children of the land across generations.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Mayor advised that any member of Council who may have a conflict of interest, or a possible conflict of interest regarding any item of business to be discussed at a Council meeting or a Committee meeting should declare the conflict of interest to enable Council to manage the conflict in accordance with its obligations under the Local Government Act and its policies regarding the same.

No further disclosures of interest were declared.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council confirm the minutes of the:

- Council Meeting held 16 October 2019, 10 pages;
- Confidential Council Meeting held 16 October 2019, 2 pages; and
- Special Council Meeting held 14 November 2019, 3 pages.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/084

CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council alter the Order of Business which includes:

1. bring forward item 18 Public Questions incorporate into item 9 Public Forum and further;
2. 15.14 Draft Rating Policy FIN02 to be dealt with prior to the other officers' reports.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/085

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved: Cr Salter
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council receives and notes the Action List.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/086

7. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

8. PETITIONS

8.1 Petition to Rezone Land between Middle Arm and Cox Peninsular Roads

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council:

1. receives and acknowledges the signed petition from residents seeking rezoning of land between Middle Arm Road and Cox Peninsula Road;
2. notes that the petition has 8 valid signatories in the line with GOV02 Council policy; and
3. writes to the signatories thanking them for the petition and providing a copy of the Draft Rating Policy seeking their feedback during the public consultation period.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/087

9. PUBLIC FORUM / QUESTIONS

9.1 Peter Curtis – Noonamah

Mr Curtis advised that he had initiated the petition to remove the blocks between Middle Arm Road and Cox Peninsula Road from Weddell zoning Future Development. As a resident from Middle Arm Road, Mr Curtis expressed his disappointment with the current zoning and that home owners are no longer able to subdivide their properties. Mr Curtis also questioned the progress on the future development of Weddell.

The CEO thanked Mr Curtis for the petition and advised that Council recently provided a remission for the rates to the effected properties. The CEO added that the Council will further consider how best to approach the zoning situation, within their limitations. The CEO offered Mr Curtis a meeting with the Planning Manager to discuss in detail the planning complications in relation

to the future development zone which the Northern Territory Government are responsible for administering.

9.2 Wendy Burgemeister - Berry Springs

Ms Burgemeister, a long-term resident of Cox Peninsular Road and advised she that was unaware owners could no longer sub divide their properties. Ms Burgemeister also advised that she had received abuse from landowners whilst riding her horses with her dogs.

10. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS

10.1 Late Report – 15.15 Acquittal of Special Purpose Grants

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT the late report item 15.15 Acquittal of Special Purpose Grants, be accepted and included under Officer's reports for consideration.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/088

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

12. MAYORS REPORT

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council receive and note the Mayor's monthly report.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/089

13. REPORT FROM COUNCIL APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

Councillors appointed by Council to external committees provided an update where relevant.

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council note the Councillors' verbal report.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/090

14. FINANCE REPORT

14.1 Council Finance Report – October 2019

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council receives the Litchfield Council Finance report for the period ended 31 October 2019.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/091

15. OFFICERS REPORT

15.14 Draft Rating Policy FIN02

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

1. notes the Rating Policy Review Position Paper Consultation Report;
2. acknowledges all community members for their involvement in this important consultation process;
3. endorses the Draft Rating Policy FIN02 for public consultation from the 25 November 2019 to 17 January 2020.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/092

15.1 Order of Business at Council Meetings

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council adopts the agenda format, outlined in this report, as the format for all agendas produced for ordinary Council meetings.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council changes Item 9 from Public Forum to Public Questions within the agenda format produced for Ordinary Council meetings.

**THE AMENDMENT BECAME THE MOTION
CARRIED (5-0)-1920/093**

15.2 CEO Monthly Report

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's monthly report for October 2019.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/094

15.3 LGANT – NT Heritage Council Nomination

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council thanks the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory for the opportunity to put forward a nomination however on this occasion the Council declined to nominate a Councillor to the Northern Territory Heritage Council.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/095

15.4 LGANT – NT Grants Commission Nomination

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council thanks the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory for the opportunity to put forward a nomination however on this occasion the Council declined to nominate a Councillor to the Northern Territory Grants Commission.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/096

15.5 DRAFT FIN09 Risk Management and Audit Committee

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council adopt DRAFT FIN09 Risk Management and Audit Committee policy.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/097

15.6 Designing Better

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council endorse Attachment A, Council's Letter of Comments on Designing Better for submission to the Northern Territory Planning Commission.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/098

15.7 GOV01 Policy Framework Review

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council adopt the DRAFT GOV01 Policy Framework.

CARRIED (3-2)-1920/099

A division was called
Mayor Bredhauer, Cr Sayers-Hunt and Deputy Mayor Simpson voted in the
affirmative
Cr Barden and Cr Salter voted in the negative

15.8 PA2019/0381, a Planning Scheme Amendment Application for Rezoning from Zone TC (Tourist Commercial) to Zone CP (Community Purpose) at Section 6574 (41) Howard Springs Road, Howard Springs, Hundred of Bagot

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

1. receive and note the report; and
2. endorse Attachment A, Council's Letter of Comment for PA2019/0381, a Planning Scheme Amendment Application for Rezoning from Zone TC (Tourist Commercial) to Zone CP (Community Purpose) at Section 6574 (41) Howard Springs Road, Howard Springs, Hundred of Bagot.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/100

15.9 November 2019 Summary Planning and Development Report

Moved: Cr Salter
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council:

1. receives the November 2019 Summary Planning and Development Report; and
2. notes for information the responses provided to relevant agencies within Attachments A-E to this report.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/101

15.10 PA2019/0337, a Concurrent Application to Rezone from Zone R (Rural) to Zone RL (Rural Living) and Subdivide to Create Three Lots at Section 3321 (50) Secrett Road, Knuckey Lagoon, Hundred of Bagot

Moved: Cr Salter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

1. receive and note the report; and
2. endorse Attachment A, Council's Letter of Comment for PA2019/0337, a Concurrent Application to Rezone from Zone R (Rural) to Zone RL (Rural Living) and Subdivide to Create Three Lots at Section 3321 (50) Secrett Road, Knuckey Lagoon, Hundred of Bagot.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/102

15.11 Planning Reform Stage 3 Consultation – Draft Bill of Amendments to NT Planning Act 1999

Moved: Cr Salter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

1. endorses Attachment A – Council Comments on Changes to the *Planning Act 1999*; and
2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial changes, as necessary.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/103

15.12 Acquittal of Special Purpose Grants

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council approve the acquittals of the Special Purpose Grants for:

- upgrades to the Howard Park Recreation Reserve Irrigation Upgrades to the value of \$20,569.65 as of 31 October 2019; and
- upgrades to the Howard Park Recreation Reserve Playground to the value of \$68,041.34 as of 31 October 2019.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/104

15.13 Litchfield Regional Tourism Association Membership Prospectus 2019

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council:

1. accepts the membership invitation for Litchfield Council to become Honorary Government Associate Members of the Litchfield Regional Tourism Association; and
2. approves the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the Litchfield Council.

CARRIED (4-1)-1920/105

15.15 Acquittal of Special Purpose Grants

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council:

1. Receives and notes the Acquittal of Special Purpose Grants report; and
2. Approves the acquittal of the Special Purpose Grants for the construction of the Mobile Workforce Shed at the Humpty Doo Waste Transfer Station to the value of \$433,494.62 as at 19 November 2019.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/106

16. COMMON SEAL

Nil.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Freds Pass Sport & Recreation Board Annual General Meeting

Update provided by Cr Salter.

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following Confidential Items:

19.1 Proposed Update to Litchfield Subregional Land Use Plan for Gunn Point Peninsula

Regulation 8(e) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/107

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:14pm.

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) regulations the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/109

The meeting moved to Open Session at 8:24pm.

20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:24pm.

21. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11 December 2019.

MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 11 December 2019



Mayor

Maree Bredhauer



Acting Chief Executive Officer

Nadine Nilon