

WANGARATTA RURAL CITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WANGARATTA RURAL CITY COUNCIL, HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
62-68 OVENS STREET, WANGARATTA
ON **THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2011**
AT 6.30 PM

Doug Sharp
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

The Local Government Act 1989 requires that the office of Mayor becomes vacant at 6.00 am on the day of the election of Mayor.

In accordance with Council's Local Law No 2 of 2009 - Meeting Procedures, the Chief Executive Officer or delegate may act as temporary Chairperson.

The Chief Executive Officer assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order.

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

Councillors:

Councillor A Griffiths, Councillor D McPhie, Councillor L McCully, Councillor L McInerney, Councillor R Paino, Councillor R Parisotto Councillor R Webb.

Officers:

Chairman: Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Andrew Close, Director – Infrastructure
Ray Park, Director – Sustainability
Ruth Tai, Director – Community Wellbeing

3. ABSENT

Nil.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES & GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 PAST MAYOR'S REPORT

Councillor A Griffiths presented the annual report for 2010/2011.

Councillor A Griffiths thanked fellow Councillors, The Chief Executive Officer, Council Officers and his family for their support over the past 12 months and looked forward to that continuing.

5.2 RESPONSE TO PAST MAYOR'S REPORT

Councillor R Paino and L McCully congratulated Cr A Griffiths on his leadership and hard work during his term as Mayor.

(Moved: Councillor R Paino/ Councillor L McCully)

Recommendation

That the past Mayor's report be received.

Carried.

5.3 PORTFOLIO REPORTS

5.3.1 SPORT AND RECREATION

Councillor D McPhie reported on the highlights for Sport and Recreation during the past 12 months.

5.3.2 ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

Councillor R Parisotto reported on the highlights for Arts, Culture and Heritage over the past 12 months.

5.3.3 INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING

Councillor R Paino commented reported the highlights for Infrastructure and Planning during the past 12 months.

5.3.4 COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Councillor L McCully reported the highlights for Community Wellbeing during the past 12 months.

5.3.5 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Councillor R Webb reported the highlights for environmental sustainability during the past 12 months.

5.3.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

Councillor L McInerney reported the highlights for economic development and tourism during the past 12 months.

(Moved: Councillor A Griffiths/ Councillor R Webb)

Recommendation

That the portfolio reports be received.

Carried.

5.4 ADOPTION OF THE 2010/2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Background

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), the Wangaratta Rural City Council has prepared an Annual Report for the financial year 2010/2011 and it has been submitted to the Minister as required. The report was considered at Council's October meeting where it was resolved to refer the report to this meeting

As required by the Act the Annual Report contains:

- a report of Council's operations during the financial year;
- audited standard statements for the financial year;
- audited financial statements for the financial year;
- a copy of the performance statement prepared under section 132; and
- a copy of the report on the performance statement prepared under section 133;
- any other matter required by the regulations.

The report of operations is:

- prepared in a form and contains information determined by the Council to be appropriate; and
- contains any other information required by the regulations.

The standard statements in the Annual Report and the financial statements have been:

- prepared in the manner and form prescribed by the regulations;
- submitted in their finalised form to the auditor for auditing as soon as possible after the end of the financial year;
- certified in the manner prescribed.

The standard statements in the Annual Report must show any variations from the standard statements in the budget as prepared under section 127 and, if the variation is material, explain the reason for the variation.

(Moved: Councillor L McCully/ Councillor L McInerney)

Recommendation

That the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2011 as prepared and forwarded to the Minister for Local Government be adopted.

Carried.

5.5 QUESTION TIME

Nil.

5.6 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1989 provides that "the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council". Further, Council's Local Law No 2 of 1999 - Meeting Procedures specifies the way in which the election of Mayor shall be conducted.

The Mayoral appointment is to be determined by Councillors in accordance with Council's Local law No. 2 – Meeting Procedures.

Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer invited nominations for the position of Mayor for 2011.

Nominations were as follows:

Councillor D McPhie nominated Councillor R Paino
Councillor R Webb nominated Councillor L McCully
Councillor R Parisotto nominated Councillor R Webb

Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer, called for a show of hands for each nomination.

Votes recorded as follows:

Councillor R Paino – 4 votes
Councillor L McCully – 2 votes
Councillor R Webb – 1 vote

The Chief Executive Officer therefore declared Councillor R Paino elected to the position of Mayor for the next 12 months.

Councillor R Paino then assumed the Chair.

5.7 CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR

5.8 RESPONSE BY MAYOR

Councillor R Paino thanked Councillors for their support and outlined several key challenges facing the Council in the future.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.40pm.