SHIRE OF IRWIN
DONGARA-PORT DENISON
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MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

held on

Tuesday, 24 September 2024

in the

Council Chambers
11-13 Waldeck Street, Dongara

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24 September 2024

Signed: .....
Presiding Elected Member

22 October 2024
Date: .....

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MINUTES

of the

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

held

24 September 2024

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President welcomed Councillors, Staff and Gallery Members to the September Ordinary Council Meeting and declared the Meeting open at 6.00pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members

Councillor M Leonard	President
Councillor B Wyse	Deputy President
Councillor I Scott *(joined at 6.03pm via teleconference)*	
Councillor E Tunbridge	
Councillor P Summers	
Councillor J Melsom	

Staff

Mr S D Ivers	Chief Executive Officer
Miss P Machaka	Manager Finance
Mr M Connell	Manager Development
Ms F Boksmati	Acting Manager Community Services
Ms S Mearns	Executive Assistant

Guests

Nil

Apologies

Mr S Stubbs	Community Emergency Services Manager
Mr M Jones	Manager Operations

Approved Leave of Absence

Councillor A J Gillam

Gallery

Nil

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Tunbridge has requested a leave of absence for the period 14 October to 18 October 2024, which was voted on just before the close of the meeting.

COUNCIL DECISION	**010924**
MOVED: Cr Wyse	**SECONDED: Cr Summers**
That Council by Absolute Majority, grant Cr Tunbridge a leave of absence for the period 14 October 2024 to 18 October 2024.	
VOTING DETAILS:	**CARRIED: 5/0**
For:	**Cr Leonard, Cr Wyse, Cr Scott, Cr Summers, Cr Melsom**
Against:	**Nil**

7. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND TABLING OF AGENDA FORUM NOTES

8.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 27 August 2024

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 27 August 2024 are included in the *Attachment Booklet – September 2024*.

COUNCIL DECISION	**020924**
MOVED: Cr Wyse	**SECONDED: Cr Summers**
That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 27 August 2024.	
VOTING DETAILS:	**CARRIED: 6/0**
For:	**Cr Leonard, Cr Wyse, Cr Scott, Cr Summers, Cr Melsom, Cr Tunbridge**
Against:	**Nil**

8.2 Agenda Forum Notes 17 September 2024

At the Agenda Forum held 17 September 2024, Shire Officers presented background information and answered questions on Items to be considered at the September Ordinary Council Meeting.

COUNCIL DECISION	**030924**
MOVED: Cr Summers	**SECONDED: Cr Tunbridge**
That Council confirms that the Agenda Forum was held on 17 September 2024.	
VOTING DETAILS:	**CARRIED: 6/0**
For:	**Cr Leonard, Cr Wyse, Cr Scott, Cr Summers, Cr Melsom, Cr Tunbridge**
Against:	**Nil**

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

2 Sept 2024	CEO attended the Milo Road Project site inspection
6 Sept 2024	CEO and Shire President met with Shane Love MLA
10 Sept 2024	CEO and Shire President attended MWDC Monthly Catch-up in Geraldton
17 Sept 2024	Shire President conducted a Citizenship Ceremony in Shire Chambers
18 Sept 2024	CEO and Shire President attended monthly MEPAU Meeting
24 Sept 2024	Shire President met with Sandra Carr MLC

10. REPORTS

10.1 Officer Reports

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY	CC01-09/24
Subject:	**CC 01-09/24 Accounts for Payment**
Author:	**S Clarkson, Senior Finance Officer**
Responsible Officer:	**P Machaka, Manager Finance**
File Reference:	**2.00057**
Voting Requirements:	**Simple Majority**

Council Role:

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Report Purpose:
For Council to receive the list of accounts paid under delegated authority during August 2024.

Background:
A list of accounts paid under delegated authority is attached showing all payments made during the month of August 2024.

Officer's Comment:
Nil

Consultation:
Nil

Statutory Environment:
The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provides as follows:
13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.
(1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared

(a) the payee's name;
(b) the amount of the payment;
(c) the date of the payment; and
(d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.

(3) A list prepared under sub-regulation (1) or (2) is to be —
(a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
(b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Policy Implications:
Under Delegation CEO101 Council has delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to authorise payments from the municipal or trust fund.

Financial/Resource Implications:
Nil

Strategic Implications:
Our Brilliant Future – Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031
Strategy 4.2.1 Ensure compliance whilst embracing innovation and better practice principles
Strategy 4.3.2 Adopt and follow better practice processes

Attachments:
Attachment Booklet – September 2024
CC01-09/24 Attachment 1: Accounts for Payment – August 2024

COUNCIL DECISION **040924**

MOVED: Cr Tunbridge **SECONDED: Cr Summers**

That Council, by Simple Majority, receives the Accounts paid during August 2024 as contained in CC01-09/24 Attachment 1 of the Attachment Booklet – September 2024, represented by:

Payment Type/Numbers	Total Amount
EFT 32390 – 32454	**$315,037.87**
Muni Cheques – 32208 – 32210	**$6,255.30**
Direct Debit – Telstra	**$3,686.21**
Direct Debit – WA Treasury Corporation	**$20,727.35**
Direct Debit – Credit Card	**$14,996.33**
Direct Debit – N-Able Pty Ltd	**$1,016.06**
Direct Debit – Australian Phone Company	**$225.23**
Direct Debit – Rental Charges	**$4,600.00**
Direct Debit – Insurance Premium Repayments	**$45,929.68**
Direct Debit – Superannuation	**$53,324.85**
Grand Total	**$467,798.88**

VOTING DETAILS: **CARRIED: 6/0**

For: **Cr Leonard, Cr Wyse, Cr Scott, Cr Summers, Cr Melsom, Cr Tunbridge**

Against: **Nil**

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY	CC02-09/24
Subject:	**CC 02-09/24 Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 July 2024**
Author:	**P Machaka, Manager Finance**
Responsible Officer:	**S Ivers, Chief Executive Officer**
File Reference:	**2.00057**
Voting Requirements:	**Simple Majority**

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Report Purpose:
For Council to consider and receive the Monthly Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 July 2024.

Background:
The Monthly Financial Statements to 31 July 2024 are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and includes the following statutory reports:

- Statement of Financial Activity by Nature
- Statement of Financial Position
- Explanation of Material Variances
- Net Current Funding Position

The Statements also include various other financial information not required by legislation, but for Council information.

Officer's Comment:
The financial position to the end of July 2024 is detailed in the attached report and summarised as per below: Year to budget is nil as date of budget adoption is 20 August 2024.

31/07/2024	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Operating Revenue	0	391,442
Operating Expenditure	0	(590,182)
Net Operating	0	(198,740)
Non-Operating Revenue	0	52,970
Non-Operating Expenditure	0	(132,724)
Net Non-Operating	0	(79,754)
Cash at Bank		(149,633)
Cash at Bank Restricted		621,412
Reserve Bank		1,301,551
Total Cash Funds		1,773,330

Consultation:
Nil

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995

- *Section 6.4 Financial report*

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations

- *Section 34 Financial activity statement report provides as follows:*

(1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d), for that month in the following detail -

(a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c);
(b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
(c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
(d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
(e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

(2) Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing -
(a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets;
(b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in sub-regulation (1)(d); and
(c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.

(3) The information in a statement of financial activity must be shown according to the nature classification.

(4) A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in sub-regulation (2), are to be -

(a) presented to the council - at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of month to which the statement relates; and

(b) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.

Policy Implications:
Nil

Financial/Resource Implications:
Any issues in relation to expenditure and revenue allocations or variance trends are identified and addressed each month.

Strategic Implications:
Our Brilliant Future - Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031
Strategy 4.2.1 Ensure compliance whilst embracing innovation and better practice principles
Strategy 4.3.2 Adopt and follow better practice processes

Attachments:
Attachment Booklet – September 2024
CC02-09/24 Attachment 1: Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 July 2024.

COUNCIL DECISION	**050924**
MOVED: Cr Wyse	**SECONDED: Cr Summers**
That Council by Simple Majority, receives the Monthly Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 July 2024 as contained in Attachment Booklet – September 2024.	
VOTING DETAILS:	**CARRIED: 6/0**
For:	**Cr Leonard, Cr Wyse, Cr Scott, Cr Summers, Cr Melsom, Cr Tunbridge**
Against:	**Nil**

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	ID01-09/24
Subject:	**ID 01-09/24 August 2024 Development Delegated and Authorised Authority Report**
Author:	**M Connell, Manager Development**
Responsible Officer:	**S Ivers, Chief Executive Officer**
File Reference:	**3.00125**
Voting Requirements:	**Simple Majority**

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Report Purpose:
For Council to receive the August 2024 Development Delegated and Authorised Authority Report.

Background:
Local governments utilise levels of delegated authority to undertake day-to-day statutory functions, thereby allowing Council to focus on policy development, representation, strategic planning and community leadership, with the organisation focussing on the day-to-day operations of the Shire.

The use of delegated authority means the large volume of routine work can be effectively managed and acted on promptly, which in turn facilitates efficient service delivery to the community.

In addition, as of 1 July 2024, the determination of development applications for single houses or any development associated with a single house (excluding development associated with a heritage place), can now only be done by the CEO or authorised employees of the local government.

Officer's Comment:
This report presents the details of development functions made under delegated or authorised authority for the month of August 2024, with 10 building permits, 6 single house applications and 1 application for development approval having been issued.

Consultation:
Nil.

Statutory Environment:

- *Local Government Act 1995*
- *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*
- *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*

Policy Implications:
Nil.

Financial/Resource Implications:
Nil.

Strategic Implications:
Our Brilliant Future – Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031
Strategy 4.2.1 Ensure compliance whilst embracing innovation and better practice principles
Strategy 4.3.2 Adopt and follow better practice processes

Attachments:
Attachment Booklet – September 2024
ID01-09/24 Attachment 1: August 2024 Development Delegated and Authorised Authority Report

COUNCIL DECISION	**060924**
MOVED: Cr Tunbridge	**SECONDED: Cr Wyse**
That Council by Simple Majority, receives the August 2024 Development Delegated and Authorised Authority Report, as contained in ID01-09/24 Attachment 1.	
VOTING DETAILS:	**CARRIED: 6/0**
For:	**Cr Leonard, Cr Wyse, Cr Scott, Cr Summers, Cr Melsom, Cr Tunbridge**
Against:	**Nil**

INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS	IO01-09/24
Subject:	**IO 01-09/24 Granny's Beach Playground**
Author:	**M Jones, Manager Operations**
Responsible Officer:	**S Ivers, Chief Executive Officer**
File Reference:	**1.0021**
Voting Requirements:	**Absolute Majority**

Council Role:

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Report Purpose:
To seek Council approval in the 2024-25 Budget to move $35,800 excluding GST from operating expenditure to capital expenditure for the urgent replacement of Granny's Beach playground and make the necessary adjustments in the 2024-25 Budget Review to ensure the budget is balanced.

Background:
The current playground was installed at the foreshore over 15 years ago. The playground is currently in need of replacement due to public safety concerns as the internal structure has deteriorated to such a point that the repair cost would exceed the cost of installing a new playground. A new playground was not captured in the 2024-25 Budget however due to unforeseen circumstances the playground is now in urgent need of replacement.

Officer's Comment:
Two quotes have been sourced based on dimensions of the current area. Due to the age of the playground, repairs are costly and not recommended as the playground is now non-compliant with current safety standards. This new playground could potentially be moved North creating a safer distance away from the current car park which currently has the potential for children and vehicle interaction, The playground has a high level of use by tourists and the local community due to popularity of the location. The cost associated with the removal of the existing playground will come from the current playground maintenance budget.

Consultation:
The conditions and safety concerns of our playgrounds were identified as a high priority for the community during our community consultation sessions.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995
Section 6.8 – Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget.

Policy Implications:
CP01 Localised Purchasing
C20 Purchasing

Financial/Resource Implications:
Move $35,800 excluding GST from operating expenditure to capital expenditure within the 2024-25 Budget and make the necessary adjustments in the 2024-25 Budget Review to ensure the budget is balanced.

Strategic Implications:
Our Brilliant Future - Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031
Strategy 2.1.3 - Identify, provide and manage Shire assets (including community infrastructure, Shire controlled reserves and freehold land) in accordance with agreed service levels.

Attachments:
Attachment Booklet – September 2024
IO01-09/24 Attachment 1: Current Playground Image

COUNCIL DECISION	**070924**
MOVED: Cr Melsom	**SECONDED: Cr Wyse**
That Council, by Absolute Majority, in accordance with Section 6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* approves the transfer of $35,800 excluding GST from operating expenditure to capital expenditure within the 2024-25 Budget and make the necessary adjustments in the 2024-25 Budget Review for the replacement of the playground located at Granny's Beach, Port Denison.	
VOTING DETAILS:	**CARRIED: 6/0**
For:	**Cr Leonard, Cr Wyse, Cr Scott, Cr Summers, Cr Melsom, Cr Tunbridge**
Against:	**Nil**

10.2 Committee Reports

10.2.1 Work Health and Safety Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Shire of Irwin Work Health and Safety Committee Meeting held 4 September 2024 have been provided as Attachment 10.2.1 in Attachment Booklet – September 2024.

COUNCIL DECISION	**080924**
MOVED: Cr Melsom	**SECONDED: Cr Summers**
That Council receives the minutes of the Shire of Irwin Work Health and Safety Committee Meeting held 4 September 2024.	
VOTING DETAILS:	**CARRIED: 6/0**
For:	**Cr Leonard, Cr Wyse, Cr Scott, Cr Summers, Cr Melsom, Cr Tunbridge**
Against:	**Nil**

11. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

12. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

13. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

Nil

14. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 6.10pm.