



**PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DATE: WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2023

TIME: 1.30 PM

MEETING ATTENDEES	
COUNCILLORS PRESENT	Cr Andrea Kyle-Sailor (Deputy Mayor) Cr Derek Haines Cr Deniece Geia Cr Andrew Castors
OFFICERS PRESENT	Michael Bissell, Chief Executive Officer Greg Constantine Manager Finance Governance and Administration (Minutes)
OBSERVERS PRESENT	NIL

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Cr Kyle-Sailor declared the meeting open at 1:26 pm

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners, the Manbarra People, upon whose land we hold our meeting and the Bwgcolman people of Palm Island.

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Mislam Sam – Mayor due to Covid

4. CONDOLENCES

- Tom Geia, Geia and Palmer Families
- Laurel Poynter, Poynter, Bulsey & Beckett Families

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The chairperson invited Councillors present to disclose prescribed conflicts of interest ("PCOI") or declarable conflicts of interest ("DCOI") in respect of any items in the agenda, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Councillor	PCOI/DCOI	Meeting Items	Particulars <i>[Action taken by Councillor/Council pursuant to Chapter 58 of Local Government Act 2009]</i>
Cr Sam			
Cr Kyle-Sailor			
Cr Haines		13.1	Proof of Aboriginality
Cr Geia			
Cr Castors			

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES;

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held on the 29 April 2023 be adopted.

Resolution 2023 - 59

Moved:Cr Geia

Seconded: Cr Castors

Carried

That the minutes of the Special Council Meetings held on the 09 May 2023 be adopted.

- CEO requested to advise the Community that there will be no trading at the Bistro between Friday 16 June through to Monday the 19 June 2023 so as to allow the transfer of lessees.

Resolution 2023 - 60

Moved:Cr Haines

Seconded: Cr Kyle-Sailor

Carried

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8. PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

9. FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL

Nil

10. COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

10.1 CEO Report

- CEO reported that the 2020/2021 financials were near completion.
- That the Council was anticipating a small deficit for this financial year primarily due to our finance team more accurately reporting activities in our balance sheet such as depreciation and previous years losses.
- Airport upgrades will be commencing next week with completion of the upgrade by 30 June 2023. Councillors requested that management investigate options to replace the tattered black chairs located in the terminal.
- Over \$500,000 has been invested in staff training over the past 11 months which is reflected in more major works being undertaken by Council staff rather than imported contractors.
- Palm Island Public Holidays for 2024 tabled for Council approval

Resolution 2023 - 61

Moved:Cr Haines

Seconded: Cr Geia

Carried

10.2 Finance & Grants

Resolution 2023 - 62

Moved:Cr Geia

Seconded: Cr Haines

Carried

10.3 Finance Governance and Administration

- Recommendation to accept the offer from the Commonwealth Bank to ensure that Council will continue to support the Banks Customers.
- The Council requested that management continue to monitor the support and the Commonwealth Banks offer.

Resolution 2023 - 63

Moved:Cr Haines

Seconded: Cr Geia

Carried

- 10.3.1** Motel and Accommodation report
Resolution 2023 - 64
 Moved:Cr Haines
 Seconded: Cr Geia **Carried**
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- 10.3.2** Sports and Events report
Resolution 2023 - 65
 Moved:Cr Geia
 Seconded: Cr Castors **Carried**
- 10.4** **Civil Open Space, Animal Control, Cash for Containers and Training**
Resolution 2023 - 66
 Moved:Cr Haines
 Seconded: Cr Geia **Carried**
- 10.5** **Water & Sewer**
Resolution 2023 - 67
 Moved:Cr Castors
 Seconded: Cr Haines **Carried**
- 10.6** **Fleet & Mechanics**
Resolution 2023 - 68
 Moved:Cr Castors
 Seconded: Cr Haines **Carried**
- 10.7** **Building Construction & Maintenance**
Resolution 2023 - 69
 Moved:Cr Castors
 Seconded: Cr Haines **Carried**
- 10.8** **Assets**
Resolution 2023 - 70
 Moved:Cr Castors
 Seconded: Cr Geia **Carried**
- 10.9** **ITC**
Resolution 2023 - 71
 Moved:Cr Haines
 Seconded: Cr Castors **Carried**
- 10.10** **Sandy Boyd**
Resolution 2023 - 72
 Moved:Cr Haines
 Seconded: Cr Castors **Carried**

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

12. CLOSED MEETING REPORTS

Nil considered

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander Decent

- Ernestine Gail Ketchup

Resolution 2023 - 73

Moved: Cr Castors
Seconded: Cr Geia

Carried
Cr Haines Excused 2:49 pm

- Shaylan Haines

Resolution 2023 – 74

Moved:Cr Castors
Seconded: Cr Geia

Carried
Cr Haines Returned 2:51pm

13.2 Request received from the family of Tom Geia for a waiver of Funeral fees.

Cr Geia Excused 2:51 pm

Cr Kyle- Sailor advised that she had to declare a conflict of interest, as a result the Council moved that the decision would be delegated to the CEO.

Resolution 2023 - 75

Moved:Cr Haines
Seconded: Cr Castors

Carried
Cr Geia Returned 2:59 pm

14. NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on 28 June 2023 at Council Chambers, 1 Main Street, Palm Island, commencing at 1.30 pm.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3:00 pm.

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MAYOR

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