



*Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council
12 February 2007
commencing at 9:30 am*

PRESENT

Councillors – M P Berwick (Mayor), D P Egan (Deputy Mayor), W J Bellerio, M J Cox, R Davis, J Sciacca and D G Pitt.

Staff – A M Rodgers (Manager Corporate Support).

BUSINESS

On the written request submitted by Crs Cox, Egan and Pitt and in accordance with Section 7, Part 2(a) of Council's Local Law No 17 (Meetings), the Special Meeting had been called to discuss the show cause notice issued by the Hon Andrew Fraser MP, Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport on 7 February 2007.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The Mayor indicated the reasons for closing the meeting to staff and the public was to allow all Councillors ability to provide their views on the Minister's Show Cause.

It was generally agreed that a statement should be prepared at the end of the closed session to provide Council's position to the public.

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Egan

07/0212/01

"That pursuant to Section 463(1)(h) of the Local Government Act 1993, the meeting be closed to the general public to allow in confidence discussion of the show cause notice issued by the Hon Andrew Fraser MP, Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport on 7 February 2007."

For Crs Berwick, Egan, Pitt, Cox, Sciacca and Bellerio

Against Cr Davis

Carried

WITHDRAWAL

The Manager Corporate Support withdrew from the Meeting at 9:35 am.

ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive Officer attended while the meeting was in closed session. (amended 21 February 2007- 07/0220/03-6)

OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Egan

07/0212/02

"That the meeting be re-opened to the public."

Carried unanimously

The following recommendations were forthcoming from discussions held while the meeting was closed to the public:

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Moved Cr Egan

Seconded Cr Berwick

07/0212/03

"That Council publish the show cause letter received from the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport, the Hon Andrew Fraser, MP, with the details of the contact person in the department to be obscured."

For Crs Berwick, Egan, Pitt, Cox, Sciacca and Bellerio

Against Cr Davis (~~abstained from voting~~)

Carried *Amended 21 February 2007 – 07/0220/03-6*

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Sciacca

07/0212/04

"That Council invite a professional facilitator from the Local Government Association of Queensland to attend a meeting on Thursday, 15 February 2007. Further, that arrangements be made for Mr Stuart McNaughton, Solicitor from McCullough Robertson to attend a meeting on 13 February 2007 and to remain in the Shire for as long as required."

For Crs Berwick, Egan, **Davis**, Pitt, ~~Cox~~, Sciacca and Bellerio

Against Cr ~~Cox~~ **Davis** (~~abstained from voting~~)

Carried *Amended 21 February 2007 – 07/0220/03-6*

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ADJOURNMENT

At 11:50 am the meeting was adjourned until 13 February 2007 at a time when Mr McNaughton, McCullough Robertson is available.

Presented to and confirmed by Council on the *twentieth* day of February 2007.

M P Berwick
Chair