



*Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council
21 June 2007
commencing at 2:02 pm*

PRESENT

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

Staff – J F Leu (Acting Chief Executive Officer), D G Carey (General Manager Community & Corporate), I B Barton (General Manager Finance & Administration), R J Baade (General Manager Engineering), Ann-Marie Rodgers (Manager Corporate Support) and S K Andrews (Corporate Support Officer).

APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cr R Davis as to his inability to attend due to a previous commitment.

BUSINESS

The Meeting had been called in accordance with Douglas Shire Council Local Law No 17 (Meetings), Section 7, Part 2a at the request of Crs Egan, Bellerio, Sciacca and Pitt to resolve:

1. the correction of the minutes of 23 May 2007 to bring them specifically into line with the draft minutes which were circulated to all Councillors on 23 May 2007 and as requested by a majority of Councillors at the Ordinary Meeting of 5 June 2007;
2. to determine what action should be taken by Council in relation to the clear attempt to alter the intent of the minutes of 23 May 2007 by excluding parts of the decisions actually made by Council on the day;
3. to arrange the appointment of a replacement Acting Chief Executive Officer to occupy the position until current legal issues are resolved or as determined by Council; and
4. to make arrangement for the availability to all Councillors of a hard copy of the draft minutes of all Council meetings directly at the conclusion of the meeting.

07/0621/01A TELEPHONE LINK TO CR DAVIS

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Egan

"That Council allows Cr Davis to listen to, but not participate in, the meeting proceedings by way of a telephone link."

Carried unanimously

TELEPHONE LINK

A telephone link was set up with Cr Davis so he could listen to discussion held during the meeting.

Moved Cr Egan

"That Council deals with the items of the agenda one at a time."

Lapsed for want of a seconder

07/0621/01 CORRECTION OF MINUTES - 23 MAY 2007 TO BRING THEM SPECIFICALLY INTO LINE WITH THE DRAFT MINUTES WHICH WERE CIRCULATED TO ALL COUNCILLORS ON 23 MAY 2007 AND AS REQUESTED BY A MAJORITY OF COUNCILLORS AT THE ORDINARY MEETING OF 5 JUNE 2007

Cr Egan attempted to move a motion in relation to the alteration of the minutes of 23 May 2007, but the Chair ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that confirmed minutes cannot be altered.

07/0621/02 DETERMINE WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN BY COUNCIL IN RELATION TO THE CLEAR ATTEMPT TO ALTER THE INTENT OF THE MINUTES OF 23 MAY 2007 BY EXCLUDING PARTS OF THE DECISIONS ACTUALLY MADE BY COUNCIL ON THE DAY

Moved Cr Egan

Seconded Cr Sciacca

"That Council pursue further advice on any action being taken to item (b) in relation to the motion that was moved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 May 2007."

For: Cr Egan, Sciacca, Bellerio, Pitt

Against: Cr Berwick, Cox

Carried

07/0621/03 ARRANGE APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO OCCUPY POSITION UNTIL CURRENT LEGAL ISSUES ARE RESOLVED OR AS DETERMINED BY COUNCIL

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Cox

"That the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Julia Leu, remain in position until such time as a permanent appointment is made."

For: Cr Berwick, Cox, Bellerio

Against: Cr Pitt, Sciacca, Egan

Carried on the casting vote of the Chair

07/0621/04 ARRANGEMENT FOR AVAILABILITY TO ALL COUNCILLORS OF A HARD COPY OF DRAFT MINUTES OF ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS DIRECTLY AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING

Moved Cr Pitt

Seconded Cr Egan

"That Council makes available to all Councillors a hard copy of the notes of all Council meetings directly at the conclusion of each meeting."

For: Cr Pitt, Egan, Bellerio, Sciacca

Against: Cr Berwick, Cox

Carried

TERMINATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting was closed at 2:59 pm.

Presented to and confirmed by Council on the *twenty-sixth* day of June 2007.

M P Berwick
Chair