

**MINUTES OF MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MISSION ROAD, GUNUNA
ON WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 2024 AT 9:00AM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was opened by Mayor Richard Sewter at 9:01am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the Lardil people of Mornington Island and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We would also like to acknowledge the Kaiadilt, Yangkaal, Waanyi, Gangalidda and Garawa people who share our homelands.

3 PRESENT

Mayor Richard Sewter, Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson, Cr Renee Wilson, Gary Uhlmann (Chief Executive Officer), Skye Price (Director Corporate and Community), and via videoconference Rhianne Williams (minute-taking).

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**RESOLUTION 2024/52**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That apology from Cr Farrah Linden be received and accepted.

CARRIED 3/0

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**6 CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS**

A minute's silence was observed for loved ones.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**7.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 24 APRIL 2024****RESOLUTION 2024/53**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council held on Wednesday 24 April 2024 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED 3/0

8 DEPUTATIONS**9 ACTION SCHEDULE****9.1 ACTION ITEMS AS AT 24 APRIL 2024****RESOLUTION 2024/54**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Mayor Richard Sewter

That the Action Schedule as tabled be updated and that completed items be removed.

CARRIED 3/0

10 POLICY DOCUMENTS

Nil

RECEPTION & CONSIDERATION OF OFFICERS REPORTS**11 MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS****11.1 MAYOR SEWTER'S REPORT MAY 2024****RESOLUTION 2024/55**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive Mayor's report for May 2024.

CARRIED 3/0

At 9:51 am, Cr Renee Wilson left the meeting.

At 9:54 am, Cr Renee Wilson returned to the meeting.

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, GARY UHLMANN VERBAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/56**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer's verbal report for May 2024.

CARRIED 3/0

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:57 am.

Mayor recommenced the meeting at 10:05 am.

At 10:05 am Ian McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer joined the meeting to present to Council.

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Susan Sewter (Chairperson and Strategic Programs Manager), Johnny Williams (Chairperson) and Caroline Paul (Director).

RESOLUTION 2024/57

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Mornington Shire Council extends in-principle support for Mornington Island Health Council's future strategic direction.

CARRIED 3/0

At 10:54 am, Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson left the meeting.
At 10:57 am, Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson returned to the meeting.

At 11:28am Ken Tapfield, Human Resources Manager joined the meeting to present to Council.

13 FINANCE**13.1 FINANCIAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/58**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive the financial report for May 2024.

CARRIED 3/0

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 11:39 am.
Mayor recommenced the meeting at 11:44 am.

14 HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**14.1 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/59**

Moved: Cr Renee Wilson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive the human resources report for May 2024.

CARRIED 3/0

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 12:09 pm.
Mayor recommenced the meeting at 12:31 pm.

15 GOVERNANCE**15.1 MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION****RESOLUTION 2024/60**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive and note the report related to the Saturday 15 June 2024 by-election governance process and key dates.

CARRIED 3/0

15.2 GOVERNMENT CHAMPIONS PROGRAM – PLANNED JUNE VISIT TO ISLAND**RESOLUTION 2024/61**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council receive and note the May 2024 report related to the Government Champions Program and the planned June 2024 visit to Mornington Island.

CARRIED 3/0

15.3 LOCAL THRIVING COMMUNITIES – INTERIM LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**RESOLUTION 2024/62**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

1. That pursuant to section 264 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), Council resolves to establish an interim local advisory committee; and
2. That pursuant to section 254H(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), Council resolves that an interim local advisory committee be exempt from the requirement to take minutes; and
3. That pursuant to clause 6.2 of the interim local advisory committee Terms of Reference, Council resolves a non-Councillor membership meeting fee of three hundred dollars (\$300) per meeting.

CARRIED 3/0

15.4 KPMG REPORT**RESOLUTION 2024/63**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the KPMG final *Independent audit and analysis of government and government funded services delivered to Mornington Island* document from May 2023; acknowledge the twenty (20) recommendations, as well as work undertaken to date pertaining to the audit.

CARRIED 3/0

15.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOMESTIC FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION CHAMPIONS NETWORK**RESOLUTION 2024/64**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council:

1. receive and note the May 2024 report related to the Local Government Domestic Family Violence Prevention Champions Network; and
2. complete the self-assessment checklist and return to the Local Government Domestic Family Violence Prevention Champions Network; and
3. nominate Councillors to partake as a part of the four virtual meetings, each year and be a representative "champion"; and
4. that Mayor Sewter extends an invitation to the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council to have a deputation at an upcoming 2024 Ordinary Council meeting; and
5. that Council formally sign the "*Not now, not ever*" pledge during the deputation; and
6. that the Director Corporate and Community ensure periodic distribution of resources for staff awareness and community stakeholder awareness.

CARRIED 3/0

16 PLANNING AND COMMUNITIES**16.1 TENDER MSC-2024-001 – FORWARD REMOTE CAPITAL PROGRAM****RESOLUTION 2024/65**

Moved: Cr Renee Wilson
Seconded: Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council resolve to approve the tender of Strategic Builders ACN 113 408 843 in tender reference MSC-2024-001 (Forward Remote Capital Program) for the lump sum price of \$9,646,254.45 (GST Excl), subject to availability of grant funding to complete, and give delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to:

- a) enter into post tender negotiations with Strategic Builders to vary scope of works to meet available funding (as applicable); and
- b) do all things necessary to sign contracts and pay invoices as and when due.

CARRIED 3/0

At 1.11 pm Yonna Underwood Acting Director Housing and Facilities joined the meeting to present to Council

16.2 CAPITAL HOUSING STRATEGY AND TEN-YEAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**RESOLUTION 2024/66**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive and note the report related to the draft capital housing strategy and ten-year construction program.

CARRIED 3/0

17 HOUSING DEPARTMENT**17.1 HOUSING REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/67**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson
Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive the housing report for May 2024.

CARRIED 3/0

18 FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**18.1 FACILITIES REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/68**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive the facilities report for May 2024.

CARRIED 3/0

At 1:34 pm, Mayor Richard Sewter left the meeting.

At 1:38 pm, Mayor Richard Sewter returned to the meeting.

19 ENGINEERING

19.1 ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING MICHEAL LESLIE VERBAL REPORT

RESOLUTION 2024/69

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive the engineering verbal report for May 2024.

CARRIED 3/0

20 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

21 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

RESOLUTION 2024/70

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulations 2012:

21.1 BYNOE debt write-off

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J3(b) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with industrial matters affecting employees;.

CARRIED 3/0

RESOLUTION 2024/71

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED 3/0

21.1 BYNOE DEBT WRITE-OFF

RESOLUTION 2024/72

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council approve the debt write-off of \$139,468.54 and instructs the CEO to negotiate new leases for Council properties utilised by Bynoe.

CARRIED 3/0

22 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 19 June 2024.

23 CLOSURE

Mayor Sewter closed the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Gary Uhlmann
Chief Executive Officer.

Minutes Confirmed:

Mayor

Date:

Gary Uhlmann
Chief Executive Officer

unconfirmed minutes