

**MINUTES OF MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MISSION ROAD, GUNUNA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 2024 AT 9:00AM**

**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by Mayor Richard Sewter at 9.07am.

**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 Farrah Linden, Cr Renee Wilson, Gary Uhlmann (Chief Executive Officer), and via videoconference Skye Price (Director Corporate and Community) and Rhianne Williams (minute-taking).

**4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**

Nil

**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 - 22 MAY 2024****RESOLUTION 2024/73**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council held on Wednesday 22 May 2024 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**CARRIED 4/0**

**8 DEPUTATIONS**

10:00 am | Melanie and Jane Ah Kit from Jika Kangka Gununamanda Limited

10:30 am | Alexia Kelso and Mary Jo from Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works

11:00 am | Anne Hodge and Elvene Whitbread from 54 Reasons

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_



**9 ACTION SCHEDULE**

**9.1 ACTION ITEMS AS AT 17 JUNE 2024**

**RESOLUTION 2024/74**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

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

**CARRIED 4/0**

**10 POLICY DOCUMENTS**

Nil

**RECEPTION & CONSIDERATION OF OFFICERS REPORTS**

**11 MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**11.1 MAYOR RICHARD SEWTER VERBAL REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2024/75**

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive Mayor's report for June 2024.

**CARRIED 4/0**

9.47am Melanie and Jane Ah Kit joined the meeting from Jika Kangka Gununamanda Limited.

**12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, GARY UHLMANN VERBAL REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2024/76**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Mayor Richard Sewter

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

**CARRIED 4/0**

Ian McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer joined the meeting to present to Council.

## 13 FINANCE

### 13.1 FINANCIAL REPORT

#### RESOLUTION 2024/77

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council note and receive the financial report for June 2024.

**CARRIED 4/0**

## 14 HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Item - 14.1 Human Resources report - has been moved to another part of the document.

Ian McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer left the meeting.

## 15 GOVERNANCE

### 15.1 GULF REGIONAL ECONOMIC ABORIGINAL HOLDINGS LTD. - INVITATION FOR DIRECTOR NOMINATION

#### RESOLUTION 2024/78

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

Renee Willson withdraw from voting.

That Mayor Richard Sewter be nominated as the community representative for a Gulf Regional Economic Holdings Ltd company board director role.

In Favour: Crs Richard Sewter, Robert Thompson and Farrah Linden

Against: Cr. Renee Wilson

**CARRIED 3/0**

### 15.2 CHANGE OF DATE FOR AUGUST 2024 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

#### RESOLUTION 2024/79

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Council formally endorse a change of date for the formal August Ordinary Council meeting from 21 August to 28 August 2024 to take account of the First Nations Mayors' Summit.

**CARRIED 4/0**

Initial: RS

**15.3 SPECIAL HOLIDAYS 2025****RESOLUTION 2024/80**

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council endorse proposed 2025 Special Holiday dates including Mount Isa Show Day; Gununa Show Day; Friday 19 September 2025 and Memorial Day, Monday 24 November 2025; and send correspondence to the Office of Industrial Relations with proposed by no later than Friday 12 July 2024.

**CARRIED 4/0**

Ken Tapfield, Human Resources Manager joined the meeting to present to Council.

**16 PLANNING AND COMMUNITIES****16.1 NEW YEARS EVE - FIREWORKS DISPLAY****RESOLUTION 2024/81**

Moved: Cr Renee Wilson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council

1. provide support for the 2024 New Year's Eve fireworks display to the value of thirty-one thousand, eight hundred and eighty dollars (\$31,880) and;
2. that future fireworks event costs will be reviewed as a part of the 2024/25 budget process.

**CARRIED 4/0**

**16.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION (SECTION 51 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2016) FOR PROPOSED MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE, DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT LOT 911 ON SP270889, LARDIL STREET, GUNUNA, MORNINGTON ISLAND****RESOLUTION 2024/82**

Moved: Cr Renee Wilson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council as the Local Government Authority and Trustee of the Aboriginal Freehold, resolve to approve (subject to conditions) the Development Application for Material Change of Use for Multiple Dwellings to be established over Lot 20 and 21 on SP270889 and Lot 911 on SP270889.

**CARRIED 4/0**

Skye Price, Director Corporate and Community left the meeting.

Jonna Underwood, Director Housing and Facilities joined the meeting to present to Council.

**14.1 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/83**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Council receive the human resources report for June 2024.

**CARRIED 4/0**

**17 HOUSING DEPARTMENT****17.1 HOUSING REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/84**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Council receive the housing report for June 2024.

**CARRIED 4/0**

**18 FACILITIES DEPARTMENT****18.1 FACILITIES REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/85**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Council receive the facilities report for June 2024.

**CARRIED 4/0**

At 1:44 pm, Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson left the meeting.

At 1:47 pm, Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson returned to the meeting.

Micheal Leslie, Director Engineering joined the meeting to present to Council.

**19 ENGINEERING****19.1 ENGINEERING VERBAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/86**

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive the engineering department verbal report for June 2024.

**CARRIED 4/0**

Initial: 

**20 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**21 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

Nil

**22 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 17 July 2024.

**23 CLOSURE**

Mayor Sewter closed the meeting at 2.16pm

Gary Uhlmann  
Chief Executive Officer.

Minutes Confirmed:

Mayor 

Date:

Gary Uhlmann  
Chief Executive Officer

Initial: 