

PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor Greg Conkey OAM
Councillor Yvonne Braid OAM
Councillor Paul Funnell
Councillor Dan Hayes
Councillor Vanessa Keenan
Councillor Rod Kendall
Councillor Tim Koschel
Councillor Kerry Pascoe
Councillor Dallas Tout

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager	(Mr P Thompson)
Director Corporate Services	(Mrs N Te Pohe)
Director Community	(Mrs J Summerhayes)
Director Commercial Operations	(Ms C Angel)
Director Regional Activation	(Mr M Keys)
Manager Audit, Risk & Governance	(Ms I Hensley)
Manager Information & Customer Service	(Mr M Schmid)
Manager Corporate Strategy & Communications	(Mr S Gray)
Corporate Governance Coordinator	(Mrs N Johnson)

PRAYER

Almighty God,

Help protect our Mayor, elected Councillors and staff.

Help Councillors to govern with justice, integrity, and respect for equality, to preserve rights and liberties, to be guided by wisdom when making decisions and settling priorities, and not least of all to preserve harmony.

Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Community members present.

APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 16 MARCH 2020

20/107 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and T Koschel

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R Kendall declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in CONF-2 PROPOSED RENT ABATEMENT FOR COUNCIL TENANTS the reason being that he is a chairperson of a charity that is a Council tenant and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor T Koschel declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2020 the reason being that his place of work is named in the report and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO

20/108 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and D Tout

That the standing orders be varied for the meeting as set out hereunder:

- **Items where councillors wish to speak**
- **Items where no councillors wish to speak**
- **Confidential**
- **Matter of urgency**
- **Closure of Meeting**

That RP-4, M-1 and CONF-1 be adopted as recommended in the business papers.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2020

20/109 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors P Funnell and R Kendall

That Council:

- a approve the proposed 2019/20 budget variations for the month ended 29 February 2020 and note the forecasted balanced budget position presented**
- b note the Responsible Accounting Officer’s reports, in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (Part 9 Division 3: Clause 203) that the financial position of Council is satisfactory having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure and the recommendations made above**
- c note the details of the external investments as at 29 February 2020 in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Against the Motion

- Y Braid OAM
- G Conkey OAM
- P Funnell
- D Hayes
- V Keenan
- R Kendall
- T Koschel
- K Pascoe
- D Tout

RP-2 MARDI GRAS 2020 SPONSORSHIP PAYMENT

A motion was moved by D Tout and R Kendall

That Council:

- a will not be seeking reimbursement for the first payment of \$10,000 for the Mardi Gras event as per the Mardi Gras events sponsorship agreement**
- b approve the final payment of \$10,000 to HC Events PTY LTD for the Mardi Gras 2020 event as per the Mardi Gras events sponsorship agreement**

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor P Funnell and seconded by Councillor Y Braid OAM

That Council will not be seeking reimbursement for the first payment of \$10,000 for the Mardi Gras event as per the Mardi Gras events sponsorship agreement.

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT

For the Amendment
Y Braid OAM
P Funnell

Against the Amendment
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

20/110 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors D Tout and R Kendall

That Council:

- a will not be seeking reimbursement for the first payment of \$10,000 for the Mardi Gras event as per the Mardi Gras events sponsorship agreement**
- b approve the final payment of up to \$10,000 to HC Events PTY LTD for the Mardi Gras 2020 event as per the Mardi Gras events sponsorship agreement following clarification from the General Manager on costs incurred and sponsorship income**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion
Y Braid OAM
P Funnell

RP-3 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS/BUSINESS WITH NOTICE

20/111 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and R Kendall

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

- Y Braid OAM
- G Conkey OAM
- P Funnell
- D Hayes
- V Keenan
- R Kendall
- T Koschel
- K Pascoe
- D Tout

Against the Motion

RP-4 PROPOSED WAIVING OF FEES AND CHARGES

20/112 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and D Tout

That Council:

- a. **note the considerable current and future financial impact the community is facing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic**
- b. **approve the proposed amendments to the 2019/20 fees and charges as specified in this report on a four-week basis, commencing 31 March 2020**
- c. **authorise fee amendments until 30 June 2020, to be extended each four weeks by the General Manager, in consultation with the Mayor**
- d. **provide public notice of the proposed fee amendments in accordance with sections 356, 610 and 611 of the *Local Government Act 1993***
- e. **implement the fee changes in the event no public submissions are received**
- f. **if public submissions are received in opposition to the proposed fee changes, the matter is to be considered by Council at the next available Council meeting**

- g. note the potential likely financial impact of the fee amendments will be budgeted for in a future Council meeting report, which includes the proposed funding sources for the variations to Councils budget, where possible
- h. note the significant likely negative financial impact on Council’s investments due to COVID-19, noting that Council will be provided with a further update at a future Council meeting
- i. note that Council Officers are reviewing the current draft 2020/21 Long Term Financial Plan that was distributed and discussed with Councillors during recent workshops, which includes the proposed fees and charges for the 2020/21 financial year

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Against the Motion

- Y Braid OAM
- G Conkey OAM
- P Funnell
- D Hayes
- V Keenan
- R Kendall
- T Koschel
- K Pascoe
- D Tout

COMMITTEE MINUTES

M-1 TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - MEETING HELD 12 MARCH 2020

20/113 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and D Tout

That Council:

- a receive the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 12 March 2020
- b endorse the recommendations of the Traffic Committee

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Against the Motion

- Y Braid OAM
- G Conkey OAM
- P Funnell
- D Hayes
- V Keenan
- R Kendall
- T Koschel
- K Pascoe
- D Tout

QUESTIONS/BUSINESS WITH NOTICE

Councillor D Hayes and Councillor D Tout requested information on library services and what consideration has been given in relation to future plans for the community to access the catalogue and books not only in our local government area but others, and a possible “takeaway function” for book collection.

Councillor R Kendall requested advice on Council’s application for a special water licence to the NSW Minister for Water, including lobbying of the State Government for financial stimulus measures to stimulate regional economies in the recovery phase of COVID-19.

Councillor T Koschel thanked and expressed appreciation to the General Manager, the Mayor and Council staff for the extensive communication provided to Councillors and the community at this time, in particular the daily update from the Mayor.

Councillor V Keenan thanked and expressed appreciation to Council staff for their efforts and significant contribution to the community in the work they are undertaking in supporting the community in these difficult times in the management of the COVID-19 situation, paying tribute for their efforts.

Councillor P Funnell requested that the General Manager and the Mayor, continue efforts in lobbying the Minister in relation to water for Lake Albert.

Councillor P Funnell requested that the monthly financial report to Council include for each four week period, the estimated total cost of changes to Council services and the impact on Council’s Long Term Financial Plan as a result of those changes.

Councillor P Funnell requested the General Manager look at alternate work opportunities for Council staff who are unable to perform their normal role and duties.

Councillor P Funnell questioned the value of Council’s Sister City agreements and requested that a review be undertaken in particular with any agreements and MOU’s Council have with Kunming and other Chinese cities.

Councillor P Funnell requested information on what Council are doing to disinfect community areas in the City.

Councillor D Tout requested an update as to whether lobbying has occurred for all local government areas by the Office of Local Government and LGNSW on 2021 projected Budget and Long Term Financial Plan in the wake of the COVID-19 situation and has there been any discussions on the adoption and revisit at a later date.

The Mayor, Councillor G Conkey OAM expressed that this is the most challenging time experienced by Council and the community and thanked and acknowledge staff, who are working hard to support the community to mitigate the virus including working to assist community, volunteer and welfare agencies across the local government area.

CLOSED COUNCIL

20/114 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and D Tout

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 6:42pm.

CARRIED

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING THE PRESS AND PUBLIC GALLERY RETIRED FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CONF-1 SOLAR PROJECT VARIATION

20/115 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and D Tout

That Council:

- a receive and note this report**
- b approve the variation proposal**
- c approve the budget variation/s as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Against the Motion

- Y Braid OAM
- G Conkey OAM
- P Funnell
- D Hayes
- V Keenan
- R Kendall
- T Koschel
- K Pascoe
- D Tout

CONF-2 PROPOSED RENT ABATEMENTS FOR COUNCIL TENANTS

Councillor R Kendall declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:43pm.

20/116 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and V Keenan

That Council:

- a. note the considerable current and future financial impact the community is facing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic
- b. agree to provide rent abatements to the tenants identified in the body of this report for the period 1 April 2020 until 31 May 2020 inclusive
- c. review rent abatements or rent concessions after 1 June 2020 on a monthly basis
- d. in accordance with Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, provide financial assistance to the tenants listed in this report
- e. note the reasons as mentioned in the body of this report for not adhering to the current Local Government Act 1993 legislation surrounding Section 356, which is in good faith for the community
- f. approve the budget variation/s as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Against the Motion

- Y Braid OAM
- G Conkey OAM
- P Funnell
- D Hayes
- V Keenan
- T Koschel
- K Pascoe
- D Tout

Councillor R Kendall re-entered the chamber, the time being 6:57 pm.

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

20/117 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and D Tout

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 6:58pm.

CARRIED

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 7:00pm.

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MAYOR