
**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

The Mayor, John Dal Broi in the Chair; Councillors, Simon Croce, Deb Longhurst, Eddy Mardon, Rina Mercuri, Anne Napoli, Brian Simpson, Paul Snaidero, Christine Stead and Dino Zappacosta

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Manager Executive Services, Shireen Donaldson, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Acting Director Sustainable Development, Phil Harding, and Minute Secretary, Naomi Brugger

MEDIA

Oliver Jacques, The Area News

1 COUNCIL PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Meeting opened with Councillor Rina Mercuri reading the Council prayer and the Acknowledgment of Country.

2 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

17/292

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Brian Simpson that apologies be received from Councillors Doug Curran and Mike Neville, and Director Business, Cultural and Financial Services, Max Turner and a leave of absence granted.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

17/293

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Rina Mercuri that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 24 October 2017, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Question Time – Question from Councillor Dino Zappacosta re Bottle container deposit scheme

Councillor Zappacosta stated that further to his comments from the previous Council Meeting, that the scheme started last week with operators to charge up to 15c per container for the scheme which is passed on to the customer. Of that, 10c is refunded to the customer via a voucher (redeemable at Woolworths) when they return the container at a container deposit station (in Griffith that will be Cleanaway with a location to be announced), and 5c going to EPA to be paid to the container deposit operator. Councillor Zappacosta added that Cleanaway was to be operational by December 1, which is when the EPA have advised the public can return the containers.

The Mayor advised he and the General Manager would be further discussing the matter at the Regional Meeting with other Councils.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

Councillor John Dal Broi, Mayor
Question Time – Sporting Precinct
Reason – Councillor Dal Broi is a member of the Showgrounds Trust

Councillor Eddy Mardon
CL01 – DA 148/2017 - Attached Dual Occupancy
Reason – Councillor Mardon received an email from the owner of the property explaining the nature of the development.

Councillor Rina Mercuri
CL01 – DA 148/2017 - Attached Dual Occupancy
Reason – Councillor Mercuri received an email from the owner of the property.

Councillor Paul Snaidero
CL01 – DA 148/2017 - Attached Dual Occupancy
Reason – Councillor Snaidero has spoken with the proponent.

Councillor Christine Stead
Question Time – Sporting Precinct
Reason – Councillor Stead is the Chair of the Griffith Showground Trust

Councillor Dino Zappacosta
Minutes of the Council Meeting held 24 October 2017 re Container Deposit Scheme
Reason – Councillor Zappacosta operates a retail store that sells drink containers.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta

CL02 – Licence Agreement Over Closed Road With Westend Estate Pty Ltd

Reason – Councillor Zappacosta owns a winery.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 DA 148/2017 - ATTACHED DUAL OCCUPANCY

17/294

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Brian Simpson that:

- (a) Council authorise the variation to the Section 88B instrument that limits development on Lot 117 DP 108587, 30 Dussin Street, Griffith to a single dwelling and permit a dual occupancy development.
- (b) That the determination of Development Application No. 148/2017 for an attached dual occupancy development be delegated to the Director of Sustainable Development.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Against

Councillor John Dal Broi

Councillor Simon Croce

Councillor Deb Longhurst

Councillor Eddy Mardon

Councillor Rina Mercuri

Councillor Anne Napoli

Councillor Brian Simpson

Councillor Paul Snaidero

Councillor Christine Stead

Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

CL02 LICENCE AGREEMENT OVER CLOSED ROAD WITH WESTEND ESTATE PTY LTD

17/295

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Rina Mercuri and Anne Napoli that:

- (a) Council retain the road asset and enter into a licence agreement with Westend Estate Pty Ltd for the closed road adjoining Lot 1218 DP 751709 for a further term of 5 years from 1 August 2016.
- (b) Westend Estate Pty Ltd pays all applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the licence agreement together with Councils Administration Fee of \$394.

- (c) The Licence fee be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$500 (Incl. GST) for the 2017/2018 financial year, in addition to rates and charges.
- (d) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal if required.

CL03 DISCLOSURE BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS RETURN

17/296

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Christine Stead that the Disclosure by Councillors and Designated Persons Return for Acting Director Sustainable Development be tabled and noted.

CL04 POLICY REVIEW - RESTRICTED PREMISES AND BROTHELS

Councillors Napoli and Mercuri moved the following MOTION that:

- (a) Council exhibit draft amendments to the Policy CS-CP-308 Restricted Premises and Brothels in line with the request made in the submission to allow 500m separation between a brothel and sensitive land uses.
- (b) Council exhibit draft amendments to the Policy CS-CP-308 Restricted Premises and Brothels in line with the request made in the submission to change the term "may" to "must".

The **MOTION** was **PUT** and **LOST**.

17/297

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Christine Stead that Council retain the existing Policy settings for CS-CP-308 Restricted Premises and Brothels.

Councillor Napoli and Mercuri voted **AGAINST** the **MOTION**.

CL05 MEMBERSHIP OF GRIFFITH COUNTRY UNIVERSITIES CENTRE

17/298

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Rina Mercuri that:

- (a) Council appoint Ricky Chugha, David Martin (Western Riverina Community College), Roger Green (Griffith Multicultural Council), Dr Mohammad Mofreh, and Sue Delves, as community representatives on the Griffith Country Universities Steering Group.
- (b) The General Manager or his representative be appointed to the Griffith Country Universities Centre Steering Group
- (c) The Griffith Country Universities Centre Steering Group be chaired by the Mayor or his representative.

17/299

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Christine Stead that Council appoint Councillors Anne Napoli, Rina Mercuri and Simon Croce as Councillor Representatives on the Griffith Country Universities Centre Steering Group.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2017

17/300

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Transport Committee meeting held on 9 October 2017 be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2017

17/301

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 October 2017 be adopted.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

ESTABLISHMENT OF ROSE GARDEN

17/302

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Christine Stead that:

- (a) That Council investigate the possibility of establishing a Rose Garden in the old Ex-Servicemen's Club Bowling Greens, with the report to include possible costings and maintenance issues for such a Garden.
- (b) That Council investigate the possibility of planting groundcover roses in the centre of the Bagtown Roundabout to enhance the area, with the report to include possible costings and maintenance issues.

13 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Councillor Paul Snaidero asked the following questions:

“To the GM, I am getting feedback from community that responses to emails are not occurring, could you look into the matter please?”

The General Manager, Mr Brett Stonestreet requested Councillor Snaidero see him following the meeting to provide further details for the matter to be investigated.

“In consideration of the \$9.3M surplus for 2017, combined with the surplus of 2016, could Council look to fund the provision of airport security based upon community safety and would allow for 20 tonne plus aircraft to land in Griffith?”

Mr Stonestreet noted that Council has a Long Term Financial Management Plan which is reviewed annually. Mr Stonestreet suggested Councillor Snaidero bring the matter to Council by way of a Notice of Motion to gauge support to have the project costed, and based on that, bring it to be considered as part of the 2018/19 budget.

“Council has discussed informally the potential of a sporting precinct, there are potentially other stakeholders that are willing to fund and manage the potential sporting hub if it was located at the Griffith Showground. Could Council enter into discussions/feasibility studies with community engagement and the neighbouring schools?”

Mr Stonestreet advised that a Master Plan had been developed which included the Griffith Showground, however the current Plan does not list the Showground as Stage One due to the fact that it is not a Council property, it is a Crown Lands property which operates under the Griffith Showground Trust and Council has no jurisdiction to conduct studies or community engagement regarding this site.

14 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

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17/303

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Rina Mercuri that the report be noted.

15 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.55 pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON