
**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 23 JULY 2024 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

The Mayor, Doug Curran in the Chair; Councillors, Shari Blumer, Simon Croce, Jenny Ellis, Anne Napoli, Christine Stead, Chris Sutton, Laurie Testoni and Dino Zappacosta

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Acting Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Max Turner, Acting Director Sustainable Development, Carel Potgieter, Manager Engineering Design & Approvals, Joe Rizzo Governance Manager, Leanne Austin, and Minute Taker, Hannah Hall

MEDIA

Cai Holroyd, Area News

1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Meeting opened with Councillor Anne Napoli reading the Opening Affirmation and the Acknowledgement of Country.

2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

24/193

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Chris Sutton that apologies be received from Councillor Melissa Marin, Manjit Singh Lally & Glen Andrezza, Director Economic and Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, and Director Utilities, Graham Gordon and a leave of absence granted.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

24/194

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Christine Stead that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 9 July 2024, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Jenny Ellis sought clarification on the function of confirming the minutes from the previous Council meeting, after a number of Councillors voted against the confirmation minutes from Council Meeting held 25 June 2024.

Councillor Christine Stead raised a **POINT OF ORDER**.

General Manager Brett Stonestreet advised that when confirming the minutes of a previous meeting, Councillors are confirming they are a full and accurate record of the meeting they relate to.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors making a significant non-pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.

Joe Rizzo

CL02 DA 31/2024 – Staged Sixty-Three (63) Lot Residential Torrens Title Subdivision, One (1) Public Reserve, One(1) Drainage Reserve and Associated Road Opening
Reason – Personal friendship with applicant which has spanned many years.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 DA 50/2024 - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO AN EXISTING DWELLING HOUSE INCLUDING A NEW CARPORT AND CRAFT ROOM

24/195

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Shari Blumer that:

- (a) Council, as the consent authority pursuant to Section 4.16(1)(a) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, grant consent to Development Application DA 50/2024 for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling house including a new carport and craft room at No. 38 Gunbar Street Griffith (Lot 5 Section 101 DP 758476), subject to the conditions including those set out in Attachment 'A' of this report; and
- (b) Development Application 50/2024 be delegated to the Director of Sustainable Development for the preparation and issue of the Notice of Determination.

In accordance with the Local Government Action (section 375A - Recording of voting on planning matters) Council must record the Councillor's vote in relation to the matter.

For

Against

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

Joe Rizzo left the meeting having declared a significant non-pecuniary interest, the time being 7:10pm.

CL02 DA 31/2024 - STAGED SIXTY-THREE (63) LOT RESIDENTIAL TORRENS TITLE SUBDIVISION, ONE (1) PUBLIC RESERVE, ONE (1) DRAINAGE RESERVE AND ASSOCIATED ROAD OPENING

24/196

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Chris Sutton that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow for Mr Martin Ruggeri to address Council.

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

For

Against

Councillor Doug Curran

Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

24/197

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Simon Croce that the meeting resume standing orders.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

24/198

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) Council, as the consent authority pursuant to Section 4.16(1)(a) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, grant consent to Development Application DA 31/2024 for a sixty-three (63) lot residential subdivision, with a public reserve, a drainage reserve and associated road opening at No. 47 Druitt Road Lake Wyangan (Lot 2 DP 1185148), subject to the conditions including those set out in Attachment 'A' of this report; and
- (b) Development Application 31/2024 be delegated to the Director of Sustainable Development for the preparation and issue of the Notice of Determination.

In accordance with the Local Government Action (section 375A - Recording of voting on planning matters) Council must record the Councillor's vote in relation to the matter.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

Joe Rizzo returned to the meeting, the time being 7:21pm.

CL03 REVIEW OF PAYMENT BY COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS POLICY

24/199

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Shari Blumer that:

- (a) Council endorse the draft amended Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy No FS-CP-202 as attached to this report;
- (b) The draft Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy No FS-CP-202 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days; and
- (c) If no submissions are received, then Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy No FS-CP-202 be adopted as at the completion of the exhibition period, or alternatively, if any submissions are received in the exhibition period, a further report be tabled with Council.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

CL04 REVIEW OF LOCAL POLICY (CS-CP-310) STORM WATER DRAINAGE & DISPOSAL

24/200

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Dino Zappacosta that:

- (a) Council endorse the draft Review of Local Policy (CS-CP-310) Storm Water Drainage & Disposal as attached;
- (b) The draft Review of Local Policy (CS-CP-310) Storm Water Drainage & Disposal be placed on public exhibition for 28 days allowing 42 days for submissions to be received from the date of advertising;
- (c) Following the public exhibition period, a further report be presented to Council to adopt Review of Local Policy (CS-CP-310) Storm Water Drainage & Disposal or to consider submissions received.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	

Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

CL05 ENDORSEMENT OF COUNCIL'S SOLAR ENERGY FARMS AND BATTERY ENERGY SOLAR SYSTEMS POLICY

24/201

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Simon Croce that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow for Robert Bellato to address Council.

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

For	Against
Councillor Shari Blumer	Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Simon Croce	Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 2.

24/202

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Chris Sutton that the meeting resume standing orders.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

24/203

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

- (a) Council note the submissions received.
- (b) Council endorse the Solar Energy Farms and Battery Energy Storage Systems Policy as exhibited with no amendments.
- (c) Council review the Solar Energy Farms and Battery Energy Storage Systems Policy within three (3) months of the new Council term.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

CL06 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

24/204

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Chris Sutton that:

- (a) The Mayor, two Councillors, and the General Manager (or his delegate) attend the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre, Tamworth from Sunday 17 to Tuesday 19 November 2024.
- (b) Expenses for attendance at the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference be paid in accordance with Council policy.
- (c) Council determine any motion(s) for inclusion in the Conference business paper such that they can be lodged with LGNSW by the deadline being Thursday 15 August 2024. These draft motions are to be submitted to the General Manager by Friday 26 July 2024 to enable them to be reported to Council and endorsed.
- (d) Council confirm three voting delegates at the LGNSW Conference, to be decided in the new Council term.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

CL07 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2 - 4 JULY 2024 - CANBERRA

24/205

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Chris Sutton that the report be noted.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

CL08 INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

24/206

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that the report be noted by Council.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 JULY 2024

24/207

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Simon Croce that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 9 July 2024 be adopted.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

Nil

13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

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24/208

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Christine Stead that the report be noted.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

14 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8:03pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON