
**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2024 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

The Mayor, Doug Curran in the Chair; Councillors, Shari Blumer, Simon Croce, Jenny Ellis (ZOOM), Manjit Singh Lally, Melissa Marin, Anne Napoli, Christine Stead, Laurie Testoni and Dino Zappacosta

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo and Minute Taker, Joanne Bollen

MEDIA

Cai Holroyd, The Area News

1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Meeting opened with Councillor Melissa Marin reading the Opening Affirmation and the Acknowledgement of Country.

A Minute Silence was held in respect of the passing of Mr Neal Cranston.

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

24/226

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Anne Napoli that apologies be received from Councillors Glen Andreatza, Chris Sutton and Acting Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Max Turner and a leave of absence granted and an application to attend by audio-visual link from Councillor Jenny Ellis be granted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

24/227

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Christine Stead that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 13 August 2024, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

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

Councillor Christine Stead
CL01 DA 177/2023 – Residential Flat Development Consisting of Three Buildings with a Total of 58 Units with Ground Level Parking for 84 Cars, 5 Motorcycles and 6 Bicycles
Reason – I am employed by Multiquip Pty Ltd.

Councillor Anne Napoli
Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee
Reason – I own a property facing McCormack Road, Yoogali.

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.

Councillor Laurie Testoni
CL03 Drinking Water Management System (DWMS) Reports
Reason – The business I work for trades in potable water.

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 Dino Zappacosta
Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee
Reason – I own several businesses in Hanwood.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

MM01 GRIFFITH WORKER AND HOUSING SHORTAGE TASKFORCE

24/228

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

- (a) Council adopt the Griffith Worker and Housing Shortage Taskforce draft “Report on Strategies to Increase Housing Supply August 2024” (Refer Attachment a) and to place the draft document on public exhibition seeking community submissions.
- (b) The draft document be exhibited for a minimum period of 42 days and that all submissions received be reported to Council for consideration.
- (c) The draft document be distributed to participants at the Community Forum held 12 June 2024 inviting submissions/comment.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

8 GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Councillor Christine Stead left the meeting having declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 7:08pm.

CL01 DA 177/2023 - RESIDENTIAL FLAT DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF THREE BUILDINGS WITH A TOTAL OF 58 UNITS WITH GROUND LEVEL PARKING FOR 84 CARS, 5 MOTORCYCLES AND 6 BICYCLES

24/229

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Dino Zappacosta that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow the applicant to address Council.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

24/230

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Melissa Marin that the meeting resume standing orders.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

24/231

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli 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 177/2023 for a fifty-eight (58) residential unit development at No. 14-16 Coolah Street Griffith (Lot 2055 DP 704353), subject to conditions, including those set out in Attachment 'A' of this report; and
- (b) Development Application 177/2023 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 Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	

Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

Councillor Christine Stead returned to the meeting, the time being 7:15pm.

CL02 ADOPTION OF ANTI-DISCRIMINATION & EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) POLICY

24/232

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Melissa Marin that Council adopt the Anti-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policy as attached incorporating further amendments.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

Councillor Laurie Testoni left the meeting having declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 7:16pm.

CL03 DRINKING WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DWMS) REPORTS

24/233

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

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

Councillor Laurie Testoni returned to the meeting, the time being 7:16pm.

CL04 IMPACT REPORT ON GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL - REGIONAL EXPRESS PTY LTD (REX AIRLINES) VOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATION

24/234

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

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councillor Anne Napoli left the meeting having declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 7:22pm.

MINUTES OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 AUGUST 2024

24/235

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Laurie Testoni that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee meeting held on 8 August 2024 be adopted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

Councillor Anne Napoli returned to the meeting, the time being 7:26pm.

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2024

24/236

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Laurie Testoni that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 13 August 2024 be adopted.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared **PASSED** by 10 votes to 0.

MINUTES OF THE LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 AUGUST 2024

24/237

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Manjit Singh Lally that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee meeting held on 15 August 2024 be adopted.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared **PASSED** by 10 votes to 0.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

Nil

13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

24/238

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Manjit Singh Lally and Melissa Marin that the report be noted.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	

Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

14 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7:36pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON