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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2026 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

The Deputy Mayor, Scott Groat in the Chair; Councillors, Christine Stead, Jenny Ellis, Anne Napoli, Mark Dal Bon, Tony O'Grady and Laurie Testoni

**STAFF**

General Manager, Scott Grant, Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Matthew Hansen, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo and Minute Takers, Antoinette Galluzzo and Melanie Hebrok

**MEDIA**

Nil

**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**

26/050

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Jenny Ellis that apologies be received from the Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran and Councillor Shari Blumer and a leave of absence granted.

For  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.**

### **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

26/051

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 24 February 2026, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

For

Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

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### **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.*

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.*

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.*

There were no less than significant non-pecuniary interests declared

### **6 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

### **7 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

## **8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **CL01 QUICK TURN AROUND GRANT - PUNJABI ASSOCIATION OF GRIFFITH**

26/052

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that Council approve the application for the Quick Turnaround Grant from Punjabi Association of Griffith for the amount of \$2,500.

For

Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.**

### **CL02 REQUEST TO WAIVE HIRE FEES - GRIFFITH REGIONAL SPORTS CENTRE (GRSC)**

26/053

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Jenny Ellis that Council waive the \$600 fee for hire of the Griffith Regional Sports Centre for the Mother's Day Classic event to be held on 10 May 2026.

For

Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.**

### **CL03 ADOPTION OF ONSITE DETENTION POLICY (CS-CP-404)**

26/054

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Jenny Ellis that Council adopt the Onsite Detention Policy CS-CP-404 as attached to this report.

For

Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon

**The division was declared PASSED by 5 votes to 2.**

## **9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **CL04 GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

26/055

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Christine Stead that Council note the information.

For

Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.**

### **CL05 RESPONSES TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

26/056

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

For

Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.**

### **CL06 INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026**

26/057

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Tony O'Grady that the report be deferred to the 24 March 2026 Council Meeting.

For

Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.**

## **10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **MINUTES OF THE SALEYARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2026**

26/058

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Saleyards Committee meeting held on 10 February 2026 be adopted.

For

Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.**

### **MINUTES OF THE LANDFILL FOGO COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2026**

26/059

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Mark Dal Bon and Jenny Ellis that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Landfill FOGO Committee meeting held on 12 February 2026 be adopted.

For

Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.**

### **MINUTES OF THE GRIFFITH PIONEER PARK MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2026**

26/060

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Laurie Testoni that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Committee meeting held on 18 February 2026 be adopted.

For

Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon

Against

Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.**

**11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

**12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS**

Nil

**13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

26/061

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the report be noted.

For  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

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**14 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL**

Nil

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7:43pm.

Confirmed: .....

CHAIRPERSON