
**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

The Mayor, Doug Curran in the Chair; Councillors, Glen Andreazza, Shari Blumer, Simon Croce, Jenny Ellis, Manjit Singh Lally, Melissa Marin, Christine Stead, Chris Sutton (Zoom) and Laurie Testoni

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs, Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Steve Saffioti and Minute Taker, Joanne Bollen

MEDIA

Cai Holroyd, The Area News

1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Meeting opened with Councillor Glen Andreazza reading the Opening Affirmation and the Acknowledgement of Country. A minute's silence was held in respect of the recent passing of Berta Johnstone, Pat Spry and Nancy Stacy.

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

23/006

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Glen Andreazza that:

- (a) Apologies be received from Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Anne Napoli and a leave of absence granted;
- (b) Council acknowledge a Request for Remote Attendance from Councillor Chris Sutton.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin

Against

Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

23/007

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Melissa Marin that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 10 January 2023, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

For

Against

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
CL02 DA 20/2022 – Construction of Health Services Facility (Medical Centre) with Associated Car Parking.
Reason – One of the Applicants is my Company Account.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

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 ADOPTION OF 2021/22 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & AUDITOR'S REPORT

23/008

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Manjit Singh Lally and Christine Stead that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow Dannielle MacKenzie from Crowe Australasia, External Auditor, to address Council.

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

| For | Against |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Councillor Doug Curran | |
| Councillor Glen Andreazza | |
| Councillor Shari Blumer | |
| Councillor Simon Croce | |
| Councillor Jenny Ellis | |
| Councillor Manjit Singh Lally | |
| Councillor Melissa Marin | |
| Councillor Christine Stead | |
| Councillor Chris Sutton | |
| Councillor Laurie Testoni | |

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

23/009

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Christine Stead that the meeting resume standing orders.

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

| For | Against |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Councillor Doug Curran | |
| Councillor Glen Andreazza | |
| Councillor Shari Blumer | |
| Councillor Simon Croce | |
| Councillor Jenny Ellis | |
| Councillor Manjit Singh Lally | |
| Councillor Melissa Marin | |
| Councillor Christine Stead | |
| Councillor Chris Sutton | |
| Councillor Laurie Testoni | |

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

23/010

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glenn Andreazza and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) Council adopt the 2021/22 Annual Financial Reports and associated Auditor's Reports.
- (b) Council resolve to transfer \$100,000 to Internal Reserve relating to Pioneer Park Museum (for Strategic projects) as referred to in this report.
- (c) Council express its appreciation to both Crowe Australasia and Griffith City Council staff involved in the preparation of the Reports

| For | Against |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Councillor Doug Curran | |
| Councillor Glen Andreazza | |
| Councillor Shari Blumer | |
| Councillor Simon Croce | |
| Councillor Jenny Ellis | |
| Councillor Manjit Singh Lally | |
| Councillor Melissa Marin | |
| Councillor Christine Stead | |
| Councillor Chris Sutton | |
| Councillor Laurie Testoni | |

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

CL02 DA 20/2022 - CONSTRUCTION OF HEALTH SERVICES FACILITY (MEDICAL CENTRE) WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING

Councillor Manjit Singh Lally left the meeting having declared a Pecuniary Interest, the time being 7:15 pm.

23/011

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Glen Andreazza that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow Martin Ruggeri, Mohammad Rahman and Tania Khan to address Council.

| For | Against |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Councillor Doug Curran | |
| Councillor Glen Andreazza | |
| Councillor Shari Blumer | |
| Councillor Simon Croce | |
| Councillor Jenny Ellis | |
| Councillor Melissa Marin | |
| Councillor Christine Stead | |
| Councillor Chris Sutton | |
| Councillor Laurie Testoni | |

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

23/012

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

| For | Against |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Councillor Doug Curran | |
| Councillor Glen Andreazza | |
| Councillor Shari Blumer | |
| Councillor Simon Croce | |
| Councillor Jenny Ellis | |
| Councillor Melissa Marin | |
| Councillor Christine Stead | |
| Councillor Chris Sutton | |
| Councillor Laurie Testoni | |

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

23/013

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza 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 a Deferred Commencement Consent to Development Application 20/2022 for a health services facility (medical centre) at 1 Palla Street and 2 Animoo Avenue, and the adjacent road reserve of Koorungal Avenue Griffith, subject to conditions including those set out in Attachment 'A' of this report; and
- (b) Development Application 20/2022 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

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

Councillor Simon Croce

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 1.

Councillor Manjit Singh Lally returned to the meeting, the time being 7:26 pm.

CL03 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - VILLAGE OF YENDA CROWN RESERVES

23/014

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Manjit Singh Lally that:

- (a) Council refer the Draft Plan of Management for Village of Yenda Crown Reserves being Crown Reserves 62949 (Lot 701 DP 1030376), 61951, 63981, 65511 (Lot 881 DP 751728), 159006 (Lot 1241 P 821503) and 240000 (Lot 21-25 DP 44498) to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 for approval.
- (b) Upon approval of the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Council amends the Draft Plan of Management for Village of Yenda Crown Reserves if required, and place it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- (c) Native Title advice has been provided.
- (d) A report be presented to Council to adopt the final Plan of Management for Yenda Crown Reserves on completion of the exhibition period, to consider all submissions.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead

Against

Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

**CL04 ADOPTION OF DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - COMMUNITY SERVICES
PRECINCT (KOOKORA & BENEREMBAH STREETS)**

23/015

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Melissa Marin that:

- (a) Council adopt the Plan of Management – Community Services Precinct (Kookora & Benerembah Streets) pursuant to Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1993 and in accordance with Section 3.23(6) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.
- (b) Council give public notice of the adoption of the Plan of Management – Community Services Precinct (Kookora & Benerembah Streets).

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

**CL05 GENERAL AMENDMENT - GRIFFITH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2014 -
PUBLIC EXHIBITION ENDORSEMENT**

23/016

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Manjit Singh Lally that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow Anthony and Daniel Febo to address Council.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

23/017

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Simon Croce that the meeting resume standing orders.

For

Against

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

23/018

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Christine Stead that:

- (a) Council endorse the amended Planning Proposal set out in Attachment (a), and varied by Attachment (e), which seeks to amend the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014;
- (b) Council resolve to place the Planning Proposal on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and where identified consult with any relevant public authority and private landowners;
- (c) Should any submissions be received, Council consider the submissions at an Ordinary Meeting and if any amendments are made, the Planning Proposal is re-submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE);
- (d) Should no submissions be received, delegate the Director Sustainable Development to carry out the following actions to process and make the LEP:
 - i. Seek the concurrence of the Secretary of the DPE for any inconsistencies with the applicable directions of the Minister under Section 9.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
 - ii. Forward this report, and all required documents and plans to Parliamentary Counsel for an opinion and drafting of the amendments;
 - iii. Make the LEP; and
 - iv. Forward the signed LEP and supporting documents to DPE to notify the amendments.

For

Against

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

CL06 DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS RETURN - BUSINESS, CULTURAL & FINANCIAL SERVICES

23/019

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Christine Stead that the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return for Council's Director of Business, Cultural & Financial Services be noted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2022

23/020

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Chris Sutton and Glen Andreazza that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 13 December 2022 be adopted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL PRECINCT MASTERPLAN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2022

23/021

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Shari Blumer that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Cultural Precinct Masterplan Committee meeting held on 15 December 2022 be adopted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2022

23/022

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Manjit Singh Lally and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 14 December 2022 be adopted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2022

23/023

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Laurie Testoni that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Disability Inclusion & Access Committee meeting held on 14 December 2022 be adopted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2023

23/024

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 11 January 2023 be adopted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

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

23/025

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Glen Andreazza that the report be noted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

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 7:46 pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON