
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 16 FEBRUARY 2021

COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr R Kidd (Mayor), Cr G Taylor (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr J Hamling, Cr J McRae (*Zoom*), Cr T Mileto, Cr S Munro, Cr S Nugent, Cr R Turner, Cr J Whitton

Chief Executive Officer, Acting Director Corporate and Commercial Services (Redmond), Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Acting Manager Corporate Governance (Constantine), Chief Financial Officer (*Zoom*), Executive Support Manager, Water & Sewer Strategic Manager.

1.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED - 21/040

Cr J Hamling/Cr S Munro

That the apologies be accepted from Cr S Romano for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 16 February 2021.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Romano

1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING

The Mayor advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded.

1.3 OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Kate Thornley of the Uniting Church Wontama led the Council in Prayer.

1.4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor conducted an Acknowledgement of Country

**1.5 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS
AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM AT 7.03PM

OPEN FORUM

Item 5.6 – Orange Retail Industry – Request for Funding to Deliver Hearts for Orange Program 2021

Amanda Spalding outlined reasons the application should be supported.

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL RESUMED AT 7.08PM

GOOD NEWS

The Chief Executive Officer read the good news:

Emily Cahill and pound staff received thanks for their work helping a local family.

The City of Orange Eisteddfod thanked Council staff for their assistance in a COVID Safe Eisteddfod.

The School of Rural Health thanked the Mayor for attending and welcoming students to Orange.

The Mayor added that it is great for Orange to welcome 30 new students studying with University of Sydney's School of Rural Health and was pleased to be attending a lunch on Thursday to celebrate the first 30 cohort of students completing their full degree in Orange as part of the CSU University of Western Sydney School of Medicine.

The Mayor also added the new organisation UGL taking over from John Holland for the NSW Rural Rail Network was welcome news for the city as it will be the base for the network centre.

2 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED - 21/041

Cr J Whitton/Cr S Munro

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 2 February 2021 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 2 February 2021.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Romano

4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION**4.1 ORANGE REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM AND PLANETARIUM FUNDING SHORTFALL**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/110

MOTION**Cr R Turner/Cr K Duffy**

That staff prepare a report for the next Council meeting on how shortfalls in funding for the proposed Orange Regional Conservatorium and Planetarium can be funded through Council reserves or borrowings.

AMENDMENT**Cr R Kidd/Cr J Hamling**

- 1 That staff prepare a report for the next Council meeting on how shortfalls in funding for the proposed Orange Regional Conservatorium and Planetarium can be funded through Council reserves or borrowings.
- 2 That the Conservatorium and Planetarium be included in the 2021/2022 Budget Process.

CR TURNER WITHDREW HIS MOTION

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT TO THE MEETING WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT TO THE MEETING WAS CARRIED.

RESOLVED - 21/042**Cr R Turner/Cr R Kidd**

- 1 That staff prepare a report for the next Council meeting on how shortfalls in funding for the proposed Orange Regional Conservatorium and Planetarium can be funded through Council reserves or borrowings.
- 2 That the Conservatorium and Planetarium funding be included in the 2021/2022 Budget Process.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Romano

4.2 NORTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD AND TELOPEA WAY INTERSECTION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/156

RESOLVED - 21/043**Cr G Taylor/Cr J Whitton**

- 1 That Council investigate the feasibility, viability, costs and funding options for the construction of a roundabout to replace the current traffic lights on the corner of the Northern Distributor Road and Telopea Way.
- 2 That a report be provided to Council, inclusive of a pedestrian access option.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Romano

4.3 CYCLE LOOP - HUNTLEY AND FOREST ROADS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/179

Cr Whitton declared an interest during discussion on this item as a property owner in the area identified, left the meeting and did not participate in voting on this item.

RESOLVED - 21/044**Cr S Munro/Cr J Hamling**

That staff investigate the feasibility of a safe off road or shoulder cycle loop on Huntley and Forest Roads.

FOR: CR KIDD, CR DUFFY, CR HAMLING, CR MCRAE, CR MILETO, CR MUNRO, CR NUGENT, CR TAYLOR, CR TURNER

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: CR ROMANO, CR WHITTON

CR WHITTON LEFT THE MEETING WITH THE TIME BEING 8PM

CR WHITTON RETURNED TO THE MEETING WITH THE TIME BEING 8.04PM

5 GENERAL REPORTS**5.1 RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM POLICY COMMITTEES**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2020/2571

RESOLVED - 21/045**Cr G Taylor/Cr S Munro**

- 1 That the resolutions made by the Planning and Development Committee at its meeting held on 2 February 2021 be noted with a correction to item 2.6 Esso Park – Options Testing. Cr Turner voted against this motion.
- 2 That the resolutions made by the Employment and Economic Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 2 February 2021 be noted.
- 3 That the resolutions made by the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 2 February 2021 be noted.
- 4 That the resolutions made by the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 2 February 2021 be noted.
- 5 That the resolutions made by the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 2 February 2021 be noted.
- 6 That the resolutions made by the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 2 February 2021 be noted.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Romano

Cr Turner noted that in item 2.6 of the Planning and Development Committee of 2 February 2021, he voted against this item. An update will be made to these minutes

5.2 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL INCLUDING QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/234

RESOLVED - 21/046**Cr S Nugent/Cr S Munro**

That the information provided in the report by the Acting Director Corporate and Commercial Services on Outstanding and Completed Notices of Motion, Questions of Notice and Matters arising be acknowledged.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Romano, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Romano

Cr Mileto asked for an update on house numbers being placed on kerbs to enable easy identification of houses for emergency services in particular.

The Director Development Services stated that Orange Christian School previously used this as a fundraiser however with the increase in privately certified application it is harder to monitor, so this will be approached with a new advertising campaign.

Cr Whitton requested a report from the CEO on the location of defibrillators across the city.

The Chief Executive Officer advised a Notice of Motion can be provided for the next meeting.

5.3 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - JANUARY 2021

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/25

RESOLVED - 21/047**Cr K Duffy/Cr S Munro**

That Council resolves:

- 1 To note the Statement of Investments as at 31 January 2021.
- 2 To adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Romano

The Mayor congratulated the Chief Financial Officer and his staff for their efforts. He also requested in future that it would be beneficial to provide an explanation in the report on the differences in the funds.

5.4 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEW

TRIM REFERENCE: 2020/1925

RESOLVED - 21/048**Cr S Nugent/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Place the following policies on public exhibition for a period of 28 days:
 - ST010 – Code of Conduct - Staff
 - ST110 – Code of Conduct - Councillors, Committee Members, Delegates of Council and Council Advisors.
 - ST039 – Gifts & Benefits
- 2 That the policies be referred to the Councillor Policy Review Committee for comment.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Romano

5.5 PROJECTS ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY 2021

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/8

RESOLVED - 21/049**Cr J Hamling/Cr S Munro**

That the information in the report on Projects be acknowledged.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Romano

5.6 ORANGE RETAIL INDUSTRY - REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO DELIVER HEARTS FOR ORANGE PROGRAM 2021

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/24

MOTION**Cr K Duffy/Cr S Munro**

That Council resolves:

- 1 To acknowledge the report by the Manager Business Development.
- 2 That Council not approve the \$50,000 request by Regional Life Group Pty Ltd under the banner of Hearts Of Orange.

AMENDMENT**Cr S Nugent/Cr R Turner**

That Council resolves:

- 1 To acknowledge the report by the Manager Business Development.
- 2 That upon receipt of a more detailed submission from Hearts for Orange the matter be returned to Council.
- 3 To approve the hosting of a Retail Business Forum.

CR DUFFY WITHDREW HIS MOTION.**THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT TO THE MEETING WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.****THE MOTION ON BEING PUT TO THE MEETING WAS CARRIED.****RESOLVED - 21/050****Cr S Nugent/Cr R Turner**

That Council resolves:

- 1 To acknowledge the report by the Manager Business Development.
- 2 That upon receipt of a more detailed submission from Hearts for Orange the matter be returned to Council.
- 3 To approve the hosting of a Retail Business Forum.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Cr Duffy, Cr Munro

Absent: Cr Romano

Cr Hamling left the chamber with the time being 840pm and returned to the chamber with the time being 841pm

5.7 WATER UPDATE - CALENDAR YEAR IN REVIEW

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/70

RESOLVED - 21/051

Cr S Nugent/Cr R Turner

That the information contained within the report on Water Update - Year in Review be noted.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Romano

The Mayor thanked staff for the work put in to the Water reports.

Cr Taylor asked for an update to be provided on the current dam levels.

The Water and Sewerage Strategic Manager advised that there is currently a 61.9% combined storage with Spring Creek Dam and Suma Park Dam. That Spring Creek Dam was actually at 100% capacity and overflowing.

5.8 STATE GOVERNMENT WATER PLANNING

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/229

RESOLVED - 21/052

Cr J Hamling/Cr S Munro

That the information contained in the report on Water Planning be noted.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Turner, Cr Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Romano

Cr Turner asked if the Ulmarrah Dam was 60km upstream from Burrendong, if it would reach Long Point Crossing and why wouldn't a dam be built at Long Point.

The Director Technical Services stated that it is located close to Long Point Crossing. The dam is part of the State Water Strategy on exhibition for the next 6 weeks.

RESOLVED - 21/053

Cr S Nugent/Cr J McRae

That each recommendation in item 5.9 Questions On Notice – Water Projects, be dealt with in seriatim.

For: Cr Kidd, Cr Duffy, Cr Hamling, Cr McRae, Cr Mileto, Cr Munro, Cr Nugent, Cr Taylor, Cr Whitton

Against: Cr Turner

Absent: Cr Romano

5.9 - 1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - WATER PROJECTS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/230

RESOLVED - 21/054**Cr S Munro/Cr G Taylor**

That the information included in the report on Water Projects be noted.

FOR: CR KIDD, CR DUFFY, CR HAMLING, CR MCRAE, CR MILETO, CR MUNRO, CR NUGENT, CR TAYLOR, CR TURNER, CR WHITTON

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: CR ROMANO

5.9 - 2 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - WATER PROJECTS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/230

RESOLVED - 21/055**CR J WHITTON/CR J MCRAE**

THAT IAN LAW'S UPDATE REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR RECYCLED WATER BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL IN A BRIEFING.

FOR: CR KIDD, CR DUFFY, CR HAMLING, CR MCRAE, CR MILETO, CR NUGENT, CR TAYLOR, CR TURNER, CR WHITTON

AGAINST: CR MUNRO

ABSENT: CR ROMANO

5.9 - 3 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - WATER PROJECTS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/230

RESOLVED - 21/056**CR S NUGENT/CR J WHITTON**

THAT LOCAL PROJECTS FOR INCREASED WATER SECURITY BE PRIORITISED IN LINE WITH THE IWCM STRATEGY PROCESS AND UPDATE

FOR: CR KIDD, CR DUFFY, CR HAMLING, CR MCRAE, CR MILETO, CR MUNRO, CR NUGENT, CR TAYLOR, CR TURNER, CR WHITTON

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: CR ROMANO

5.9 - 4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - WATER PROJECTS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/230

RESOLVED - 21/057**CR K DUFFY/CR S MUNRO**

THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE INCLUSION OF ULMARRAH DAM IN THE MACQUARIE-CASTLEREAGH REGIONAL WATER STRATEGY AND ENCOURAGE THE ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION TO SUPPORT THE STRATEGY.

FOR: CR KIDD, CR DUFFY, CR HAMLING, CR MCRAE, CR MILETO, CR MUNRO, CR NUGENT, CR TAYLOR, CR TURNER, CR WHITTON

AGAINST: CR MCRAE, CR NUGENT

ABSENT: CR ROMANO

6 CLOSED MEETING

Nil

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.08PM

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