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# ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

## FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

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

ON 7 MAY 2024

COMMENCING AT 7:27PM

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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Cr K Duffy (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Cr G Power (Deputy Mayor), Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr G Floyd, Cr S Peterson, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr J Whitton

Chief Executive Officer, Acting Director Corporate and Commercial Services (Sharp), Acting Director Development Services (Johnston), Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Chief Financial Officer

#### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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**RESOLVED - 24/158****Cr G Power/Cr D Mallard**

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Evans for the Finance Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 7 May 2024.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

#### 1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2.2(3) – Small Donations – Requests for Donations – Orange Girl Guides as he has a previous Scout Member and Leader.

## 2 GENERAL REPORTS

### 2.1 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - QUARTER 3 OF 2023/2024

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/632

#### RESOLVED - 24/159

Cr J Whitton/Cr J Hamling

That Council resolves:

- 1 That the information provided in the report on the quarterly budget and performance indicators review for January 2024 to March 2024 be acknowledged.
- 2 To adopt variations in the consolidated overall cost to council arising from the March 2024 quarterly review amounting to \$64,554.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

Cr Kinghorne asked why there was a big difference in the revised budget and actuals graph on page 6.

*The Chief Executive Officer stated it was mostly due to the timing that has an effect on the graph.*

Cr Mallard noted there was currently 14.8% outstanding rates and asked if this was a result of the cost of living.

*The Chief Executive Officer stated that it was partly cost of living, that Council is the last bill most people pay, we haven't proactively been chasing as much as previous and it would be quite easy to get back to our usually outstanding level.*

#### RESOLVED - 24/160

Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard

That item 2.2 – Small Donations – Requests for Donations be heard and voted on in seriatim.

### 2.2 SMALL DONATIONS - REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/575

#### RESOLVED - 24/161

Cr J Hamling/Cr D Mallard

- 1 That Council donate \$1,494.99 to The United Social Club Incorporated to purchase a defibrillator to add an additional element of Health Safety awareness while in the community.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**RESOLVED - 24/162****Cr J Hamling/Cr S Peterson**

2 That Council donate \$266.50 to the Orange District Antique Motor Club (ODAMC) for the reimbursement of the cost for maintaining the defibrillator.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr M McDonell

Absent: Cr J Evans

Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2.2(3) – as he has a previous Scout Member and Leader, left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

*\*Cr Peterson left the chamber with the time being 7.37pm\**

**RESOLVED - 24/163****Cr G Floyd/Cr J Hamling**

3 That Council donate \$2,500 to the Orange Girl Guides to contribute to the running costs of the Guide Hall.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr D Mallard, Cr T Mileto, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr S Peterson

*\*Cr Peterson returned to the chamber with the time being 7.37pm\**

**RESOLVED - 24/164****Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh**

4 To donate \$1,500 to the Canobolas Highland Pipe Band Inc to contribute to the operational expenses for the band.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**RESOLVED - 24/165****Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson**

5 To donate \$2,000 to assist Spring Hill Public School with the increased cost of accessing and engaging students in instructional swimming lessons at the Orange Aquatic Centre.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto

Absent: Cr J Evans

**RESOLVED - 24/166****Cr J Whitton/Cr J Hamling**

6 That Council donate \$2,500 to Young Leaders of the Central West Summit through Canobolas Rural Technology High School, to contribute to the costs to hold the Young Leaders of the Central West Summit event.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**RESOLVED - 24/167**

**Cr F Kinghorne/Cr M McDonell**

That the Donations and Grants Application Form be updated to include a section on how the applicant has tried to obtain funding or other requests made for funding by the applicant.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.49PM.**