
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

ON 15 APRIL 2025

COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate & Commercial Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance

1.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING

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

1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr Peterson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.4 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cr Mileto declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4.1 – Notice of Motion – Improved Accessibility in the CBD as his brother is in a wheelchair.

Cr Kinghorne declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest In Item 6.1 – Proposed Boundary Adjustment 2 Cottonwood Close as she resides nearby.

Cr McDonell declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6.1 - Proposed Boundary Adjustment 2 Cottonwood Close as she resides nearby.

Cr Peterson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6.1 - Proposed Boundary Adjustment 2 Cottonwood Close as he is a member of Orange Evangelical Church.

1.5 OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Andy Martin of Holy Trinity Church led the Council in Prayer.

WITH NO REGISTERED SPEAKERS THERE WAS NO OPEN FORUM.

2 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**RESOLVED - 25/132****Cr J Whitton/Cr J Stedman**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 1 April 2025 (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 1 April 2025.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION**4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY IN THE CBD**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/558

Cr Mileto declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest this item as his brother is in a wheelchair.

MOTION**Cr M Ruddy/Cr S Peterson**

- 1 That the 2025/2026 budget includes consideration in the submissions stage of a proposal for funds to support businesses to purchase subsidised ramps to improve accessibility to their stores.
- 2 That the 2025/2026 budget includes consideration in the submissions stage of a proposal for funds to purchase a 10m portable walkway to improve accessibility at Council events.

AMENDMENT**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr K Duffy**

- 1 That the 2025/2026 budget includes consideration in the submissions stage of a proposal for funds to support businesses to purchase subsidised ramps to improve accessibility to their stores.
- 2 That the 2024/2025 budget includes \$5,000 in funds to purchase a 10m portable walkway to improve accessibility at Council events.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

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

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED.**RESOLVED - 25/133****Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr K Duffy**

- 1 That the 2025/2026 budget includes consideration in the submissions stage of a proposal for funds to support businesses to purchase subsidised ramps to improve accessibility to their stores.
- 2 That the 2024/2025 budget includes \$5,000 in funds to purchase a 10m portable walkway to improve accessibility at Council events.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr Ruddy asked if Council could approve the total of \$7,000 proposed from the current 2024/2025 budget now.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that doing this would mean that businesses would only have until 30 June 2025 to consider, buy a ramp and apply for reimbursement. Leaving this part of the motion in the 2025/2026 budget process will give businesses 12 months to consider the option.

5 GENERAL REPORTS

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM POLICY COMMITTEES 1 APRIL 2025

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/102

RESOLVED - 25/134**Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power**

That Council resolves:

- 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 1 April 2025 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 2 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 1 April 2025 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 3 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held 1 April 2025 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

5.2 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - MARCH 2025

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/577

RESOLVED - 25/135**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr K Duffy**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Note the Statement of Investments for the period March 2025.
- 2 Adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

5.3 DIGITISATION OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN DAILY (CWD) NEGATIVE COLLECTION - BUDGET ALLOCATION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/113

RESOLVED - 25/136**Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy**

That Council consider the funding of the digitisation of the CWD Negative Collection project over the next 4 years at \$25,000 per year in its budget submission stage.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell asked if the Orange & District Historical Society has applied for any community heritage grants.

5.4 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1934

RESOLVED - 25/137**Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

That the information contained in the report on responses to Questions Taken on Notice be acknowledged.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr McDonell clarified her question regarding the 10m clearance length regarding no stopping signs on Frost Street and asked for confirmation that this had been reviewed from a safety perspective. *The Director Technical Services advised that it meets Australian Road Rule standards and that it was reviewed.*

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr K Duffy**

Cr Duffy asked for clarification as to whether the Royal Flying Doctor Service ambulance is housed at the Orange Airport.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr J Stedman**

Cr Stedman requested the Disabled Parking markings in Lords Place, in front of the old Australia Cinema be reviewed and if no longer required covered.

5.5 PLANS OF MANAGEMENT COOK PARK, ROBERTSON PARK, ORANGE BOTANIC GARDENS, CITY RESERVES AND RURAL RESERVES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/449

RESOLVED - 25/138**Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power**

That council place the draft Plans of Management for Cook Park, Robertson Park, Orange Botanic Gardens, City Reserves and Rural Reserves on exhibition for a period of 28 days with changes highlighted when presented back to Council for adoption.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr K Duffy**

Cr Duffy asked whether the Orange Bird Group has been consulted regarding keeping the Aviary in Cook Park.

5.6 COUNCILLOR RELATED STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEWS - POST EXHIBITION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/414

MOTION**Cr M McDonell/Cr M Ruddy**

That Council adopts Strategic Policy ST03 - Councillor Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities with the following changes:

- Increase to \$1,200 per Councillor for Carer Expenses annually with CPI aligned adjustments.
- The annual funding for Conference allocation be decreased from \$60,000 to \$48,000.
- The annual funding for Councillor Professional Development be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per Councillor per year, for a total of up to \$30,000 annually.

AMENDMENT**Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy**

That Council adopts Strategic Policy ST03 - Councillor Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities including \$1,200 per Councillor for Carer Expenses with CPI increases annually.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy

Absent: Nil

Casting Vote: For – Cr T Mileto (Mayor)

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS TIED – 6 VOTES FOR AND 6 VOTES AGAINST.

THE MAYOR, AS CHAIRPERSON, USED A CASTING VOTE TO VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT.

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED

RESOLVED - 25/139

Cr K Duffy/Cr T Mileto

That Council adopts Strategic Policy ST03 - Councillor Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities including \$1,200 per Councillor for Carer Expenses with CPI increases annually.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr Kinghorne asked for confirmation on what happens to Professional Development funding that is not utilised by an individual Councillor.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that funding can be reallocated to other Councillors who request additional financial support for professional development.

Cr Whitton asked that if the CPI increase was added to the policy would it need to go back on public exhibition.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that this would not be necessary as the change would not be considered material.

5.7 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEWS - POST EXHIBITION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/415

RESOLVED - 25/140

Cr G Power/Cr F Kinghorne

That Council adopts the following policies:

- ST32 – Donations & Grants – including the change in section 5.2 to allow for Chief Executive Officer approval to \$1,000 for Council services and Council venue hire.
- ST43 – Event Development Fund.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

5.8 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEWS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/642

RESOLVED - 25/141**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr K Duffy**

That Council resolves to place the following policies on public exhibition for a period of 28 days:

- ST36 – Banners
- ST37 – Outdoor Dining
- ST38 – Events on Council Owned/Managed Lands
- ST39 – Industry Event Sponsorship

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr K Duffy**

Cr Duffy asked that it be considered by staff to erect ANZAC Day banners at least one month before 25 April in future years.

6 CLOSED MEETING

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

In response to a question from the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer advised that no written submissions had been received relating to any item listed for consideration by the Closed Meeting of Council.

The Mayor extended an invitation to any member of the public present at the meeting to make a presentation to the Council as to whether the meeting should be closed for a particular item.

RESOLVED - 25/142**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Judge**

That Council adjourn into a Closed Meeting and members of the press and public be excluded from the Closed Meeting, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Meeting be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

6.1 Proposed boundary adjustment 2 Cottonwood Close

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d)ii information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

6.2 Submission Redaction Report 15 April 2025

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton
Against: Nil
Absent: Nil

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for the conduct of the Closed Meeting at 7.35pm.

Cr Kinghorne & Cr Peterson left the meeting with the time being 7.36pm

Cr Kinghorne & Cr Peterson returned to the meeting with the time being 7.40pm

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed at 7.59pm.

7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

The Chief Executive Officer read out the following resolutions made in the Closed Meeting of Council.

6.1 PROPOSED BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT 2 COTTONWOOD CLOSE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/562

Cr Kinghorne declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest this item as she resides nearby, left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item

Cr Peterson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he is a member of the Orange Evangelical Church left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

Cr McDonell declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as she resides nearby.

RESOLVED - 25/143

Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell

That Council resolves:

- 1 To proceed with the land swap with Lot 9 DP 746439 and Lot 50 DP 1294938 for future road works at the intersection of Cargo Road and Ploughmans Lane.
- 2 That upon acquisition, the land be classified as Operational Land.
- 3 To delegate to the Chief Executive Officer such authority as may be necessary or convenient to give effect to this resolution, including without limitation the affixing of the Seal of the Council on any document if required.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr S Peterson

Cr Kinghorne and Cr Peterson returned to the meeting with the time being 7.40pm

6.2 SUBMISSION REDACTION REPORT 15 APRIL 2025

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/643

RESOLVED - 25/144

Cr K Duffy/Cr M McDonell

That the information contained in the Submission Redaction report be acknowledged.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.00PM

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