



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE
ON 17 MARCH 2026
COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate & Commercial Services, Acting Director Community, Recreation & Cultural Services (Stanford), Acting Director Technical Services (Theakstone), Manager Corporate Governance, Coordinator Strategic Planning (Weir), Governance Officer (Allan)

1.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED - 26/113

Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr F Kinghorne

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Duffy and that Council grant them a leave of absence from the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 17 March 2026. It is noted that Cr Ruddy was previously granted leave for the Council Meeting of 17 February 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING

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

1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr Power conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item 5.10 - Strategic Policy Reviews - Post Exhibition as he is a member of an organisation that made a submission on this item.

Cr Mileto declared a Significant Pecuniary interest in item 5.4 - Orange360 Contract Renewal Proposal as he is a representative of Orange City Council on the Orange360 board.

Cr Power declared a Significant Pecuniary interest in item 5.4 - Orange360 Contract Renewal Proposal as he is a representative of Orange City Council on the Orange360 board and a financial member for his own business.

1.5 OPENING PRAYER

Tim Goldsmith of the Orange Evangelical Church led the Council in Prayer.

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM AT 6:06PM.

Item 5.3 – Minutes of the Electronic Extraordinary Local Transport Forum - 3 March 2026

- Rebecca Plant

Cr Mileto & Cr Power left the meeting with the time being 6:13pm

In the absence of the Mayor, Cr Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor) assumed the role of Chairperson for the remainder of the Open Forum

Item 5.4 – Orange 360 Contract Renewal Proposal

- Ned Sweetapple
- Stef Loader
- James Robson
- Jeremy Norris

Cr Mileto & Cr Power returned to the meeting with the time being 6:37pm, and the Mayor returned to Chairperson

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL RESUMED AT 6:37PM.

2 MAYORAL MINUTES

2.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/382

RESOLVED - 26/114**Cr G Power/Cr D Mallard**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Establish a Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Panel consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cr Mallard.
- 2 Appoint a Councillor, to be included on the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review
- 3 Acknowledge that all Councillors appointed to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Panel will complete the General Manager Performance Appraisal Training if they have not done so already, prior to the next appraisal of the Chief Executive Officer
- 4 Delegate the Performance Review of the Chief Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED - 26/115**Cr F Kinghorne/Cr M McDonell**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 3 March 2026 (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 3 March 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr Greenhalgh asked if any Council staff attended the homeless conference held by Housing Plus on 8 March 2026.

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that a staff member attended the conference.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr T Greenhalgh**

Cr Greenhalgh requested a report at the next Council Meeting on the homelessness forum held by Housing Plus on 8 March 2026.

Cr Mileto asked for clarification on whether the O'Brien Centre is the responsibility of the NSW Department of Health rather than Council.

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the decision on the suitability of the O'Brien Centre location was determined by the NSW Department of Health and that the arrangement was terminated for their own reasons.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr T Mileto**

Cr Mileto requested Council write to the NSW Department of Health seeking clarification on the arrangements for finding suitable housing for the O'Brien Centre.

4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION**4.1 PROJECT FINANCIALS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/448

RESOLVED - 26/116**Cr S Peterson/Cr M McDonell**

- 1 That the quarterly budget review report includes an overview of the financial status of all major projects.
- 2 That Council reaffirms to the entire staff leadership team our desire for knowledge of substantial negative financial changes early to maximise Councillor involvement and the options available to us.
- 3 That the Chief Executive Officer develops a reporting framework for major projects including the definition of a major project and thresholds for reporting to Council.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr Kinghorne asked if there is a definition of what is considered a major project for the Major Projects and Infrastructure Community Committee.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the charter for the community committee does not include a specific definition.

Cr Whitton asked if there is an existing financial reporting process at an operational level related to major projects.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that every project has a project control group or project management team that reviews budgets, so it is a matter of consolidating the information and providing it to Councillors.

Cr Greenhalgh asked how Council could prevent projects from going over budget in the future.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he believes quarterly updates are sufficient, but will continue to bring forward any significant matters to Council between quarters as they arise.

5 GENERAL REPORTS**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS 3 MARCH 2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/333

RESOLVED - 26/117**Cr D Mallard/Cr J Whitton**

- 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 2 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 3 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 4 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 5 That the Minutes of the Recreation & Culture Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 6 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 7 That the Minutes of the Regional & Economic Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 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 G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

5.2 REFRESH OF THE JOINT ORGANISATIONS FRAMEWORK - REGIONAL COUNCILS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/218

RESOLVED - 26/118**Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That Council resolves to submit a letter of preference directly to the Office of Local Government supporting continuation and membership of the Central NSW Joint Organisation.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

5.3 MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM - 3 MARCH 2026

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/438

RESOLVED - 26/119**Cr S Peterson/Cr J Stedman**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the electronic Extraordinary Local Transport Forum at its meeting held on 3 March 2026.
- 2 That Council determine recommendation 2.1 from the minutes of the electronic extraordinary Local Transport Forum meeting of 3 March 2026.
2.1 – Woodward Street/Racecourse Road Intersection and Woodward Street/Gardiner Road Intersection Lines and Signs
That Council:
 - 1 *Linemark and signpost the Woodward Street/Racecourse Road intersection as a “Seagull” type intersection.*
 - 2 *Linemark and signpost the Woodward Street/Gardiner Road as a CHR type intersection.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the electronic Extraordinary Local Transport Forum from its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr McDonell asked if the Acting Director had any comments after the Open Forum on alternatives to a concrete median strip.

The Acting Director Technical Services advised that the Australian Road Standards require concrete median strips to be implemented for a “Seagull” intersection due to driver safety concerns.

Cr Kinghorne asked if the concrete median strip will encourage vehicles to slow down.

The Acting Director Technical Services confirmed that narrowing the road does slow drivers down and noted that concrete medians prevent drivers from going around vehicles entering or exiting driveways, preventing head-on collisions.

Cr Kinghorne asked if it were possible to have a transition from the median strip to painted lines as noted by the speaker.

The Acting Director Technical Services advised that the Australian Road Standards provide it should not be painted and that concrete median strips are required.

Cr Judge asked if it is possible to widen driveways to reduce safety risks.

The Acting Director Technical Services advised that Section 76 of the Local Government Act requires Council to determine if any works can be undertaken on private property. A report will be provided to a future Council Meeting addressing resident requests.

Cr McDonell asked about the possibility of installing a roundabout incorporating the large gum tree or if this was not achievable for budgetary reasons.

The Acting Director Technical Services advised that there is limited funding for this project and that it would be difficult not to harm the gum tree, there is also high voltage power located nearby which would need to be considered.

5.4 ORANGE 360 CONTRACT RENEWAL PROPOSAL

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/423

Cr Mileto declared a Significant Pecuniary interest in this Item as he is a representative of Orange City Council on the Orange360 board, left the meeting with the time being 7.14pm and did not participate in the voting or discussion on this Item.

Cr Power declared a Significant Pecuniary interest in this Item as he is a representative of Orange City Council on the Orange360 board and a financial member for his own business, left the meeting with the time being 7.14pm, did not participate in the voting or discussion on this Item.

In the absence of the Mayor, Cr Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor) assumed the role of Chairperson

MOTION
Cr S Peterson/Cr M McDonell

That Council determine part 4 and 5 of item 5.4 separately from part 1, 2, 3 and 6.

For: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson,

Against: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr D Mallard, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy, Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr G Power

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS LOST
MOTION
Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton

- 1 That Council resolves to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign a one-year agreement with TDO Ltd trading as Orange 360 to commence from 1 July 2026
- 2 That an option be included in that agreement of a three-year extension of the agreement
- 3 That the value of the agreement be \$503,168 (plus GST) per year, with a CPI increase annually
- 4 That year one of the agreement also be increased by up to \$50,000 as requested by TDO Ltd trading as Orange 360 for the conduct of an additional advertising campaign, subject to detail of the campaign being accepted and authorised by the Chief Executive Officer
- 5 That the increase to fund an additional advertising campaign be reviewed at the time the three-year extension is considered
- 6 That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate details of the Key Performance Indicators for Orange360 as part of that agreement

AMENDMENT
Cr S Peterson/Cr F Kinghorne

- 1 That Council resolves to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign a one-year agreement with TDO Ltd trading as Orange 360 to commence from 1 July 2026.
- 2 That an option be included in that agreement of a three-year extension of the agreement
- 3 That the value of the agreement be \$503,168 (plus GST) per year, with a CPI increase annually.
- 4 That consideration of year one of the agreement being increased by up to \$50,000 as requested by TDO Ltd trading as Orange 360 for the conduct of an additional advertising campaign be part of the budget process. Subject to detail of the campaign being accepted and authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 5 That any increase to fund an additional advertising campaign be reviewed at the time the three-year extension is considered.
- 6 That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate details of the Key Performance Indicators for Orange360 as part of that agreement.

For: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr J Stedman

Against: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr D Mallard, Cr J Whitton

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy, Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr G Power

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS TIED 4 VOTES FOR AND 4 VOTES AGAINST

THE CHAIRPERSON (CR GREENHALGH) USED A CASTING VOTE TO VOTE AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS LOST

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED

RESOLVED - 26/120

Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton

- 1 That Council resolves to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign a one-year agreement with TDO Ltd trading as Orange 360 to commence from 1 July 2026
- 2 That an option be included in that agreement of a three-year extension of the agreement
- 3 That the value of the agreement be \$503,168 (plus GST) per year, with a CPI increase annually
- 4 That year one of the agreement also be increased by up to \$50,000 as requested by TDO Ltd trading as Orange 360 for the conduct of an additional advertising campaign, subject to detail of the campaign being accepted and authorised by the Chief Executive Officer
- 5 That the increase to fund an additional advertising campaign be reviewed at the time the three-year extension is considered
- 6 That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate details of the Key Performance Indicators for Orange360 as part of that agreement.

For: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr J Stedman

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy, Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr G Power

Cr McDonell asked about the changes to the composition of the Board and if the process of replacement is included in the recommendation.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that it was put into the report for consideration but is a separate decision not related to the contract renewal.

Cr Greenhalgh asked what security a one year agreement provides Orange360.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a one year agreement provides a mechanism for working through and improving certain elements alongside Orange360 without being locked into a four-year contract.

Cr Mileto & Cr Power returned to the meeting with the time being 7.43pm and the Mayor resumed the role of Chairperson

5.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT (QBR) - QUARTER 2 2025/2026

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/466

RESOLVED - 26/121**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr S Peterson**

That Council resolves:

- 1 That the information provided in the report on the Quarterly Budget Review Report for Q2 (October – December 2025) be acknowledged.
- 2 To adopt the variations in the consolidated overall operating improvement to Council arising from the Q2 Quarterly Budget Review, in the amount of \$426,000 deficit (Operational Budget) and \$7,062,000 deficit (Capital Budget).
- 3 That the Statement of the Responsible Accounting Officer stating that Council is in a satisfactory financial position having regard to the changes contained herewith to the original budget, be noted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr Peterson asked about the notable changes in budget to the general fund between quarters and for clarification on why the budget for grants is set as \$0.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the changes in this quarter are not as significant as the changes in the first quarter and that the budget for grants is determined by what Council is expected to receive within this quarter.

Cr Peterson noted that the Year-To-Date revenue is \$6.3 million behind forecasted expectations and asked if this deficit is from grants.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council does not budget for grants that are not expected to be received.

Cr Peterson noted that Table 4 - Income and Expenses Budget Review Statement Consolidated Fund - has changes of \$7.5m regarding materials and services in quarter one and that Table 5 - Income and Expenses Budget Review Statement General Fund - includes \$3.5m from the general fund, and asked if these changes are already determined.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the \$3.5m included in Table 5 feeds into the \$7.4m on Table 4 and that these are changes that Council adopted in the last quarter.

Cr Peterson asked if the expenditures listed on page 161 are covered by grants.

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the majority of the expenditures listed are covered by grants.

Cr Peterson asked if the volunteer scheme is funded from grants or Council's budget.

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the volunteer scheme is funded by grants.

Cr Peterson asked if non-cash developer contributions are accounted for in the budget review statements.

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that it is accounted for as it is an asset.

5.6 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - FEBRUARY 2026

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/272

RESOLVED - 26/122**Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Note the Statement of Investments for the period February 2026.
- 2 Adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

5.7 PROGRESS REPORT - DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025/2026 (DELIVERY PROGRAM YEAR 1) - SIX MONTHS FROM 1 JULY 2025 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/347

RESOLVED - 26/123**Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power**

That the Progress Report - Delivery Program/Operational Plan 2025/2026 (Delivery Program Year 1) - Six Months from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025 be noted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell asked that Council receive a report on the increase in tree planting since the implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy compared to planting numbers prior to the strategy.

Cr McDonell noted that item 3.1.4.1 advises the target is to facilitate one forum per year, however there is no budget allocation or specification on who is expected to host these forums.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that forums are usually facilitated through the Community Committee, there is currently no dedicated plan for hosting or chairing these forums, however this can be undertaken.

Cr McDonell asked why performance measures have been established without the consideration for how they will be achieved.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that this is a four-year plan and it is a yearly progress report.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell asked that Council be provided an update on where the most recent Local Environmental Plan (LEP) amendments are up to with the State Government, noting that there had been a holdup with processing.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell asked that an update be provided on the review of the Development Control Plan (DCP) and when it is expected to be presented to Council.

Cr McDonell noted that for item 9.1.1.1 grant applications closed on 12 December 2025 and asked when Council can expect an announcement from State Government.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there has been no indication as of yet.

Cr McDonell asked if the figures in item 13.3.1.2 includes those who contribute to more than one engagement opportunity.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services confirmed that it does include double ups.

Cr Peterson asked about the quality of Council communications and if a process could be devised as part of a performance measure to record incidents of communication not working as intended.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that effective communication is subjective and can alter depending on the lens through which it is received. Council disclosing unfavourable decisions does not equate to ineffective communication.

5.8 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICETRIM REFERENCE: 2026/271

RESOLVED - 26/124**Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

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 G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr Kinghorne left the meeting with the time being 8.09pm

Cr Kinghorne returned to the meeting with the time being 8.10pm

Cr McDonell noted she was unsatisfied with the information relating to a factsheet on secondary dwellings and requested that staff provide a factsheet specific to Orange and this Council's processes.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a factsheet will be provided.

Cr Whitton asked who is responsible for the garden and tree maintenance outside the golf course at Bloomfield Hospital.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the land was transferred to Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council and that land maintenance is their responsibility.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell asked staff to provide a reason as to why the Orange Local Housing Strategy adopted by Council in 2022 was not provided to the State Government for endorsement until last year.

5.9 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEWS - EXHIBITION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/337

MOTION
Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell

That Council resolves to place the following Strategic Policies on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days:

- ST32 – Donations & Grants
- ST34 – Water Carting
- ST21 – Child Safe
- ST61 – Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program.

AMENDMENT
Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Judge

1 That Council resolves to place the following Strategic Policies on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days:

- ST32 – Donations & Grants
- ST34 – Water Carting
- ST21 – Child Safe
- ST61 – Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program

2 That 4.6 from Strategic Policy - ST32 - Donations & Grants be changed to allow retrospective applications up to 3 months after the date of the event.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr D Mallard, Cr G Power, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED

RESOLVED - 26/125
Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Judge

1 That Council resolves to place the following Strategic Policies on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days:

- ST32 – Donations & Grants
- ST34 – Water Carting
- ST21 – Child Safe
- ST61 – Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program

2 That 4.6 from Strategic Policy - ST32 - Donations & Grants be changed to allow retrospective applications to be submitted up to 3 months after the date of the event.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr Greenhalgh asked that, if point 4.6 of Strategic Policy - ST32 - Donations & Grants was removed, retrospective applications could be brought to Council for decision.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services confirmed that this would be the case.

Cr Kinghorne asked if point 4.6 has been overturned by Councillors in past meetings.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that previously it was common for retrospective applications to be brought to previous Councils, however this Council provided authority to staff to not bring applications to Council that do not meet the policy requirements.

5.10 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEWS - POST EXHIBITION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/150

Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he is a member on an organisation that made a submission on Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances.

RESOLVED - 26/126

Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell

That item 5.10 - Strategic Policy Reviews – Post Exhibition be heard and voted on in seriatim.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

RESOLVED - 26/127

Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh

1 That Council adopt Strategic Policy - ST45 - Data Breach.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

MOTION

Cr G Power/Cr S Peterson

2 That Council adopt Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances.

AMENDMENT

Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell

1 That Council adopt Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances.

2 That Council requests Council staff to investigate and prepare a report on ways to give preference to Ethically and Socially Responsible Investments, including the potential to give preference to financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry, while ensuring that:

- a. Council adheres to the strict investment protocols under the Local Government Act 1993 Investment Order of 2011 and Office of Local Government Investment Policy Guidelines,
- b. Council maintains the standards of risk management outlined in Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances, and
- c. The expected rate of return on any Ethically and Socially Responsible Investment is no less than other similar investments that may be available at the time of the investment.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Stedman

Against: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr J Whitton

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION**THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED****RESOLVED - 26/128****Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

- 1 That Council adopt Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances.
- 2 That Council requests Council staff to investigate and prepare a report on ways to give preference to Ethically and Socially Responsible Investments, including the potential to give preference to financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry, while ensuring that:
 - a. Council adheres to the strict investment protocols under the Local Government Act 1993 Investment Order of 2011 and Office of Local Government Investment Policy Guidelines,
 - b. Council maintains the standards of risk management outlined in Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances, and
 - c. The expected rate of return on any Ethically and Socially Responsible Investment is no less than other similar investments that may be available at the time of the investment.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Stedman

Against: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr J Whitton

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

5.11 POST EXHIBITION REPORT - REDLEAF PLANNING AGREEMENT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/361

RESOLVED - 26/129**Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

- 1 That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Planning Agreement in accordance with recommendations under this report.
- 2 That Council delegates the execution of the Redleaf Planning Agreement to the Chief Executive Officer, authorising where necessary, the use of the Council Seal.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr Kinghorne asked for clarification on where the development is not in accordance with the planning agreement Strategic Policy as the report notes it is only "generally" in accordance; and also asked if the number of lots available has changed as the costs have increased.

The Coordinator Strategic Planning advised that the planning agreement was negotiated through the previous policy and there is no requirement to meet the current standards. It was also advised that the number of lots has not decreased, but rather the number of dwellings has in order to ensure affordable housing through the first and second phases of the project.

Cr Kinghorne asked who receives the benefit of the zoning change.

The Coordinator Strategic Planning advised that Council would receive the benefit which will go towards the improved entrance and quality of the amenities.

Cr Kinghorne asked if there is concern for lots in other parts of Orange being cheaper than within the subdivision.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there is a marketing plan and that the cost base reflects the quality of the development.

Cr McDonnell asked if there have been significant aesthetic changes from the original design as a result of the bushfire assessments.

The Coordinator Strategic Planning advised that the plans for the bushfire assessment were taken during the strategic stage.

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 - 26/130

Cr S Peterson/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 Easement - Lot 2 DP 1085646 Clergate Road

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) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

6.2 2025/2026 First & Second Quarter Water/Sewerage Charges - 166-172 Bathurst Road Orange

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 (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

6.3 Submission Redaction Report 17 March 2026

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 G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonnell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for the conduct of the Closed Meeting at 9:00PM.

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed at 9:02PM.

7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

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

6.1 PROPOSED EASEMENT - LOT 2 DP 1085646 CLERGATE ROAD

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/287

RESOLVED - 26/131

Cr G Power/Cr S Peterson

- 1 That Council resolves to proceed with the acquisition of an easement through 260 Clergate Road.
- 2 That permission be granted to affix the Common Seal on any necessary documentation.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

6.2 2025/2026 FIRST & SECOND QUARTER WATER/SEWERAGE CHARGES - 166-172 BATHURST ROAD ORANGE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/53

RESOLVED - 26/132

Cr J Stedman/Cr S Peterson

- 1 That the 2025/2026 second quarter water consumption charge of \$4,742.22 be reduced to \$3,319.55, the sewerage charge of \$3,795.68 be reduced to \$1,886.15 and the trade waste charge of \$984.71 be reduced to \$470.31.
- 2 That the 2025/2026 third quarter water consumption charge of \$3,824.94 be reduced to \$2,677.46, the sewerage charge of \$3,107.72 be reduced to \$2,163.98 and the trade waste charge of \$799.38 be reduced to \$545.15.
- 3 That the interest charges levied for non-payment be waived.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

6.3 SUBMISSION REDACTION REPORT 17 MARCH 2026

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/458

RESOLVED - 26/133**Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

That the information in the Submission Redaction report be acknowledged.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:04PM.

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