



## SHIRE OF WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY

### MINUTES

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS TO BE HELD AT THE KUNUNURRA SHIRE CHAMBERS TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2009 at 5.00PM

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#### 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 5.02pm.

#### 2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Cr F Mills	Shire President
Cr J Moulden	Deputy Shire President
Cr D Ausburn	Councillor
Cr J McCoy	Councillor
Cr J Parker	Councillor
Cr K Wright	Councillor
Cr K Torres	Councillor
G Gaffney	Chief Executive Officer
A Douglas	Executive Manager Engineering and Regulatory Services
J Ellis	Executive Manager Corporate Services
K Apperley	Executive Manager Community Services (arrived 5.18pm)
I D'Arcy	Executive Manager Development Services
S Russell	Corporate Support Officer (Minute Taker)
B Weaver	Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

#### PUBLIC GALLERY

Pat Buchanan

#### APOLOGIES

Nil

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- 3.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Annual Meeting of Electors held on Tuesday, 16 December, 2008.**

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Minute No. AEMOO6**

**Moved: Cr K Wright  
Seconded: Cr D Ausburn**

**That Council confirm the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on Tuesday, 16 December, 2008.**

**Carried Unanimously: (7/0)**

### **4. PRESENTATION OF THE 2008-09 ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING:**

- 4.1 Shire President's Report  
4.2 Executive Officer's Report  
4.3 Independent Audit Report**

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Minute No. AEMOO7**

**Moved: Cr K Wright  
Seconded: Cr D Ausburn**

**That Council accept the reports with the addition to the Chief Executive Officer's Report recognising Mr A Douglas's commitment as Acting Chief Executive Officer.**

**Carried Unanimously: (7/0)**

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Pat Buchanan asked the following questions;

1. Please give an update of negotiations regarding delivery of municipal services in remote communities.

The Executive Manager Engineering and Regulatory Services advised that there had been little progress with respect to the State and Federal Government's proposed transfer of Municipal Services delivery to Local Government. The transfer of responsibility had been planned for 1 July 2008 but early in 2008 an implementation date had indefinitely deferred.

The proposal is under review through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) but no details were available at this time.

2. Why doesn't the Shire take out a monthly or bi-monthly column in the Kimberley Echo and the Bastion to convey news and information in order to sell itself?

The Shire President advised that the Chief Executive Officer had been evaluating the improvement in communication strategies and one of those recommendations included the use of a weekly half-page advertisement/information section in the Kimberley Echo.

3. The cost to ratepayers of Councillors fees and extras is only \$95,000. The finance of the Shire that Councillors manage is still like \$25 million and assets of \$62 million. The decisions that Councillors have to make are becoming more complex let alone being made under considerable pressure from outside forces. Please explain why the "symbolism" of the remuneration to Councillors is not more in keeping with the task at hand - the maximum that can be paid under the regulation.

The Shire President advised that there were mixed views within Council as to what percentage of the maximum allowable remuneration should be paid to elected members. There had been and would possibly continue to be a reluctance to take up the maximum amount as it was felt that the community would not see it as best use of ratepayers funds.

## **6. MEETING CLOSURE**

With all matter of business complete the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 5.18pm.