



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2011**

I hereby certify that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held are a true and accurate record of the proceedings contained therein.

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**Shire President Confirmed**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY  
MINUTES  
OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2011 AT 6:00 PM.**

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

The meeting declared open at 6:00pm.

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
(PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)**

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

Cr D Ausburn	Councillor
Cr J McCoy	Councillor
Cr R Addis	Councillor
Cr K Torres	Councillor
Cr J Parker	Councillor
J Moulden	
R Dessert	
A Horn	
C GB Gault	

G Gaffney	Chief Executive Officer
J Ellis	Director Corporate Services
K Hannagan	Director Infrastructure
K Apperley	Director Community Development
N Kearns	Director Development Services
R Drew	Wyndham Area Services Manager
T Whalan	Executive Support Officer
J McGuinness	Governance Support Officer (Minute Taker)

**GALLERY**

Fred Mills JP  
Wendy Mills  
Tricia Handasyde

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

### **3. BUSINESS OF MEETING**

#### **3.1 SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILLORS**

##### **3.1.1 Declaration by Elected Members of Council**

The following Candidates made their declaration before Fred Mills, JP:

Ralph Addis  
Raymond Dessert (Spike)  
John Moulden

Rob Drew entered room at 6.08pm

The following Candidates made their declaration before Fred Mills, JP:

Adele Horn  
Cissy Gore-Birch Gault

#### **3.2 ELECTION OF THE SHIRE PRESIDENT**

##### **3.2.1 The Chief Executive Officer will call for nominations for Shire President.**

The Chief Executive Officer called for Nominations for Shire President.

Nomination Received: Cr John Moulden  
Nominator: Cr Di Ausburn  
Secunder: Cr Jackie McCoy

##### **3.2.2 Declaration that nominations for Shire President are closed.**

Chief Executive Officer declares that nominations for Shire President are closed.

##### **3.2.3 Election by secret ballot.**

Election was not required due to only one nomination being received.

##### **3.2.4 Announcement of elected Shire President. Shire President will resume the Chair as Presiding Member.**

Chief Executive Officer announces Cr John Moulden is elected unopposed as Shire President.

Cr John Moulden makes Declaration of Office before Fred Mills, JP.

Cr John Moulden resumes the Chair as Presiding Member.

### **3.3 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT**

#### **3.3.1 Shire President to call for nominations for Deputy Shire President.**

Shire President calls for nominations for Deputy Shire President.

Nomination Received: Cr Ralph Addis  
Nominator: Cr Di Ausburn  
Secunder: Cr Jackie McCoy

#### **3.3.2 Declaration that nominations for Deputy Shire President are closed.**

Chief Executive Officer declares that nominations for Deputy Shire President are closed.

#### **3.3.3 Election by secret ballot.**

Election was not required due to only one nomination being received.

#### **3.3.4 Announcement of elected Deputy Shire President.**

Shire President Cr John Moulden announces Cr Ralph Addis is elected unopposed as Deputy Shire President.

Cr Ralph Addis makes Declaration of Office before Fred Mills JP.

#### **3.3.5 Announcements**

Newly elected Shire President - Cr John Moulden

*What an exciting time to be on Council! I have a real sense of renewal following the resounding demand for change by our communities on the weekend, and already I sense an optimism and excitement about the future in both Council and staff that I haven't seen before in my time on Council. We have a rare opportunity to pull together as a team now and really get some change – the contrast with what's happening with our neighbours in Broome could not be clearer.*

*Congratulations to the two new Councillors, Adele and Cissy. Your success is perhaps more significant than you realise, and I (and I am sure the other Councillors) welcome you to Council. To gnarly old Spike, I'm really glad to see you back, and to my dear friend Ralph who got me into this in the first place, it's payback time, we've got work to do. And I have to acknowledge the efforts of our matriarchs Di and Jane, who did such a great gutsy job in securing the result we wanted.*

*I am humbled that you, my colleagues, have expressed confidence in me in electing me as President, and I will do my best not to disappoint. Not that I think Di and Jane will cut me too much slack. It reminds me of a time long ago when Noel Fitzpatrick became the DG of the Department of Agriculture where I worked. He made the observation that life sometimes resembles a cappuccino – the froth rises to the top. I hope I am worthy of your confidence.*

*As Councillors you are representing your community and you have an obligation to be active on Council. I want to see Council develop into a strong team that earns the respect of the community and provides leadership and clear direction. That doesn't mean we all have to think the same way or hold the same views. We are 9 very different people, each with their own world views and experiences, and that is the strength of Council.*

*I want every Councillor to feel confident in expressing their own views without fear of intimidation, and to respect the views of others – that after all why you are on Council and I will support vigorous debates, but please still be friends afterwards. I will catch up with each of you individually over the next week if I can, and particularly you new Councillors. Don't try and do too much at first, just absorb what goes on for the first couple of meetings and you will soon get the hang of it and feel confident to join in.*

*I would like to acknowledge the staff at Shire; they are a group of talented and dedicated people who are here to help us achieve our goals as Councillors. I hope to develop a collegiate relationship between Council and staff, and encourage an atmosphere of trust.*

*I would like each Councillor to prepare a short resume of their qualifications, employment experience, their interests and what they hope to contribute while on Council. Email it to me and I will have it put on your file. Council is represented on a lot of committees and community groups. Some are more important than other, and some have a direct bearing on funding, so it is important we have the right people on the right committees and their functions. Give some thought to where you feel you can make a contribution and we will allocate positions on these committees at the November meeting.*

*I want to finish up by thanking Fred for his leadership over the last three years, and for his generosity in doing the honours here tonight. I have said before that you left Council in much better condition than how you found it, and we are most grateful for your efforts. You have given us a firm foundation to take the next step. I know you loved being Shire President, and I hope you find life after Council rewarding and stimulating enough – I am sure you will, you have energy I covet.*

*Thanks very much.*

Cr Di Ausburn

*I would like to say welcome to our new Councillors Cissy and Adele. You have a big job ahead of you as newly elected members. The rest of the team (Council) is here to help you anytime, and Shire staff are also available should you have any questions or concerns.*

*You may find that Council meetings will go very quickly, I suggest you find your own format to fall into, and if in doubt please don't hesitate to ask for help.*

*We have a very enjoyable team on Council and I would like to say a big welcome to all.*

Cr Cissy Gore-Birch Gault

*I look forward to the many challenges before us as a group, and meeting the goals of the Shire.*

Cr Ralph Addis

*In the past, Council has tended not to be united on a number of issues. I believe this can change, if we set ourselves goals to work towards achieving them together. We need to seize this great opportunity and work together as a group.*

Cr Cissy requests brief for Council Committees.

Gary Gaffney – Chief Executive Officer

*Training in Halls Creek will be available for all Councillors I encourage all new and existing members to attend. This training will allow you to be briefed on a number of issues including Land Use Planning, Financial Planning, and is a great opportunity to embrace a whole of council training session.*

Cr Jane Parker

*I would like all Councillors to re-sit training to build upon the skills we have.*

#### **4. CLOSURE**

The Shire President meeting declared closed at 6:29pm. Thank you for your attendance.