



TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

of the **Extraordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council** held in the **Council Chambers, 4th Floor Ray Walsh House, 437 Peel Street, Tamworth**

6 APRIL 2020

**PAUL BENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER**

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4th Floor Ray Walsh House, 437 Peel Street, Tamworth
MONDAY 6 APRIL 2020 at 12:00PM

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PRESENT: Cr Col Murray (Mayor), Cr Phil Betts (via videolink), Cr Charles Impey, Cr Glenn Inglis, Cr Jim Maxwell, Cr Mark Rodda, Cr Helen Tickle, Cr Russell Webb and Cr Juanita Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE: The General Manager and Director Corporate and Governance.

1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

4 MAYORAL MINUTE

4.1 COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE – FILE NO SF10194

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Col Murray, Mayor

MOTION

Moved Cr Murray

That in relation to the report "COVID-19 Relief Package", Council:

- (i) receive and note the report;
 - (ii) acknowledge the work already undertaken;
 - (iii) approve the waiving of footpath advertising fees to 30 June 2020;
 - (iv) approve that no additional fees will be charged for the use of additional public space to provide take-away food services to 30 June 2020;
 - (v) approve that CBD Car Parking Fees will be removed to 30 June 2020, and that time restrictions will remain in place;
 - (vi) authorise the full refund of fees to any Development Application (DA) applicants wanting to withdraw applications currently under assessment;
 - (vii) endorse the flexible approach to enforcement and compliance as outlined in the body of the report;
 - (viii) endorse the work with Local, State and Federal agencies to maximise employment opportunities;
 - (ix) acknowledge no new debt recovery action for overdue rates and charges during the COVID-19 crisis to 23 June 2020;
 - (x) approve the writing off of any interest in accordance with section 567 of the Local Government Act 1993 to any overdue rates from the fourth quarter 2020 rates instalments;
 - (xi) approve the pausing/suspension of rent for commercial properties on
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- application from the lessee to 30 June 2020;
- (xii) seek the same consideration from all commercial landlords to the level of assistance they are able to receive from the State and Federal governments;
 - (xiii) request a future report to the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for 23 June 2020, for an update on the items listed to end on 30 June 2020;
 - (xiv) request a further report on the further options being reviewed outlined in the body of this report; and
 - (xv) will reimburse the water and sewer headworks charges that have been paid for any parcel of land developed and with a linen release date of between 1 March 2018 and 31 March 2020 (dates inclusive) that currently remains unsold. The reimbursed amount will be subject to legal agreement and will become a charge due or payable pursuant to section 603 of the Local Government Act 1993 as a charge against the land, payable upon settlement for the sale of the land with the General Manager to present a further detailed report in the future to consider making this a permanent measure.

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Rodda/Cr Webb

That Tamworth Regional Council make permanent to reimburse the water and sewer headworks charges that have been paid for any parcel of land developed and with a linen release date after 31 March 2020 that currently remains unsold. The reimbursed amount will be subject to legal agreement and will become a charge due or payable pursuant to section 603 of the Local Government Act 1993, as a charge against the land, payable upon settlement for the sale of the land.

THE AMENDMENT WAS WITHDRAWN

90/20 RESOLVED

Closure: There being no further business the Ordinary Meeting of Council concluded at 12.31pm.

Cr Col Murray, Chairperson

Tuesday, 28 April 2020

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