



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE ALICE
SPRINGS COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2017
AT 9:28AM

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Councillors

Cr Adrian Dixon (President), Cr Norbert Patrick (Deputy President), Cr April Martin (arrived at 9:35am), Cr Cecilia Alfonso, Cr Jacob Spencer, Cr James Glenn, Cr Liz Bird, Cr Marlene Tilmouth, Cr William Johnson, Cr Sandra Peckham (arrived at 9:35am).

Council Officers

Cathryn Hutton (CEO), Craig Catchlove (DCORP), Glenn Marshall (DWI), John Gaynor (DCS).

1.1 APOLOGIES

SUMMARY: The Council accept apologies and note absences.

OC021/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Johnson/ Cr (Liz) Bird)

That the Council:

- 1. Accept the apology from Cr Georgina Wilson.**
- 2. Note the absence of Cr Benedy Bird.**

2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

SUMMARY: The agenda of this Council meeting is being tabled. Councillors decide whether they wish to accept the agenda as it stands or whether they wish to make changes to existing items or add new items.

OC022/2017 RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/ Cr Johnson)

That Council accept the agenda of the Council meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

4 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS

4.1 CONSIDERATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

SUMMARY: The Council endorsed a revised Code of Conduct at its May 2016 meeting. To ensure that the Council is familiar with the code of conduct it is presented at every meeting. The Council can use this item as an opportunity to discuss any concerns.

OC023/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/ Cr (Liz) Bird)

That Council confirm their commitment to the Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY: Council reviews the minutes of the previous Council meeting to confirm that they are true and correct record of what occurred at the meeting.

OC024/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Johnson/ Cr Spencer)

That the attached minutes of the previous ordinary Council meeting held on 25 January 2017 be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY: The action item report is presented to the Council so that it can monitor progress against resolutions from previous meetings.

OC025/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr (Liz) Bird)

That Council:

- 1. Note progress reports on outstanding actions from the minutes of previous Ordinary Council meetings.**
- 2. Approve removal of completed action items.**

7 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

7.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

SUMMARY: This report tables the minutes of local authority meetings since the last ordinary Council meeting. Any action items that arise from these minutes are raised at the following ordinary Council meeting.

OC026/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/ Cr Glenn)

That Council receive and note the tabled minutes of Local Authority meetings that have occurred since the last the Ordinary Council meeting on 25 January 2017.

8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

8.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

SUMMARY: Nominations have taken place for vacant positions in Local Authorities across the region. In accordance with the Council's Local Authority Policy and government legislation, some members' positions have been revoked and others appointed to fill vacant positions.

OC027/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/ Cr Spencer)

That Council:

- 1. Note that Wayne Scrutton has resigned from the Anmatjere Local Authority.**
- 2. Note the nominations for the Atitjere Local Authority vacancy are open from 3 March to 30 March.**
- 3. Approve Anmatjere's request to reduce the required number of Local Authority members from ten down to nine.**

Cr April Martin and Cr Sandra Peckham entered the meeting, the time being 9:35am

8.2 CHANGE OF MEETING DATES

SUMMARY: The Local Authority discussed changing the meeting dates to try assist in making it easier for Central Desert staff to attend the Willowra Local Authority meetings.

OC028/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Martin/ Cr Dixon)

That the Council:

- 1. Reject the proposed change of Willowra Local Authority meeting dates as it will clash with the Anmatjere Local Authority meetings.**
- 2. Request the Willowra Local Authority change the meeting times back to 10:30am for each meeting to so attending Central Desert staff can travel during appropriate day light hours.**

8.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL OFFICE IN PMARA JUTUNTA

SUMMARY: Currently the Anmatjere Community Safety Patrol have no office space, therefore Central Desert is seeking a suitable space that Council agrees upon to utilize for CSP.

OC029/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Martin/ Cr Dixon)

That the Council endorse the application for a S19 lease on lot 46 in Pmara Jutunta for the use as a Community Safety Patrol office.

8.4 NEW STAFF REQUIREMENTS IN ATITJERE

SUMMARY: The Atitjere Local Authority advised they want staff to have more knowledge about living in Atitjere; to be advised the places they cannot go and have a understanding for their culture; this is currently not being properly respected.

OC030/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Martin/ Cr Dixon)

That the Council support having a compulsory community induction for all new staff, to increase cultural awareness and understanding in community.

8.5 STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS WITH ATITJERE LOCAL AUTHORITY

SUMMARY: The Local Authority believe more progress on community would be the result if regular stakeholder meetings with the Local Authority members are facilitated.

OC031/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Martin/ Cr Dixon)

That the Council do not agree to facilitate regular stakeholder meetings with Local Authority members to discuss and plan joint work projects.

8.6 PERMANENT HEALTH SERVICE IN YUELAMU

SUMMARY: The Yuelamu Local Authority are currently unhappy with the current day trip services (three days per week) the Department of Health are providing in Yuelamu and wish to have a permanent health service on community.

Yuendumu has also expressed concerns with the Yuendumu clinic being understaffed and under pressure during the day trips to Yuelamu.

OC032/2017 RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/ Cr Martin)

That the Council:

- 1. Note both Yuelamu and Yuendumu Local Authorities are dissatisfied with Yuendumu clinic staff providing day trips to Yuelamu clinic.**
- 2. Write to the Northern Territory Department of Health expressing the need for a permanent Health Service in Yuelamu.**

9 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

9.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SUMMARY: The President reports to Council on his activity and any items of importance that have arisen since the last ordinary Council.

OC033/2017 RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/ Cr Glenn)

That Council receive and note the President's report.

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

SUMMARY: The Chief Executive Officer reports on items of importance for the Council.

OC034/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/ Cr Johnson)

That Council receive and note the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

10.2 PROGRESS ON 2016/17 CORPORATE PLAN

SUMMARY: The Corporate Plan progress report is tabled to the Council at every Council meeting to ensure that the Council is aware of progress, and any arising issues.

OC035/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Glenn)

That Council note the progress against the 2016/17 Corporate Plan as detailed in the tabled progress report.

10.3 2017/18 REGIONAL COUNCIL PLAN PROCESS

SUMMARY: The report outlines the proposed timelines for the consideration and adoption of the 2017/18 Regional Council Plan.

OC036/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/ Cr Glenn)

That Council adopt the timeline for the finalisation of the 2017/18 Regional Council Plan.

10.4 RATIFYING THE USE OF THE COMMON SEAL

SUMMARY: The Common Seal Register lists all agreements that have had the Common Seal applied since the last Council Meeting for the Council's approval.

OC037/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/ Cr Glenn)

That Council ratify the use of the Common Seal for the grant and s19 leases (attachment 1 to report 401263).

10.5 REVIEW OF DELEGATIONS REGISTER

SUMMARY: The Delegations Register establishes delegations adopted by Council under section 32 of the *Local Government Act* and is reviewed annually. The register provides Councillors and staff with a

clear statement of delegation and authority. The delegations register is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure it meets the Council's requirements.

OC038/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/ Cr (Liz) Bird)

That the Council adopt the delegations made to the Chief Executive Officer, Committees and Local Authorities as detailed in the 2017 Delegations Register (attachment 1 to report 399205) and note the sub-delegations contained therein.

10.6NTG COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

SUMMARY: Council is concerned over the recent reduction of services in some communities and seeks confirmation from the current government that indigenous communities will continue to receive appropriate levels of support services including remote health and police services.

OC039/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/ Cr Martin)

That Council:

- 1. Write to the Chief Minister expressing the Council's concern about the reduction of remote clinic services in Yuelamu to an outreach service and seeking confirmation that the service will be restored to a fully serviced clinic with staff being located on community.**
- 2. Write to the Chief Minister seeking confirmation that the government will continue to support Indigenous communities and is committed to providing appropriate levels support services in all remote communities.**
- 3. Call on LGANT at the next General Meeting support the motion: "That LGANT seeks commitment from the NTG that the Government is committed to the ongoing support of remote Indigenous communities including the provision of appropriate support services including remote health and police services to all remote communities."**

10.7REVIEW OF NDRRA GRANT CONDITIONS

SUMMARY: The Council is being asked to support a motion to the LGANT General Meeting in April 2017.

OC040/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/ Cr Spencer)

That the Council:

- 1. Note the information contained in this report in relation to the impact of the NDRRA grant conditions on the current road reinstatement program.**
- 2. Call on LGANT at the next General Meeting to support the**

motion:

“LGANT tests with NT Treasury as part of a review of NDRRA grant conditions the requirement for the:

- a. reinstatement of the essential public asset to a ‘pre-disaster standard’**
 - b. safeguarding of essential public assets from future anticipated natural disasters.”**
- 3. Request all officers involved in future road works first discuss the plans with the communities Traditional owners before commencement.**

10.8 COUNCIL'S LEGAL OBLIGATIONS TO MANAGE AND MAINTAIN ABORIGINAL LAND TRUST LAND

SUMMARY: The Council is being asked to support a motion to the LGANT General Meeting in April 2017.

OC041/2017 RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/ Cr Dixon)

That the Council:

- 1. Note the information contained in this report in relation to the Council’s liability and obligations to manage land which is Aboriginal Land Trust land and not under Section 19 lease.**
- 2. Call on LGANT at the next General Meeting support the motion:
“LGANT urgently seeks a legal opinion to clarify the legal obligations and responsibilities of councils for land which is vested in Aboriginal Land Trusts under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act but which does not have active section 19 lease arrangements.”**

The meeting was adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10:46am.

The meeting resumed at 11:16am.

10.9 SUBMISSION TO FRACKING ENQUIRY

SUMMARY: The Council is being asked to provide input and approve the submission to the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory.

OC042/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/ Cr Spencer)

That the Council submit the items included in this report for submission to the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory.

11 CORPORATE SERVICES

11.1 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

SUMMARY: This report provides information on the major activities and outcomes for the Corporate Services Directorate.

OC043/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Glenn)

That Council receive and note the report from the Director of Corporate Services.

11.2 POLICY REVIEW

SUMMARY: The Council adopts policies to provide guidance to the community and or Council staff. Policies are reviewed to ensure that they reflect current circumstances, changes in terminology and changes in legislation.

OC044/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Glenn)

That Council adopt the new P03 Uniform Policy and Dress Code

11.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The Local Government Act requires all reviewable decisions to have an initial inquiry and recommendation to Council handled by an administrative review committee. This initial inquiry and recommendation can be provided by the CDRC Director of Corporate Services as the decision is made by Council, and any appeal regarding this decision will be handled as a de novo investigation by the Tribunal.

OC045/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/ Cr Martin)

That Council approve the establishment of an administrative review committee as per S229 (1) of the *Local Government Act* and appoint the CDRC Director of Corporate Services and Finance Manager as its full committee.

12 FINANCE REPORTS

12.1 FINANCE REPORT

SUMMARY: The financial reports provide Council with information on its financial position for the period ending 28 February 2017.

OC046/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Glenn)

That Council receive and note the financial reports for the period ending 28 February 2017.

12.2 GRANTS RECEIVED

SUMMARY: The Council is provided with a list of grants received since

the last Council meeting for their information.

OC047/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Glenn)

That Council note the grants received since the previous Council meeting, held 25 January 2017, as attached and approves expenditure in anticipation of a budget review.

12.3 SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT - FINANCIAL ACQUITTAL

SUMMARY: It is requirement of Northern Territory Government that Financial Acquittals for Special Purpose Grants be provided to Council for its approval.

OC048/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Glenn)

That Council ratify Department of Housing and Community Development Financial Acquittals for Special Purpose Grants.

13 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

13.1 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT

SUMMARY: The Director Community Services reports to Council about matters of significance since the last Council meeting.

OC049/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Patrick)

That Council receive and note the report from the Director of Community Services.

13.2 FAMILY WELLBEING STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT

SUMMARY: The Family Wellbeing Strategy was adopted by Council in the October 2016 meeting. The document details the actions and key performance indicators that we will report against to demonstrate that the Council is actively working to improve the lives and wellbeing of people living in the Region's remote communities.

The Director of Community Services will report on the progress against the Key Performance Indicators at every second Council meeting.

OC050/2017 RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/Cr Tilmouth)

That the Council note the bi-monthly progress report on the Family Wellbeing Strategy.

13.3 REVIEW OF NT ALCOHOL POLICY

SUMMARY: On 10 March the NT Government announced a comprehensive review of Alcohol Policy in the NT. The Government is seeking advice on:

- Evidence based policy initiatives required to reduce alcohol fuelled crime

- Ensuring safe and vibrant entertainment precincts
- the provision of alcohol service and management in remote communities
- Decision-making under the Liquor Act
- The density of liquor licences (concentration, type, number and location of liquor licences) and the size of liquor outlets

The council will have an opportunity to contribute to the review.

OC051/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/ Cr Spencer)

That the Council note the report on the announcement by the NT Government of their intention for a comprehensive review of Alcohol Policy.

13.4 COMMUNITY BASED SOLUTIONS TO REPAIRING DAMAGE TO COUNCIL PROPERTY

SUMMARY: The aim of the Restitution Policy - Community Based Solutions to Repairing Damage to Council Property, is to establish a Restorative Justice approach that encourages an offender to be personally accountable for the harm caused. Also, it provides an avenue, called victim offender conferencing, for inclusive decision making between the victim, the offender and other key parties with the end goal of making things right. This may include repair to relationships and community attitude and restitution for harm caused.

There are many situations where the Restorative Justice approach may not be appropriate. These include the loss to be too great to pursue the Restorative Justice process; and or the crime relates to an extensive pattern of offending behavior; and/or the person and community are likely to benefit from a more formal process to repair the harm.

OC052/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr (Liz) Bird)

That the Council:

- 1. Note the Restitution Policy - Community Based Solutions to Repair Damage to Council Property.**
- 2. Approve the policy being trialled in Yuendumu through the Southern Tanami Kurdiji Indigenous Corporation and reviewed after six months, prior to being rolled out in other communities.**

The meeting was adjourned for lunch, the time being 12:48pm.

The meeting resumed at 1:30pm.

14 WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

14.1 DIRECTOR WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

SUMMARY: The report from the Director Works and Infrastructure provides information on the activities undertaken in the directorate since the last report to Council.

OC053/2017 **RESOLVED** (Cr Patrick/ Cr Spencer)

That Council receive and note the report from the Director Works and Infrastructure.

14.2 SUBDIVISIONAL STANDARDS IN CENTRAL DESERT COMMUNITIES

SUMMARY: Council is being asked to reaffirm its commitment to the Subdivisional Guidelines adopted by Council in December 2013.

OC054/2017 **RESOLVED** (Cr (Liz) Bird/ Cr Spencer)

That Council:

- 1. Re-affirm its commitment to ensuring appropriate sub-divisional guidelines are applied to developments within the Central Desert region.**
- 2. Continue to request that the approved sub-divisional standards are implemented on new developments within the Central Desert region.**
- 3. Only accept hand-over of sub-divisions (that is, accept the ongoing management of these areas) if the appropriate sub-divisional standards have been applied.**
- 4. Call on LGANT to review their current policies on normalization of municipal services and infrastructure supporting remote communities, to ensure the application of appropriate urban sub divisional guidelines within urban type developments regardless of location.**

14.3 APPROVAL GIVEN TO EXTEND HMP FENCING PROGRAM TO ENGAWALA COMMUNITY

SUMMARY: This report summarizes the request to NTG Department of Housing and Community to use surplus HMP.

OC055/2017 **RESOLVED** (Cr (Liz) Bird/ Cr Glenn)

That Council note that approval has been granted by the Northern Territory Government for Council to use unspent HMP Fencing funds to upgrade fences at Engawala community houses and Atitjere if funding permits.

14.4 OUTSTATIONS PROGRAM UPDATE TO COUNCIL

SUMMARY: Council provides services to 15 outstations. These are funded by the NT Government through various grants/programs. An

update is provided here showing works and budgets for 2016/17.

OC056/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Patrick)

That the Council note the status of outstation program delivery for 2016/17.

14.5 DELEGATION OF CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR BUSHLIGHT SOLAR SYSTEM UPGRADES IN TWO OUTSTATIONS

SUMMARY: On 20 February 2017, Council received \$410,000 (ex gst) through MESSPG funding to upgrade Bushlight solar systems at two outstations.

These upgrades are very similar to the Bushlight upgrades at Irrerlirre, Mount Eaglebeak and Foxalls Well, as approved by Finance Committee resolutions 3380 (11/07/2016) and 4053 (24/02/17). Council is pursuing the same tender, assessment and award methodology as for those.

In order to expedite the selection of successful contractor/s, Council is being asked to delegate approval and entry into contract to the CEO.

OC057/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/ Cr Dixon)

That Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the entry into contract for upgrades to two Bushlight solar systems in outstations, valued up to \$162,000 and \$207,000 respectively.

14.6 STATUS REPORT ON AUDIT AND REPAIR OF FLOOD-DAMAGED ROADS

SUMMARY:

Council-managed roads were badly damaged by rains in December 2016 and January 2017, including recently upgraded roads as NDRRA did not fund betterment of inadequate road drainage. Damage is being formally assessed and a new NDRRA application will be submitted.

OC058/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Martin)

That the Council:

- 1. Note the major damage to Council-managed roads from a 1-in-50-year rainfall event in December-January 2016-17**
- 2. Note reasons for damage to recent NDRRA repairs**
- 3. Note the cost estimates for new repairs**
- 4. Note a further application will be made to NDRRA for repair funding once a final assessment is complete**
- 5. Strongly support the provision of 'betterment' funding from NDRRA so that road drainage can be upgraded to a more disaster-resilient standard.**
- 6. Write to the Central Land Council asking for road corridor, water bores and gravel borrow pits clearances to be dealt with in a more timely manner so road works are not delayed.**

14.7 LEGACY ASBESTOS STATUS AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT IN COMMUNITIES INCLUDING YUENDUMU AIRSTRIP

SUMMARY: Council has mapped legacy (old) asbestos in the bush surrounding local communities. Asbestos was found at Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Nturiya, Pmara Jutunta, Laramba and Willowra. The vast majority is on Land Trust land and is the responsibility of the Central Land Council to manage, on behalf of traditional owners. This asbestos poses a risk (probably low level) to people in communities and management steps should be taken.

Legacy asbestos exposed next to the Yuendumu airstrip has put strong focus on the issue. The CLC has been active since February 2017 in managing the matter, including assisting Yapa-Kurlangu Ngurrara Aboriginal Corporation to submit an ABA Funding application in early March 2017 to remove and bury the asbestos contaminated material. Council has assisted by offering an area at the landfill free-of-charge for YKNAC to excavate a hole and bury the waste.

OC059/2017 **RESOLVED** (Cr Spencer/ Cr Glenn)

That Council:

- 1. Write to Central Land Council asking them to actively manage the health risks posed by legacy asbestos on Land Trust land surrounding Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Nturiya, Pmara Jutunta, Laramba and Willowra.**
- 2. Provide some in-kind assistance to the Central Land Council to deal with asbestos at the Yuendumu airstrip, within the capacity and safety of Council operations.**

14.8 WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE MATRIX UPDATE MARCH 2017

SUMMARY: The Matrix is a six monthly update, which shows the progress made in capital works within each community since September 2016.

OC060/2017 **RESOLVED** (Cr Spencer/ Cr Johnson)

That the Council note the updated Works Matrix for March 2017, as attached.

14.9 ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY FUNDS FOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES

SUMMARY: New community assets are regularly being funded in communities for sports facilities, cemeteries, parks, laundries, public toilets, community halls and the like. This is through multiple funding streams. No ongoing repair and maintenance (R&M) funds are being assigned to cover wear and tear, power and water costs, vandalism and

other contingencies. Council is now struggling to incorporate these rising costs into its static Works budgets. Council is seeking a discussion with Local Authorities about funding being provided by communities.

OC061/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Martin)

That Council:

- 1. Requests communities to assign funds for ongoing repair and maintenance of sports infrastructure, parks, laundries, public toilets and/or community halls that are managed by Council**
- 2. Instructs officers to engage Local Authorities in relevant discussions**
- 3. Receives a report of outcomes at the next Council meeting**

14.10 NEGOTIATIONS TO EXTEND ESSENTIAL SERVICES OFFICER CONTRACT BY SIX MONTHS

SUMMARY: Council's 3-year Essential Services Officer (ESO) contract expires on 30 June 2017. Power Water wishes to extend the contract by six months. Council is willing to do this but at a higher payment rate. Negotiations are ongoing.

OC062/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Dixon)

That Council notes that contract negotiations are complete with the Power Water Corporation to extend the current Essential Services Officer contract by six months.

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

S.1 ROAD DAMAGE REPORT FOR YUENDUMU REGION

SUMMARY: Road damage occurred across central Australia in late December 2016 and early January 2017 due to 1-in-50-year rains. Further damage was done to some sections by bogged machinery as Council tried to open roads and deliver goods/food to Nyirripi and Willowra. Temporary repairs have been done until Council knows how much funding will be provided to undertake repairs.

OC063/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Dixon)

That Council note reasons for road damage and temporary repairs in the Yuendumu region.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUMMARY: The Finance Committee convenes on a bimonthly basis to carry out the financial functions of the Council. The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 24 February 2017 are attached for Council's consideration.

OC064/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/ Cr Johnson)

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 24 February 2017.

16 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT

SUMMARY: The Audit and Risk Committee meets at least three times a year to carry out the audit and risk functions of the Council. The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2017 are attached for the Council's information.

OC065/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr Martin)

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 24 February 2017.

16.2 DELEGATION TO APPROVE ENTRY INTO TENDER

SUMMARY: The Council is being asked to approve the delegation to CEO to allow for timely appointment of successful applicant for the provision of audit services commencing in 2016-17 financial year in accordance with the public tender.

OC066/2017 RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/ Cr Spencer)

That the Council delegate to the CEO the authority to approve and enter into contract for the provision of Audit Services to successful applicants for a five year period.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

18.1 NEW CEMETERY LEGISLATION

SUMMARY: Lee Williams and Solomon Gaturu from the Department of Housing and Community Development will give a presentation on the new Cemeteries laws. The new laws will give proper recognition to cemeteries on Aboriginal land.

Discussion welcome on what the new cemetery laws will mean for Council and Communities.

OC067/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/ Cr Spencer)

That the Council note the deputation regarding the new cemetery laws, developed by the Northern Territory Government to provide proper recognition to cemeteries on Aboriginal land.

The meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea, the time being 2:45pm

The meeting resumed at 3:17pm.

19 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

S.1 NYIRRIPI SFNT HOUSING RESIDUAL FUNDS REPORT

SUMMARY:

Council is being presented with information related to the SFNT contract undertaken in 2015/2016 financial in response to a question from Cr Alfonso.

OC068/2017 RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/ Cr Glenn)

That Council

- 1. Note the questions from Cr Alfonso relating to the SFNT Nyirripi Housing upgrades and Nyirripi road works;**
- 2. Note the response in relating to the finalisation of the Nyirripi SNFT housing refurbishment contract; and**
- 3. Approve the allocation of residual funds from the Nyirripi SFNT housing refurbishment contract to the upgrade of Council facilities at Nyirripi, Yuelamu and Laramba.**

20 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

21 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION:

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items listed come within the following provisions:-

21.1 Confirmation of Previous Confidential Minutes - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 (ciii) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person (Matters have been previously dealt with under Section 65(A).).*

21.2 CDP Progress Report - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 (ci) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person (Commercially sensitive financial and program performance information).*

21.3 Alice Springs Office Accommodation - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 (ci) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

21.4 Update on Justice Reinvestment and Alternative Methods of Incarceration Project - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 (ciii) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

21.5 CEO Performance Review Committee Minutes and Report - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 (a) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

RECOMMENDATION:

That the decisions of Closed Session be noted within the confidential minutes.

22 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3:42 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDING 15 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Council HELD ON Thursday, 30 March 2017 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 31 May 2017.

President