



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 25 September 2024**

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**MINUTES OF MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 23 WEST STREET, MOUNT ISA
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: Crs MacRae, Ballard, Coghlan, Coghlan, Crowther, Tully

IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Rose (CEO), Chad King (Director, Community Services), Chileya Luangala (Director, Corporate Services), Stephen Jewell (Director, Infrastructure Services)

1 OPENING OF THE MEETING/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor MacRae opened the meeting at 9:00 am, provided an acknowledgement of country and advised the meeting is being live streamed.

2 PRAYER

Pastor Bella Busch of Victory Life Church provided the meeting with a prayer.

3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION OM01/ 09/24

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT the apology received from Cr Doyle be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED 6

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Rachael Clarke -

Rachael firstly advised that she has heard illegal waste such as explosives and oil was dumped at the Tip. Rachael expressed her concern for her welfare when going out to the Tip, as well as the impact on the environment and Lake Moondarra.

Director Community Services, Chad King, advised the Council's landfill facility is licensed for a certain range of materials; any regulated waste (e.g. waste from the mine) or general waste that meets a certain threshold or certain level of contamination is sent to a special dump in Townsville that is licensed to a threshold over and above what Council's landfill is. Council is to take the question regarding compliance activity on notice.

Rachael secondly advised she does not understand why homeowners are being charged an environmental levy on their rates, and believes the Mines should carry that burden. She asks why homeowners like herself should be paying that charge when she isn't damaging the environment and is making efforts to better her environmental impacts.

Mayor MacRae clarified that the environmental levy charge on the rates is towards homeowners receiving their recycling bins as well as the costs of the recycling operations.

Rachael lastly advised that the Woolworths loading dock and surrounding kerbside is dangerous to the community. The resident says she has brought this issue to Robbie Katter's attention, and would now like to bring it to Council's attention as she has sustained there. The resident advised Woolworths said they are unable to do anything as it is not their grounds. Rachael would like to see this issue fixed for the safety of the community.

Director Infrastructure Services, Stephen Jewell, advised the tactiles around the town are being gradually being replaced; Council to look over any that are outside of Woolworths.

Mayor MacRae advised the issue sounds like it may fall under a work health and safety issue with Woolworths, and that Council will check that the part of the footpath Council is responsible for is compliant and safe.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2024

RESOLUTION OM02/ 09/24

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae
Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 August 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 6

6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

6.1 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS AS AT 20 SEPTEMBER 2024

RESOLUTION OM03/ 09/24

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan
Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council receives and notes the outstanding actions from previous Council Meetings as at 20 September 2024.

CARRIED 6

7 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

"I'd like to begin the meeting this month by thanking the emergency services people that were responsible for fighting the recent fires. I know the community is extremely grateful for your work and that you managed to keep us all safe. Last week was Welcoming Week here in Mount Isa, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the Council teams involved in coordinating the Citizenship event at

Centennial Place, the Library activities and the pool party at Splashez. It's the intention to continue with these events and grow them each year. Families were able to enjoy the free pool party and then follow up with the Glencore movie night at Kruttschnitt Oval, which was very well attended.

The month of August saw 4,000 people moved through Buchanan Park and the Civic Centre – they were for the WQAC and other events, excluding Rodeo, we are indeed activating our spaces as a Council. I was lucky enough to attend the Miners Memorial March and Ceremony organised by Glencore last week. It was wonderful to see so many people in the community that were able to attend and show their respect for those in our community that have lost their lives going to work in one our mines. As is the annual tradition, the roll call at the end was a solemn reminder of how many people throughout our state have lost our lives and it is a reminder on what an important part safety plays in all workplaces.

The Cross Border Commissioner has been announced, we have made contact with Ian Leavers and he will be visiting us next week. The key role for the commissioner is to work between states to find the legislation and practices that are encouraging people to come to Mount Isa to partake in antisocial behaviour. Mount Isa is a welcoming city and has opened doors to all who want to come and take advantage of the opportunities we have to offer with their career, study or family connections. However those coming for other reasons should reconsider.

We had an initial DFAT delegation organised through MITEZ this month. All proponents were excited by opportunities in the area in relation to mainly energy and critical minerals. We hope this is the first of many delegations we attract looking to invest in our area. We have visitors coming internationally on the 10th of October from the Flying Whales so stay tuned, that's another exciting development coming up for our town."

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

11 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT - AUGUST 2024

RESOLUTION OM04/ 09/24

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT Council receives and accepts the August 2024 Finance Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 6

11.2 MICC DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS UNITS - FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT AS OF 31 AUGUST 2024**RESOLUTION OM05/ 09/24**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard
Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council receives and accepts the August 2024 MICC Departmental Business Units Finance Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 6

11.3 MICCOE FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT - AUGUST 2024**RESOLUTION OM06/ 09/24**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard
Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council receives and accepts the August 2024 MICCOE Finance Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 6

12 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS**12.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW REPORT - AUGUST 2024****RESOLUTION OM07/ 09/24**

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther
Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council receives and accepts the August 2024 Economic Development Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 6

12.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW REPORT - AUGUST 2024**RESOLUTION OM08/ 09/24**

Moved: Cr Travis Crowther
Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council receives and accepts the August 2024 Community Development Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 6

12.3 SPLASHEZ OVERVIEW REPORT - AUGUST 2024**RESOLUTION OM09/ 09/24**

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council receives and accepts the August 2024 Splashez Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 6

12.4 MICC 2024-02 SOLAR PANELS AND BATTERY STORAGE TENDER EVALUATION**RESOLUTION OM10/ 09/24**

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT Council accepts the RFT recommendation to award a contract with Ecologiq Pty Ltd for the contract award value of \$529,582.14 (inc. GST) and budget of \$768,906, and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and enter into the contract

CARRIED 6

13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS**13.1 MAJOR PROJECTS OVERVIEW REPORT - AUGUST 2024****RESOLUTION OM11/ 09/24**

Moved: Cr John Tully

Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT Council receives and notes the August 2024 Major Projects Overview Report.

CARRIED 6

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ballard, Cr Crowther, Cr Tully, Cr Coghlan and Deputy Mayor Coghlan provided an update on recent activities.

15 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**RESOLUTION OM12/ 09/24**

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae

Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

THAT Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 9:51am:

15.1 Minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting held 23 May 2024

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - (c) and (f) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the local government's budget and matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group or individuals.

15.2 Position Paper - Solvency and Going Concern Year ended 30 June 2024 and MICCOE Financial Statements 2023-24

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - (c) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the local government's budget.

15.3 Request for Council to act as Guarantor - Mount Isa City Council Owned Enterprises Pty Ltd (MICCOE)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - (c) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the local government's budget.

CARRIED 6

RESOLUTION OM13/ 09/24

Moved: Cr Peta MacRae

Seconded: Cr Dan Ballard

THAT Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 10:05am.

CARRIED 6

15.1 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 23 MAY 2024**RESOLUTION OM14/ 09/24**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr James Coghlan

THAT Council receives and accepts the confirmed Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting Minutes dated 23 May 2024 as presented.

CARRIED 6

15.2 POSITION PAPER - SOLVENCY AND GOING CONCERN YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024 AND MICCOE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023-24**RESOLUTION OM15/ 09/24**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr Travis Crowther

THAT Council considers the Position Paper - Solvency and Going Concern Year ended 30 June 2024 and MICCOE Financial Statements 2023-24 as presented and resolves that:

- MICC and MICCOE review the business case for MICCOE to continue operating as a separate entity incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001,
- MICC and MICCOE consider integrating MICCOE's responsibilities within Council may provide opportunities to streamline operations and reduce costs by eliminating duplication and improving coordination.
- the MICCOE board and management evaluate MICCOE's capability to improve its financial performance by implementing enhanced cost management strategies. MICC Corporate Services directorate is available to provide required support as a Business Partner, subject to MICCOE Board's approval.
- MICC writes-off all outstanding MICCOE invoices amounting to \$194,802.24 relating to insurance costs, water consumption charges and Rates incurred in the period ended 30 June 2024.
- MICC writes-off all invoices issued or yet to be issued for MICCOE insurance costs, water consumption charges and Rates incurred/ to be incurred in the period ended 30 June 2025.

In Favour: Crs Peta MacRae, Dan Ballard, Travis Crowther and John Tully

Against: Crs James Coghlan and Kim Coghlan

Absent: Cr John Doyle

CARRIED 4/2**15.3 REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO ACT AS GUARANTOR - MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL OWNED ENTERPRISES PTY LTD (MICCOE)****RESOLUTION OM16/ 09/24**

Moved: Cr Dan Ballard

Seconded: Cr John Tully

THAT Council approve and authorise the CEO to commence the process of requesting the Treasurer's approval to be a guarantor to MICCOE under section 60A of the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982 as it is a type 1 financial arrangement.

In Favour: Crs Peta MacRae, Dan Ballard, Travis Crowther and John Tully

Against: Crs James Coghlan and Kim Coghlan

Absent: Cr John Doyle

CARRIED 4/2

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10:09am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 18 October 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON