
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ERNEST BROCK ROOM (ROMA CULTURAL CENTRE) ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2020 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 10.30AM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr T D Golder chaired the meeting with Deputy Mayor Cr G B McMullen, Cr J R P Birkett, Cr M C Edwards, Cr J L Guthrie, Cr J M Hancock, Cr W L Ladbrook, Cr C J O'Neil, Cr W M Taylor, Chief Executive Officer – Julie Reitano and Minutes Officer – Kelly Rogers in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Director Corporate & Community Services – Sharon Frank, Manager Saleyards – Paul Klar.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 10.36am.

Cr. Birkett left the meeting at 10.43am, and returned at 10.44am.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Prior to commencing Councillor declaration of 'Conflicts of Interest', Cr O'Neil asked Mayor Golder to explain the role deputations were having as part of the Special Meeting. Mayor Golder advised that the Special Meeting would be adjourned for the deputations for Council to hear from different groups. He further explained that following the deputations, the Special Meeting would recommence.

Cr O'Neil further enquired as to the Mayor's intent for bringing back the outcome of the deputations, and in response Mayor Golder explained that all Councillors would hear from the deputations and that these may in turn inform the meeting.

Council, at length, discussed potential considerations in approach for any conflicts for Councillors in regard to both for the Special Meeting and Councillor participation in the scheduled deputations outside of the Special Meeting.

During these discussions, Councillors O'Neil and Taylor foreshadowed their intent to declare a 'Conflict of Interest', however, expressed concerns and uncertainty as to how these conflicts should be declared and at what point.

[In discussions, three (3) Councillors were referred to as seeking to declare a conflict with Cr Hancock being the third.]

During continued discussion, the Chief Executive Officer suggested that it would be cleaner to close this Special Meeting, and hold a second Special Meeting after the deputations, given that the Mayor indicated that they would inform the agenda. The results of the deputations could then be considered in sufficient detail to define the agenda items, and in turn the declaring Councillors could ascertain their individual conflicts in response to those items.

Cr. McMullen also enquired if the meeting agenda could be updated, and in response the Chief Executive Officer provided the advice that only those items on the Special Meeting agenda could be considered.

During discussion, it was advised that the following deputations were scheduled:

- Former Roma Saleyards Advisory Committee Members
- Livestock and Rural Transporters Association of Queensland
- Roma Saleyards Livestock Agents.

The Chief Executive suggested that any matters pertaining to the current meeting could be laid on the table and form part of a new Special Meeting, along with additional agenda items identified following the deputations. This would contain sufficient detail for Councillors' declarations to occur.

Considering the advice from the Chief Executive Officer, Mayor Golder proposed that this meeting be concluded and a new Special Meeting be held following the scheduled deputations, along with the current agenda item.

Cr McMullen also enquired about whether members of the public were able to attend a Special meeting, and through discussions it was confirmed that the meeting was open to the public to attend.

[Given the updated approach, no 'Conflicts of Interest' were declared for this meeting, and were foreshadowed to be identified by individual Councillors at the next Special Meeting.]

BUSINESS

Item Number: 3.1 **File Number:** D20/83088

SUBJECT HEADING: ROMA SALEYARDS - FUTURE STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Councillor's Title: Cr. Tyson Golder

Executive Summary:

Consideration of the future strategic direction for the Roma Saleyards.

Resolution No. SM/09.2020/01

Moved Cr McMullen

I move we lay it on the table until a subsequent meeting.

[Wording amended by Cr McMullen from his original motion following further discussions between Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer]

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Responsible Officer	Lead Officer – Elected Members & Community Engagement
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CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.02am.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 9 September 2020, at 9.00am.

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 Mayor.

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 Date.