



MINUTES
of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 11 March 2020
at
Murrindindi Shire Council
Council Chamber
Perkins Street
Alexandra
5.30 pm

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1. PLEDGE AND RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

The meeting was opened with the Mayor declaring the following Pledge on behalf of all Councillors:

“As the Councillors democratically elected to represent our community as the Murrindindi Shire Council, we are committed to working together in the best interests of the people who live in our municipality, who conduct business here and those who visit.

We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the Taungurung Nation, and pay our respect to their Elders past and present, and its emerging and future leaders.”

2. APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:

Councillors L Dunscombe (Chair), M Rae, R Bowles, J Ashe, E Lording, C Bisset, S McAulay

Apologies:

Nil.

In attendance:

Chief Executive Officer: Craig Lloyd

Director Corporate and Shared Services: Michael Chesworth

Director Assets and Development: Vito Albicini

Manager Governance and Risk: Tara Carter

Manager Development Services: Natalie Stewart

Coordinator Emergency Management & Business Continuity: Chris Price

Executive Assistant: Louise Chapple

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 PROPOSED COMMUNITY LOCAL LAW - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to provide an opportunity for submitters to speak to their submissions in response to the proposed Community Local Law (released 27 November 2019) at a formal meeting of Council.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. invites each submitter present at this meeting to speak to their submission for a 5 minute period
2. undertakes to consider all submissions received prior to its formal adoption of the proposed Community Local Law
3. writes to all submitters thanking them for their written submissions and advising of Council's response.

Background

At the 27 November 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council resolved to give public notice of its proposal to make the Community Local Law 1, 2019 (the proposed Local Law). The proposed Local Law was then released to the public for comment under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The submission period was extended to 28 February 2020.

In accordance with section 223 of the *Act*, any person who has made a written submission is entitled to appear in person or by a person acting on his or her behalf to speak to the submission before a Special Meeting of Council.

Discussion

Council received written submission from 25 people in relation to the proposed Local Law. All submitters have been invited to speak at the Special Meeting of Council and copies of all submissions have been distributed to Councillors confidentially.

Following this meeting any proposed changes to the proposed Local Law as a consequence of the submissions received will be presented to Council at the 25 March 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council as part of the adoption of the Community Local Law 1.

Council Plan/Strategies/Policies

The public hearing of submissions is part of the required statutory process under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Relevant Legislation

This process complies with the relevant provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Financial Implications and Risk

There are no financial or risk considerations regarding the hearing of submissions.

Conflict of Interest

There are no declared interests by Council officers in the preparation of this report.

Community and Stakeholder Consultation

The proposed Local Law was made available on Council's website and offices from 28 November 2019 and advertised for public exhibition in a range of publications, with written submissions sought originally by 31 January 2020. Following community feedback Council extended the submission period to 28 February 2020.

RESOLUTION

Cr M Rae / Cr E Lording

That Council:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

The Mayor invited each submitter to speak to their submission for a 5 minute period.

The following submitters presented to Council in support of their submission:

Mr Andrew McGahy spoke against Schedule 8 (use of Motorised Vehicles).

Mr David Webb Ware spoke against provision 6 (Animal Excrement), spoke in support of section Schedule 8 (use of Motorised Vehicles) and spoke to schedules 5 & 6 (Open Air Burning).

There being no further items of Business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5:50pm.

13/05/2020

CONFIRMED THIS

CHAIRPERSON


