



MINUTES
of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2020
at
6:00pm
Conducted via Videoconference

This Special Meeting was conducted virtually (*as per COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020*, made by Victorian Parliament on 23 April 2020)

The proceedings were live streamed for public viewing.

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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, E Lording, S McAulay

Apologies:

Councillors C Bisset, J Ashe

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

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**4.1 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS – DRAFT MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

There were no submissions received in relation to this document.

4.2 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS – DRAFT WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

There were no submissions received in relation to this document.

4.3 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS – GOVERNANCE RULES 2020 & GOVERNANCE LOCAL LAW 2, 2020

There were no submissions received in relation to these documents.

5. OFFICER REPORTS

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DRAFT MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TRIM References: SF/572

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that there were no submissions received in relation to the draft Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2020-2023 (MEMP).

Officer Recommendation

That Council acknowledges that no submissions were received in relation to the draft Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2020-2023.

Background

The 2020 review of the Murrindindi Shire Council MEMP has been prepared pursuant to Section 20(1) of the *Emergency Management Act 1986*. The plan addresses the mitigation of, response to, and recovery from emergencies within the Murrindindi Shire and complies with the audit requirements outlined in that *Act*. It is the result of the co-operative efforts of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan Committee. The MEMP is an “all hazards” document and has been developed for use by all emergency agencies (including Council) in emergency events.

At the 24 June 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council endorsed the MEMP for release to the public for comment in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* (the *Act*).

Discussion

Submissions were sought from the public and the MEMP was made available on Council’s website. The public exhibition period and submission process was advertised in a range of publications and newspapers. Submissions were due by 31 July 2020.

Council did not receive any submissions in relation to the MEMP.

Following this meeting the MEMP will be presented to Council at the 26 August 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting for adoption.

Council Plan/Strategies/Policies

The public hearing of submissions is part of the required statutory process for the public comment 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 MEMP was made available on Council’s website from 1 July 2020 and advertised for public exhibition in a range of publications, with written submissions sought by 31 July 2020.

RESOLUTION**Cr R Bowles / Cr S McAulay****That Council acknowledges that no submissions were received in relation to the draft Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2020-2023.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****5.2 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DRAFT DOMESTIC WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

TRIM References: SF/2837

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that there were no submissions received in relation to the draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2020 – 2024 (DWMP).

Officer Recommendation

That Council acknowledges that no submissions were received in relation to the draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2020 – 2024.

Background

Council is required to prepare a Domestic Wastewater Management Plan under the State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria). This DWMP must assess domestic wastewater risks in the municipality and develop prioritised actions to address potential impacts.

The DWMP includes on-site wastewater hazard mapping that identifies the risk associated with on-site wastewater management on each property based on land capability and lot size.

The DWMP proposes a set of “Minimum Standards” for Land Capability Assessment and design information that needs to be submitted with Septic Tank or Planning Permits in unsewered areas classified as high risk.

At the 24 June 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council endorsed the DWMP for release to the public for comment in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act).

Discussion

Submissions were sought from the public and the draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan was made available on Council’s website. The public exhibition period and submission process was advertised in a range of publications and newspapers. Submissions were due by 31 July 2020.

Council did not receive any submissions in relation to the DWMP.

Following this meeting the DWMP will be presented to Council at the 26 August 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting for adoption.

Council Plan/Strategies/Policies

The public hearing of submissions is part of the required statutory process for the public comment 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 DWMP was made available on Council's website from 1 July 2020 and advertised for public exhibition in a range of publications, with written submissions sought by 31 July 2020.

RESOLUTION

Cr E Lording / Cr S McAulay

That Council acknowledges that no submissions were received in relation to the draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2020 – 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS FOR THE PROPOSED GOVERNANCE RULES 2020 AND GOVERNANCE LOCAL LAW 2, 2020

TRIM References: SF/3628

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that there were no submissions received in relation to the Proposed Governance Rules 2020 and Governance Local Law 2, 2020.

Officer Recommendation

That Council acknowledges that no submissions were received in relation to the Proposed Governance Rules 2020 and Governance Local Law 2, 2020.

Background

The *Local Government Act 2020* was enacted on 6 April 2020, this *Act* replaces the *Local Government Act 1989*. There is however a transition period for many of the legislative requirements, therefore Council is currently operating under both Acts.

Section 60 of the *2020 Act* requires each council to adopt Governance Rules for the conduct of council and delegated committee meetings. This is a change from the *1989 Act* which requires each council to make a local law governing the conduct of its meetings. Council currently has the Governance Local Law 2, 2014 or this purpose.

At the 24 June 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council endorsed the Proposed Governance Rules 2020 and revised Governance Local Law 2, 2020 for release to the public for comment in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* (the *Act*).

Discussion

Submissions were sought from the public and the Proposed Governance Rules 2020 & Governance Local Law 2, 2020 were made available on Council's website. The public exhibition period and submission process was advertised in a range of publications and newspapers. Submissions were due by 31 July 2020.

Council did not receive any submissions in relation to the draft Proposed Governance Rules 2020 and Governance Local Law 2, 2020.

Following this meeting the Proposed Governance Rules 2020 and Governance Local Law 2, 2020 will be presented to Council at the 26 August 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting for Council's adoption.

Council Plan/Strategies/Policies

The public hearing of submissions is part of the required statutory process for the public comment 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 Governance Rules 2020 and Governance Local Law 2, 2020 were made available on Council's website from 1 July 2020 and advertised for public exhibition in a range of publications, with written submissions sought by 31 July 2020.

RESOLUTION

Cr S McAulay / Cr M Rae

That Council acknowledges that no submissions were received in relation to the Proposed Governance Rules 2020 and Governance Local Law 2, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was closed at 6:06pm.

21 September 2020

CONFIRMED THIS

CHAIRPERSON


