



# **Minutes**

**Special Council Meeting**

**Thursday 8 March 2018**

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held at the Murray Shire Council, 1915 Pinjarra Road, Pinjarra on Thursday 8 March 2018.

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Presiding Member Cr D Bolt declared the meeting open the time being 9.00am

**2. ATTENDANCES/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr D Bolt	Shire President
Cr S Lee	Deputy President
Cr M Reid	Councillor
Cr G Black	Councillor
Cr A Rogers	Councillor
Cr C Rose	Councillor
Cr D McLarty	Councillor
Cr B Cardilini	Councillor
Cr B Beacham	Councillor
Mr D Unsworth	Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Peake	Director Planning and Sustainability
Mrs T Unsworth	Acting Director Corporate and Community Development
Mr A Smith	Director Technical Services
Mrs M Toner	Coordinator Planning & Sustainability Services

There were two (2) members of the public in attendance at this time.

**3. PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the Exchange Hotel Developer Proposal.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with Section 7(4) (b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, a Council at a Special Meeting is not required to answer a question that does not relate to the purpose of the meeting. It is therefore requested that only questions that relate to items on the agenda be asked.

**5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (BY PRESIDING MEMBER)**

Nil

**6. PETITIONS AND APPROVED DEPUTATIONS**

## 7. REPORTS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND OFFICERS

### 7.1 Exchange Hotel Developer Proposal

File Ref: GE02/85-02  
 Previous Items: OCM 11 Aug 2016 Item 16.1 (OCM16/180)  
 OCM 23 Feb 2017 Item 16.1 (OCM17/030)  
 OCM 24 Aug 2017 Item 16.1 (OCM17/171)  
 OCM 28 Sep 2017 Item 11.11 (OCM17/192)  
 OCM 22 Feb 2018 Item 16.2 (OCM 18/037)  
 Author and Title: Dean Unsworth, Chief Executive Officer

**Confidential Report provided under separate cover**

#### Purpose

To consider the Exchange Hotel Developer Proposal.

#### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:

**SCM18/039**

**Moved: Cr S Lee**

**Seconded: Cr B Beacham**

**That Council proceeds behind closed doors the time being 9.01am as per Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act for the purpose of considering confidential item 7.1 Exchange Hotel Developer Proposal.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0**

#### Suspension of Shire of Murray Meeting Procedures

#### COUNCIL DECISION:

**SCM17/040**

**Moved: Cr D Bolt**

**Seconded: Cr A Rogers**

**That Council suspend Meeting Procedures (as per Shire of Murray Meeting Procedures Local Law 2015 Clause 12.1) to allow open discussion on Confidential item 7.1 Exchange Hotel Developer Proposal, the time being 9.03am.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0**

#### Resumption of Shire of Murray Meeting Procedures

#### COUNCIL DECISION:

**SCM18/041**

**Moved: Cr B Beacham**

**Seconded: Cr D Mclarty**

**That Council resume Meeting Procedures (as per Shire of Murray Meeting Procedures Local Law Clause 12.1) the time being 10.55am.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0**

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION:****SCM18/043****Moved: Cr D Mclarty****Seconded: Cr A Rogers****That Council keeps Resolution Number SCM18/042 confidential due to its commercial-in-confidence nature.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0****Voting Requirements**

Absolute Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. continues to focus on undertaking the preservation works as soon as practicable at the Exchange Hotel utilising the allocated funding amount of \$435,000;
2. allocates a further \$65,000 if required from cash surplus that is identified in the 2017-18 Budget Review which would allow for the 1871 dining room section of the Exchange Hotel being preserved and bring the budget of preservation works to \$500,000;
3. if the restoration of the works which includes the dining room section is estimated above \$500,000 a further report will be provided to Council to reconsider preservation works options; and
4. allocates funding in the 2018-19 annual budget to develop marketing material and engages a commercial real estate company to market the Exchange Hotel for sale.

**COUNCIL DECISION:****SCM18/044****Moved: Cr S Lee****Seconded: Cr D Mclarty****That Council:**

1. continues to focus on undertaking the preservation works as soon as practicable at the Exchange Hotel utilising the allocated funding amount of \$435,000;
2. allocates a further \$65,000 if required from cash surplus that is identified in the 2017-18 Budget Review which would allow for the 1871 dining room section of the Exchange Hotel being preserved and bring the budget of preservation works to \$500,000;
3. if the restoration of the works which includes the dining room section is estimated above \$500,000 a further report will be provided to Council to reconsider preservation works options;

4. **allocates funding in the 2018-19 annual budget to give Council the option to engage a commercial real estate company to market the Exchange Hotel for potential future sale; and**
  5. **continues to progress with the preservation plans as well as the concept plans including the integrated foreshore redevelopment plans.**
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0**

#### **Reason for change**

A Memorandum was circulated to Councillors prior to the Special Council Meeting clarifying point No. 4 of the resolution to facilitate an option to sell rather than commit to sell. No. 5 was added to ensure clarity on Council's progress.

#### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

#### **COUNCIL DECISION:**

**SCM18/045**

**Moved: Cr A Rogers**

**Seconded: Cr B Cardilini**

**That Council proceeds with open doors the time being 10.59am.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9.0**

#### **8. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed the time being 11.00am.**