



TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

of the Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council held in the Council Chambers,
Lands Building, Nemingha Room, 25-27 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth

15 OCTOBER 2024

**PAUL BENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER**

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Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council held in the Council Chambers, Lands Building,
Nemingha Room, 25-27 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth
TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2024 at 6.30PM

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Minutes

PRESENT: Cr Russell Webb, Cr Charles Impey, Cr Ryan Brooke, Cr Stephen Mears, Cr Matt Sharpham, Cr Marc Sutherland, Cr Mark Rodda, Cr Brendon North, Cr Jeff Budd

IN ATTENDANCE: The General Manager, Director Liveable Communities, Director Regional Services, Director Water and Waste, Executive Manager and Executive Manager Strategy and Performance.

MOTION

Moved Cr Webb/Cr Sharpham

That Council appoint Cr Marc Sutherland as Chair to conduct the initial proceedings of the 15 October 2024 Extraordinary Council Meeting.

255/24 RESOLVED

1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

2.1 ITEM 9.2, 9.3 & 9.6 METHOD OF VOTING, DETERMINATION OF METHOD FOR VOTING FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR AND METHOD OF FILLING CASUAL VACANCIES IN COUNCIL

Ms Sue Hansen addressed Council in opposition to the recommendations.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

MOTION

Moved Cr Webb/Cr Mears

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 10 September 2024, copies of which were circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

256/24 RESOLVED

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

7 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Nil

8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

Nil

9 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE

9.1 RETURNING OFFICER

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Lisa May, Coordinator Governance and Executive Services

MOTION

Moved Cr Impey/Cr Webb

That the advice in relation to the role of the Returning Officer for any election required for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be received and noted and the General Manager act as the Returning Officer.

257/24 RESOLVED

9.2 METHOD OF VOTING

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Lisa May, Coordinator Governance and Executive Services

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr North

That the advice in relation to the methods of voting for any election required for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be received and noted.

258/24 RESOLVED

9.3 DETERMINATION OF METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Lisa May, Coordinator Governance and Executive Services

MOTION

Moved Cr Webb/Cr Brooke

That Council elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the ensuing term by Ordinary Ballot.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Charles Impey
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Brendon North
4. Cr Matthew Sharpham
5. Cr Marc Sutherland
6. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Stephen Mears
3. Cr Mark Rodda

259/24 RESOLVED

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

That the following Items 9.4 Nomination for the Position of Mayor and Item 9.5 Nomination for the Position of Deputy Mayor be conducted by the Returning Officer.

Chairperson, Cr Sutherland vacated the Chair and handed the Meeting over to the General Manager for conduct of an election and appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the ensuing 2024/2026 Mayoral term and the 2024/2025 Deputy Mayoral term.

9.4 NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR

DIRECTORATE:
AUTHOR:

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
Lisa May, Coordinator Governance and Executive Services

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Impey

That the Returning Officer calls for nominations for the position of Mayor for the ensuing term and if two or more nominations are received, an election be conducted.

In accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the General Manager as the Returning Officer announced that two nominations for the position of Mayor were received. The Returning Officer announced that the nominations were for Cr Mark Rodda and Cr Russell Webb

As there were two nominations received for the position of Mayor, the Returning Officer announced that an election for the position of Mayor would be conducted by Ordinary Ballot.

Following the conduct of an election by Ordinary Ballot for the position of Mayor, the Returning Officer declared that Cr Russell Web had received six votes, Cr Mark Rodda had received three votes.

The Returning Officer declared that Cr Russell Webb had been elected to the position of Mayor for the 2024/2026 Term on a count of six votes to three.

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The General Manager vacated the Chair and Cr Webb as Mayor occupied the Chair for the remainder of the Meeting.

9.5 NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Lisa May, Coordinator Governance and Executive Services

MOTION

Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Mears

That the Returning Officer calls for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing term and if two or more nominations are received, an election be conducted.

In accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the General Manager as the Returning Officer announced that two nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were received. The Returning Officer announced that the nominations were for Cr Stephen Mears and Cr Jeffrey Budd.

As there were two nominations received for the position of Deputy Mayor, the Returning Officer announced that an election for the position of Deputy Mayor would be conducted by Ordinary Ballot.

Following the conduct of an election by Ordinary Ballot for the position of Deputy Mayor, the Returning Officer declared that Cr Jeffrey Budd had received six votes, Cr Stephen Mears received three votes

The Returning Officer declared that Cr Jeffrey Budd had been elected to the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2024/2025 Term on a count of six to three.

261/24 RESOLVED

9.6 METHOD OF FILLING CASUAL VACANCIES IN COUNCIL

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Lisa May, Coordinator Governance and Executive Services

MOTION

Moved Cr Impey/Cr Mears

Pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993 Tamworth Regional Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a Councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of the Councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024, are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act and directs the General Manager to notify the NSW Electoral Commission of the Council's decision within seven days of the decision.

262/24 RESOLVED

9.7 PROPOSED MOTIONS FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW 2024 CONFERENCE

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES

AUTHOR: Gina Vereker, Director Liveable Communities

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Mears

That in relation to the report “Proposed Motions for the Local Government NSW 2024 Conference”, Council authorise the following motions to be submitted to Local Government NSW:

- (i) resourcing the assessment of renewable energy project Development Applications; and
- (ii) ensuring an adequate and enforceable CIV percentage for Renewable Energy VPAs.
- (iii) Implementing a limit on permissible amendments to Development applications for SSD renewable energy projects to a maximum of two iterations before final determination by Planning NSW and the Independent Planning Commission of the project.
- (iv) That the State Government:
 - (a) calls on the Federal Government to restore to Local Government the Federal Assistance Grants to 1% of federal taxation revenue;
 - (b) works with NSW councils to address the systemic funding issues that are giving rise to many councils continuing to seek large increases in general rates by way of Special Rate Variations; and
 - (c) reviews existing sources of funding provided to local government and directs higher levels of funding to ongoing operational support instead of competitive special purpose grants to assist councils to become financially sustainable.

263/24 RESOLVED

10 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil

11 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

NIL

Closure: There being no further business the Extraordinary Meeting of Council concluded at 6.59pm

Cr Russell Webb , Chairperson

Tuesday, 22 October 2024

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