



SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers
Corner King & Barrack Street's, Merredin
Monday, 22 March 2021
Commencing 5.30pm



Common Acronyms Used in this Document	
CBP	Corporate Business Plan
CEACA	Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CWVC	Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre
DCEO	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
EA	Executive Assistant to CEO
EMCS	Executive Manager of Corporate Services
EMDS	Executive Manager of Development Services
EMES	Executive Manager of Engineering Services
GECZ	Great Eastern Country Zone
LGIS	Local Government Insurance Services
LPS	Local Planning Scheme
MCO	Media and Communications Officer
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRCLC	Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre
SRP	Strategic Resource Plan
T/CEO	Temporary Chief Executive Officer
WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association
WEROC	Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils



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1. Official Opening

The President acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and paid her respects to the Elders past and present. The President then welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 5.36pm.

2. Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillors:

Cr JR Flockart	President
Cr MD Willis	Deputy President
Cr RA Billing	Entered the meeting at 5.44pm
Cr AR Butler	Attending by Zoom - Kings Park Motel, 255 Thomas Street Perth
Cr PR Patroni	
Cr MJ McKenzie	
Cr RM Manning	
Cr PM Van Der Merwe	

Staff:

M Dacombe	T/CEO
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Members of the Public:	Nil
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Apologies:	Cr LN Boehme Cr RA Billing (For late attendance)
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Approved Leave of Absence:	Nil
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Approved Attendance by Electronic Means:	Cr Butler
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Resolution

Moved:	Cr Van Der Merwe	Seconded:	Cr McKenzie
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82706 That Council approve the attendance of Cr Butler by electronic means from Kings Park Motel, 255 Thomas Street, Perth.

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3. Public Question Time

Nil

4. Disclosure of Interest

5. Applications of Leave of Absence

Nil

6. Petitions and Presentations

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

8. Announcements by the Person Presiding without Discussion

Nil

9. Matters for Which the Meeting may be Closed to the Public

19.1 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

10. Receipt of Minutes of Committee Meetings

Nil

11. Recommendations from Committee Meetings for Council Consideration

Nil

12. Officers' Reports - Development Services

Nil

13. Officers' Reports - Engineering Services

Nil

14. Officers' Reports – Corporate and Community Services

Nil

15. Officer's Reports - Administration

Nil

16. Motions of which Previous Notice has been given

Nil

17. Questions by Members of which Due Notice has been given

Nil

18. Urgent Business Approved by the Person Presiding of by Decision

Nil

19. Matters Behind Closed Doors

In accordance with Section 5.23 (2) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1995* Council will go Behind Closed Doors to discuss this matter.

Council Decision

Moved: Cr Willis

Seconded: Cr Patroni

82707 That Council move Behind Closed Doors and that Standing Orders be suspended at 5.43pm.

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Reason

Note: The reason for moving behind closed doors was to consider;
19.1 – a contract that may be entered into by Council.

19.1 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

*A Brice left the Chambers at 5.44pm and did not return.
Cr Billing entered the Chambers at 5.44pm.*

<h3>Administration</h3>		
Responsible Officer:	Mark Dacombe, T/CEO	
Author:	Mark Dacombe, T/CEO	
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>	
File Reference:	N/A	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 19.1A – Employment Contract	

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Officers Recommendation / Resolution

Moved: Cr McKenzie

Seconded: Cr Manning

82708

That Council;

1. **Note the report back of the Shire President;**
2. **Note the recommendations of the Council's legal advisor with respect to the contract wording;**
3. **Approve the making of amended offer of employment to the preferred applicant;**
4. **Approve the proposed amended terms of the contract:**
 - a. **as set out in the draft Employment Contract attached;**
and
 - b. **on financial terms as set out in the attached TRP calculation spreadsheet to be reflected in Schedule 2 of the Contract; and**
5. **Authorise the Shire President to present the approved offer to the applicant.**

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Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Patroni

Seconded: Cr Willis

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That Council return from Behind Closed Doors at 6.49 pm and that the resolutions being passed in the confidential session be confirmed in open meeting.

CARRIED 8/o

20. Closure

There being no further business, the President thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.49pm.

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