

11 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Nil Reports

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 995 - FUNDING OF FIRE REDUCTION AND PREVENTION

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File No: *FP/14/004*

Attachments: *Nil*

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 14 December 2020.

MOTION

THAT Council officer correspond with the State Government in particular, the Premier and the Minister for Emergency Services and other relevant parties to express Councils concerns regarding the lack of funding allocated to fire prevention by various State Government departments and agencies. At a time when Council are trying to do additional works and increase spending to make our communities safer, there appears to be no corresponding funding increases from the State Government.

1. Councillor Comment

- 1.1 I have called for this engagement with the State Government following on from last year's unprecedented fire Season where there were huge impacts to the eastern and north eastern regions of Victoria. The loss of life, the impacts on communities, let alone the environmental impacts were huge. I would expect substantial changes in the funding arrangements for fire prevention and mitigation works carried out by the various State Government departments and agencies. This does not appear to have happened. These departments and agencies are responsible for the control and management of large tracts of public land across this State. To me they appear to have put very little additional money towards making land under their control and management any safer. Of particular concern are Regional Roads Victoria (RRV). In a year of exceptional vegetation growth, the roadsides of this State are extremely dangerous. Mitchell Shire has allocated an additional \$ 55,000 to carry out works on town entrances that should be the responsibility of RRV. This type of cost shifting should not be required. We need to see additional emphasis on fuel management by all levels of Government.

2. Officer Comment

- 2.1 In 2019 in line with NOM 927, Council wrote to the then Minister Jaala Pulford to request funding be increased to public authorities in the upcoming budget. Council is proactive in this space and every year until the budget

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has been increased or there is an increase on works conducted on Public Authority Land, Council will be writing to the applicable Minister. This year we will be addressing the letter the Hon Ben Carroll, the Minister of Transport Roads and Road Safety. Council will also cc: The Hon Lisa Neville, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and The Hon Jaclyn Symes, Minister Regional Development, Agriculture and Resources. At this stage we were awaiting the works to be finalised on RRV roadsides and also other Public Authority Land prior to sending out correspondence. Council will continue to liaise with Public Authorities and when required write to the Chief Fire Officer where issues arise and the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer believes that the Public Authority Land poses a fire Risk.

Signed: _____

Cr Bill Chisholm

Date: 03 December 2020

13 DELEGATES REPORTS

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14 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 Motion of Condolence – Vale Cr Andrew Goldman

MOTION

THAT Council writes to a letter of condolence to the family of Cr Andrew Goldman who passed away on 2 December 2020.

Cr Goldman was a well-known and respected local businessman and recently elected Moira Shire councillor who was confirmed as one of two people who tragically died after a helicopter crashed in the NSW Southern Highlands.

Cr Goldman was elected as a councillor for the 2020-2024 term and was looking forward to contributing to the improvement and growth of the Moira Shire.

On behalf of councillors and staff we extend our thoughts to his family at this difficult time.

15 URGENT BUSINESS

16 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with Section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items which relate to matters specified under Section 3(1), as specified below.

16.1 Confirmation of Minutes of previous Confidential Meeting

s3(1)h confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a)

The Minutes of the previous confidential meeting of Council contain information that has been determined by Council to be confidential in accordance with s3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.

- 16.2 RFT132782 - Windham Street Road Upgrade Works (Stage 1)**
s3(1)(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.
- 16.3 Financial Year 20/21 Plant Replacement - Grader**
s3(1)(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.
- 16.4 Footpath and Cycleways Renewal Program – Tender Award**
s3(1)(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.
- 16.5 Kerb Renewal Program – Tender Award**
s3(1)(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.
- 16.6 RFT132779 Harley Hammond Reserve Multipurpose Courts Reconstruction**
s3(1)(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.
- 16.7 Tender Wallan Community Services Hub**
s3(1)(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.
- 16.8 Delegate Report - Audit and Risk Committee**
s3(1)(l) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.
- 16.9 Australia Day Awards 2021**
s3(1)(l) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.
- 16.10 Re-opening of Meeting to members of the public**

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Monday 15 February 2021 at the Mitchell Council Chambers, 113 High Street Broadford, commencing at 7.00pm.

18 CLOSE OF MEETING