



MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

Monday, 5 September 2022
5.30pm

Council Chambers,
Civic Centre, Stuart Highway, Katherine

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Mayor Elisabeth Clark (Chair)
- Deputy Mayor Kym Henderson
- Councillor Maddy Bower
- Councillor Denis Coburn
- Councillor Ben Herdon
- Councillor Amanda Kingdon
- Councillor Jeremy Trembath

OFFICERS

- Ms Ingrid Stonhill – Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Brendan Pearce – Director Infrastructure and Environment
- Mr Avtar Singh – Director of Corporate Services
- Ms Donna Warland – Governance and Executive Officer

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge that **this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the first nations** people of the Katherine township and surrounding council communities. We recognise the first nations culture as one of the longest surviving cultures in the world and we pay our respects to Elders both past, present and future.

2 OPENING PRAYER

Grant O God to this Council wisdom, understanding and sincerity of purpose in the Governance of this Municipality. Amen

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

Meeting Opened at 5:31pm

4 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 ATTENDANCE

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Elisabeth Clark

Deputy Mayor Kym Henderson

Councillor Ben Herdon

Councillor Jeremy Trembath

Councillor Madeleine Bower

Councillor Amanda Kingdon

Councillor Denis Coburn

OFFICERS

Mrs Ingrid Stonhill – Chief Executive Officer

Mr Brendan Pearce – Director Infrastructure and Environment

Mr Avtar Singh – Director Corporate Services

VISITORS

Mrs Jo Hersey MLA

4.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Nil

6 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**6.1 STRATEGIC PLAN****COUNCIL RESOLUTION****SCM-015-2022****Moved:** Deputy Mayor Henderson**Seconded:** Councillor Herdon

1. That it be recommended to Council to:
 - (a) Formally receive and note Katherine's five (5) year Strategic Plan
 - (i) Adopt Katherine's five (5) year Strategic Plan

CARRIED 7/0

BACKGROUND

Council undertook an Expression of Interest (EOI) in June 2021, seeking the service of an interest and skilled consultant to develop a five (5) year Strategic Plan for Katherine.

It was essential that the plan included key stakeholders and facilitated community engagement.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council, 26 October 2021, Elected Members unanimously supported and appointed Deloitte.

Deloitte's are a multinational professional service, who are highly experienced in working with diverse communities and Local Government planning.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In May 2022, numerous community consultations were held.

The consultants were able to facilitate a better understanding of the issues that they had researched in Katherine, such as housing, entertainment facilities and public infrastructure.

Simultaneously, extensive staff consultations were undertaken.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Katherine now has its first strategic plan. In preparation of the plan, extensive community and staff consultation was undertaken.

The plan is presented in an inclusive style and can be reviewed every two years based on funding opportunities, service delivery, budget considerations and community trends.

The strategic direction and priorities are strongly targeting leadership, community and families, events, sustainability, culture and Big Rivers Inter-Government collaboration.

The strategic plan will conclude 2027.

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 5:46pm.