



# **MINUTES**

## **Special Meeting of Council**

**Tuesday, 7 March 2023**

Council Chambers,  
Committee Room, Stuart Highway, Katherine

## **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**

Mayor Elisabeth Clark declared the meeting open at 12.30pm

## **4 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **4.1 ATTENDANCE**

#### **ELECTED MEMBERS**

- Mayor Elisabeth Clark (Chair)
- Deputy Mayor Denis Coburn
- Councillor Maddy Bower (via videoconferencing)
- Councillor Amanda Kingdon
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#### **OFFICERS**

- Ms Ingrid Stonhill – Chief Executive Officer
- Amanda Haigh – Governance and Executive Officer

### **4.2 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Jeremy Trembath

### **4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

## **5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

NIL

## 6 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 6.1 LGANT MOTION - SENIOR EXECUTIVE SUPPORT FRAMEWORK

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

SCM-009-2023

**Moved:** Councillor Kingdon

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Coburn

1. That Council approve the motions for a Senior Executive Support Framework to be submitted to the LGANT General Meeting April 2023 requesting:
  - (a) Katherine Town Council calls on LGANT to investigate a framework to support the NT Local Government executive leadership through a specific NT designed induction process.
  - (b) Katherine Town Council calls on LGANT to advocate for and establish a high-level service for senior executives for ongoing support, within the Local Government Sector.
  - (c) Katherine Town Council calls on LGANT to investigate other state Local Government models for the most appropriate framework.
  - (d) Katherine Town Council calls on LGANT for this motion be supported through to the Australian Local Government Association motions.

**CARRIED 4/0**

Council expressed concern that there is currently no framework in the Northern Territory.

Council support the closer of the Civic Centre from 9-11am tomorrow 8 March for the International Womens Day function. Minimum staff will be working behind closed doors and answering calls from customers.

CEO advised Council that the Mayor has been announced in the NT Inspiring Women List for International Womens Day. A media release will be circulated to celebrate the achievement.

## 7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12.37pm.