Shire of Perenjori

AGENDA

Special Council Meeting

Held in the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, Fowler Street, Perenjori on 3rd September 2009, commencing at 5.30 pm.

The meeting is to elect a new President, Deputy President (if required) and other representative functions resulting from the resignation of Cr Baxter.

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SP9101  PRELIMINARIES

SP 9101.1  DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The CEO opened the meeting at 5.30pm.

SP 9101.2  RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Cr J Bensdorp
Cr R Benton
Cr J Hirsch
Cr J Cunningham
Cr C King
Cr L Butler
Cr I West
Cr G Reid

CEO
Stan Scott
DCEO
Rose Jones

Apologies
Nil
SP 9101.3 NOTATIONS OF INTEREST

Financial Interest – Local Government Act s 5.60A
Proximity Interest – Local Government Act s 5.60B
Interest Affecting Impartiality – Shire of Perenjori Code of Conduct.

SP 9102 PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING

1. To elect a new Shire President (and if necessary Deputy Shire President)
2. To select new delegates for the following responsibilities:
   - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
   - Delegate (and if necessary) Deputy Delegate – Mid West Regional Council
   - Member – Finance Committee
   - Member – Health Building and Planning Committee
   - Member – Economic Development Committee
   - Delegate – Northern Country Zone of WALGA
Executive Summary:
The requirement to elect a new President, Deputy President (if required) and other representative functions results from the resignation of Cr Baxter.

Applicants Submission:
The CEO will preside over the meeting until the Shire President has been elected and sworn in. The President will preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Background:
Cr Baxter resigned as President and as an Elected Member at the August Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995:
Schedule 2.3 sets out the procedures for the election of presidents and Deputy Presidents by Council.

Policy Implications: Nil
Financial Implications: Nil
Strategic Implications: Nil
Consultation: Nil

Comment:
The CEO will preside at the meeting until the election of the President.
Given the relatively short period until the next election the vacancies on committees could be left unfilled. The President, Deputy President and CEO represent Council on the Structural Reform Working Group.

Officer Recommendation
The appointment of President, Deputy President (if necessary) and the following responsibilities resulting from Cr Baxter’s resignation need to be made:

- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
• Delegate (and if necessary) Deputy Delegate – Mid West Regional Council

• Member – Finance Committee
  Current Members: Cr King, Cr West, Cr Hirsch, CEO, Deputy CEO
  Deputy Members are in order: Cr Bensdorp, Cr Butler, Senior Finance Officer

• Member – Health Building and Planning Committee
  Current Members: Cr Benton, Cr Bensdorp, Cr Reid, CEO, Manager Community Services
  Deputy Members are in order: Cr Hirsch, Cr Cunningham, Deputy CEO

• Member – Economic Development Committee
  Current Members: Cr Butler, Cr Hirsch, Cr Bensdorp, CEO, EDO
  Deputy Members are in order: Cr Reid, Cr Cunningham, Cr West, Deputy CEO

• Delegate – Northern Country Zone of WALGA
  Second Delegate is Cr West

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT
The CEO called for nominations for the position of President. As only one nomination was received, Cr Christopher King was duly declared President.
Cr Robyn Benton swore in the President.

The President took the Chair

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT
The president called for nominations for the position of Deputy President.
Cr Reid nominated Cr Butler. Cr Butler nominated Cr Hirsch
Both Councillors accepted nominations and ballot positions were established as:
  L Butler 1, J Hirsh 2
Councillors conducted a secret ballot with the result Cr Butler 5, Cr Hirsh 3.
Cr Laurie Butler was duly elected as Deputy President and was sworn in by Cr West.

ELECTION OF CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER
Moved: Cr King  Seconded: Cr Butler

That the CEO be appointed to the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.
CARRIED 8/0
ELECTION OF MID WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE
Moved: Cr Hirsh  Seconded: Cr Benton
That the Council delegates to the Mid West Regional Council continue to be the President and Deputy President.
CARRIED 8/0

Councillors resolved to leave other positions unfilled until after the October elections.

DESTRUCTION OF BALLOT PAPERS
Moved: Cr West  Seconded: Cr Bensdorp
That the Ballot papers used in determining the vacancy for Deputy President be destroyed.
CARRIED 8/0

SP 9102.2  DATE OF NEXT MEETING / MEETINGS
Nil

SP 9102.3  CLOSURE
The President declared the meeting closed at 5.50pm

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held 3rd September 2009.

Signed: ______________________
Presiding Elected Member
Date: ______________________