

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF GAWLER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE,
89-91 MURRAY ST, GAWLER SA 5118
ON TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7:02PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Karen Redman, Cr Cody Davies, Cr Diane Fraser, Cr Kelvin Goldstone, Cr David Hughes, Cr Paul Koch, Cr Paul Little, Cr Nathan Shanks, Cr Ian Tooley, Cr Jim Vallelonga

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Henry Inat, Ms Erin Findlay, Ms Emma Rennie, Mr Paul Horwood, Mr Sam Dilena, Mr David Bielatowicz, Mr David Petruzzella, Ms Connie Hall, Ms Kate Symes

1 STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.

2 ATTENDANCE RECORD

- 2.1 Roll Call
- 2.2 Apologies
 - Cr Brian Sambell
- 2.3 Motions to Grant Leave of Absence

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLUTION 2019:09:COU350

Moved: Cr N Shanks

Seconded: Cr P Little

That a leave of absence is granted for Cr Fraser from 29 September 2019 to 12 October 2019, inclusive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2.4 Leave of Absence
 - Nil
- 2.5 Non-attendance
 - Nil

3 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Mr Adrian Shackley, gave a brief presentation to Members regarding the item 5.2 Stronger Communities and Communities Environment Grant Programs.

The Mayor thanked Mr Shackley for his presentation.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 OFFICER REPORTS

CHANGE ORDER OF ITEM

RESOLUTION 2019:09:COU351

Moved: Cr P Koch

Seconded: Cr P Little

That item 5.2 be brought forward.

CARRIED

5.2 STRONGER COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES ENVIRONMENT GRANT PROGRAMS

RESOLUTION 2019:09:COU352

Moved: Cr P Little

Seconded: Cr K Goldstone

That Council:-

1. Notes the Stronger Communities and Communities Environment Grant Programs Report.
2. Applies to the Stronger Communities Program in the amount of \$20,000 towards the Fifth Street Playground Renewal Project and support the 2019/20 Annual Budget being adjusted to enable the Fifth Street Playground renewal project to be delivered.
3. Commits to contributing \$16,545 in funding (\$10,545 financial contribution and \$6,000 in-kind contribution) towards security improvements at the Eldred Riggs Reserve (South Gawler Football Club) as outlined in this report, thereby providing the 50% matching funding required to support a joint Strong Communities Program funding application; and
4. Submits a joint application with South Gawler Football Club (Council being the lead applicant) to the Stronger Communities Program to, seek funding to the amount of \$16,545 (50% of the full project cost).
5. Supports an Improve Backyard Habitats application submission to the Communities Environment Program to the value of \$5,000 to purchase 1,000 native plants and promote outcomes of Council's Biodiversity Management Plan within the community.
6. Notes that if Council applications are successful in proceeding to the next stage, Council will be invited to submit a full application for the above funding programs and supports their preparation.
7. Authorises the Mayor to provide a letter of support to the Gawler Environment and Heritage Association Inc. as part of their Communities Environment Grants Programs application submission on the Native Grass Restoration Project proposed at Phillips Avenue, Gawler East.
8. Authorises the Mayor to provide a letter of support to the Evanston Gardens Progress Association as part of their "Friends of Musgrave Reserve" Communities Environment Grants Programs application submission on the Hindmarsh Boulevard Amenity Landscaping Project at Musgrave Reserve Evanston Gardens.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Shanks sought and was granted leave of the meeting to speak again for item 5.1.

Cr Davies sought and was granted leave of the meeting to speak again for item 5.1.

5.1 COUNCIL BOUNDARY CHANGE PROPOSAL - INITIAL ANALYSIS

RESOLUTION 2019:09:COU353

Moved: Cr D Hughes

Seconded: Cr D Fraser

That Council :-

- 1. Notes the Council Boundary Change Proposal – Initial Analysis report.**
- 2. Determines that since the Local Government (Boundary Adjustment) Amendment Act 2017 came into effect on 1 January 2019, the time is right (further to Motion No. 2019L05:COU207) for the Town of Gawler to progress deliberations pertaining to its Council boundary areas relative to both historic boundary adjustment anomalies and also boundary reform relating to new urban growth areas. Such new growth areas will result in significant increases in population to areas in immediate vicinity of Gawler and that will materially influence the Gawler Community to which the Town of Gawler should have governance oversight.**
- 3. Notes that there is a staged approach to the submission and consideration of Boundary Change Proposals, as outlined in this Report. This includes:**
 - a. Stage 1 – Initial consideration of a potential proposal by the Boundaries Commission.**
 - b. Stage 2 – Referral of a General Proposal to the Boundaries Commission.**
 - c. Investigation of a General Proposal by the Boundaries Commission.**
- 4. Notes that a key point of consideration to the boundary reform changes relative to the Town of Gawler area pertains to the potential creation of a consolidated community of interest over the coming 20- 30 year period which is anticipated to increase the total combined population by some 50,000-60,000 people.**
- 5. Is strongly of the view that the best way to manage and service such a large community is to ensure that resources are used in the most effective and efficient manner. A key element of which is that the services provided at a local Government level should be provided by one Local Government entity, the Town of Gawler, as opposed to the four local government entities that currently exist.**
- 6. Notes that the key rationale applied to Council's deliberations when considering the Town of Gawler boundary adjustments comprise:**
 - a. The Gawler Township has and will continue to function as a Regional Service Centre to the lower mid north servicing a population in excess of 110,000 people and growing.**
 - b. As development occurs immediately adjoining the current Town of Gawler boundary the equity of residents living adjacent our borders utilising the Gawler community's services needs to be addressed to provide Council with capacity to deliver quality infrastructure and services to its community of interest and the region.**
 - c. Future generations forming part of the Gawler community in real and functional terms should have equal and appropriate representation in local decision making rather than being governed by distant entities.**
 - d. The formation of a community that is based on collective responsibility and engagement are the foundations on which a harmonious and sustainable community will flourish.**

- e. Coordinated local governance (including but not limited to urban development expansion) by one entity as opposed to potentially four separate local government bodies influencing the Town of Gawler will ensure more coordinated decision making, the most cost effective provision of services and best facilitate investment to drive job creation and economic prosperity for the region.
- 7. Notes that the various boundary adjustment options presented provide opportunities to refine the boundary configurations such as to ensure the optimum changes to best suit the formation of a new Town of Gawler Council boundary consistent with the broader interests of the community.
- 8. Adopts in principle the following Council boundary adjustments (as detailed in Attachment 4 Map 5 of this Report) as the basis for preparing a Stage 1 Proposal:
Areas to be included in the Town of Gawler;
 - a. Area 1- Concordia Growth Area
 - b. Area 2 - Hewett
 - c. Area 3 – Portion of Kalbeeba (including portion of Springwood)
 - d. Area 4 – Portion of Gawler Belt
 - e. Area 5 - Evanston Park
 - f. Area 6 - Reid
 - g. Area 7 – HillierAreas to be removed from the Town of Gawler;
 - h. Area 8 – Portion of Bibaringa
 - i. Area 9 – Portion of Uleybury
- 9. Notes that the feedback provided by Council shall be used to refine and update the boundary configuration and the preparation of a Stage 1 Proposal that will then be presented back to Council for further consideration at a future Council meeting.
- 10. Notes the indicative high level financial analysis that has been undertaken to date primarily focuses on indicative variable operating revenue and expenditure (i.e. operating revenue and expenditure that fluctuates directly with the level of outputs), and that Council Staff will undertake further financial investigations to be presented to Council at a future meeting.
- 11. Notes that a further detailed financial analysis will be undertaken by the Boundaries Commission as part of its (possible) future investigations.
- 12. Approves in principle the proposed communication and consultation process to be undertaken as outlined in the report noting that a detailed communication and consultation strategy will be developed and presented to Council at a future meeting.
- 13. Notes that to undertake boundary reform will be at a cost, the overall details of which are not known at this point, appreciating that the most significant cost relates to the Grants Commission relative to that office undertaking the investigations should Council proceed to a Stage 2 General proposal. Council will determine to proceed or otherwise at a later point in the process once the full costs are known.
- 14. Authorises the Mayor to write to all Town of Gawler adjoining Councils seeking their cooperation in regards to boundary reform and agreement to progress discussions in this regard in the best interests of all communities concerned, including seeking their willingness to establish an appropriate cost sharing arrangement to the investigations that will be triggered by the Grants Commission should the Commission determine to proceed with the boundary reforms as proposed, and or such variation.
- 15. Notes that the Barossa Geographical (GI) Zone which is a significant point of reference to regional and local wine and related industries forms a critical platform in the economic viability of the world renowned wine region. The composition of established urban areas such as a significant portion of the existing Gawler Township and Hewett, with future urban growth areas as Concordia, being located in the GI Zone is considered counterintuitive relative to the Zone's purpose. Changes to the Zone boundaries will be further considered in the context of Council's boundary reform

deliberations.

- 16. Seek that a combined Open Forum be held with the Mayors and Councils of the affected areas in the interest of consultation, collaboration and of gauging sentiment with regard to an expanded Gawler.**

CARRIED

Cr Tooley called for a division:

The Mayor declared the vote set aside.

In Favour: Crs C Davies, D Fraser, K Goldstone, D Hughes, P Koch and P Little

Against: Crs N Shanks, I Tooley and J Vallelonga

CARRIED 6/3

The Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

Cr Tooley left the meeting 8:19pm

6 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

NII

7 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

8 CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 8:20pm.

9 NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday 24 September 2019 commencing at 7.00pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Town of Gawler held on 24 September 2019.

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CHAIRPERSON