



REPORT

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

9 SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Councillors J Diffey, V Etheridge, D Grant, D Gumley, A Jones, S Lawrence, G Mohr, K Parker, J Ryan and B Shields.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control, the Manager Governance Operations, the Community Support Officer, the Manager Corporate Image and Communications, the Communications Partners, the Director Organisational Performance, the Director Culture and Economy, the Director Infrastructure (S Colliver), the Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Design, the Director Development and Environment, the Manager Growth Planning, the Growth Planning Project Leader Digital Futures and the Director Liveability.

Councillor B Shields assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.00pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber, with a prayer for Divine Guidance to the Council in its deliberations and activities. The acknowledgement of country was also read by Councillor D Grant.

CCL19/152 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID19/1269)

There were no applications for leave of absence received.

CCL19/153 PUBLIC FORUM (ID19/1268)

The Council reports having met with the following person during Public Forum:

- Ms Karina McLaughlin regarding item CCL19/154 - Proposed River Street Bridge.
- Ms Kylie Thiel regarding item CCL19/154 - Proposed River Street Bridge.
- Mr David Swain regarding item CCL19/154 - Proposed River Street Bridge.
- Mr John Fisher regarding item CCL19/154 - Proposed River Street Bridge.
- Mr Colin Middleton regarding item CCL19/154 - Proposed River Street Bridge.
- Mr Steve Hodder regarding item CCL19/154 - Proposed River Street Bridge.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

CCL19/154 PROPOSED RIVER STREET BRIDGE (ID19/1267)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 3 September 2019 from Councillor J Ryan regarding the Proposed River Street Bridge that was considered at its July 2019 Ordinary meeting of Council. At this time Council resolved to defer to the matter to a later date so Councillors could be fully briefed on the matter. A Councillor Workshop was conducted on 28 August 2019 to facilitate this briefing and accordingly the notice of motion is now before Council for consideration.

Moved by Councillor J Ryan and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

1. That Council notes the widespread community opposition to the proposed construction of the River Street bridge.
2. That Council notes the widespread community view that major highways be diverted around the city of Dubbo in a way that boosts economic activity and ensures the liveability and amenity of Dubbo.
3. That Council formally express its opposition to the proposed construction of the River Street bridge.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare a report for the December 2019 Ordinary meeting of Council detailing any and all measures within Council's powers to stop the project.
5. That Council continue to make representations to the NSW Government to provide future positive outcomes to the traffic issues currently experienced within the city of Dubbo.

CARRIED

Councillor J Diffey declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor J Diffey is employed by NSW Parliament as the Senior Electorate Officer for the local State Member and that such interest would not influence her decision making in this matter.

As one or more Councillors voted against the motion, in accordance with Clause 11.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the following votes were recorded:

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Etheridge	Councillor Diffey
Councillor Grant	Councillor Jones
Councillor Gumley	Councillor Parker
Councillor Lawrence	
Councillor Mohr	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Shields	
Total (7)	Total (3)

The meeting closed at 5.44pm.

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CHAIRMAN