



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 24 September 2024



**SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND
MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island Council held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24 September 2024

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

- 1.1 The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7pm.
- 1.2 Shire President Gordon THOMSON informed the meeting of the passing of former Councillor Stephen TAN in the previous two days in Perth.

Shire President recounted Stephen TAN's contributions to Christmas Island including a term as Councillor in the 1990s and dedication towards civil and workers' rights in the union movement in the 1970s and 80s as member of the UCIW executive committee.

The flags would be flown at half-mast on the day of the funeral as advised by the family.

Council held a minute silence as a mark of respect.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

- 1.2 Record of Attendance
Shire President
Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**
Cr Kee Heng **FOO**
Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI**
Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**
Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**
Cr Swee **TUNG**
Cr Steve **PEREIRA**

Chief Executive Officer
Director Planning, Governance & Policy/Minute Taker
Assistant Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Director Works, Services & Waste

David **PRICE**
Chris **SU**
Wei **HO**
Troy **DAVIS**

2.2 Leave of Absence

- 2.3 **Apologies**
Deputy Shire President

Cr Azmi **YON**

2.4 Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr PEREIRA requested an update as to applicable health regulations for the toilets at the Poon Saan Shops, stating it had been raised at the 23/7/24 and 27/8/24 council meetings (note – this query was raised at the 18/6/24 and 23/7/24 council meetings).

CEO David PRICE advises the meeting that the Poon Saan Shops’ toilets are not public toilets – they are toilets for the staff and patrons of the Poon Saan Shops complex. They are the responsibility of the collective owners of the complex, with the Shire ensuring that the upkeep meets the applicable health guidance.

CEO David PRICE advised that Health Officer Ron DECRUZ had followed up with the collective owners as requested and advises that the owners are considering making the toilets accessible by key only for staff and patrons of the building at their request; it is expected to be locked up after hours.

The strata owners of the Poon Saan Shop complex will advise Council of their decision.

4.2 Cr PEREIRA requested a follow up to a query from the 19/3/2024 council meeting regarding addressing of repairs to the CI Cinema Club seating. CEO David PRICE advised that the 2024/2025 Budget passed has an allocation for maintenance at the CI Cinema Club.

SOCI has liaised with the CI Cinema Club on the scheduling of repair work; Director of Works and Services Troy DAVIS informed the meeting that the handyman has the CI Cinema Club repairs in his work schedule presently.

4.3 Cr PEREIRA requested a follow-up on the 28/5/2024 Council Meeting query regarding lighting at the roundabout. Cr PEREIRA requested to know if a sub-committee could be created for the installation of festive lights to the roundabout throughout the year.

CEO PRICE advises that he will take the question on notice.

Shire President Gordon THOMSON requested clarification that the question was related to the creation of a sub-committee for the roundabout festive lighting. Cr PERIRA replied in the affirmative.

4.4 Cr PEREIRA raised a question regarding the 2024/2024 financial year Community Assistance Grants, requesting to know if the Union of Christmas Island Workers had been provided its \$10,000 allocation? The Shire President confirmed that the UCIW had not accessed its \$10,000 allocation in the Community Assistance Grants program for 2023 or 2024.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 August 2024

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr PEREIRA

Seconded: Cr TUNG

Res. No:

62/24

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 27 August 2024 Council Meeting.

Carried: 8/0

For:

Cr THOMSON

Cr FOO

Cr SAW

Cr LEE Cr WOO Cr MASLI
Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG

Against:

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 SOCI Representative on the Christmas Island Economic Future Working Group

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 63/24

That SOCI will not nominate a representative on the Christmas Island Economic Future Working Group.

Carried: 6/2

For: **Cr THOMSON Cr FOO**
 Cr SAW Cr LEE
 Cr WOO Cr MASLI

Against: **Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG**

10.1.2 SOCI Resolution on Terms of Reference for the CI EFW

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 64/24

The Shire of Christmas Island cannot subject the Shire's statutory authority to the discretionary authority of the Administrator as represented by the Christmas Island Economic Futures Working Group's Terms of Reference.

The Shire will participate in discussions and resolution of agreed terms of reference and constitution for a properly constituted organisation dedicated to Economic Planning on Christmas Island.

Carried: 6/2

For: **Cr THOMSON Cr FOO**
 Cr SAW Cr LEE
 Cr WOO Cr MASLI

Against: **Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG**

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – August 2024

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr SAW	Seconded: Cr FOO	Res. No: 65/24
That Council approves the expenditure as presented in August 2024 Schedule of Accounts		
Carried: 8/0		
For:	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE
	Cr WOO	Cr MASLI
	Cr PEREIRA	Cr TUNG
Against:		

10.2.2 Financial Statements – August 2024

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr MASLI	Res. No: 66/24
That Council receives the Financial Statements of August 2024 for the Municipal Fund.		
Carried: 8/0		
For:	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE
	Cr WOO	Cr MASLI
	Cr PEREIRA	Cr TUNG
Against:		

10.3 Director Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Director Works, Services & Waste

10.4.1 Supply and Delivery of Various Items of Plant

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr SAW	Res. No: 67/24
That Council:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Accepts the offer for RFT 03-2024 Supply of Waste Compactor from STG Global for \$418,897;2. Accepts the offer for RFQ 02-24 Supply of Telehandler from Construction Equipment Australia for \$212,000; and3. Accepts the offer for RFQ 03-24 Supply of 15 tonne Steel Drum Roller from Tutt Bryant for \$199,000.		
Carried: 8/0		
For:	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE

Cr WOO Cr PEREIRA	Cr MASLI Cr TUNG
Against:	

10.4.2 RFT 02-2024 Surplus Plant and Vehicles Tender

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr WOO	Seconded: Cr MASLI	Res. No:	68/24
That Council			
1) Endorses the additional plant item offered for sale; and			
2) Accepts the Tenders for the following items for a total of \$145,590.54			
a) Toyota Dual Cab Hilux - VN61016 - \$16,500.00			
b) Toyota Dual Cab Hilux - VN61197 - \$13,899.85			
c) Toyota Dual Cab Hilux - VN62771 - \$4,222.85			
d) Toyota Dual Cab Hilux - VN61320 - \$16,222.99			
e) Toyota Dual Cab Hilux - VN61327 - \$9,288.85			
f) Toyota Dual Cab Hilux - VN61571 - \$16,555.00			
g) Toyota Dual Cab Hilux - VN61572 - \$16,650.00			
h) Hino 300 Series Crew Cab Truck - VN61322 - \$8,500.00			
i) Hino 300 Series Crew Cab Truck - VN61323 - \$6,501.00			
j) Hino 300 Series Single Cab Truck - VN61325 - \$23,000.00			
k) JLG 3.5t Telehandler - VN62137 - \$2,500.00			
l) Caterpillar Skidsteer Loader - VN61636 - \$11,750.00			
Carried:	8/0		
For:	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO	
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE	
	Cr WOO	Cr MASLI	
	Cr PEREIRA	Cr TUNG	
Against:			

10.5 Director Planning, Governance & Policy

10.5.1 Policy Review for Audit

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	Res. No:	69/24
That Council adopts the following reviewed policies and documents –			
- Shire of Christmas Island Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates 2024			
- Shire of Christmas Island Code of Conduct Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates Breach Complaint Form 2024			
- Code of Conduct for Employees 2024			

- Code of Conduct, Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates Complaints Management Policy 2024

Carried: 8/0

For:	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE
	Cr WOO	Cr MASLI
	Cr PEREIRA	Cr TUNG

Against:

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- 12 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING**
- 13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**
- 14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**
The Shire President closed the meeting at 8.30pm
- 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22 October 2024**