



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 14 September 2022 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers, Jabiru

Chairperson Mayor Matthew Ryan declared the meeting open at 10:00 am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Matthew Ryan (Mayor) (video conference)
Councillor	Jacqueline Phillips (video conference)
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek (video conference)

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Daniel Findley
Chief Corporate Officer	David Glover
Governance and Risk Advisor	Doreen Alusa (video conference)
Finance Manager	Andrew Shaw

APOLOGIES

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Committee considered apologies and leave of absence.

The Committee received and noted Elected Member apologies from Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams and Councillor Catherine Ralph for the Special Finance Committee meeting held on 14 September 2022.

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

5.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

The Committee considered absences without notice.

The Committee noted that no Elected Members were absent without notice for the Special Finance Committee meeting held on 14 September 2022.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

6.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Committee considered acceptance of the agenda.

SFC37/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan
Seconded Councillor Jacqueline Phillips**

The agenda for the Special Finance Committee meeting held on 14 September 2022 as circulated was received for consideration at the meeting.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

7.1 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

The Committee considered the disclosure of interest of members or staff.

The Special Finance Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest for the meeting held on 14 September 2022.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2022

The Committee considered the confirmation of previous minutes for the Special Finance Committee meeting held on 13 July 2022.

SFC38/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Councillor Jacqueline Phillips
Seconded Mayor Matthew Ryan**

The minutes of the 13 July 2022 Special Finance Committee meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

9.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2022

The Committee considered the Financial Report for the period ended 31 July 2022.

SFC39/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek
Seconded Councillor Jacqueline Phillips**

The Special Finance Committee approved the Financial Management Report for the period ended 31 July 2022.

CARRIED

GENERAL ITEMS

10.1 CALL FOR MOTIONS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY GENERAL MEETING

The Committee considered a request to prepare a motion to be submitted at the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) General Meeting.

SFC40/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan
Seconded Councillor Jacqueline Phillips**

The Special Finance Committee:

- Received and noted the report; and
- Directed the Executive Manager Advocacy and Strategy to draft a motion on the repair of the first 21 kilometres of road between Cahill Crossings and Maningrida for submission at the LGANT general meeting on 17 November 2022.

CARRIED

Minute note: The Special Finance Committee considered the submission of a motion on emergency services responses to Triple Zero calls in remote communities, and noted that it would be discussed when the Mayor and Councillor Phillips met with the Police Commissioner after the Committee meeting.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

11.1 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Committee considered the closure of the meeting to the public for the discussion of confidential items.

SFC41/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan
Seconded Councillor Jacqueline Phillips**

The Special Finance Committee approved the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items were about to be discussed. The meeting was closed in accordance with regulation 51(c) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as the matters to be discussed included information that, if publicly disclosed, would be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; or (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The information in this section of the agenda is classed as confidential under section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

12.2 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee considered the disclosure of confidential resolutions and re-admittance of the public.

SFC43/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan
Seconded Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek**

The Special Finance Committee opened the meeting to the public after the discussion of confidential items, and approved to disclose the following selected resolutions from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes.

CARRIED

12.1 ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED LEASE WITH PARKS AUSTRALIA - JABIRU ROADS

The Committee considered a report on the acceptance of a proposed lease with Parks Australia - Jabiru Roads.

SFC42/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek
Seconded Councillor Jacqueline Phillips**

The Special Finance Committee:

- **Directed the administration to finalise the contract for the repair of sinkholes on Jabiru roads.**
- **Approved the attached Jabiru Road Lease with the Director of National Parks for a period of up to 50 years, and directed the administration to execute the document.**

CARRIED

Minute note: The confidential section of the Special Finance Committee meeting closed at 10:55 am and the meeting was re-opened to the public.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 9 November 2022.

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Mayor Matthew Ryan declared the meeting closed at 10:57 am.

This page and the preceding three (3) pages are the minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 14 September 2022.

Chairperson

Date Confirmed