

Extraordinary Council Meeting Wednesday 22 October 2020

## 2.1 Financial Update

Time commenced: 1.58pm

Councillor Gale left the meeting at 4.10pm and did not return.

Moved: Councillor Smith
Seconded: Councillor MacGregor

Resolved

- That Council note the actions taken in response to the Council resolution from the Extraordinary Meeting held 20 October 2020 and continue to expedite the securing of a commercial loan and overdraft.
- 2 That Council accept the Office of Local Government's early provision of Council's Financial Assistance Grant Payments.
- 3 That Council notes that Council will be processing the payroll in line with the standard process.
- 4 That Council note the media release issued today from the Minister of Local Government, Ms Shelley Hancock.
- That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and any interested Councillors meet tomorrow with the Acting Chief Executive Officer and independent legal representation to begin preparing a response to be submitted to the Minister within 7 days from official notification.
- That the Mayor note the receipt of notification from the Industrial Relations Commission and this item be tabled.
- That Council request DMB Pty Ltd to provide further information to Councillors including a briefing on Monday 26 October 2020 from DMB Pty Ltd, with the briefing to be recorded and provided to those Councillors unable to attend (subject to confidentiality).
- 8 That Council notes the advice from the Acting Chief Executive Officer that funds are available to pay current wages in a lawful manner contrary to previous advice.
- 9 That Council authorise the Mayor to commission legal advice from a firm not already utilised by Council to provide advice to specifically for the governing body on their







- responsibilities as members of the governing body in the current financial circumstances and in relation to the notice of intention to issue a suspension order.
- 10 The advice should include suggestions for pro-active strategies to manage the legal and financial risk to the Council and governing body in the current circumstances.
- 11 The advice is to be provided to all Councillors in written form promptly at the time of receipt and by way of briefing.

For:
Mayor Matthews, Councillors Best, Burke, Hogan,
Holstein, Greenaway, MacGregor, Mehrtens,
McLachlan, Smith, Sundstrom and Vincent

Abstained:
Councillor Pilon