



SPECIAL ORDINARY MEETING

6 March 2023

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Mosby opened the meeting at 9.20am and welcomed Councillors and TSIRC staff and invited Councillor Stephen (Division 13) to guide proceedings with an opening prayer.

A minute's silence was also observed by participants.

The following attendances were confirmed:

Torres Strait Island Regional Council

Mayor	Cr Phillemon Mosby
Division 5 – Badu	Cr Laurie Nona
Division 6 – Arkai	Cr Lama Trinkoon
Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island	Cr John Levi
Division 10 – Warraber	Cr Kabai Tamu
Division 11 – Poruma	Cr Francis Pearson
Division 12 – Masig	Cr Hilda Mosby
Division 13 – Ugar	Cr Rocky Stephen
Division 15 – Mer	Cr Aven S. Noah

TSIRC OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer	Mr James William
Executive Director Building Services	Mr Wayne Green
Executive Director Corporate Services	Ms Noeleen Selke
Senior Executive Assistant to the CEO	Ms Julie Marino
TSIRC Secretariat	Mr Darryl Brooks

Mayor Mosby confirmed, therefore, that the required quorum of Councillors were present for the meeting to proceed.

Mayor Mosby gave an acknowledgement of the Torres Strait Islander traditional custodians and their connection to Country within the Council's footprint. Mayor Mosby also gave an acknowledgement of the Aboriginal traditional custodians across Australia and acknowledged their connection to these lands.

AGENDA ITEM 2: APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted:

Torres Strait Island Regional Council

Division 9 – Iama
Division 14 – Erub

Cr Getano Lui Jnr (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Jimmy Gela (currently travelling)

The Mayor invited members to note that inclement weather effecting other areas of the Torres Strait Islands at the time of this special meeting had inadvertently prevented the following Councillors from being able to participate in this special meeting either via telephone or via other information technology services:

Torres Strait Island Regional Council

Division 1 – Boigu
Division 2 – Dauan
Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)

Cr Dimas Toby
Cr Torenzo Elisala
Cr Keith Fell
Cr Seriako Dorante

Moved: Division 13 (Cr. Stephen)

Seconded: Division 7 (Cr. Levi)

Carried Unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 3: DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) (PRESCRIBED AND DECLARABLE)

Mayor Mosby requested that members make any relevant conflict of interest declarations and advise if any relevant legal proceedings were current pertaining to Council business to be considered at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

At 9.30am Council resolved to go into CLOSED BUSINESS to discuss Agenda Item 5.

Moved: Division 11 (Cr. Pearson)

Seconded: Division 15 (Cr. Noah)

Carried Unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 5: CORPORATE – CB – CORRECTION OF OCTOBER 2022 ORDINARY

MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation:

That Council resolve to correct the minutes of the October 2022 Council Ordinary Meeting, Item 23, COMMUNITY SERVICES – AR – Special Holidays 2023 – Late” by deleting the words “Motion lost” in two places, and inserting in the first part of the resolution the words “with Attachment A to exclude the above region-wide and specific division holidays; and” And that, for the avoidance of doubt, Council confirm its decision at the October 2022 Council Ordinary Meeting to exclude the following from the 2023 list of special holidays:

- TSIRC Amalgamation Day (14 March)
- Community Services (Act) Day (31 May)
- Hammond – Patron St Joseph Day (2 May)
- Hammond – Church Opening day (15 September)
- Masig – Halfway Island Native Title Determination Day (19 June)
- Masig – Parish of Ioane – Independent Church of Torres Strait (24 June)
- Masig – Aureed Island Native Title Determination Day (7 December)
- Poruma and Warraber – Zaranguai Day (8 January)
- Poruma – Indigenous Protected Area Celebration (18 July)

Moved: Division 15 (Cr. Noah)

Seconded: Division 11 (Cr. Pearson)

Carried Unanimously

Follow-up Action	Responsibility	Status
Urgent notice be sent to all staff advising of the amended TSIRC Special Holidays for 2023.	Executive Director – Corporate Services	

AGENDA ITEM 6: COUNCIL MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

At 9.40am Council resolved to move out of CLOSED BUSINESS.

Moved: Division 7 (Cr. Levi)

Seconded: Division 13 (Cr. Stephen)

Carried Unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 21: CLOSING REMARKS AND PRAYER

Mayor Mosby thanked Councillors for their attendance at this special meeting and invited Councillor Pearson (Division 11) to close the meeting with prayer.

Meeting closed at 9.45am.

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Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer

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Cr. Phillemon Mosby
Mayor

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