

PUBLIC FORUM SESSION HELD 27 NOVEMBER 2019

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The Public Forum Session commenced at 6:15p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Turley AM (Mayor) Councillor C. Adams (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors B. Algate, M. Browne, M. Clark, D. Gallagher T. Kennedy,
B. Licul, J. Nolan and R. Page.

General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operations Officer, Director
Corporate, Manager Communications, Governance Officer and Executive
Support Officer.

Media (3), Members of the Public (approximately 55).

APOLOGIES:

The following members of the public addressed Council during the Public Forum Session:

1. Peter Nash – Gateway Signage
Spoke in favour of the Rescission Motion, advising:
 - Installing the same sign on all highway entrances is a waste of money
 - The community should choose the winner of the gateway signage competition
 - The installed sign has not met with community expectations
 - The judging panel did not see all of the entries
 - The Mayor and three Councillor have conflicts of interest

2. Gary Spicer – Gateway Signage
Spoke in favour of the Rescission Motion, advising:
 - The gateway signs already erected are an insult to Broken Hill and do nothing for the tourism industry
 - There is a total of 59 vacant shops in the CBD area, Westside Plaza, Broken Hill Shopping Village and Patton Street
 - The City's economy is struggling which is affecting the value of properties in the CBD area and this will possibly affect residential properties in the future
 - Council should be doing everything in its power to revitalise the City's economy
 - The five unique sign designs created by Deanna Spicer have the ability to revitalise the tourism industry and Broken Hill's economy

3. Nick Bobos – Town Issues
Spoke in favour of the Rescission Motion, advising:
 - Does not believe Councillors make the right decisions for the City
 - The winning sign design does not reflect what Broken Hill is about
 - Concerned about the design of the new Library and Community Hub, which should be built as an extension to the Town Hall Façade, not separate to it
 - Concern that the Airport kiosk is still closed
 - Council needs to listen to the community and make the right decisions

4. Ray Johnson – Gateway Signage
Spoke in favour of the Rescission Motion, advising:
 - The winner of the gateway signage competition should have been chosen by the community
 - Concern that the processes for the competition were changed after the Council resolution
 - Urged Councillors to make the right decisions for the community and install the signs created by Deanna Spicer.

5. Diana Ferry representative of the Town Employees Union, the Barrier Industrial Council and the Trades Hall Trust – Gateway Signage
Spoke in favour of the Rescission Motion, advising:
 - The original designs created by an ex-Council employee were at the time preferred by Councillors, but for some reason, these designs were abandoned by Council. Deanna Spicer's designs are of a similar vein.
 - Urged the Mayor and Councillors to listen to the community and overturn the decision to install signs of the winning design, but instead install the signs designed by Deanna Spicer.

Closed 6:29pm