

12/01/2022

Mayoral minute 2/22

1. That the Mayoral minute 2/22 dated the 12/01/22 be received.
2. That an ordinary council meeting be held on the 27/01/2022 at 6.30pm.
3. That a workshop be held on Wednesday 19/01/2022 at 5.30pm to organise amendments to council's code of meeting practice, so that the public forum will be part of councils ordinary and extraordinary. Other amendments to the code of meeting practice will also be made, that the amendments discussed will be put in a draft form for adoption at the January council meeting on Thursday 27/01/2022.
4. That council immediately advertises for community groups interested in hosting public meetings to discuss council matters. The public meetings will be held monthly and business forums bimonthly, that a report will be presented to the February 2022 meeting of council about potential arrangements for public meetings.
5. That at the February 2022 meeting of council, councillors are to be presented with the required policies, with amendments included, that will allow for cash payments to be accepted at all council operated facilities.
6. That a workshop will be held to discuss amendments to the following policies, The code of conduct, Compliance and enforcement, Debt recovery, Local orders policy, Media relations, Social media and Tree management.
7. That all expenditure, plans and actions related to the development of the council's library hub be abandoned and that the General manager be invited to present a report to the Meeting on 27/1/2022 outlining the use of federal grant money for a purpose built archive that is located in the proposed position of the library hub. The report will include staffing requirements.
8. That the General manager be invited to advertise for expressions of interest for a community group to facilitate the removal and replacement of the gateway signage, that councillors are presented with a report at the February 2022 meeting detailing the cost of replacing one of the gateway signs with a sign chosen by Deanna Spicers from her designs.
9. That the General manager be invited to provide a report to council with options on how to manage a complaints committee that is operated locally, the committee will deal with disputed fines and disputed orders.
10. That the General manager be invited to provide a report to March 2022 ordinary council meeting that details the structure and operations of the former 355 committee known as "The regional tourism association" with a view to reestablish the committee. The goal of the committee will be to market tourism and encourage migration to the city.
11. That the General manager be invited to provide a report to council detailing the requirements for dedicated full time council employed staff to maintain footpaths and nature strips.
12. That the over \$6m collected from waste disposal from the Wentworth to Broken Hill pipeline is removed from the library hub project reserve and placed into a general projects reserve.
13. That council forms a 355 committee that deals with all matters that affect our senior citizens and that the formation of the committee is to be advertised to the community for membership and expressions of interest.

14. That council forms a 355 committee that has the role to bring projects and services to the city that benefit young children, teenage children and young adults and that the formation of the committee will be advertised and expressions sought.
15. That the General manager be invited to provide a report is presented to council detailing what amendments need to be made to the constitutions of all council 355 committees as to provide more autonomy to the committees to operate and manage council facilities.
16. That the Mayor be invited to organise a meeting with the Local member Roy Butler and Essential Water as early as possible to significantly accelerate the process to open the Imperial Lake. That a site visit is organised with Essential Energy for councillors to view the Imperial Lake. That the General manager be invited to obtain an independent engineers report into the safety of the dam wall. Expressions of interest are advertised immediately for community representation on a working group to facilitate volunteers and the opening of the Lake and that landcare and RANA are contacted to gauge interest.
17. That options to increase street lighting be referred to the Policy and General committee.
18. That the General manager be invited to immediately advertise for expression of interest from the community to form a working party to provide council with advice on projects that council undertakes, with a view to reduce the council's reliance on consultants.
19. That the General Manager be invited to hold a workshop to explain to councillors how line budgets will be implemented for the 2022/23 budget.
20. That the Mayor be invited host a meeting with the local state member Roy Butler and the local federal member Market Coultou and that John Lynch, and a representative from the RFDS are invited to discuss proposals and options for an airport upgrade and options.
21. That options to increase childcare be referred to the Policy and General committee.
22. That the Works committee discuss and provide options for the removal of residential waste gate charges, this will also apply to commercial businesses that are disposing of residential rubbish, the committee will also discuss greenwaste and other recycling options. Any findings will be discussed at a number of public meetings.
23. That the General Manager be invited to provide the council with a report detailing the legal expenditure to defend against the ombudsman's report into the occupation certificate and civic centre usage. The report will detail any decision to expend funds to mount such defence. This report will be provided to the February 2022 meeting.
24. That the General Manager be invited to hold a workshop on 24/01/2022 at 5.30 pm to provide councillors with all reports and information pertaining to the Civic Centre litigation.
25. That the Policy and General committee consider proposals to reduce commercial and industrial rates and to make residential rates more equitable.
26. That General Manager be invited to advertise for expressions of interest to paint murals and provide other street art and that a report be provided at the January 27th 2022 meeting explaining why the proposed mural in Argent St from the Country Women's association was rejected and options to invite them to resubmit their application.

27. That the Policy and General committee investigate the cost for council to provide more focus on applying for grant funding and the opportunity to apply for grants for local organisations as a fee for service.
28. That the Mayor be invited to send correspondence to the Local member Roy Butler asking that he make representations to the State Government on behalf of the Broken Hill community to have a permanent Wentworth pipeline subsidy implemented. That Roy be asked to facilitate a meeting with the appropriate Minister to meet with the Mayor and Roy to discuss the subsidy.
29. That the General manager be invited to provide council with a report at the on the progress of the Netball, Norm Fox redevelopment and a tour is organised for councillors to see all council parks, ovals and sporting facilities.
30. That the General manager be invited to organise a meeting with IPART and Essential Energy to discuss options to increase water usage at a lower cost so that the city can be greened.
31. That the Mayor be invited to send correspondence to the Local member Roy Butler to ask him to organise a meeting with the appropriate Ministers to discuss the management of the Menindee Lakes and the Darling River.
32. That General manager be invited to immediately advertise for expressions of interest from the community to remove dead trees.
33. That the Works committee investigate options to plant different tree species that are asset friendly and fast growing.
34. That the General Manager be invited to provide councillors with a report on options to address the issues of roaming dogs and cats. That a meeting be organised of the committee that was formed to address this issue and the findings referred to the Policy and General committee.
35. That the General Manager be invited to provide a report about the process to get funding for a mining, truck, car and motorbike museums. The report will include previous reports on the matters and the offer made by Perilya a number of years ago about mining assets.
36. That the General manager advertise for expressions of interest to form a working group to address the homeless issue, drug and alcohol use and suicide prevention.
37. That the General Manager be invited to provide a report to council detailing options to facilitate a truck wash and truck stop.
38. That the General Manager be invited to provide a report to the January meeting about any positions in the employee structure that remain unfilled and the expense to date for wages compared to the budgeted amount. Also the expected wage amount to year end with only the current positions filled.
39. That the General Manager be invited to contact the appropriate Aboriginal organisations to facilitate communication for the purpose of establishing a green space at the rear of Creedon Street.

Mayor Tom Kennedy