

MINUTES

TITLE: Special Council
DATE: Thursday 26 October 2006
TIME: 10.00 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Mayor J C Hurley, Crs T B King, T E Norriss, R G Currie, N Riley, E J Wilkins, M J Higgins, S J Borlase, E M O'Regan, E E Henry, P K O'Shea, S G Bryant, J L Inglis, R G Kempthorne
IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (R G Dickinson), Corporate Services Manager (D G Ward), Accounting Manager (M W Staite), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 R Hellyer

Cr O'Shea spoke on behalf of Mr Hellyer who thanked Council for fixing the bridge by his property, commended Council for undertaking a comparative exercise on the Richmond Library, and advised that he is opposed to amalgamation.

2 ADOPTION OF 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Ward advised that the 2006 Annual Report was considered at the Audit Subcommittee meeting held on 19 October 2006. He acknowledged the work of both Murray Staite and Bryce Grammer in the preparation of the report. He was pleased to report that Council had received an unqualified audit report.

Cr King thanked David Ward and staff that worked on the report. He noted issues through the report, such as DILs that need to be addressed at the workshops to be held in December 2006.

Mr Dickinson noted that \$500,000 of cost saving measures across departments were made mid-way through the financial year to offset a mid year budget deficit. This resulted in a \$86,000 year end surplus in the general rate account which was a pleasing outcome.

Cr Bryant congratulated the staff and found the result pleasing. He noted that Council hasn't had a report on the completion of the new administration building as yet.

Cr O'Regan congratulated the staff on presenting such an informative and clear document.

**Moved Crs King/O'Regan
CN06/10/10**

THAT:

- a) Council approves 2006 Annual Report for signing**
- b) Council adopts the unqualified 2006 Annual Report.**

CARRIED

2. DUMP SITE INVESTIGATIONS

Mr D Bush-King, Mr R Smith and Ms J Easton were in attendance for discussion on this item.

Mr Dickinson tabled a report, dated 1996, of known dump sites, which records what we know about them and how we found out that information.

Ms Easton reviewed the report and updated Council on the status of the sites today.

Mayor Hurley said it was possible new sites could be found somewhere and they would be dealt with on a case by case basis if they arose.

Cr O'Regan thanked staff for the concise and sensible way they have dealt with the matter over the years. He asked if there was any evidence of ongoing or continuing illness arising from this.

Ms Easton said there has been no such proper health study undertaken.

Mr Dickinson commented that the majority of the sites on the list are old uncontrolled dumps operated by our predecessor councils.

Mr Bush-King said budgetary allowance has been made to deal with onsite issues of unwanted chemicals and Ms Easton is available to deal with issues as they come up.

**Moved Crs King/Riley
CN06/10/11**

THAT the report on Fruitgrowers Chemical Company Dump Site Investigations be received.

CARRIED

3. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Bryant/Riley
CN06/10/12**

THAT the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting.

**Chief Executive Review Committee
Richmond Property Issue**

The general subject of the matter to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
3.1 Chief Executive Review Committee	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
3.2 Richmond property issue	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of that meeting in public are as follows:

Reason to withhold information under Section 7	
3.1 Protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7(2)(a)
3.2 Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(1)

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book, resolution number CN06/10/13).

**Moved Crs King/Borlase
CN06/10/14**

THAT public meeting be resumed and the business transacted while the public was excluded be adopted in open meeting.

CARRIED

**Moved Crs Bryant/Inglis
CN06/10/13**

THAT Council confirm the appointment of Mr John Palmer to the Chief Executive Review Committee to assist with the appointment process.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 11.40 am.

Chair:

Date: