



**GLADSTONE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CIVIC CENTRE  
101 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE**

**On Tuesday 16 November 2021**

**Commencing at 9.00am**

**Leisa Dowling  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 16 NOVEMBER 2021**

### **Elected Members**

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett  
Councillor G G Churchill  
Councillor K Goodluck  
Councillor R A Hansen  
Councillor D V O'Grady  
Councillor C A Trevor  
Councillor N Muszkat  
Councillor C Cameron  
Councillor D Branthwaite

### **Officers**

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)  
Mrs R Millett (Executive Secretary)  
Mrs B Saunders (Manager Governance and Risk)  
Mr M Holmes (General Manager Finance, Governance and Risk)  
Mr R Huth (General Manager Customer Experience)  
Mr J Tumbers (General Manager Operations)  
Ms C Quinn (General Manager Strategy and Transformation)  
Ms K Lee (General Manager Community Development and Events)  
Mr M Francis (General Manager Strategic Asset Performance) (via teams)  
Mr T Mienie (General Manager People, Culture and Safety) (via teams)  
Mr M Harris (Media Advisor)  
Mr G Scanlan (Economic Development Specialist)  
Ms K Wockner (Manager Contracts and Procurement)  
Mr C Irving (Manager Waste Program Delivery)

### **G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

### **G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE**

Nil.

### **G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil.

## **G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES**

Firstly, and foremost I would like to mention the opening of the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct on the weekend. I did all the thankyou's on the weekend to everyone who has put so much effort into making this project come to life. It was identified as the number one social infrastructure priority project for the Gladstone Region in the Social Infrastructure Strategic Plan (SISP) and the first stage of that project has now been delivered. Thank you to everyone involved, and thank you to the key partners involved, the Queensland Government, the Federal Government, the Gladstone Foundation, Council, the Salvation Army and Gladstone Area Promotion Development Ltd (GAPDL). So many people put so much into the project over so many years and it is fantastic to see the precinct open. The next stage is already receiving a lot of interest, including those potentially building aged care and retirement villages on the site opposite on Dave Burns Drive.

Getting into the festive season, we have the Calliope Carols on Friday 26 November 2021 and the Santos GLGN Mayor's Carols at the Gladstone Ports Corporation Marina Stage on Friday 3 December 2021. That is followed the next day, on Saturday 4 December, by the Ulysses Toy Run, and thank you to the Deputy Mayor who will be participating in the Ulysses Toy Run this year. Then on Sunday 5 December 2021 we have the Christmas Street Party in Goondoon Street. Christmas is just around the corner and we will have the Kmart Wishing Tree and the Mayor's Giving Tree as well. Please support the Salvation Army and the local charities and get out and about and help those that are in need this Christmas with plenty of opportunities to do that.

I would like to acknowledge former Councillor PJ Sobhanian joining the gallery this morning. Thank you PJ for being with us here today.

**G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 2 NOVEMBER 2021**

**Responsible Officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 16 November 2021

**File Ref:** CM7.2

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**Purpose:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 2 November 2021.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 2 November 2021 be confirmed.

**GM/21/4629 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/3. DEPUTATIONS**

### **G/3.1. INTER-PORT GLOBAL CONSOLIDATED HOLDINGS**

**Responsible Officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 16 November 2021

**File Ref:** CM7.6

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**Purpose:**

To discuss Inter-Port Global's Plan for Port Central.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That the deputation from Inter-Port Global Consolidated Holdings be received.

**GM/21/4630 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **G/4.1. TENDER 255-21 WASTE & RECYCLABLES ROADSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Operations

**Council Meeting Date:** 16 November 2021

**File Ref:** PE1.1

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#### **Purpose:**

This report seeks resolution from Council to enter into a contract with JJ Richards & Sons Pty Ltd for Tender 255-21 Waste Recyclables Roadside Collection Service.

#### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation and accept the offer from JJ Richards & Sons Pty Ltd for Tender 255-21 Waste Recyclables Roadside Collection Service; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract and associated contract variations with JJ Richards & Sons Pty Ltd for Tender 255-21 Waste Recyclables Roadside Collection Service.

#### **GM/21/4631 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/4.2. SPORTS MARKETING AUSTRALIA PTY LTD - SPECIALISED SUPPLIER**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Operations

**Council Meeting Date:** 16 November 2021

**File Ref:** PE1.1

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### **Purpose:**

This report seeks a resolution from Council to make use of the provisions in s235 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that allows for exceptions to the requirement for written quotes or tenders. The use of this provision is sought in relation to sports, arts and cultural events placement services.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council resolves, in accordance with Section 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that it is satisfied that sports, arts and cultural events placement services provided by Sports Marketing Australia Pty Ltd is a specialised service.

### **GM/21/4632 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Branthwaite

Seconded Cr Muszkat

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**



### **G/4.3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 27 OCTOBER 2021**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Council Meeting Date:** 16 November 2021

**File Ref:** FM15.1

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**Purpose:**

This report seeks Council adoption of the Monthly Financial Statements for the 2021-22 year to date, for the period ended 27 October 2021.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Statements attached to the officer's report for the 2021-22 year to date, for the period ended 27 October 2021 as required under Section 204 *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

**GM/21/4633 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Muszkat  
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Mayor Burnett mentioned the front page of the Courier Mail newspaper today and encouraged all residents to have a read as Councillor Natalia Muszkat is featured on the front page challenging the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) on her ability to block people who constantly defame her, who are spiteful and nasty online and on social media which is not acceptable. Mayor Burnett congratulated Cr Muszkat for challenging the OIA and advised Cr Muszkat that she has every right to block people on social media when they behave in this way. Mayor Burnett noted that the behaviour was disgraceful and not accepted within our community. Mayor Burnett noted that social media provides a platform for everyone to have a say and that people should be genuine in what you have to say and polite in how you host yourself. Mayor Burnett further noted that he has received comments of support and congratulations for Cr Muszkat from people across the state for standing up.

Cr Muszkat thanked Mayor Burnett and acknowledged that she was not the only one to receive this treatment from members of the community. Cr Muszkat mentioned that she didn't want members of her family to feel intimidated or scared because she is being targeted and harassed and noted that some of the comments received were quite disgusting and that no one should be receiving those types of messages. Cr Muszkat further noted that the only action available to her was to block these members of the community to prevent the messages appearing on her news feed so herself and family and friends don't have to read them. Cr Muszkat advised there were a number of ways that she connects and engages with the community, such as various social media platforms, phone, text, email, letter and has not stopped anyone from contacting or engaging meaningfully with her.

**G/6. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

**G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil.

**G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil.

There being no further business the Mayor formally closed the meeting.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:17am**

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby confirm that I have read the minutes and they are a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting. I certify that these 11 pages form the official copy of Gladstone Regional Council General Meeting Minutes of the 16 November 2021.

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Mayor Matt Burnett

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Date