



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 34
CHURCH STREET, SALISBURY ON**

8 MARCH 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor G Aldridge
Cr B Brug
Cr L Brug
Cr C Buchanan (Deputy Mayor)
Cr J Chewparsad
Cr A Graham
Cr K Grenfell
Cr D Hood
Cr P Jensen
Cr M Mazzeo
Cr S McKell
Cr S Ouk

OBSERVERS Nil

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Mr J Harry
General Manager Business Excellence, Mr C Mansueto
A/General Manager City Infrastructure, Mr M Purdie
General Manager Community Development, Mrs A Pokoney Cramey
General Manager City Development, Ms M English
Manager Governance, Mr R Deco
Manager, Financial Services, Ms K George
Manager, Business Systems and Solutions, Ms L Paltridge
Team Leader, Communications and Marketing, Ms Helen Atkins
Team Leader Council Governance, Ms J O'Keefe-Craig

The meeting commenced at 6:02pm.

OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed the Elected Members, Public and Staff to the meeting.

The Mayor read the Kurna Acknowledgement.

The Chief Executive Officer read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr S Burner and Cr G Bawden.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

NOM1 Offensive Social Media Publication

Moved Cr A Graham

Seconded Cr S Ouk

That Council:

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 1. *Notes that January 27 is International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.*
 2. *Expresses our condolences to descendants, friends, veterans and community members who have been impacted by the Holocaust.*
 3. *Council and the Mayor reaffirm that by adoption of this resolution, Council does not condone and in fact condemns the views and terminology regarding Concentration Camps used by Councillor Burner in the media and social media. These views do in no way represent the views of the City of Salisbury.*
 4. *Council and the Mayor reaffirm by adoption of this resolution that Council does not condone and in fact condemns the views and use of Nazi terminology used by Councillor Bawden such as "Useless Eaters" and "Life Unworthy of Life" as purported "facts" on social media. These views do in no way represent the views of the City of Salisbury and we stand in solidarity with our diverse community.*
 5. *Council expresses its concern with Mayors, Councillors and General Managers being labelled as "Kapos (Jewish Prison Guards)" as suggested by Councillor Bawden.*
 6. *Request that Crs Bawden and Burner publicly apologise for their comments on social media.*

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2. Strongly denounces the disturbing ostensible associations to the Nazi regime, fascism and white supremacy made on social media by Cr Severina Burner, by publishing a swastika image on her Councillor Facebook page on Sunday 5 March 2023.
 3. Expresses its dismay and acknowledges the potential impact of such online publications on the many City of Salisbury families and communities directly or indirectly affected by the Nazi persecution during the Second World War.
 4. Requests the Mayor to write to the Australian Human Rights Commission to express Council's serious concern and formally raise this matter.
 5. Requests for the screenshots of the above referenced social media posts as tabled at the meeting to be included in the Minutes.

VARIATION

Cr M Mazzeo, with the consent of the mover and seconder, sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the Motion.

MOTION as VARIED

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 5. Requests Councillor Burner to undertake the following human rights training by 30th April 2023:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/education/training/training-topic/racism>

This course has a cost attached and the cost must be covered by Councillor Burner. The training must be supervised by Council staff and undertaken at the Salisbury Community Hub.

<https://humanrights.gov.au/education/training/training-topic/appropriate-workplace-behaviour>

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<https://humanrights.gov.au/education/training/free-elearning-courses#human-rights> This link provides free modules including:

An introduction to Human Rights

An introduction to United Nation Human Rights Frameworks

Councillor Burner is asked to undertake these free online courses. The training must be supervised by Council staff and undertaken at the Salisbury Community Hub.

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6. Requests the Mayor to write to the Australian Human Rights Commission to express Council's serious concern and formally raise this matter.
 7. Requests for the screenshot of the referenced social media post as tabled at the meeting to be included in the Minutes. (*The screenshot is included as attachment 1 to these minutes.*)
 8. Requests the Administration to publish a copy of the audio of the special council meeting of 08/03/2023 on the Council website.

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UNANIMOUSLY
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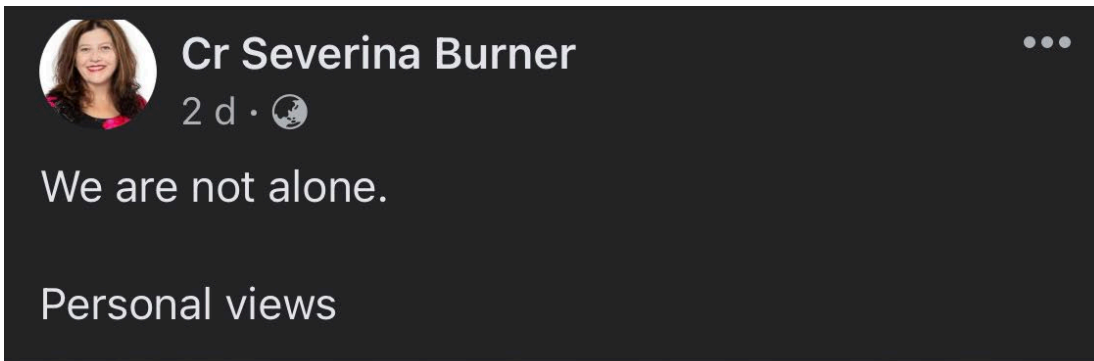
CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 6:52pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....



We are not alone.

Personal views

Me when I'm asked to kneel and apologize for being **right**

