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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS:

The President, Cr Girando welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Councillor M J Girando
Councillor A K Williams
Councillor M R Bothe
Councillor G George
Councillor D B McTaggart
Councillor D A Rackemann
Councillor J K Waite

President
Deputy President

Mr M J Hook
Ms S G Donohue

Chief Executive Officer
Minutes Clerk

Leave of Absence

Councillor B J McDonald

Declarations of Interest

Councillor/Officer	Item	Interest	Nature
		Nil	

Visitors

Mr Graham Eaton
Mr Greg Waite
Mrs Linda Thompson
Mr Bruce Jack
Mrs Amanda Hannington
Mrs Fiona Falconer
Mr David Falconer
Mrs Alison Doley
Mr Noel Sharp

Cr Merle Isbister	President, Shire of Carnamah
Cr Enid Cockin	Councillor, Shire of Carnamah
Cr Tim Davies	Councillor, Shire of Carnamah
Cr David Mills	Councillor, Shire of Carnamah
Cr Colleen Bennier	Councillor, Shire of Carnamah
Cr Coral Conrad	Councillor, Shire of Carnamah
Mr Bill Atkinson	CEO, Shire of Carnamah
Mr Kim Hastie	Acting CEO, Shire of Carnamah

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Mr Graham Eaton

Will the public have the opportunity to participate in further consultation before final decision about Structural Reform is made?

Presidents Response

The Shire of Coorow Structural Reform Report must go to the Minister for Local Government for approval, Council will be seeking no more community input until the report is adopted. Once tabled the report will become a public document and will be made available to interested community members.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil.

6. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

The President, Cr Girando invited the President, Councillors and Staff of the Shire of Carnamah to speak regarding their position and thoughts relating to Structural Reform.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 2009 Ordinary Meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting to be held Wednesday 21 October 2009.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION:

At any meeting of Council the person presiding may announce or raise any matter of interest or relevance to the business of Council or propose a change to the order of business.

Members may move that a change in order of business proposed by the person presiding not be accepted and if carried the change does not take place.

Nil.

9. MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED:

For the convenience of members of the public Council may identify, by decision, early in the meeting any matter on the agenda to be discussed behind closed doors and that matter is to be deferred for consideration as the last item of the meeting.

Items for which the meeting will be closed include:

RESOLUTION: **2009-165**

Moved: Cr George ***Seconded:*** Cr Williams

That Council meet behind closed doors to discuss Item 10.1.1.

CARRIED 5/2

Council believed that they would be discussing items of a sensitive nature and personal affairs of the Shire of Carnamah councillors and staff.

The meeting adjourned at 7.30pm.

The meeting resumed at 7.33pm.

Council met behind closed doors at 7.33pm.

10. REPORTS:

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

10.1.1	CIRCLE SOLUTIONS CONSULTING FINAL STRUCTURAL REFORM SUBMISSION: OPPORTUNITIES AND OPTIONS FOR THE SHIRE OF COOROW
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AUTHOR	Mark Hook
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
DATE OF REPORT	14 September 2009
ATTACHMENT	Reform Submission: Opportunities and Options for the Shire of Coorow
FILE	L10.9

SUMMARY:

Council is being requested to adopt the final Reform Submission *Opportunities and Options for the Shire of Coorow* from Circle Solutions Consulting.

BACKGROUND:

Council advertised for a consultant to undertake the proposed mergers of the Shires of Coorow, Carnamah and Irwin including the possible split of the Shire of Coorow with adjoining Local Governments.

The Chief Executive Officer appointed Circle Solutions Consulting to undertake the project. Council had the draft report presented to them by Circle Solutions Consulting at the 16 September 2009 Ordinary Meeting of Council. From this meeting Circle Solutions Consulting finalised the Executive Summary.

Circle Solutions Consulting forwarded the final submission to the Chief Executive Officer for adoption by Council at its Special Meeting of Council to be held on 12 October 2009 at the Coorow Administration Centre.

COMMENT:

Councillors have been forwarded the Final Report prepared by Circle Solutions Consulting by email on the 21 September 2009 for consideration and comment prior to the meeting.

The report was to be sent to the Minister for Local Government by the 28 September 2009. The Chief Executive officer has spoken with Mr Gary Brennan, the Ministers Chief of Staff to advise that Council will be submitting its report the day after the Special Meeting of Council.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government Act 1995
Local Government Advisory Board

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Final Report as included as an attachment under separate cover, has implications to Councils Strategic Plans but until the final agreed upon amalgamations are known it is impossible to show or discuss what the final amalgamation make up will mean to the long term Strategic Plans adopted by the Shire of Coorow.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Circle Solutions Consulting has undertaken the report for the Department of Local Government and Regional Development grant of \$10,000.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Council is unable to put the final report out to Community Consultation prior to it being sent to the Minister for Local Government as the report had to be sent to the Minister for Local Government by the 28 September 2009.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Circle Solutions Consulting Reform Submission *Opportunities and Options for the Shire of Coorow* and forward the report to the Minister for Local Government.

MOTION:

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr McTaggart

That Council adopt the Circle Solutions Consulting Reform Submission Opportunities and Options for the Shire of Coorow and forward the report to the Minister for Local Government.

AMENDMENT:

Moved: Cr George

Seconded: Cr Rackemann

That Council:

1. *adopt the Circle Solutions Consulting Reform Submission Opportunities and Options;*
2. *with the Shire of Carnamah jointly approach the Shires of Moora, Dandaragan and Irwin to establish a Memorandum of Understanding relating to the merger to form one shire; and*
3. *forward the report including this motion to the Minister for Local Government.*

The amendment became the substantive motion and was put and carried.

RESOLUTION:

2009-166

Moved: Cr George

Seconded: Cr Rackemann

That Council:

1. *adopt the Circle Solutions Consulting Reform Submission Opportunities and Options;*
2. *with the Shire of Carnamah jointly approach the Shires of Moora, Dandaragan and Irwin to establish a Memorandum of Understanding relating to the merger to form one shire; and*
3. *forward the report including this motion to the Minister for Local Government.*

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Cr Waite requested all votes be recorded

For: Cr Girando, Cr Williams, Cr George, Cr McTaggart, Cr Rackemann

Against: Cr Waite, Cr Bothe

RESOLUTION:

2009-167

Moved: Cr Bothe

Seconded: Cr Waite

That Council come out from behind closed doors.

CARRIED 7/0

Council came out from behind closed doors at 7.55pm.

The members of the public returned to the meeting at 7.57pm and the President, Cr Girando read out the resolution passed by Council behind closed doors.

11. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

Nil.

12. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION:

Nil at this time.

13. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS:

Nil.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

14. ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday 21 October 2009 at the Leeman Administration Centre, Leeman from 3pm.

15. CLOSURE:

There being no further business the President, Cr Girando closed the meeting at 8.01pm.