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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR
12 MARCH 2015

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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

12 MARCH 2015

Present: Councillors D Knight (Mayor), J Arkan, N Cowling, R Degens, G Innes, B Palmer, K Rhoades, M Sultana and S Townley

Staff: General Manager, Director Sustainable Infrastructure, Director Sustainable Communities, Director Business Services and Executive Assistant

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm with the Mayor, Cr D Knight in the chair.

We respectfully acknowledge the Gumbaynggirr Country and the Gumbaynggirr Aboriginal peoples who are traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and their Elders both past and present.

The Mayor reminded the Chamber that the meeting was to be recorded, and that no other recordings of the meeting would be permitted.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The General Manager read the following disclosure of interest to inform the meeting:

| Councillor | Item | Type of Interest |
|------------|---|--|
| Cr Palmer | SC15/4 Local Growth Management Strategy Review Stage 1 - Land Capacity Assessment Audit and Issues Report | Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict as a family member owns an investment property that is a holiday letting. |
| Cr Innes | SI15/4 Variation of Lease to Coffs Harbour Yacht Club | Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict as a past Commodore of the Club. |
| Cr Palmer | SI15/6 City Square Concept Design - Exhibition Report | Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict as his wife operates a retail business in the CBD. |

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|-------------------|---|---|
| Cr Innes | SI15/6 City Square Concept Design - Exhibition Report | Non Pecuniary Significant Conflict as his wife owns a business that competes directly with 2 businesses in the CBD. |
| General Manager | SI15/6 City Square Concept Design - Exhibition Report | Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict as he holds a position of Director (non-remunerated) of Rally Australia. |

APOLOGY

No apologies.

PUBLIC FORUM

| Time | Speaker | Item |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 5.00 pm | Phil Tripp | Various Ways to bring in Income for Vital Council Services |

PUBLIC ADDRESS

| Time | Speaker | Item |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 5.05 pm | Graeme Geyson | BS 15/14 – Corindi Area Developer Contributions Plan |
| 5.10 pm | John Buckland | SI 15/7 – Traffic Committee No 1/2015 |

CONFIRMATION AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 31** **RESOLVED** (Innes/Palmer) that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 26 February 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

BS15/14 CORINDI AREA DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN

Executive Summary

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the repeal of the Section 94 Contributions Plan for the Corindi area (Corindi CP). The Corindi CP has achieved its objectives, and therefore the imposition of contributions in accordance with the plan is no longer required. Therefore the plan can be repealed.

32 RESOLVED (Arkan/Palmer) that:

1. Council give public notice of its intention to repeal the Section 94 Contribution Plan No. 4 (Corindi Area).
2. After a period of at least 14 days from the notice of intention to repeal the Contributions Plan, Council give public notice of the repeal of the Section 94 Contribution Plan No. 4 (Corindi Area).

SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT REPORT

SI15/7 TRAFFIC COMMITTEE NO. 1/2015

Executive Summary

To confirm Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 19 February 2015.

33 RESOLVED (Arkan/Degens) that:

T.1 - Pacific Street Corindi – Parking Issues [5384514]

That approval be given to install “No Stopping” zone for 18m on both sides of the road adjacent 97 Pacific Street, Corindi, as per plan T.1-2015.

T.2 - Ocean Parade Coffs Harbour – No Parking (R.505540[5445488])

That no action be taken for the following reasons:

- Sight distance meets Australian Standards for exiting a driveway in this speed zone.
- There are many similar driveways on this road.
- Traffic speeds and volumes are relatively low.
- Neighbouring property with similar driveway configuration strongly oppose parking restrictions on this section of road.
- No reported crashes from 1997-2013.

Cont'd

T.3- Brunswick Avenue Coffs Harbour – No Stopping Zone (R.504040[5446424])

Installation of 1 central parking bay between driveways on the north side from 19-29 Brunswick Avenue Coffs Harbour with no stopping zone regulatory line marking on both sides of the road as per plan T.3-2015.

No stopping lines to be trialled and publicised with a view to implementing across the LGA as a cost saving measure to Council.

T.4 – Brunswick Avenue Coffs Harbour – Traffic & Pedestrian Safety (R.504040[5446226])

That Council investigate and seek funding for a footpath from 22 Brunswick Avenue to the intersection of Brunswick Avenue and Karuah Avenue Coffs Harbour

T.5 – Ulmarra Lane Coffs Harbour – Signage [5346380]

That approval be given for the installation of No Parking signs on one side of Ulmarra Lane Coffs Harbour as per plan T.5-2015.

T.6 – Nightingale Street and River Street Woolgoolga – Bus Zones (R.508770[5417196])

That approval be given for:

- a) Installation of bus zone adjacent 44 River Street Woolgoolga as per plan T.6a-2015.
- b) Installation of bus zone adjacent 2 Market Street (along Nightingale Street frontage), Woolgoolga as per plan T.6b-2015.

T.7 – Market Street & Beach Street Woolgoolga - Accessible Parking (R.508710, R.508400[5487792])

That Installation of two accessible parallel parking bays be installed in Beach Street west of Ganderton Street Woolgoolga be deferred pending Woolgoolga parking strategic plan.

Approval for the installation of one accessible angled parking bay be installed in Market Street east of Nightingale Street Woolgoolga as per plan T.7-2015.

Cont'd

T.8 - Beach Street, Woolgoolga - Temporary Road Closure - Anzac Day (R.500270/1618[5481950])

That approval be given for the following temporary road closure of Beach Street, Woolgoolga, between Nightingale Street and Short Street Woolgoolga, associated with the Woolgoolga Anzac March to be held on Saturday, 25 April 2015, between the hours of 10.40am and 11.15am be advertised and providing no substantive objections are received, the temporary closures be approved.

1. A traffic control plan to be submitted for this event. This should include details of all traffic signs, barricades and traffic controllers required for this event.
2. The organisers be responsible for erection of traffic barriers and control of traffic using accredited traffic controllers.
3. The organisers be responsible for all costs associated with the temporary closure.
4. Copy of current Public Liability Insurance be submitted before 10 April 2015.
5. Copy of police approval be submitted before 10 April 2015.

T.9 - First/Second/Fourth Avenues, Sawtell - Temporary Road Closure - Anzac Day (501520/501480/501550/1618[5466874])

1. That the following temporary road closures associated with the Sawtell Anzac March to be held on Saturday, 25 April 2015, between the hours of 10.30am and 11.45am be advertised and providing no substantive objections are received, the temporary closures be approved.
 - First Avenue (Second Avenue to Boronia Street)
 - Second Avenue (First Avenue to Fourth Avenue)
 - Fourth Avenue (Second Avenue to East Street).
2. The organisers be responsible for erection of traffic barriers and control of traffic using accredited traffic controllers.
3. The organisers be responsible for all costs associated with the temporary closure.
4. A temporary bus zone be signposted in First Avenue north of Second Avenue as alternative to the Ex-Services Club bus zone.
5. Copy of current Public Liability Insurance be submitted before 10 April 2015.
6. Copy of police approval be submitted before 10 April 2015.

T.10 - Park Avenue / Gordon Street / Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour - Temporary Road Closure - Anzac Day (R.505670/R.504620/R.504180/1618[5476459])

1. That the following temporary road closures associated with the Coffs Harbour Anzac March to be held on Saturday, 25 April 2015, between the hours of 8.30am and 10.30am be advertised and providing no substantive objections are received, the temporary closures be approved.
 - Park Avenue (Brelsford Park, Earl Street to Gordon Street)
 - Gordon Street (Park Avenue to Vernon Street)
 - Vernon Street (Gordon Street to Pacific Highway).

Cont'd

2. The organisers be responsible for erection of traffic barriers and control of traffic using accredited traffic controllers.
3. The organisers be responsible for all costs associated with the temporary closure.
4. Copy of current Public Liability Insurance be submitted before 10 April 2015.
5. Copy of police approval be submitted before 10 April 2015.

T.11 - Fiddaman Road, Emerald Beach - Temporary Road Closure - Emerald Beach Community Fair (R.507240/ P/N 2032700[5485282])

That the temporary road closure of Fiddaman Road, Emerald Beach, adjacent the Reserve to the start of Ocean View Crescent, from 6.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday 31 May 2015, for the purpose of conducting the Emerald Beach Community Fair, be advertised and providing no substantive objections are received, the closure be approved.

1. The organisers of the Community Fair liaise with affected traders and obtain traders approval.
2. The organisers submit a traffic control plan for approval by Council and be responsible for erection of traffic barriers and control of traffic using accredited traffic controllers.
3. The organisers be responsible for all costs associated with the temporary closure and clean up, including advertising.
4. Copy of current Public Liability Insurance be submitted before 15 May 2015.
5. Copy of police approval be submitted before 15 May 2015.

T.12 – NAB Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge Event and Temporary Road Closures Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 August 2015 (3547040)

That Council approve the Ulong Hill Climb Event on Saturday 1 August 2015 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm on Eastern Dorrigo Way from 100 m West of Orara Way, Coramba, to the intersection of Eastern Dorrigo Way/Bushmans Range Road, Lowanna. The approval to include the closure of the southern traffic lane (west bound) of Eastern Dorrigo Way, at the start and finish lines for 200m from 1.30pm – 4.00pm (when required) subject to the following conditions be advertised and providing no substantive objections are received, the closure be approved.

1. The organisers of the Ulong Hill Climb Event liaise with affected traders and obtain traders' approval.
2. The organisers be responsible for erection of traffic barriers and control of traffic using accredited traffic controllers.
3. The organisers be responsible for all costs associated with the temporary closure, including advertising.
4. Copy of current Public Liability Insurance be submitted before 24 July 2015.
5. Copy of Police approval be submitted before 24 July 2015.

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6. RMS accredited Traffic Control Plan to be submitted before 24 July 2015.
7. All participants to obey road rules at all times during the event
8. Organiser to ensure all participants' parking is legal and safe.
9. All cyclist to remain at the finish line on Eastern Dorrigo Way until last cyclist has completed the climb.

Approval be given for the NAB Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge event from Stadium Drive via Sawtell, Lyons Road, Pine Creek Way on Sunday 2 August, 2015

The approval to incorporate:

- a temporary reduction in speed zone from 80kph to 60kph for the southern section of Hogbin Drive (adjacent John Paul College to south of Rugby Street), Coffs Harbour from 7.00am – 2.00pm or when all riders have returned to Geoff King Oval

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Copy of current Public Liability Insurance be submitted before 24 July 2015
2. Written Police approval submitted to Council before 24 July 2015.
3. The organisers submit a traffic control plan where applicable and be responsible for erection of traffic barriers and control of traffic using accredited traffic controllers
4. Adverts to warn of traffic delays and presence of cyclists on affected roads during the course of the event.
5. The organisers of the Cycle Challenge liaise with affected traders and obtain traders approval.
6. The organisers be responsible for all costs associated with the changes in traffic conditions and clean up, including advertising.
7. That participants obey the road rules at all times

T.13 – Loading Zone – Beryl Street Coffs Harbour (R.503870[5495800])

Refer back to at Justice Centre Management for secure delivery arrangements.

T.14 - Marcia Street Coffs Harbour Parking/Traffic Issues (R. 505190[5374543])

That approval be given for the installation of mandatory No Stopping lines at the intersection at Coral Avenue/Marcia Street Coffs Harbour as per plan T.14-2015.

T.15 – Jetty Foreshores Upgrade – Proposal for traffic calming at Jetty Esplanade

That approval be given for the installation of a marked pedestrian crossing at the Jetty walkway road crossing on Jordan Esplanade Coffs Harbour, as per plan T.15-2015.

NOTICES OF MOTION

NOM15/2 ABANDONMENT OF SHOPPING TROLRIES IN THE LGA

- 34 **RESOLVED** (Knight/Degens) that Council writes to Coles, Woolworths, Big W, Aldi, Target and IGA by 12 April 2015 urging that they install coin operated trolleys or electronic trolley locks.

NOM15/3 KOALA MAPPING OVER RESIDENTIAL ZONED FORESTED LANDS

- 35 **RESOLVED** (Townley/Palmer) that Council prepare a report on detailing the size and location of lands which are zoned R1, R2, R3 or R4 which also contain vegetation mapped as Koala Habitat under the CHCC Koala Plan of Management (KPoM).

NOM15/4 PLANNING CONTROLS FOR INTENSIVE HORTICULTURE

MOVED (Townley/Palmer) that:

1. Council prioritise the investigation of the land use conflicts associated with intensive horticulture (including but not limited to chemical use, water storage, visual amenity and protection of riparian zones, waterways and wetlands); and
2. Council investigate the range of available planning mechanisms and develop a suite of tools appropriate to development of intensive horticulture in rural lands.

AMENDMENT

- 36 **RESOLVED** (Arkan/Innes) that Council investigate the range of available planning mechanisms and develop a suite of tools appropriate to development of intensive horticulture in rural lands.

The **AMENDMENT** on being put to the meeting was declared **CARRIED**. It then became the **MOTION** and on being put to the meeting was declared **CARRIED**.

DIVISION

MOVED (Palmer/Sultana) that a division be called, and those members voting for and against the motion were recorded:

VOTED FOR
Cr Degens
Cr Innes
Cr Arkan
Cr Sultana
Cr Rhoades

VOTED AGAINST
Cr Cowling
Cr Palmer
Cr Townley
Cr Knight

NOM15/5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL CAPITALS AUSTRALIA LOBBY GROUP

- 37** **RESOLVED** (Degens/Arkan) that Coffs Harbour City Council take up membership for a period of 12 months (next full year) with the Regional Capitals Australia lobby group followed by a report back to Council in order to substantiate membership.
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DIVISION

MOVED (Cowling/Degens) that a division be called, and those members voting for and against the motion were recorded:

| VOTED FOR | VOTED AGAINST |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Cr Degens | Cr Cowling |
| Cr Innes | Cr Townley |
| Cr Arkan | Cr Palmer |
| Cr Knight | |
| Cr Sultana | |
| Cr Rhoades | |

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

GM15/4 2015 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CALL FOR MOTIONS

Executive Summary

Report advising that conference motions to be considered at the next National General Assembly of Local Government are to be matters of policy significance to local government nationally and are to be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) by 17 April, 2015.

- 38** **RESOLVED** (Townley/Sultana) that:
1. Councillors submit any motions in line with the Australian Local Government Association Discussion Paper to the General Manager by Friday, 13 March 2015.
 2. A separate report of any motions received be submitted for the Council Meeting of 26 March 2015.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SC15/4 LOCAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW STAGE 1 - LAND CAPACITY ASSESSMENT AUDIT AND ISSUES REPORT

Executive Summary

The objective of this report is to provide Council with the findings of the Land Capacity Assessment Audit (LCAA) and Issues Report which is Stage 1 of the Local Growth Management Strategy Review (LGMS). In addition, the report recommends a way forward for some of the more pertinent issues that have arisen as a result of this body of work.

The main purpose of the LCAA is to establish baseline information to aid in the making of good, robust planning decisions into the future.

The report recommends that a Residential Strategy and Rural Lands Strategy be commenced as a matter of high priority.

Council and the community will benefit from these bodies of work as they will establish a strategic policy framework for future decision making.

39 RESOLVED (Arkan/Palmer) that:

1. Council note the findings of the Local Growth Management Strategy Review Stage 1 Land Capacity Assessment Audit (Attachment 1) and Local Growth Management Strategy Review Stage 1 Issues Report (Attachment 2).
2. Council confirm Stage 2 of the Local Growth Management Strategy Review as being the Residential Strategy.
3. Council confirm Stage 3 of the Local Growth Management Strategy Review as being the Rural Lands Strategy.
4. Council confirm Stage 4 of the Local Growth Management Strategy Review as being the Industrial Lands Strategy.
5. A further report be presented to Council outlining the framework for the Local Growth Management Strategy Review which will include detailed project plans for both the Local Growth Management Strategy Stage 2 - Residential Strategy and Local Growth Management Strategy Stage 3 - Rural Lands Strategy.

The **MOTION** on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

Executive Summary

The objective of this report is to provide Council with an opportunity to review and amend Coffs Harbour Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013 where necessary to ensure that it provides the most up to date and accurate information as it applies to development in the Coffs Harbour local government area (LGA).

The purpose of this report is to:

- describe the issues that potentially compromise the efficient application of Coffs Harbour LEP 2013;
- present proposed solutions as refinements to Coffs Harbour LEP 2013; and
- present a Planning Proposal (PP) for Council's consideration – refer to Attachment 1.

In total, the report proposes 25 minor amendments to Coffs Harbour LEP 2013, which have been identified as necessary by Council staff in the ongoing effective implementation of Coffs Harbour LEP 2013. These issues have been identified in a range of ways (through Development Application assessments, landowner enquiries, internal reviews etc.) and have been systematically logged to enable an update of the LEP. Given the complexity of the LEP and associated mapping, this is an important continuous improvement process.

40 RESOLVED (Degens/Palmer) that:

1. Council endorse, and forward the subject Planning Proposal to NSW Planning and Environment, seeking a “gateway determination” for the amendment of minor provisions to Coffs Harbour Local Environmental Plan 2013, as shown in Attachment 1 of this report.
2. Council request that the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment issue a Written Authorisation to Council to Exercise Delegation of the plan making functions under section 59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act in respect of the Planning Proposal.
3. Following the gateway determination by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Council resolve to publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal.
4. A further report be considered by Council following the public exhibition.

The **MOTION** on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

SC15/6 JRPP - ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 0271/14 - LOT 24 DP 705683, NO. 4003 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, DIRTY CREEK

Executive Summary

To advise Councillors that a development assessment report for Development Application 0271/14 has been lodged with the Joint Regional Planning Panel (Northern Region). A copy of the development assessment report that has been provided to the Panel is appended to this report. It is recommended that the content of this report be noted.

- 41 RESOLVED** (Townley/Palmer) that the content of this report be noted.

SC15/7 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY 725 SQUADRON

Executive Summary

The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) has met with Council representatives to establish if Council, on behalf of the City of Coffs Harbour, wishes to have 725 Squadron as their adopted Naval Unit.

Previously, the 805 Squadron have honoured the City by being involved in local events and commemorations on Anzac Day. The 805 Squadron was given the Freedom of the City in 2006 as part of a welcome parade and civic event. The 805 Squadron was, however, decommissioned in 2008.

Discussions have indicated the desire for 725 Squadron personnel to support ANZAC services and other initiatives such as school visits and parades within the community subject to availability.

The 725 Squadron will be re-commissioned in June 2015.

- 42 RESOLVED** (Knight/Innes) that Council on behalf of the City of Coffs Harbour City adopts the 725 Squadron Royal Australian Navy unit.

BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

BS15/11 MONTHLY BUDGET REVIEW FOR JANUARY 2015

Executive Summary

To report on the estimated budget position as at 31 January 2015.

43 RESOLVED (Innes/Degens) that:

The budget adjustments be approved and the current budget position be noted.

Estimated Budget Position as at 31 January 2015:

| | General Account \$ | Water Account \$ | Sewer Account \$ |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Original Budget adopted 22 May 2014 | (1,557) (S) | 3,237,535 (D) | 2,536,225 (D) |
| Approved Variations to 31 December 2014 | (78,418) (S) | (219,967) (S) | 628,362 (D) |
| Recommended variations for January 2015 | 37,500 (D) | Nil | Nil |
| Estimated result as at 31 January 2015 | <u>(42,475) (S)</u> | <u>3,017,568 (D)</u> | <u>3,164,587 (D)</u> |

BS15/12 DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND - LOT 7 SEC 5 DP 758258 - 36 GORDON STREET, COFFS HARBOUR

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to dispose of a parcel of land described as Lot 7 Sec 5 DP 758258, 36 Gordon Avenue, following the removal of the house and the demolition of the garage.

Since acquisition the dwelling has been leased to residential tenants. A routine property condition inspection in 2013 identified a significant deterioration in the condition and structural integrity of the building. This prompted Council to serve a Notice of Termination to the tenant. The property is now vacant and has been boarded up to prevent illegal occupation.

Retention of a dilapidated and disused building is not ideal as it presents a poor image to the public, increases the risk profile to Council and by extension increases the holding costs for the property. Council's insurers have advised that Council must establish a strict regime of security patrols to ensure that the property is not illegally occupied. Failure to do so may compromise Council's insurance position.

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BS15/12 Disposal of Surplus Land - Lot 7 Sec 5 DP 758258 - 36 Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour ...(Cont'd)

Therefore removal of the residence and demolition of the garage is recommended to mitigate Council's risks.

The strategies adopted in the CBD Master Plan do not directly involve 36 Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour. In the absence of any identified strategic reason to retain the property it is also recommended that Council authorise the disposal of the property for a sale price no less than the independent valuation (refer confidential attachment) less 10%.

44 RESOLVED (Degens/Innes) that:

1. Council approve the demolition and removal of the buildings on Lot 7 Sec 5 DP 758258, 36 Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour for risk mitigation purposes and render the land vacant and unimproved;
2. Council authorise the disposal of Lot 7 Sec 5 DP 758258, 36 Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour through an Expression of Interest process and for a sale price no less than the independent valuation less 10%; and
3. Council authorise the preparation and execution of a Contract for Sale and any other necessary documents under the Common Seal of Council.
4. Council note that funds received from the sale will be placed in an Asset Renewal Reserve for future allocation.

AMENDMENT

MOVED (Arkan/) that a report be brought back to Council outlining the cost of refurbishment with a view of asking a community group to be tenants of the property.

The **AMENDMENT** lapsed in the absence of a seconder.

AMENDMENT

MOVED (Arkan/) that Council defer this item for further discussion as it is a resource that cannot be reborn.

The **AMENDMENT** lapsed in the absence of a seconder.

45 RESOLVED (Cowling) that the motion be put.

The **MOTION** on being put to the meeting was declared **CARRIED**.

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BS15/12 Disposal of Surplus Land - Lot 7 Sec 5 DP 758258 - 36 Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour ...(Cont'd)

DIVISION

MOVED (Arkan/Sultana) that a division be called, and those members voting for and against the motion were recorded:

VOTED FOR

Cr Degens
Cr Cowling
Cr Innes
Cr Townley
Cr Knight
Cr Sultana
Cr Palmer
Cr Rhoades

VOTED AGAINST

Cr Arkan

BS15/13 DETERMINATION OF THE PORTION OF GREEN-POWER ACCREDITED RENEWABLE ENERGY TO BE SOURCED FOR COUNCILS LARGE CONTESTABLE SITES

Executive Summary

Council has approved the undertaking of a reverse auction for the supply of electricity for large contestable sites (using greater than 160MWh electricity per annum) and street lighting with Regional Procurement (a division of Hunter Councils Incorporated). The reverse auction to be held on the 20 March 2015 will only be for the supply of black energy, and as a result Council will need to determine what portion of Green-Power renewable energy (if any) needs to be negotiated with electricity retailers prior to the reverse auction.

Council has previously requested the consideration of the purchase of Green Power.

Council does not at present have a dedicated energy efficiency cost saving program; however, this is being addressed in the development of the Coffs Harbour Emissions Reduction Plan (CHERP) Stage 3. This plan will outline the actions to be undertaken to deliver the emissions reduction targets set out in Coffs Harbour Emissions Reduction Plan Stage 2, which were adopted by Council in December 2014.

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BS15/13 Determination of the Portion of Green-Power Accredited Renewable Energy to be Sourced for Councils Large Contestable Sites ...(Cont'd)

It is recommended that Council, rather than sourcing Green-Power accredited energy, reinvest the higher cost differential that exists between the purchase of Black and Green power into a revolving fund for energy efficiency works and installation of renewable energy in-situ. Investing the money in this way will generate further leveraged savings for Council and gives a better outcome; both financially and environmentally, through reduced energy use or generation of electricity at source. This course of action would assist in funding the energy efficiency and renewable energy actions that will be outlined in the Coffs Harbour Emissions Reduction Plan Stage 3. The implementation of this plan is currently unfunded.

The purchase of Green Power essentially acts as a carbon offset system. Therefore the purchase of Green Power should only be considered to offset any remaining black electricity use once energy efficiency works have been undertaken.

Based on recent green-power rates and Council's current energy consumption for our large contestable sites it is estimated that the purchase of accredited green-power could add \$10,000 per annum to power costs for every percentage of green-power source, i.e. 10% green-power = \$100,000.

46 RESOLVED (Townley/Innes) that:

1. Council seek 3% of its energy from green sources.
2. Council allocate 10% of the difference between green and black power OR \$100,000, whichever is greater, for Council's large contestable sites and street lighting, to invest into a Renewable Energy Fund on an annual basis for use as funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy works across Council's assets.

AMENDMENT

MOVED (Degens/Arkan) that:

Council allocate 10% of the difference in the cost of electricity between black and green power, for Council's large contestable sites and street lighting, to invest into a Renewable Energy Fund on an annual basis for use as funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy works across Council's assets.

The **AMENDMENT** on being put to the meeting was **LOST**. The **MOTION** on being put to the meeting was declared **CARRIED**.

SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SI15/4 VARIATION OF LEASE TO COFFS HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

Executive Summary

To enable the Lease Agreement between Council, as Corporate Manager of the Coffs Coast State Park Trust, and the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club Limited to be extended for a further term of five years following expiration of the existing lease term.

47 RESOLVED (Innes/Palmer) that:

1. Council, as Corporate Manager of the Coffs Coast State Park Trust, enter into a Deed of Variation of Lease of Lot 1 DP 714757 with the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club Limited to extend the term of the existing lease for a further period of up to five years.
2. All necessary documents associated with the variation of lease of Lot 1 DP 714757 be executed under the Common Seal of Council, as Corporate Manager of the Coffs Coast State Park Trust.

SI15/5 WATER RESTRICTION POLICY

Executive Summary

With the full commissioning of Shannon Creek Dam, Council now needs to update the existing Water Restrictions Policy in conjunction with Regional Water Supply Scheme partner, Clarence Valley Council, and in line with numerous other North Coast Local Water Utilities working under the direction of NSW Department of Primary Industries, Office of Water. This coordinated regional approach is designed to ensure consistency of the water restrictions message for north coast residents and visitors.

This report introduces the new program of water restrictions for Coffs Harbour City Council and recommends that approval be given for the Policy to be made available for public comment to give residents and businesses the opportunity to provide feedback.

48 RESOLVED (Townley/Palmer) that Council approve the public exhibition of the Water Restriction Policy for a period of 28 days from 20 March 2015 in conjunction with Clarence Valley Council.

Cr Innes left the meeting, the time being 7.35pm.

SI15/6 CITY SQUARE CONCEPT DESIGN - EXHIBITION REPORT

- 49 RESOLVED** (Rhoades/Arkan) that item SI15/6 be referred to Confidential Session at the end of the meeting.

Cr Innes returned to the meeting, the time being 7.37pm.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No requests for leave of absence

MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

MUN15/3 Faulty Ticket Scanning Equipment at Stadium

Cr Rhoades raised the issue of faulty Council equipment at the stadium, the collapse of the equipment for monitoring the attendance at the venue.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QON15/2 Cruise Shipping Update

The report was noted.

CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 10(A)

The Mayor requested a motion to close the meeting to consider confidential information pertaining to report SI15/6, the time was 7.42 pm.

- 50** **MOVED** (Knight/Townley) that the meeting be closed to the press and public during consideration of the following items for the reasons as stated:

SI15/6 - City Square Concept Design - Exhibition Report

Parts of the report are confidential for the reason of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993:

- (d) Contained commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
- (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret.

The press and public vacated the chamber.

Cr Innes left the meeting, the time being 7.43pm.

SI15/6 CITY SQUARE CONCEPT DESIGN - EXHIBITION REPORT

Executive Summary

At its meeting of 18 December 2014 Council endorsed the City Centre Masterplan Committee City Square Concept Design for public exhibition. Plans and supporting documents have been made available for comment from 22 December 2014 to 27 February 2015. 26 submissions were received during the exhibition period.

This report summarises submissions and recommends adoption of the City Square Concept Design for progression to detail design and consultation.

Consideration by the City Centre Masterplan Committee on appropriate timeframes for construction of the City Square works has resulted in a recommendation to defer commencement of construction work to early 2016 to avoid risk of disruption to scheduled events.

- 51** **RESOLVED** (Cowling/Degens) that:

1. Council adopt the City Square Design Concept Plans developed through the City Centre Masterplan Committee.
2. Council accept further reports from staff on the status of liaison with the WRC regarding their use of other available sites for their CBD activities during the September 2015 period.

OPEN MEETING

The Mayor requested an appropriate motion to enable the meeting to resolve into Open Meeting.

52 RESOLVED (Arkan/Palmer) that the Closed Session now move into Open Meeting.

Cr Innes returned to the meeting, the time being 8.19pm.

The General Manager read to the meeting the resolution of the Closed Session.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Confirmed: 26 March 2015

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Denise Knight
Mayor