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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL
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(FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE)
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR
3 APRIL 2003

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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

(FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE)

3 APRIL 2003

Present: Councillors J C Bonfield (Mayor), P J Howe, I J Ovens, K D Rhoades, J Strom (Deputy Mayor), A D Williams and W A Wood.

Staff: General Manager, Director of Economic & Community Enterprises, Director of Planning, Environment & Development, Director of Finance and Administration, Acting Director of Engineering, City Treasurer and Executive Assistant.

Leave of Absence: Cr C M McKimm

The meeting commenced at 5.10pm with the Mayor in the chair.

APOLOGY

- 60** **RESOLVED** (Rhoades/Strom) that an apology received from Cr Palmer for unavoidable absence be received and leave be granted for the current meeting of Council.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

- 61** **RESOLVED** (Wood/Howe) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the Finance and Administration Committee meeting.

The Mayor remained in the chair.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F15 LOCALITY BOUNDARY - MOONEE BEACH / EMERALD BEACH

To seek Council's support to adjust the locality boundary between Moonee Beach and Emerald Beach.

F34 RECOMMENDED (Howe/Wood):

1. That Council agreement in principle to relocate the local boundary between Moonee Beach and Emerald Beach.
2. That the proposal be advertised and letters be forwarded to owners affected by the change to seek their opinion.

F16 LOCALITY BOUNDARY - BONVILLE / BOAMBEE EAST /SAWTELL

As a result of recent subdivision, addition to National Park and Pacific Highway deviation, it is proposed to change locality boundaries.

F35 RECOMMENDED (Wood/Williams):

1. That Council agree in principle to relocate the locality boundaries at Bonville / Boambree East / Sawtell.
2. That the proposal be advertised and letters be forwarded to all owners in the area affected by the change to seek their opinions.

F17 SOUTHERN PHONE COMPANY - SHARE OFFER

To advise Council of the formation of the Southern Phone Company.

F36 RECOMMENDED (Strom/Howe):

1. That Council apply to the Southern Phone Company for two shares at \$1 each, being one A Class share and one share in the B to ZZ class.
2. Council consider the purchase of telecommunications services from the Southern Phone Company as they become available.

F18 BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2003

To list Council's Bank Balances and Investments as at 28 February 2003.

F37 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/Williams) that the Bank Balances and Investments totalling one hundred and twenty-two million, five hundred and thirty-four thousand, three hundred and eighty-one dollars (\$122,534,381) as at 28 February 2003 be noted.

F19 OUTSTANDING REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS AWAITING IMPLEMENTATION

To provide Council with an update of requests for reports and previous resolutions of Council awaiting implementation.

F38 RECOMMENDED (Howe/Williams) that the report be noted.

F20 MONTHLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2003

To report on the estimated budget position as at 28 February 2003.

F39 RECOMMENDED (Howe/Strom):

1. That the budget variations of Nil in the General Account be adopted.
2. That the estimated budget position as at 28 February 2003, as follows, be noted:

	General Account Account \$	Water Account \$	Sewer \$
Original Budget	18,150 (D)	1,198,422 (S)	834,788 (S)
Approved variations to 31 January 2003:		34,000 (S)	107,700 (S)
Pacific Highway Planning Strategy Peer Review	60,000 (D)		
Additional contribution to NSW Fire Brigades	10,949 (D)		
Additional Financial Assistant Grant	267,712 (S)		
Replace bridge over Pine Brush Creek	267,712 (D)		
Fence & Landscaping Advocate Park	6,000 (D)		
Sale of land – Hi tech Drive, Toormina	3,360 (S)		
Shortfall of NSW Masters Games	17,000 (D)		
Appointment of two additional IT staff	77,000 (D)		
Refurbishment/Lease of Ex library Building	76,000 (D)		
Extra General fund rate revenue received	80,000 (S)		
Extra Development Fees received	164,000 (S)		
Loan to Sawtell Tennis Club	5,000 (D)		
Loan to Westside Tennis Club	16,000 (D)		
Lump sum loan repayment	10,126 (S)		
Economic Development Unit Review	<u>44,078 (D)</u>		
	54,541 (D)		
Recommended variations for February 2003	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Estimated result 2002/03 as at February 2003	<u>72,691 (D)</u>	<u>1,232,422 (S)</u>	<u>942,488 (S)</u>

E22 ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT AT 100 BRUXNER PARK ROAD, KORORA FOR RE-USE WATER PIPELINE AND WATER PIPELINE

Report seeking Council approval for the acquisition of an easement for a re-use pipeline and a future water main pipeline through privately owned property at 100 Bruxner Park Road, Korora.

F40 RECOMMENDED (Williams/Howe):

1. That Council proceed to acquire an easement 5 metres wide for a reuse water main and a water main over Lot 368 DP 44801, 100 Bruxner Park Road, Korora as shown approximately on the plan attached to this report.
2. That Council pay the amount as stated in the confidential attachment exclusive of GST as compensation to the owner of the property for the easement acquisition.
3. That Council provide a single connection to the re-use main at no cost provided the owners of the property agree to Council's standard conditions of use.
4. That Council be responsible for all costs associated with the matter.
5. That all necessary documents associated with the acquisition of the easement be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

E23 ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT AT LOT 5 MOONEE BEACH ROAD, MOONEE BEACH FOR RE-USE WATER PIPELINE AND WATER PIPELINE

Report seeking Council approval for the acquisition of an easement for a re-use pipeline and a future water main pipeline through privately owned property on Moonee Beach Road, Moonee Beach.

F41 RECOMMENDED (Williams/Strom):

1. That Council proceed to acquire an easement 5 metres wide for a reuse water main and a water main over Lot 5 DP 252223, Moonee Beach Road, as shown approximately on the plan attached to this report.
2. That Council pay the amount as stated in the confidential attachment exclusive of GST as compensation to the owner of the property for the easement acquisition.
3. That Council be responsible for all costs associated with the matter.
4. That all necessary documents associated with the acquisition of the easement be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

CONCLUSION OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

This concluded the business of the Finance and Administration Committee, the time was 5.22pm.

OPEN COUNCIL

The Mayor requested a motion to close the Committee meeting and move into Open Council.

- F42** **RECOMMENDED** (Howe/Williams) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

ADOPTION OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- 62** **RESOLVED** (Howe/Strom) that the recommendations of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting be received and adopted.

MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

1. Share of Revenue from State Stamp Duty and GST proceeds

Cr Ovens advised that this year the State Government will generate approximately \$18m from Stamp Duties, a large increase from previous years due to rising property values throughout the state. Cr Ovens requested Council investigate obtaining additional funding for this region from the State Government's increase in revenue.

- 63** **MOVED** (Ovens/Howe) that, as a matter of urgency, a submission be made to the Premier of New South Wales and the Minister for Local Government requesting:

1. That, in line with the increased land values, a greater portion of the revenue collected from Stamp Duties by the State Government be allocated to this regional area.

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Matters of an Urgent Nature (cont'd)

Share of Revenue from State Stamp Duty and GST Proceeds (cont'd)

2. That a request be made to the Federal Government to review the allocation to local government of the share of GST provided to the State Government by the Federal Government.

The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.

2. Overgrown state of Englands Road/Stadium Drive/Pacific Highway Roundabout

Cr Rhoades requested that urgent action be taken to encourage the Roads and Traffic Authority to remove the giant paspalum growing in and adjacent to the roundabout, blocking the view of motorists using the roundabout.

The Acting Director of Engineering advised that Council recently received an offer of funding from the RTA to take over maintenance of that section of the road.

Cr Ovens and the Mayor requested a report be brought back to Council on the maintenance of the gardens on the Pacific Highway from Lyons Road to Korora.

3. Contribution of Funds by the Federal Government towards the Entertainment Centre at the Showground

Cr Strom advised that whilst she acknowledges with gratitude, the Federal Government's Regional Solutions grant of \$385,000 towards the upgrade of the Showground Pavilion, she was concerned with the manner in which the announcement was made, as neither Council, as applicant and recipient, or the Showground Trust were previously notified of the minister's visit to the pavilion. Cr Strom requested a letter be sent to the Minister, Mr Wilson Tuckey, and to the local member, expressing firstly, our gratitude, and secondly, our concern that an occasion on which two levels of government working together for the betterment of the community, was shamefully handled.

The General Manager responded that it would be done.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. New Coramba Bridge and problem of Speeding Motorists

Cr Howe expressed concern that the recently completed bridge will allow traffic to exit the bridge at increased speed as motorists enter the town of Coramba. Cr Howe requested that talks be held with the community in Coramba on ways to address slowing traffic as it exists the bridge.

The General Manager advised that the Coramba Street Enhancement project is on exhibition at the present time and the speed limit proposed through the Coramba township is 50kph. A reduction in the speed limit would be subject to the road and associated structures being designed to accommodate traffic at 40kph.

The Acting Director of Engineering advised that traffic counters would be installed at the bottom end of Gale Street to measure motorists' speed as they come off the bridge.

2. Zoning of Property in Tiki Road

Cr Strom advised that she had been contacted by a resident of Tiki Road regarding the 1A zoning of her property and commented that this matter had been raised in Council in mid 2001.

The Director of Planning Environment and Development will investigate the matter.

3. Damage by Vandals to Community Property

Cr Wood referred Councillors to a letter from the Concerned Residents of Arrawarra/Mullaway (CRAM) expressing concern over frequent vandalism of community property and enquired if the incidents are being reported to the Police by Council. Cr Wood also expressed his concern that the same vandalism is happening repeatedly on civic property, particularly at the Jetty.

The Manager of Parks and Recreation responded that only major damage is reported to the Police.

Cr Williams requested a report be brought back to Council detailing the cost of constantly repairing damage carried out by vandals as the community needs to be kept informed of the cost to the city as this money would otherwise be spent on amenities and services for the community.

Questions without Notice (cont'd)

4. Encroachment by property owners onto Community Land

The Mayor advised that she has received a request by a ratepayer to inspect a headland property where public access to the beach and the reserve in front of the home is being encroached onto with tree and shrub plantings by the property owner. The Mayor expressed concern at the insidious creeping of private gardens onto the common area that was set aside for the community.

The Director of Economic and Community Enterprises advised that Council is constantly responding to reports of this type of encroachment and complaints are dealt with as soon as reported.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Councillors' Professional Development Program

Cr Ovens enquired if the General Manager could use his delegated authority to permit Councillors to attend professional development programs in the lead up to the Local Government Elections in September when there is insufficient time for a report to go to Council to gain permission.

The General Manager advised that the Local Government Association (Lgov) endorsed program commenced in February and will run for the year. A report will be prepared for Council seeking amendment to Council's policy to allow the General Manager delegated authority to approve Councillors' attendance to the program.

2. Genetically Modified Crops

Cr Howe referred to previous Council resolutions in relation to genetic modification of crops and the announcement that the Gene Regulator is considering allowing its introduction. Cr Howe requested Council make a submission in line with Council's previous resolutions within the eight week submission period.

3. Public Forum

Cr Rhoades requested that the public forum be brought forward to 5.00pm.

General Business (cont'd)

4. Final Production at the Jetty Theatre

Cr Strom advised that Cr Wood and herself had attended the final production, played to a full house, at the Jetty Theatre, before major renovations are carried out

PUBLIC FORUM

The following persons addressed the meeting:

Mr Wilson McOris	Objection to submission of a Development Application for a paintball field at Bonville
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This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.08pm.

Confirmed: 17 April 2003

Cr J C Bonfield
Mayor