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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

**ORDINARY MEETING
(CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE)**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR**

22 JULY 2004

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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

(CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE)

22 JULY 2004

Present: Councillors K D Rhoades (Mayor), I D Hogbin (Deputy Mayor), W D Featherstone, C O Joass, R W McKelvey, W R Palmer, G R Smithers.

Staff: General Manager, Director of Planning, Environment and Development, Director of City Business Units, Director of City Services, Director of Corporate Services, Manager of Strategic Planning, Manager of Environmental Services, City Treasurer, Executive Assistant

Leave of Absence: J C Bonfield, I J Ovens

The meeting commenced at 5.16pm with the Mayor, Councillor K D Rhoades, in the chair.

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

133 RESOLVED (Hogbin/Featherstone) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the City Services Committee meeting, the time being 5.17pm.

The Mayor invited Councillor Palmer to chair the City Services Committee meeting.

CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

S42 TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 6/2004

To confirm minutes from Traffic Committee Meeting held on 1 July 2004.

EN37 RECOMMENDED (Hogbin/Joass):

T.58 – June Street, Coffs Harbour - 'No Parking' signs (504930 [945352])

That no action be taken to install 'No Parking' signs in front of 23 June Street, Coffs Harbour, and the Rangers be requested to police the area.

T.59 - James Small Drive/Pacific Highway, Korora - Speed Limit (502780 / 511410[835190])

That no action be taken to reduce the speed limit on the Pacific Highway, Korora, between the exits from James Small Drive.

T.60 – Park Beach Road, Coffs Harbour - Pedestrian Crossing (505680 [884078])

That a design plan be submitted to the next Traffic Committee meeting incorporating a pedestrian crossing with kerb blisters in Park Beach Road, Coffs Harbour, adjacent the Northside Shopping Centre.

T.61 – First Avenue, Sawtell - Pedestrian Crossing (501520 [927771])

That installation of a pedestrian refuge in First Avenue, Sawtell, adjacent the intersection with Eighteenth Avenue be included for consideration in the 2004/05 PAMP Program, as per Plan T.61.

T.62 – Sawtell Road, Toormina - Pedestrian Crossing (502390 [921512])

That the installation of a pedestrian refuge in Sawtell Road, Toormina, adjacent the service station/general store at entrance to Boambee Bay Resort, be included for consideration in the 2004/05 PAMP Program.

T.63 – MacCues Road, Moonee - 50 km/h speed limit (506780)

That a reduction of speed limit to 50km/h on MacCues Road, Moonee, be approved, as per Plan T.63.

S42 - Traffic Committee Meeting No. 6/2004 (cont'd)

T.64 – Kangaroo Trail Road, Corindi - Reduction in Speed Limit (Kangaroo Trail Road)

That a reduction in speed limit to 50km/h in Kangaroo Trail Road, Corindi, be approved, as per Plan T.64.

T.65 – Morrows Road, Nana Glen - Extension of Bus Service (507390 [881449])

That the request for an extension of the bus service along Morrows Road for 600m from the existing turnaround point be refused.

T.66 – Red Rock Road, Corindi - School Crossing (Red Rock Road)

that a school crossing be installed adjacent the Corindi Public School in Red Rock Road, Corindi, together with kerb and gutter approaches and the road being widened to 7m, as per Plan T.66.

T.67 – Approaches to Nana Glen - Reduction in Speed Limit (510860)

That 70km/h speed limit signposting be installed for 800m on the approaches to the Nana Glen township.

S43 WORKS BRANCH REPORT

To advise Council of the progress of construction and maintenance programs undertaken by Works Branch up to 30th June, 2004.

EN38 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/McKelvey) that

1. Council notes the progress report on construction and maintenance works undertaken by Works Branch up to 30 June, 2004.
2. Council notes that individual program expenditures have been monitored to ensure that the total program costs for 2003/2004 have been contained within the approved budget.

S44 WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

In order to ensure responsible water supply management Coffs Harbour Water feels it is necessary to introduce Level 2 water restrictions from Saturday, 24 July 2004. The dam capacity is predicted to reach 85% by this date.

This item was withdrawn.

S45 NORTHERN BEACHES CYCLEWAY

To provide an update on progress of the Northern Beaches Cycleway and the Solitary Islands Coastal Walk

EN39 RECOMMENDED (Joass/Hogbin):

1. That the report on the progress of the Northern Beaches Cycleway and the Solitary Islands Coastal Walk be noted.
2. That the following staging plan for construction of the Northern Beaches Cycleway be adopted:

Stage One

Arrawarra to Woolgoolga - to be completed by June 2005.

Stage Two

Woolgoolga to Moonee - to be completed by the end of 2007 subject to funding.

Stage Three

Moonee to Sapphire - to be completed by the end of 2008 subject to funding.

S46 ALGA NATIONAL ROADS CONGRESS

This report gives an overview of some of the issues covered at the National Roads Congress, attended by the Mayor, Councillor Bill Palmer and Mr Stephen Sawtell.

Topics for discussion included Auslink, Roads to Recovery, Council best practice initiatives in Road Safety. The Regional Roads program and Community Transport.

EN40 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/McKelvey):

1. That the report be noted.
2. That a further detailed report be returned to Council addressing the issues raised and include issues raised at the recent Country Roads Safety Summit conducted in May at Port Macquarie. Future directions and initiatives will also be addressed.

CITY BUSINESS UNITS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

B22 PROPOSED INTEGRATED CANCER (RADIOTHERAPY) CENTRE

To seek Council approval for the transfer of land adjacent to the Coffs Harbour Health Campus to enable the erection of an Integrated Cancer Care Centre, formerly referred to as the Radiotherapy Centre.

EN41 RECOMMENDED (Hogbin/McKelvey):

1. That Council agree to transfer approximately 10,000 square metres of land adjacent to the Coffs Harbour Health Campus (as indicated on the plan attached to the report) for the construction of an Integrated Cancer Care Centre under the terms and conditions contained in the report.
2. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

B23 RELEASE AND CREATION OF EASEMENT TO DRAIN SEWER 3 METRES WIDE - LINDEN AVENUE, BOAMBEE EAST

To obtain Council approval to execute necessary documents to release and create an easement for sewer in relation to the development of the new shopping centre at Linden Avenue.

EN42 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/Joass) that Council execute under seal all necessary documents to release an existing easement and create a new easement to drain sewerage 3 metres wide as indicated on the plans attached to this report over the land situated at Linden Avenue, Boambee East.

CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

S47 STATUS OF DEEP SEA RELEASE CONSTRUCTION

To give Councillors a status report on the construction of the Deep Sea Release project.

EN43 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/McKelvey) that this status report be noted.

CITY BUSINESS UNITS DEPARTMENT REPORT

B24 ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR ROAD PURPOSES - PART 8 GLENREAGH STREET, COFFS HARBOUR

Report seeking Council approval for the acquisition of land at Coffs Harbour for road purposes.

EN44 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/Hogbin):

1. That Council proceed to acquire that section of land described as Lot 15 DP 244760 being part of 8 Glenreagh Street, Coffs Harbour.
2. That Council acquire the above land on the terms and conditions contained within the body of this report and the attached confidential supplement.
3. That the land to be acquired be classified as operational land under the Local Government Act, 1993.
4. That all necessary documents associated with the acquisition for road purposes be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

PLANNING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT

PED27 WASTE PROCESSING TENDER AND AGREEMENT WITH THE BELLINGEN AND NAMBUCCA SHIRE COUNCILS FOR THE PROVISION OF WASTE SERVICES

This report recommends that Council accept a tender for the Coffs Harbour Regional Resource Recovery Project and that Council enter into an Agreement with Nambucca and Bellingen Shire Councils for the processing and collection of waste and for associated purposes.

EN45 RECOMMENDED (Palmer/Smithers):

1. That the tender for the Coffs Harbour Regional Resource Recovery Project, Contract Number 03/04-147-TS, on the basis of option 3, be awarded to Biomass Solutions Pty Limited.
2. That pursuant to the contract provisions, Council lease the Waste Processing Contractor's Site identified in the tender documents to the successful tenderer in accordance with the draft lease agreement attached to the Tender documents.
3. That Council enter into an Agreement with Bellingen Shire Council and Nambucca Shire Council for the processing of waste at the Coffs Harbour Regional Resource Recovery Facility and for associated purposes.
4. That the Agreement, Contract and Lease be executed under Council seal.

The Motion was declared unanimously.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The Chairman advised that the business of the City Services Committee was concluded and invited the Mayor to resume the chair.

The Mayor resumed chairmanship of the meeting at 5.35pm.

OPEN COUNCIL

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

- EN46 RECOMMENDED** (Hogbin/Smithers) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

ADOPTION OF CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

- 134 RESOLVED** (Hogbin/Featherstone) that the recommendations of the City Services Committee meeting be received and adopted.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 135 RESOLVED** (Palmer/McKelvey) that Crs W Featherstone and I Hogbin be granted leave of absence from Council from 19 August 2004.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Water Restrictions

Councillor McKelvey questioned why Level 2 Water Restrictions were not continued.

The Director of City Services advised that we are ahead of target. Restriction levels were reviewed weekly and the matter would be looked at again in two to three weeks.

The General Manager advised that we do have delegations to impose restrictions if consumptions peak during the period.

2. Fluoridation - Possible conflict of interest

Councillor Hogbin suggested that there could be a possible conflict of interest in the matter of the fluoridation debate.

The General Manager advised that in his view there was not a conflict of interest.

3. Farmland Rating

Councillor McKelvey spoke about the loss of farmland rate for people in rural areas. It had been suggested to him that if Council wishes to distinguish farming properties from lifestyle blocks, genuine farms can receive a rebate on several items by obtaining from their accountant an official form which is considered by the Taxation Department to be a genuine farming operation. Cr McKelvey suggested that this could be considered in next year's Management Plan, that is, if someone is claiming farmland rate, they may have to supply this document to receive the farmland rate.

4. Flying Fox Plan

Councillor McKelvey advised that he had received several phone calls from people who are affected by the flying fox plan seeking an extension of the exhibition period.

The Director of Planning, Environment and Development advised that the exhibition period can be extended if Council wishes, but there is to be a meeting next Tuesday evening and it is hoped that some of those concerns would be resolved at that meeting.

The General Manager advised that following the Tuesday meeting, if there is a genuine community concern, we can act under delegated authority to extend the exhibition period.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Bray Street

Councillor Hogbin gave an update on the Bray Street issue for Councillors information. Cr Hogbin advised that there was no magic solution but he was encouraged by the co-operation received from owners of Bray Street properties.

2. National Roads Congress

Councillor Hogbin advised that he was pleased to see a report to Council on results of the National Roads Conference attended by Councillors and staff. Cr Hogbin requested if such a policy could be continued.

Councillor Rhoades advised that he concurred with the information sharing but would not like to see as a policy, but rather implemented by Councillors when they attend conferences to come back with a written report to Council on information they have been able to gather.

3. Community Consultation

Councillor Hogbin advised that, arising out of the rates issue and concerns expressed by people west of Red Hill some thought needs to be given to the community consultation process that Council goes through in order to publicise plans that are put on display by Council.

The General Manager advised that he is due to meet with the General Manager and Editor of the Advocate next week and would take the matter up with them.

4. Coramba Road

Councillor Palmer requested that an investigation be carried out into the possibility of black spot funding on Coramba Road, between Coffs Harbour and Coramba, as there have been a couple of accidents recently due to the fact that there are no passing lanes.

Cr McKelvey advised that this was an ongoing problem and acknowledged that there are few passing opportunities however feels that drivers are mostly trying to pass people who are only obeying the law.

5. Visit to Coffs Harbour Education Campus

Councillor Palmer advised that as a result of an invitation by management and staff of the CHEC campus, a visit was carried out and the following issues were raised:

- Concerns re public transport - the Campus is capable of holding night time courses but are hamstrung because there is no bus services in the evenings.
- Susan Perry, Director of English Studies advises that the Sister City relationship with Sasebo has achieved an investment in the form of students coming here of half a million dollars in the last couple of years.
- Campus suggested that international style hotel to double as a convention centre at the campus should be kept in mind for the future.

6. Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour

Councillor Featherstone requested comment from staff on the article in the Advocate regarding the traffic calming devices in Gordon Street

The Director of City Services advised that article had been researched and there were a few factors that relate to the drop in speed to 40kph. Particularly relevant is the fact that the linemarking and speed signs are not in place but will go in over the next few days, weather permitting.

7. Water Sensitive Urban Design

Councillor Featherstone spoke about the lack of WSUD facilities in Coffs Harbour and pointed out that Woolgoolga already has some advanced swale drains.

8. Wallabies - Visit to New Zealand

Councillor McKelvey advised that he purchased a ticket to accompany the Wallabies to New Zealand last week and congratulated everyone concerned for being able to bring the airport up to international status and the ease of operations, which all worked remarkably smoothly. Cr McKelvey also congratulated the previous Councils for having the foresight to develop such a facility.

Councillor Rhoades pointed out the importance of the Wallabies to Coffs Harbour noting that in the last 3-4 weeks on every domestic flight that has onboard television screens, there is a 6-7 minute trail of Coffs Harbour as "Camp Wallaby". Cr Rhoades concurred with the smoothness of operation and advised that Cr McKelvey did pay his own way to New Zealand to be with his family.

9. Coramba Road - West Coffs DCP

Councillor Smithers advised that Coramba Road West Coffs DCP relates directly to access to much of West Coffs and part of the DCP is to put community facilities at Bakers Road. Cr Smithers advised that the entrance to Bakers Road is near suicidal and requested that a 50kph speed limit for Coramba Road be investigated.

10. Procedural Matters

Councillor Smithers requested that a noticeboard be placed in Councillors' room showing significant issues and the meeting dates at which they are likely to be heard in order to give Councillors at least two months notice whenever possible.

The General Manager took the matter on notice.

Councillor Smithers requested that staff recommendations always be formulated by staff with relevant expertise and represent various departments.

The General Manager advised that all recommendations to Council come from staff. All recommendations to Council go through consultation process with the various departments within the Council and then come up through the Executive Team.

Councillor Rhoades announced that tonight would be the last official Council meeting for Council's Media Officer, Sally McKay. Cr Rhoades advised that her professionalism and expertise would be missed and thanked Sally for her work with Councillors, Council meetings and the preparation of press releases.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.05pm.

Confirmed: 19 August 2004

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Cr K D Rhoades
Mayor