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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
(CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE)
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR
2 SEPTEMBER 2004

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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

(CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE)

2 SEPTEMBER 2004

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

Staff: General Manager, Director of City Business Units, Director of Planning, Environment and Development, Acting Director of Corporate Services, Director of City Services, Administration Manager and Executive Assistant.

Leave of Absence: Cr Palmer

The meeting commenced at 6.02pm with the Mayor, Cr K D Rhoades in the chair.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

152 RESOLVED (Bonfield/Joass) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the Corporate Services Committee meeting.

The Mayor invited Councillor Hogbin to chair the Corporate Services Committee.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F43 BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 JULY 2004

To list Council's Bank Balances and Investments as at 31 July 2004.

F36 RECOMMENDED (Joass /McKelvey) that the Bank Balances and Investments totalling one hundred and one million, eight hundred and four thousand, nine hundred and seventy one dollars (\$101,804,971) as at 31 July 2004, be noted.

F44 DRAFT SECTION 94 ADMINISTRATION CONTRIBUTION PLAN

To report to Council on the draft Section 94 Administration Contribution Plan.

- F37 RECOMMENDED** (Joass/Smithers) that the Draft Section 94 Administration Contribution Plan be exhibited for a period of 28 days.

F45 LAND DEDICATION IN DEVELOPING AREAS

To report on current issues and risks associated with land acquisitions principally relating to land in subdivisions and recommending that, wherever possible Council should seek to have land dedicated.

MOTION

- F38 MOVED** (Smithers/McKelvey):

1. That Council adopt a policy of seeking to have land dedicated in new subdivisions wherever possible.
2. That this policy be adopted for the preparation of all future Development Control Plans and Section 94 Plans eg Moonee and West Woolgoolga release areas.
3. That it be noted that dedication would generally include
 - Drainage reserves
 - Buffer zones
 - Land containing threatened species
 - Land not capable of being developed due to flooding
 - Land under roads
4. That it be noted that exceptions to this policy may include
 - Land required for the provision of community facilities eg sporting fields
 - Land required where the owner/developer will be severely disadvantaged
 - Larger areas of land required for conservation purposes

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F45 Land Dedication In Developing Areas (cont'd)

AMENDMENT

MOVED (Featherstone/Rhoades):

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The Amendment on being put to the meeting was lost. The Motion on being put to the meeting was carried.

CONCLUSION OF CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

OPEN COUNCIL

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

F39 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Joass) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

The Mayor resumed chairmanship of the meeting at 6.10pm.

ADOPTION OF CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

- 153** **RESOLVED** (Hogbin/Ovens) that the recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee meeting be received and adopted.

MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Traffic Flows on Hogbin Drive, Coffs Harbour

Cr Ovens requested, as a matter of urgency, that the Traffic Committee examine the possibility of reducing the speed limit on Hogbin Drive, adjacent to the airport turnoff, to 60kph between the hours of 3pm to 5.30pm.

The Director of Service to take on notice.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Industrial Zonings

Cr Bonfield sought clarification on the zoning of industrial areas.

The Director of City Services advised that the zoning relates to the classifications as warehouse/distribution centre or bulky goods. These uses attract different levels of contributions under water and sewer. Bulky goods attracts .2ET/100m² and warehouse attracts .1ET/100m². This relates to the number of staff and the increased use of toilet facilities with bulky goods.

2. Vehicles for Sale on the Pacific Highway

Cr Hogbin enquired as to the status of the situation. Cr McKelvey enquired if the same regulations will apply to motor dealers. Cr Featherstone requested Council look at providing an alternative area for residents to offer their vehicles for sale.

The Director of Planning Environment and Development advised the situation has been fully investigated resulting in a report being prepared for Council outlining options available and the resources needed.

Questions without Notice (cont'd)

3. Pedestrian Safety Measures on Sawtell Road at the Boambee Bay Exit

Cr McKelvey enquired if the issue of pedestrian safety measures on Sawtell Road had been examined.

The Director of City Services advised the matter was submitted to the Traffic Committee with a recommendation that it be considered in the PAMP's review for 2004/05. Council is also examining methods of reducing vegetation on the roadside to improve vision.

4. Roundabout on Marina Drive at the Upgrade to the Jetty

Cr Hogbin requested the status of the construction of the roundabout and the work on the entrance to the Jetty area.

The Director of City Services advised it is anticipated that completion of both of these areas will be carried out over the next three weeks.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Fortnightly City Centre Markets - First Anniversary

Cr Bonfield acknowledged the work of the Streets Ahead Committee in completing twelve months of running the markets successfully. Both stall holders and businesses in the area have expressed satisfaction at the ongoing increase in business on market days.

2. Council Meetings

Cr Smithers gave notice of his intention to move at the Planning Environment and Development Committee meeting on 16 September 2004.

"That we have a 6 month trial of monthly meetings comprising all 4 committees.

That special meetings be called when needed.

That business papers be circulated 10 days prior to meetings where possible, and briefings be held 7 days prior."

General Business (cont'd)

3. Council Rangers' Working Hours

Cr Ovens advised that he had observed a large number of dogs on beaches prior to the Rangers starting work in the mornings and enquired if the Rangers could commence their patrols of beaches earlier in the day.

The General Manager informed the meeting that the Rangers already have a flexible working hours arrangement in place.

4. Construction Projects Disrupting Traffic

Cr Hogbin requested Council look at imposing conditions on developers of large projects throughout the city to avoid the inconvenience that is being experienced by local businesses and residents at the Jetty.

The Director of Planning Environment and Development advised that the project Cr Hogbin referred to is being handled by a private certifier.

5. Purchase of Land

Cr Ovens requested that the meeting be closed to allow discussion of this item.

CLOSED MEETING – SECTION 10(A)

The Mayor requested a motion to close the meeting to consider a confidential matter.

- 154** **MOVED** (Ovens/Smithers) that the meeting be closed to the press and public during discussion of the above matter for the reason as stated:

Section 10A(2):

(d)(i) Contained commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice negotiations.

The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.

The press and public vacated the chamber.

OPEN MEETING

The press and public reentered the Chamber.

The Mayor advised that the matter concerned the possible upcoming sale of land identified in the City and would be addressed by the General Manager with respect to the issues raised by Councillor Ovens. No resolution was taken.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.43pm.

Confirmed: 16 September 2004

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K D Rhoades
Mayor