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

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4 NOVEMBER 2004

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

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

Leave of Absence: Cr I D Hogbin

The meeting commenced at 5.43pm with the Mayor, Cr K D Rhoades in the chair.

APOLOGY

- 189** **RESOLVED** (Palmer/McKelvey) that an apology received from Cr C O Joass for unavoidable absence be received and leave be granted for the current meeting of Council.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

- 190** **RESOLVED** (Palmer/McKelvey) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the Corporate Services Committee meeting.

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

18 MID NORTH COAST GROUP OF COUNCILS - RESOURCE SHARING THROUGH STRATEGIC ALLIANCE PROJECT

To inform Council of the progress of the resource sharing project being undertaken by the Group. This report was previously considered by Council on 21 October and deferred to this meeting.

F51 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/Palmer):

1. That the report on the progress of the Resource Sharing through Strategic Alliance Project by the Mid North Coast Group of Councils be noted.
2. That Coffs Harbour City Council formally endorse in principle the Strategic Alliance proposal and the Group be advised.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F56 MONTHLY BUDGET REVIEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2004

To report on the estimated budget position as at 30 September 2004.

F52 RECOMMENDED (Palmer/Ovens) that the estimated budget position as at 30 September 2004, as follows, be noted:

	General Account \$	Water Account \$	Sewer Account \$
Original Budget	507,161 (D)	39,600 (D)	380,005 (D)
Approved variations to 31 August 2004	9,000 (D)	Nil	Nil
Recommended variations for September 2004	182,896 (S)	23,802 (S)	76,019 (S)
Estimated result 2004/05 as at 30 September 2004	333,265 (D)	15,798 (D)	303,986 (D)

F57 DRAFT SECTION 94 ADMINISTRATION CONTRIBUTION PLAN

To seek adoption of the "Section 94 Administration" Developer Contributions Plan.

- F53 RECOMMENDED** (McKelvey/Smithers) that the Draft Developer Contributions Administration Contributions Plan be adopted.

F58 CONDUCT OF AUDITS - SECTION 355 FACILITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

To provide Council with details of the audit of the financial records of Council's Section 355 facility management committees for the year ended 30 June 2004.

- F54 RECOMMENDED** (Palmer/Ovens) that the report on the audit of the Section 355 Facility Management Committees be noted.

F59 OUTSTANDING REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS AWAITING IMPLEMENTATION

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

- F55 RECOMMENDED** (Rhoades/Smithers) that the reported be noted.

F60 BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

To list Council's Bank Balances and Investments as at 30 September 2004.

- F56 RECOMMENDED** (Rhoades/Smithers) that the Bank Balances and Investments totalling one hundred and five million, nine hundred and three thousand, seven hundred and seventy dollars (\$105,903,770) as at 30 September 2004, be noted.

CONCLUSION OF CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

The Mayor resumed chairmanship of the meeting at 5.45pm.

OPEN COUNCIL

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

- F57** **RECOMMENDED** (McKelvey/Palmer) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

ADOPTION OF CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

- 191** **RESOLVED** (Smithers/Palmer) that the recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee meeting be received and adopted.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Mayor adjourned the meeting to allow the Public Forum to be held. The time was 5.46pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Patrick Jamieson Aged Care residents without beds due to Council's inaction

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed at 6.10pm.

MATTER OF AN URGENT NATURE

Vandalism - Poisoning of Trees, Breakers Way, Korora

Cr McKelvey spoke of the recent willful poisoning of five magnificent trees in Breakers Way, Korora and advised Council has been approached by residents wishing to add financially to Council's reward.

The Mayor requested the General Manager issue a media release advising of Council's disgust at the senseless act of environmental vandalism and invite other members of the community to contact Council if they wish to add to the financial reward for information that may lead to the arrest of the offender.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Decision by RTA on Highway Deviation

Cr Bonfield referred to an article in the newspaper regarding a developer wanting to proceed with a development but is unable to because of the RTA's refusal to announce the planned route of the Pacific Highway Deviation. Cr Bonfield enquired if Council could, in some way, force the issue to encourage the RTA to make an announcement.

The Mayor advised that Council receives representation on a daily basis, from landowners, developers etc requesting information on the route of the deviation and almost daily Council has made representations to the Minister for Roads and the RTA to persuade the Minister to inform Council and the community of the route.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council had agreed to the RTA's request to halt development of land along the possible routes until the announcement of the deviation had been made by the Minister. Legal opinion provided advised Council to stand by that agreement. The RTA have committed to making the announcement before Christmas

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Local Government Conference

Cr Palmer advised he had attended the recent NSW Local Government Conference in Armidale and whilst there, had also attended a Sustainability Forum. He felt Coffs Harbour City Council is already leading the way with its waste management strategy, drawing in surrounding councils in the region. Cr Palmer will report to the next meeting of Council.

2. Waste and Water Levy - Coffs Harbour Nursing Centre

Cr Bonfield advised of her intention to move at the next meeting of Council:

"That Council reconsider the water and waste water levy imposed on the Coffs Harbour Nursing Centre and reinstate the original levy of \$19,547."

3. Proposed Alcohol Free Zone at Woolgoolga

Cr Featherstone advised he had received an email from the Woolgoolga Chamber of Commerce regarding the ongoing problem of drunkenness and bad behaviour on the beach reserve at Woolgoolga and requested the matter be dealt with urgently.

The Mayor advised a report would be prepared for the Council meeting of 2 December recommending the creation of an alcohol free zone between 9pm and 12noon.

4. Report on the Lifeguard Services

Cr Bonfield referred to a recently circulated report on the Lifeguard Services and enquired why the word 'lifeguards' had replaced the traditional word of 'lifesavers'

The General Manager said there was a distinction between the volunteer 'lifesavers' and the professional 'lifeguards'.

The Mayor requested Councillors be emailed with further information on the matter.

5. Presentation by Fishing Club

The Mayor advised of presentation earlier in the day by the Coffs Harbour Deep Sea Game Fishing Club representatives regarding the problems down at the harbour and requested that a report be provided to Council on some of the issues raised.

General Business (cont'd)

6. Water Restrictions

Cr Rhoades advised that the current water restrictions level would be relaxed from Saturday 6 November back to Level 1.

The Director of City Services advised that the Karangi Dam is currently at 83% capacity and with pumping from the Orara and Nymboida Rivers, by Saturday, the capacity would be at 85%.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.57pm.

Confirmed: 18 November 2004

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Cr K D Rhoades
Mayor