



**COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
(CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE)
COUNCIL CHAMBER
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR
16 JUNE 2005**

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

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

The meeting commenced at 5.51pm with the Mayor, Cr K Rhoades in the chair.

The Mayor requested a motion to adjourn the Ordinary meeting and resolve into the City Services Committee meeting.

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

86 **RESOLVED** (Palmer/Smithers) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the City Services Committee meeting, the time being 5.52pm.

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

CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

S33 TRAFFIC COMMITTEE 4/2005

To confirm minutes from the Traffic Committee held on 2 June 2005.

EN36 **RECOMMENDED** (Rhoades/Hogbin):

T.28 – First Avenue, Sawtell - Temporary Road Closure, Sawtell Chilli Festival (501520 / 1618 [1144627])

That :

- (a) the temporary road closure of First Avenue, Sawtell, between Second Avenue and Boronia Street between the hours of 8.00am and 5.00pm on Saturday, 2 July 2005, for the purpose of holding the Sawtell Chilli Festival, be advertised and providing no substantive objections are received, the closure be approved.
- (b) the organisers of the Chilli Festival liaise with affected traders and obtain traders approval.
- (c) the organisers be responsible for erection of traffic barriers and control of traffic using accredited traffic controllers.
- (d) the organisers be responsible for all costs associated with the temporary closure, including advertising.

S34 CBD CAR PARKING COMMITTEE

To report to Council on Minutes of the CBD Car Parking Committee meeting held on 4 March 2005 and 21 April 2005.

EN37 **RECOMMENDED** (Hogbin/Joass) that Council note the recommendations of the CBD Parking Committee as follows:

1. That investigation be carried out into extension of CBD special rate and inclusion of capital costs in 2006/07 Management Plan for provision of shade structures, lift and security to Castle Street car park. A feasibility study to be carried out for these works.
2. That minutes of CBD Parking Committee be noted by Council.
3. That investigation be carried out into provision of security cameras in all Council car parks in the long term.

S35 2005 NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

To report to Council on the activities of National Youth Week 2005.

- EN38 RECOMMENDED** (Joass/Smithers) that organisations who participated in 2005 National Youth Week celebrations in the Coffs Harbour local government area be commended in writing for the valuable contribution they have made to the young people in the community.

S36 CORINDI SEWER EMBARGO

To advise Council of the current status of Corindi sewer embargo and recommending this embargo be lifted.

- EN39 RECOMMENDED** (Rhoades/Joass) that Council lift the development embargo of the Corindi township associated with lack of sewerage infrastructure.

S37 COFFS HARBOUR WATER - URBAN RAINWATER TANK POLICY

To recommend to Council, the adoption of the Coffs Harbour Water, Urban Rainwater Tank Policy. The Policy, which covers stand alone and mixed constant flow rainwater tanks, relates to property owners within the Coffs Harbour City local government area who are connected to the town water supply and currently using or intend to install a rainwater tank.

- EN40 RECOMMENDED** (McKelvey/Smithers):

1. That the Coffs Harbour Water, Urban Rainwater Tank Policy as attached to the agenda be adopted.
2. That Coffs Harbour Water investigate and report back to Council on the development of a policy that would allow the reuse of existing suitable, sound, decontaminated septic, pump out tanks and aerated wastewater treatment systems to store rainwater for garden and fire-fighting use.

S38 WORKS BRANCH REPORT

To advise Council of the progress of construction and maintenance programs undertaken by Works Branch up to 31 May, 2005.

EN41 RECOMMENDED (Hogbin/McKelvey) that:

1. Council notes the progress report on construction and maintenance works undertaken by Works Branch up to 31 May, 2005.
2. Council notes that individual program expenditures are being monitored to ensure that the total program costs for 2004/2005 will be contained within the approved budget.

S39 PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM 2005/2006

To obtain Council's approval to the proposed 2005/2006 plant replacement program and to proceed with its implementation.

EN42 RECOMMENDED (Hogbin/Featherstone):

1. That Council adopt the proposed 2005/2006 Plant Replacement Program.
2. That tenders and quotations be called for those plant items to be replaced as soon as practicable for purchase after 1 July, 2005.
3. That the 2005/06 financial estimates, as set out in the report, be included in the 2005/06 Management Plan.
4. That consideration of the basis for calculation of a dividend and the appropriate minimum reserve level be considered in conjunction with other City Business Units, involving interested Councillors, Senior Staff and Managers.

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 6.10pm.

OPEN COUNCIL

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

- EN43 RECOMMENDED** (Joass/Hogbin) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

ADOPTION OF CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

MATTER OF AN URGENT NATURE

1. Woolgoolga Quarry

Councillor Featherstone advised that he received a letter from John Atkins of Woolgoolga Quarry questioning whether it was legal for trucks to be driving up and down Holloways Road every day carrying gravel which is reported as being sold to Moonee Beach Shopping Centre.

The Director of Planning, Environment and Development to take the matter on notice.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Council Meetings

Councillor Smithers questioned whether there was a Council meeting scheduled for the first Thursday in August.

The General Manager advised that the meeting set down for 4 August would not be held due to the half day holiday for Coffs Cup.

2. CBD - Birds

Councillor Ovens questioned whether anything could be done to shield the trees in the CBD area at night in order to try and stop the bird droppings which are staining street furniture on a daily basis.

The Director of City Services advised that he would look into the problem and a report would be brought back.

3. Council Plant

Councillor Featherstone requested the General Manager advise on the total value of the plant owned by Council including a breakdown between staff vehicles and all other plant and if the General Manager could further advise on benchmarking between other Councils on the amount of plant usage relative to the value of plant owned.

4. Rural Lands Strategic Plan

Councillor Featherstone questioned whether the General Manager could consider using outside consultants to finalise the Rural Lands Strategic Plan so the matter could be brought forward and remove the need to establish a new Working Group.

The Director of Planning, Environment & Development advised that there is an existing Council resolution that requires a new Working Group, so there would need to be a new resolution of Council if we are not going to establish a new Working Group.

The General Manager to provide Councillors with the process showing how it will be followed and Council can accept or reject that process.

5. Pet Porpoise Pool - Crown land

Councillor Bonfield asked whether the Board of the Pet Porpoise Pool could be advised of the terms and conditions of the strip of Crown land running along the perimeter of the existing Pet Porpoise Pool which was to be given to them for relocation of staff areas and tanks for seals.

The Acting Director of City Business Units advised that he was aware of the land and that an undertaking was given to the Pet Porpoise Pool and an approach was made to the Department of Lands who own the land. The Board should contact Council as an approval in principle was given but the offer has not been finalised at this stage.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Derelict House - Edgar Street, Coffs Harbour

Councillor McKelvey advised that at the meeting with new residents the issue was raised of a derelict house at end of Edgar Street which is very badly trashed. Cr McKelvey questioned whether Council could do anything about it.

The Acting Director of City Business Units advised that he is aware of the dwelling which is on Crown land and going to be removed. Mr Spring advised that he would follow through with the Department of Lands to have it removed as quickly as possible.

The Mayor expressed concern as the house is in a state of near collapse and would be a safety issue to young children.

The Director of Planning, Environment and Development advised that they would inspect the site and determine if it is a health issue, or if it is a safety issue a demolition order can be issued.

The Director of City Services advised that approaches have been made to the Department of Lands however in the meantime the site could be secured and fenced off if it is determined to be a public health or safety issue.

2. Jetty Lighting

Councillor McKelvey questioned when the lighting would be completed on the jetty.

The Director of City Services advised that the lights have been delivered but were damaged in transit however they have now been repaired and should be installed in the next month.

3. Derelict House - Boulwood Street, Coffs Harbour

Councillor Palmer questioned whether there was any progress on the demolition order that was placed on a derelict house in Boulwood Street, Coffs Harbour.

The Director of Planning, Environment and Development advised that an order for demolition had issued however there had been some negotiations after that as the owner of the property does not live locally. The Director of PED to investigate.

4. B-Doubles on Bucca Road

Councillor Rhoades requested a report be brought back on the use of B-doubles on Bucca Road, the report to address such issues as whether Council has the power to issue permits in a situation if the Pacific Highway is closed, as the Roads & Traffic Authority or Police could direct highway traffic up Bucca Road at any time, either at night or during school arrival/departure times.

The Director of City Services advised that up until recently Council had the power of permit however that has been removed and is now done through a gazettal process. A report will be brought back giving fuller explanation on what Council's options are.

Councillor Joass left the meeting, the time being 6.25pm.

5. Fire Services Medal - Cr Keith Roades

Councillor Hogbin congratulated Councillor Rhoades who was awarded the Australian Fire Services Medal in the Queens Birthday Honours List for 30 years service in the Sawtell Fire Brigade.

6. Trucks - Speed & Red Light Cameras

Councillor Hogbin questioned whether the OH&S issue could be used to try and get some action in relation to the matter of B-doubles and trucks, speed cameras and red light cameras.

The Director of City Services advised that this matter was raised 18 months ago at a NRMA workshop in Coffs Harbour and that he would seek further information. The red light issue is to be pursued further with the Roads and Traffic Authority.

7. Media Release re Commercial Release of all Geographical Names on the Internet

Councillor Bonfield tabled a Media Release from the Regional Communities Consultative Council which advises that the au. Domain Administration have recently announced that they have lifted the restrictions on the registration of all geographical areas across Australia, which means businesses can now apply to register the name of any city, town or suburb. Cr Bonfield advised that this will mean that communities will have no control over who uses their town's name and misleading or inappropriate information can be posted on the internet under any town's name and communities will be powerless to stop it.

The General Manager advised that this matter is of concern and further advised that expressions of interest are out on the URL site, a registration of interest has been lodged and will come through in August. The registered names are Coffs Harbour, Sawtell, Woolgoolga and Coramba.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Confirmed: 7 July 2005.

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K D Rhoades
Mayor