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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

(CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE)

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR

20 OCTOBER 2005

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

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

Leave of Absence: Cr J C Bonfield

The meeting commenced at 6.45pm with the Mayor, Cr K D Rhoades in the chair.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

194 **RESOLVED** (Palmer/McKelvey) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the Corporate Services Committee meeting, the time being 6.45pm.

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

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

F62 BUDGET REVIEW FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

To report on the final results of the financial position of various activities to the year ended 30 June 2005.

The following attachments are included with this report:

Attachment A - Summary of significant results by Department;
Attachment B - Budget Summary at Department Level;
Attachment C - 2004/05 Program Results at Program/Department Level; and
Attachment D - Revotes from 2004/05 to 2005/06.

195 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/Smithers) that:

1. That the estimated results for the financial year 2004/05 be noted as follows:

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General Account	78,877	deficit
Water Account	3,410,209	surplus
Sewer Account	2,501,610	surplus

2. That the various revotes from 2004/2005 to 2005/2006 as detailed in Attachment D as follows, be adopted.

SUMMARY	REVOTE \$	FUNDING			
		Revenue \$	External \$	Environment Levy \$	Restricted Equity \$
General A/C	15,132,772	2,750,754	3,128,802	367,363	8,885,853
Water A/C	1,869,856	287,222			1,582,634
Sewer A/C	4,723,485	265,931	1,407,856		3,049,698

F63 FEDERAL COURT ACTIONS - TELSTRA AND OPTUS V'S VARIOUS COUNCILS (2278)

To advise Council of the Local Government and Shires Association's request to finalise its contribution towards the legal costs of running a significant case for all councils.

- 196 RECOMMENDED** (Rhoades/McKelvey) that Council finalise its support for the Local Government and Shires Association and the Councils' defence in these cases and contribute the final payment of \$12,323.

F64 PECUNIARY DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS

To table the Register of Returns received.

- 197 RECOMMENDED** (Palmer/McKelvey) that the Register of Disclosures by Councillors and designated staff for the period July 2004 – June 2005, as tabled, be noted.

F65 OPENING OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR 2004/05

To report on the outcomes and issues relative to the opening of the Administration Building on 29 to 31 December 2004 and consideration of the continuance of this procedure.

198 **RECOMMENDED** (Smithers/Palmer) that:

1. That Council's administration building not be opened for business during the period between Christmas and New Year 2005.
2. That processes be put in place for telephone requests of an urgent nature during the Christmas/New Year period to be dealt with by the after hours call out service as is done during the non-business hours.

**F66 OUTSTANDING REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS AWAITING
IMPLEMENTATION**

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

199 **RECOMMENDED** (Joass/Smithers) that the report be noted.

F67 BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 AUGUST 2005

To list Council's Bank Balances and Investments as at 31 August 2005.

200 **RECOMMENDED** (Rhoades/Featherstone) that the bank balances and investments totalling one hundred and eleven million, four hundred and sixty seven thousand, eight hundred and ninety four dollars (\$111,467,894) as at 31 August 2005 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.

OPEN COUNCIL

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

201 **RECOMMENDED** (Palmer/Joass) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

The Mayor resumed chairmanship of the meeting at 6.55pm.

ADOPTION OF CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

- 202 **RESOLVED** (Hogbin/Joass) that the recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee meeting be received and adopted.
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REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 203 **RESOLVED** (Ovens/Smithers) that Cr Joass be granted leave of absence from Council on 3 November 2005.
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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Management Plan

Cr Palmer suggested the planning process for the 2006/07 Management Plan should commence immediately to ensure adequate funds are available for all necessary maintenance works.

Cr Rhoades advised that the management planning process for 2006/07 is scheduled to commence at the end of 2005.

2. Nana Glen Swimming Pool

Cr Palmer asked for an update on the progress of the Nana Glen Swimming Pool.

The Acting Director of City Services indicated that the Nana Glen Swimming Pool Committee met recently and have advised the following:

- *The Development Application is currently being prepared;*
 - *Lease arrangements are being progressed with the Dept of Education;*
 - *Timelines are being closely monitored; and*
 - *A process is being developed for the management and allocation of grant funds.*
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GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Negative Public Relations For Coffs Harbour

Cr Hogbin expressed disappointment at the unfortunate incident which occurred in State Parliament recently involving Coffs Harbour's elected representative, Andrew Fraser MP.

Cr Rhoades indicated that Coffs Harbour City Council does not have a position on this matter.

2. Pedestrian Refuge – Sawtell Road

Cr McKelvey asked for an update on the timeframe for construction of a pedestrian refuge on Sawtell Rd.

The General Manager took the question on notice.

3. Energy Efficient Initiatives

Cr Smithers suggested Council investigate the implementation of a revolving energy fund system similar to that used at Hastings and Bellingen Council's which reinvest savings from energy efficient projects to finance further energy efficient initiatives.

4. Future Fuel Supplies

Cr Smithers referred to media reports of potentially high fuel prices resulting from future demand for fuel exceeding available supply, and suggested that Council keep this in mind when undertaking future budget planning.

5. Cassidy's Road

Cr Rhoades indicated that there has been an accident on Cassidy's road (at the intersection connecting parts of the Bonville International Golf Club), and asked if Council staff could urgently investigate and implement safety measures as determined appropriate.

The General Manager advised that he would liaise with the General Manager of Bonville International Golf Club with regards to this matter.

Cr Palmer suggested that this issue be included as a late item at the upcoming Traffic Committee meeting.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 7.07pm.

Confirmed:

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K D Rhoades AFSM
Mayor