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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 APRIL 2006

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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, W R Palmer and G R Smithers.

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

The meeting commenced at 5.52pm with the Mayor, Cr K D Rhoades in the chair.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

54 **RESOLVED** (Hogbin/Joass) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the Corporate Services Committee meeting, the time being 5.52pm.

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

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

C16 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - COMPLAINT

To advise Council of attendance at a conciliation conference on a complaint under the Disability Discrimination Act in connection with Council's footway licensing policies.

CS18 RECOMMENDED (Joass/Palmer) that:

1. Council note the report on the conciliation conference called by the Human Rights Commission in connection with a complaint under the Disability Discrimination Act.
 2. Council proceed to review its footway licensing policies but in particular the removal of obstacles on the footpath adjacent to the property boundary.
 3. The outcome of the review be reported to Council at its July 2006 meeting.
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C17 PLANT HIRE RATES 2006/2007

The Director of Corporate Services sought Council's approval to withdraw C17 and schedule a Councillors briefing to discuss the reports content.

C18 PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM 2006/2007

To obtain Council's approval to the proposed 2006/2007 plant replacement program and to proceed with its implementation.

CS19 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/Featherstone) that:

1. Council adopt the proposed 2006/2007 Plant Replacement Program.
2. Tenders and quotations be called for those plant items to be replaced as soon as practicable for purchase after 1 July 2006.
3. The 2006/07 financial estimates, as set out in the report, be included in the 2006/07 Management Plan.

The **MOTION** on being put to the meeting was **CARRIED**.

SUPPLEMENTARY MOTION

CS20 RECOMMENDED (Featherstone/Smithers) that the matter of plant disposal be addressed at an upcoming workshop.

The **SUPPLEMENTARY MOTION** on being put to the meeting was **CARRIED**.

C19 BUDGET REVIEW - JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2006

To report on the estimated budget position as at 28 February 2006.

CS21 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Palmer) that the estimated budget position as at 28 February 2006:

	General Account \$	Water Account \$	Sewer Account \$
Revised Budget adopted 15 September 2005	346,977 (D)	551,667 (S)	1,496,847 (D)
Approved variations to 31 December 2005	81,885 (D)	1,347,261 (S)	1,607,416 (S)
Recommended variations for January & February 2006	7,688 (S)	Nil	Nil
Estimated result 2005/06 as at 28 February 2006	<u>421,174 (D)</u>	<u>1,898,928 (S)</u>	<u>110,569 (S)</u>

C20 HARBOURSIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUPS MEMBERSHIP

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council the inclusion representatives of three Government agencies in the membership of the Harbourside Strategic Planning Group.

CS22 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Featherstone) that:

1. Council extend the membership of the Harbourside Strategic Planning Group to include a representative from the Department of Planning, State Rail Authority and the Australian Rail Track Corporation.
2. The Department of Planning, State Rail Authority and Australian Rail Track Corporation be invited to nominate a representative to the Harbourside Strategic Planning Group.

The **MOTION** on being put to the meeting was **CARRIED**.

AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED (Smithers/)

That the North Coast Environment Council be invited to nominate a representative to the Harbourside Strategic Planning Group.

The **AMENDMENT LAPSED** due to the absence of a seconder.

C21 DECLARATIONS LODGED BY CANDIDATES - 27 MARCH 2004 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL ELECTION

To report on further receipt of a declaration from the Election Funding Authority.

CS23 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Joass) that the declaration of election expenditure, as tabled, be noted.

C22 OUTSTANDING REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS AWAITING IMPLEMENTATION

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

CS24 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/McKelvey) that the report be noted.

C23 BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2006

To list Council's Bank Balances and Investments as at 28 February 2006.

CS25 RECOMMENDED (Ovens/Joass) that the bank balances and investments totalling one hundred and thirteen million, nine hundred and fifty eight thousand and ninety nine dollars (\$113,958,099) as at 28 February 2006 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.

CS26 RECOMMENDED (Joass/Palmer) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

The Mayor resumed chairmanship of the meeting at 6.12pm.

ADOPTION OF CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- 56** **RESOLVED** by consent that Cr Bonfield be granted leave of absence from Council on 4 May and 18 May 2006 for private reasons.
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GENERAL BUSINESS

1. North Coast Water

Cr Palmer updated Council on matters relating to North Coast Water following a meeting he attended, including:

- Pipeline to the dam site and power conduit construction are underway;
- Access road clearing with commence shortly; and
- An announcement on the acceptance of the tender for dam construction is imminent.

2. Local Government Infrastructure

Cr Hogbin suggested Council commence a campaign to convince the Federal Government to divert some of the funds from their proposed tax cuts to assist with the backlog of infrastructure maintenance in Local Government areas.

The Mayor to action.

3. Senior Citizen Week

Cr Joass reported on events held during Senior Citizen's Week.

4. Council Plant

Cr Featherstone asked Council to consider the option of selling excess plant on the internet.

The Mayor indicated this issue will be addressed at a scheduled Councillors briefing.

5. Weed Control

Cr Ovens requested that prompt action be taken to remove the dead grass which remains on median strips which have been sprayed.

The General Manager to action.

6. Land Taxes

Cr Ovens requested Council seek information from the NSW Treasurer in relation to the significant increase in revenue from land taxes in recent years, and how these funds are being distributed. Cr Ovens suggested Council request a portion of these funds be used for infrastructure works in local government areas.

The General Manager to action.

7. Trees – City Centre

Cr McKelvey asked if a new species has been chosen to replace the trees which have perished in the City Centre area.

The General Manager indicated that following extensive research a replacement species has been chosen. The Councillors will be briefed prior to a press release being issued.

8. Northern Beaches - Sewer

Cr McKelvey asked if a contractor has been chosen to underbore Arrawarra Creek, therefore enabling sewerage connection to the north parts of the Local Government area.

The General Manager took the matter on notice.

9. Water Sensitive Urban Design

Cr McKelvey asked when a workshop would be scheduled to discuss Council's position on Water Sensitive Urban Design.

The General Manager took the matter on notice.

10. Sawtell Road – Safety Crossing

Cr McKelvey requested further information regarding the issues surrounding construction of a Pedestrian Refuge or Pedestrian Crossing on Sawtell Road (previously raised in General Business on 20 October 2005).

The General Manager undertook to arrange an onsite meeting to discuss issues.

11. Arrawarra Beach Access

Cr Palmer asked if Council is actively involved in resolving the issue of Arrawarra Beach residents being denied access to the beach via the Arrawarra Caravan Park.

The Acting Director of City Business Units indicated that Council is involved in ongoing discussions.

12. Heavy Vehicles on Local Roads

Cr Smithers expressed concern at the number of local roads being used by heavy vehicles and the additional maintenance costs resulting from this use. Cr Smithers suggested that road maintenance costs could be reduced if main roads such as Coramba Road were used by loaded trucks and the rest of the local road network used by unloaded trucks, and requested a report be brought back to Council on this matter.

The Mayor indicated that Council is a member of an organisation that engages the services of a private company who have both the facilities to weight heavy vehicles and power to enforce load limits on local roads, and requested a report be brought back to Council summarising the results of their work in the past 12 months.

The General Manager agreed to report back to Council on these matters.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.38pm.

Confirmed: 4 May 2006

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Keith Rhoades AFSM
Mayor