



**COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
(CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE)
COUNCIL CHAMBER
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR
10 MAY 2007**

**Commencing at the conclusion of
Land Use, Health & Development Committee**

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ORDINARY MEETING

(CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE)

10 MAY 2007

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, Assistant General Manager/Director Corporate Business, Director of City Services, Director Land Use, Health & Development, Design Manager, Executive Manager Operations, Community Services Manager, Executive Manager Strategic and Executive Assistant

The meeting commenced at 7.22pm with the Mayor, Cr K Rhoades in the chair.

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

- 57** **RESOLVED** (McKelvey/Palmer) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the City Services Committee meeting, the time being 7.22pm.

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

CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

S24 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Seeking a Council resolution to increase the number of community members on the Floodplain Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) from three to four.

- EN27** **RECOMMENDED** (Smithers/McKelvey):

1. That the number of community members on the Floodplain Management Advisory Committee be increased from three to four.

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2. That Council accept the nominations received from Lynette Styles, Stephen Pratt and John Croger as community representatives of the Floodplain Management Advisory Committee.

S25 MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2007

To present the minutes of the Arts & Cultural Development Advisory Committee (A&CDAC) meeting held on 19 February 2007. The meetings of 16 October and 20 November 2006 were cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

EN28 RECOMMENDED (Bonfield/Hogbin) that:

1. Council note the minutes of the Arts & Cultural Development Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 February 2007.
2. Council note that the Arts & Cultural Development Advisory Committee will meet on a need to basis until the review of the Council cultural committees has been completed.

S26 ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANCY REPORT AND PLAN

To recommend to Council for endorsement of the Toward a New Cultural Plan: The Arts and Cultural Consultancy Report and the Arts and Cultural Development Plan (incorporating Creative Industry Development) documents, following the public exhibition of the documents.

EN29 RECOMMENDED (Bonfield/Joass) that Council adopt the following documents:

- Toward a New Cultural Plan: The Arts and Cultural Consultancy Report
- The Arts and Cultural Development Plan (incorporating Creative Industry Development)

S27 OPERATIONS BRANCH REPORT

To advise Council of the progress of construction and maintenance programs undertaken by Operations Branch – Asset Construction, Maintenance and Recreational Services up to 30 April, 2007.

EN30 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Smithers) that Council:

1. Notes the progress report on asset construction, maintenance and recreational services works undertaken by Operations Branch up to 19 April, 2007.
2. Notes the individual program expenditures are being monitored and are generally within the allocated 2006/2007 budget.

S28 CROWN ROAD RESERVES

To report on various issues associated with the treatment of Crown road reserves within the City of Coffs Harbour.

EN31 RECOMMENDED (Ovens/Hogbin) that Council endorse Crown roads policy as adopted 22 April 2000 being:

Council:

1. *Not carry out any construction or other roadworks on any Crown road within the City area except where Council Road Asset Register identifies the road as having been previously maintained by Council*
2. *Give consideration to accepting dedication of any Crown road with the concurrence of the lands Department and provided that the road is first constructed at no cost to the Council, to an appropriate standard to be determined in each case*

S29 COFFS HARBOUR WATER REPORT JANUARY TO MARCH 2007

Information on maintenance, operation and construction activities for the three month period January to March 2007 for Coffs Harbour Water.

EN32 RECOMMENDED (Hogbin/McKelvey):

1. That the report on Coffs Harbour Water maintenance, operation and construction activities for the three month period January to March 2007 be noted.
2. That the average daily consumption for the December quarter of 16.2 ML/day, total extraction for the quarter from Cochranes Pool of 743 ML, total inflow to Karangi Dam from Regional Water Supply P/L of 774 ML, total consumption for the quarter of 1458 ML and Karangi Dam storage level of 99.3% on 20 March 2007 be noted.

S30 COFFS HARBOUR WATER TREATMENT PLANT STATUS REPORT

To advise Council of the current status of the design and construction of the proposed 42ML water treatment plant at Karangi.

EN33 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/McKelvey) that Council note the progress of the design/construction of the water treatment plant.

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 7.40pm.

OPEN COUNCIL

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

EN34 RECOMMENDED (Ovens/Smithers) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

ADOPTION OF CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 59** **RESOLVED** (Joass/Bonfield) that Cr Smithers be granted leave of absence from Council for meetings between 10 and 20 May 2007.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. LUHD & City Services Committees - Rotation

Councillor Ovens questioned whether there was any reason why City Services Committee is held after Land Use, Health and Development Committee and whether it could be rotated each month.

The General Manager advised that addresses to Council usually refer to items in the LUHD Committee.

2. Bats - Smell

Councillor Bonfield advised that the situation with the bats is intolerable at the moment, the bats are now in the trees and in the garden and she is being woken up in her own home at 4.00am with the noise of the bats.

Councillor Rhoades advised that he totally agreed and could fully comprehend what Cr Bonfield was going through and suggested that, as nothing is being done by the State and Federal Governments, that maybe the community could get together and do something about it.

3. Boarding Kennels – Gaudrons Road

Councillor Bonfield questioned where the application for the boarding kennels in Gaudrons Road was up to.

Councillor Rhoades advised that further information had been requested from the applicant.

4. Boambee Beach - Odours

Councillor Bonfield advised that some mornings the effluent smell at Boambee Beach is shocking and questioned what could be done about it.

The Director of City Services advised that he is not aware of any operational issues at the treatment plant, however \$90M is being spent on the upgrade of the treatment works, which should alleviate some of the problems.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Office Space in Industrial Zones

Councillor Smithers questioned whether there could be a workshop, or a paper, on the issue of retail and office space in industrial zones.

The General Manager advised that the matter would be included at next Wednesday's briefing or at a staff briefing in the future.

The Director of Land Use, Health & Development advised that if those uses are permissible within the industrial zone under the LEP, unless the LEP is changed, they are legal uses. The LEP would have to be changed.

2. Charity Bike Ride - 31 May 2007

Councillor Hogbin advised that on 31 May 2007 a group of riders would be coming through Coffs Harbour on a charity ride for breast cancer, mens prostate and Camp Quality, having already raised \$230,000. Cr Hogbin issued an invitation to all Councillors and staff to attend functions associated with this ride, including a bike ride in the afternoon to the Pet Porpoise Pool, a Porpoise Pool event, an event on the Jetty that night and ride out the next morning with the community bike groups.

3. E-bikes - Update

Councillor Rhoades asked if there had been any clarification on the matter of e-bikes as he had recently seen one towing a trailer.

The Design Manager advised that he had been in contact with the RTA and Police but there was no indication as to when it will come to the courts.

Councillor Rhoades asked that this matter be raised at Traffic Committee.

The Director of City Services advised the issue should possibly escalate to a higher level, that is through the Local State and Federal Members.

4. LEP Zoning - Boarding Kennels, Gaudrons Road

Councillor Palmer asked how we go about removing developments like the boarding kennels from the LEP where people living nearby are very appreciative of their surroundings.

The Director of Land Use, Health and Development advised that the zoning for the boarding kennels at Gaudrons Road was 1a Rural, which is a suitable development under that zoning. Mr Salter advised that this didn't mean an automatic approval, but it is the appropriate zoning, however the application has to meet environmental concerns and they will be part of the assessment of the application which will be coming before Council to make a determination.

5. Buddhist Ceremony

Councillor McKelvey advised that he attended the opening ceremony of the new Buddhist centre and presented a gem painting to the City, from the Buddhists, which was a "thank you" for being there on the occasion.

6. Japanese Childrens Day at the Botanic Gardens

Councillor Palmer advised that he attended the opening of the Japanese Childrens Day at the Botanic Gardens where there was a constant stream of people attending and a large number of fish kites flying. Cr Palmer advised that the event went off very well, even though vandals had done damage to areas of the Gardens on the previous night.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 7.59 pm.

Confirmed: 7 June 2007.

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K D Rhoades, AFSM
Mayor