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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR
1 NOVEMBER 2007

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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

1 NOVEMBER 2007

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

Staff: General Manager, Director of City Services, Acting Director Corporate Business, Director Land Use, Health and Development, Executive Manager - Operations, Operations Manager Coffs Harbour Water, Executive Manager Strategy and Sustainability and Executive Assistant.

Leave of Absence: Councillor W R Palmer and Councillor G R Smithers

The meeting commenced at 6.01pm with the Mayor, Cr K D 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

- 143** **RESOLVED** (Joass/McKelvey) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the City Services Committee meeting, the time being 6.01pm.

In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the Mayor chaired the City Services Committee meeting.

CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

S63 TRAFFIC COMMITTEE NO. 5/2007

To confirm minutes from the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 16 October 2007.

EN66 RECOMMENDED (Hogbin/Joass):

T.43 – Orlando Street, Coffs Harbour (R.509710 [1705274])

That no action be taken on installation of a marked crossing on Orlando Street at the Coffs Creek walk pedestrian refuge.

T.44 – Hogbin Drive, Coffs Harbour - Speed Limits (R.500390 [1694000])

That the reduction of the 100km/h speed zone on Hogbin Drive to 80km/h be approved and submitted to the RTA for consent.

T.45 – First Avenue, Sawtell - Speed Limit (R.501520 [1693998])

That a '40 km/h High Pedestrian Activity' zone on First Avenue from Middle Creek Bridge to 100m north of Second Avenue be approved and submitted to the RTA for consent and funding.

T.46 – Arthur Street, Coffs Harbour - Pedestrian island (R.503760 [1697361])

That design plans for pedestrian refuge islands in Arthur Street at both the east and western access roads to Park Beach Plaza be prepared and submitted to Traffic Committee for approval.

T.47 – Hogbin Drive North / Boulwood Street, Coffs Harbour - Safety Aspects (R.500390 [1632781])

That no action be taken regarding the Hogbin Drive/Boulwood Street intersection.

T.48 – Sawtell Road, Sawtell - Pedestrian Crossing (R.502390 [1714305])

That no action be taken on the request for installation of a marked crossing on Sawtell Road at Walco Drive.

T.49 – Queen Street, Woolgoolga - Nose-in Parking (R.508860)

That 90 degree parking in Queen Street Woolgoolga be converted to 60 degree nose in parking in accordance with Plan number T49, subject to consultation with stakeholders.

T.50 - Albany Street, Coffs Harbour - 40km/h School zone (R.503600 [1750267])

1. That no approval be given to the installation of 40km/h school zone on Albany Street, Coffs Harbour
2. That further consultation be undertaken with Coffs Harbour Primary School on road safety improvements for Albany Street

T.52 – Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour - Disabled Parking (R.504620 [1755321])

That no action be taken into installation of disabled parking bays in Gordon Street adjacent to the RTA Motor Registry.

T.53 – Saye Close / Johnsons Road, Sandy Beach - 'Give Way' sign (R.506560)

That Give Way signs be installed at the intersection of Saye Close and Johnsons Road in accordance with plan number T53.

T55 Hogbin Drive - Load Limit

That approval be given to installation of a 15 tonne load limit on Hogbin Drive between Harbour Drive and Arthur Street in accordance with Plan number T55.

T.51 – Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour - Parking Bay adjacent Dick Smiths (R.504620)

EN67 RECOMMENDED (Hogbin/Ovens):

1. That two motorcycle parking bays be signposted on Gordon Street north of the marked pedestrian crossing in accordance with plan number T51.
2. That the time relationship be as per Harbour Drive, that is, 4 hours.

T54 – High Street Woolgoolga – Traffic Management works (R.508630)

EN68 RECOMMENDED (Featherstone/Joass):

1. That the trial traffic management works in High Street Woolgoolga incorporating partial closure at Scarborough Street and Nightingale Street be approved for permanent installation as per plan number T54.
2. Signs indicating exceptions to be provided and diagrams amended.

S64 NANA GLEN TOWN IMPROVEMENTS

To update Council on the proposed Nana Glen Town Improvements and seek additional funding for completion of Town Improvement works.

EN69 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Joass):

1. That Council endorse the recommended scope of works for the Nana Glen improvements at an estimated cost of \$342,000 and funded from sources identified in this report.
2. That Council note the works will be scheduled for completion this financial year with the landscaping component commencing in November.
3. That Council note the schedule of works and Master Plan will be on display at the Nana Glen Cafe during construction.

S65 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 22 October, 2007.

EN70 RECOMMENDED (Ovens/McKelvey) that Council:

1. Note the progress report on asset construction, maintenance and recreational services works undertaken by Operations Branch up to 22 October, 2007.
2. Note the progress of construction of Hogbin Drive Extension - Harbour Drive to Orlando Street.
3. Note that a dense graded asphalt is being used on Hogbin Drive Extension Stage 2 instead of the Thin Open Graded Asphalt Seal (TOGAS) because of quality of final product.
4. Endorses the use of Boral Asphalt Services to supply and place the asphalt wearing surface.
5. Note the individual program expenditures are being monitored and are generally within the allocated 2007/2008 budgets.

S66 BOTANIC GARDENS OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND - THIRD ANNUAL CONGRESS

The main objective for Ian Corbett (Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens) attending the conference was to examine the new trends being undertaken by botanic gardens on a national and international scale. Further opportunities to network with other major gardens to improve information and plant material exchange was sought and achieved.

EN71 RECOMMENDED (Ovens/McKelvey):

1. That Council acknowledge this report
2. That a follow up report be written after six months outlining the progress made on the above matters.

S67 LOAD LIMIT TO MORROWS ROAD, NANA GLEN

To report to Council the recommendations from independent load testing undertaken on Morrows Bridge, Nana Glen and to recommend a load limit be placed in accordance with the test report recommendations.

EN72 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Joass) that Council confirms the placement of an 8 tonne maximum GVM load a limit on Morrows Bridge, Nana Glen.

S68 CORAMBA TIMBER BRIDGE - CONDITION AND FUTURE OPTIONS

To report to Council the condition of Coramba timber bridge and discuss options available for the structure.

MOTION

MOVED (McKelvey/Hogbin) that Council:-

1. Notes the findings of the Investigation of Coramba Allan Truss Bridge.
2. Give consideration to funding of the project in conjunction with the 2008/09 Management Plan.
3. Close public access to the old Coramba Timber Bridge over Orara River.

AMENDMENT

EN73 RECOMMENDED (Ovens/Featherstone) that:

1. Council notes the findings of the Investigation of Coramba Allan Truss Bridge.
2. The bridge be demolished and consideration of funding of that budget in conjunction with the 2008/09 Management Plan.
3. Council close public access to the old Coramba Timber Bridge over Orara River.

The **AMENDMENT** on being put was declared **CARRIED**. It then became the **MOTION** and was declared **CARRIED**.

S69 COFFS HARBOUR WATER REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2007

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

EN74 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Joass):

1. That the report on Coffs Harbour Water maintenance, operation and construction activities for the three month period July to September 2007 be noted.
2. That the average daily consumption for the September quarter of 15.1 ML/day, total extraction for the quarter from Cochranes Pool of 464.6 ML, total inflow to Karangi Dam from Regional Water Supply P/L of 695.2 ML, total consumption for the quarter of 1391 ML and Karangi Dam storage level of 99.7% on 30 September 2007 be noted.

S70 REVIEW OF WATER & SEWERAGE UTILITIES

To inform Council of a review by the Minister for Water Utilities, the Hon Nathan Rees, MP, into the structural and regulatory arrangements for the provision of water supply and sewerage services in Regional NSW.

EN75 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Featherstone) that the General Manager be authorised to submit comments to the Minister by early November 2007 on the draft terms of reference and any other matters to be considered during the review.

S71 MAJOR WATER & SEWER PROJECTS - UPDATE

To update Council on the current status of the construction of major water and sewer infrastructure projects. Note figure on page 55 of Agenda under Water Reclamation Plant should be \$20,765,348.

- EN76 RECOMMENDED** (McKelvey/Joass) that Council note the progress of each of the major water and sewerage infrastructure projects.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The Mayor advised that the business of the City Services Committee was concluded.

OPEN COUNCIL

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

- EN77 RECOMMENDED** (Joass/Ovens) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

ADOPTION OF CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

1. Meeting with Police - Control Measures for Offensive Behaviour

Councillor Ovens asked whether, when the Mayor is meeting with Police over the next few weeks, he could raise with them the need to address control measures for offensive behaviour around parks, headlands and beaches over the Christmas period.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Pensioner Rebates

Councillor Joass raised the following issues in relation to pensioner rebates:

1. Motion went through at the recent LGA conference to increase rebates for pensioners. The motion will now go to the general meeting of the LGA and will then be submitted to the Federal and State governments with a request for an increase in rebates for pensioners.
2. Total number of assessments sent out by CHCC is 29,500, of that it includes 5,600 pensioners. The present rate for rebates allowed for pensioners is \$250 per year. CHCC gives \$112.50 (45%), the Federal Government gets \$12.50 (5%), the State Government gets \$125 (50%).
3. It has been 20 years or more since pensioners have had an increase.
4. If the Motion goes through, and Federal and State governments give an increase, Cr Joass would like to see Council look at increasing the amount of rebate that we give to the pensioners.

Councillor Rhoades advised that State and Federal legislation determine increases in regard to pensions and this limits Council's ability to raise revenue.

Councillor Hogbin asked for the General Manager to organise for someone from the rating area update Councillor Joass as the rebates given go up every year and is far more significant than the \$250 quoted by Cr Joass.

2. Wheely Bins

Councillor Hogbin questioned the growth of wheely bins in Park Lane and the fact that there are more appearing each time he drives by. Cr Hogbin further advised that he believed that some were not paying for the service they might be using.

The Executive Manager, Strategy and Sustainability advised that what we are seeing is that businesses are taking up the option of using wheely bins at their discretion. If the businesses opt for using wheely bins as opposed to bulk bins, Council endeavours to provide their needs and thinks that it is just a transition on what their requirements are.

Councillor Ovens advised that he was pleased to see in Europe that the relevant authorities have endorsed the three bins across their streets for recycling and Council maybe needs to revisit again our street bins going to recycling.

Councillor Rhoades advised that eight months ago at Southern Cross University it was all mixed waste and they are now in the final stages of implementing the full three bin system that we use.

3. Waste Transfer Stations

Councillor McKelvey expressed disappointment that at both Coramba and Woolgoolga waste transfer stations on Sunday, both bulk bins for recycling were full and everyone attending the tips were told to put their recycling in general waste.

The Executive Manager, Strategy and Sustainability advised that Council operates three transfer stations, one at Woolgoolga, one at Coramba and one at Lowanna. The Woolgoolga transfer station very rarely has problems, there are 20m³ recycling bins dedicated just for recycling. One bin is emptied and available for the whole of Saturday and it is cleared and a fresh bin is made available for the Sunday. In the main the Sunday bin is only about 50% full on most occasions and the Saturday bin is pretty full when it is cleared.

At Woolgoolga there is limited space and ideally it would be better to have another 20m³ bin, however another site has been purchased with a view to construct a bigger and better transfer facility and when it occurs will probably go for 40m³ bins.

Mr Green advised that the same applies to the Coramba facility, it has a 20m³ bin in the main that is emptied at the beginning of transactions on the Saturday morning and is cleared on the following week and in the main is generally only 80% full.

Mr Green also advised that there is an option for the community to go from a 240 litre bin to a much larger 360 litre bin at a cost of extra \$50 per year.

4. Council Cleanup - materials on street verges

Councillor Ovens advised that he had noticed streets full of materials/rubbish on the street verge, and questioned whether there was any requirement that they shouldn't put them out a month prior to collection.

The Executive Manager, Strategy and Sustainability Green advised that as a rule rubbish should not be placed on the verge more than a few days before the program collection. If it is occurring a month in advance, the Rangers would investigate.

5. Camping at Mullaway Beach overnight

Councillor Rhoades advised that he had been approached by residents of Mullaway Beach regarding the issue of overnight camping in vehicles has been going on for sometime and the fact that nothing ever gets done.

Councillor Ovens advised that "Wicked" vans are having a rally in Coffs Harbour and perhaps this is something that could be raised with them.

6. Thank You - LGA Conference Organisers

Councillor Rhoades, on behalf of all Councillors, expressed sincere appreciation to Michelle Aubert, Christine Artist, volunteers and all staff involved in the organisation of the recent outstandingly successful LGA conference. The team effort that went into the event over a sustained period of time was absolutely exceptional and really showcased Coffs Harbour. The feedback from members of the LGA Executive was that they couldn't recall a better LGA conference.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.53 pm.

Confirmed: 15 November 2007

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Keith Rhoades AFSM
Mayor