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**COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR**  
**7 FEBRUARY 2008**

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## COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

### ORDINARY MEETING

7 FEBRUARY 2008

**Present:** Councillors K Rhoades (Mayor), D Featherstone, I Hogbin, R McKelvey, W Palmer and G Smithers.

**Staff:** Director of City Services, Director Land Use, Health & Development, Acting Director Corporate Business and Executive Assistant

The meeting commenced at 5.27pm with the Mayor, Cr K Rhoades in the chair.

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#### APOLOGY

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- 7 **RESOLVED** (Smithers/McKelvey) that apologies received from Councillors J Bonfield, I Ovens and C Joass for unavoidable absence be received and leave be granted for the current meeting of Council.

#### CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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##### S1 CITY SERVICES SECTION QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL REPORT

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To provide Council with a quarterly progress of works and activities undertaken by the various sections of City Services up to 31 December 2007.

- EN1 RECOMMENDED** (McKelvey/Palmer) that the quarterly progress report on works and activities undertaken by the various sections of City Services up to 31 December 2007 be noted.

Councillor McKelvey offered congratulations to staff on achievement of works to date.

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**S2 TENDER: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CAVANBAH HALL - CONTRACT NO 07/08-336-TO**

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To report to Council on tenders received for the demolition of existing and construction of new Cavanbah Hall - Contract No 07/08-336-TO.

**EN2 RECOMMENDED** (Hogbin/Palmer) that the recommendation as shown on page 20 of the Confidential report attached to the City Services agenda, as shown below, be adopted:

1. That Council accept the tender of Centenary Constructions Pty Ltd, ABN 84 095 702 453, as the recommended tender for Contract 07/08-336-TO for the demolition of existing and construction of new Cavanbah Hall for the lump sum amount of \$1,692,520 including GST, on the basis that:
  - (a) The tender is the most advantageous tender following the application of Council's Tender Value Selection System.
  - (b) The Tenderer has the necessary experience in similar works and with ability and performance which are seen as satisfactory.
  - (c) The Tenderer's financial capacity is acceptable.
2. That the contract documents be executed under the Seal of Council.

The Mayor offered congratulations to Jenni Eakins and her staff for a job well done.

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**CONCLUSION OF MEETING**

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The Chairman advised that the business of the Land Use, Health and Development and City Services Committees was concluded.

The Mayor resumed chairmanship of the meeting at 5.40pm.

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**OPEN COUNCIL**

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

**EN3 RECOMMENDED** (Palmer/Smithers) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

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**ADOPTION OF LAND USE, HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT & CITY SERVICES  
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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- 8** **RESOLVED** (Palmer/Smithers) that the recommendations of the Land Use, Health and Development and City Services Committees be received and adopted.

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**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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**1. Bunker Cartoon Gallery**

Councillor Palmer expressed concern that the name of the Bunker Cartoon Gallery has been changed and requested an explanation as to why it was changed.

The General Manager reconfirmed that it is called the Bunker Cartoon Gallery.

**2. Hogbin Drive - Footpath**

Councillor Hogbin questioned the location of the footpath compared to the road on Hogbin Drive on the new section from Harbour Drive to the bridge. Cr Hogbin advised that when the road is levelled, or painted, the footpath will effectively be part of the road separated by a white line and posts every 25m. Cr Hogbin expressed concern at the shared path and pedestrians effectively walking on the road.

The Design Manager advised that there are a number of other locations where Council has created a cycleway as part of the road formation, however there is a minimum 1.5m separation between the traffic and the shared path which leaves room for guideposts, linemarking and proper separation of the two. The situation will be monitored when the road is opened and changes considered if necessary.

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## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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### **1. Section 94 Contributions - State Government**

Councillor Hogbin expressed concern at what the State Government is trying to do with Section 94 contributions and advised that this can't be allowed to happen. Cr Hogbin advised that Section 94 contributions are used to provide facilities for the community, some examples in Coffs Harbour are Boambee East Community Centre, car park in Market Street Woolgoolga, playground at West Coffs, construction of part of the collector road at Moonee, while some works in the budget for this year include North Bonville collector road, Lyons Road intersection, Moonee Beach Road reconstruction, fibre optic cabling and beach protection works. Cr Hogbin further advised that in some cases the works are done in advance and the debt is paid back as contributions come in. Cr Hogbin advised that he is not convinced that if the State government took hold of the Section 94 contributions, that the money would be used for local infrastructure.

Councillor Rhoades expressed concern that it was a very real possibility that the community of Coffs Harbour could be paying for infrastructure in Western Sydney.

### **2. Privatisation of Electricity**

Councillor Smithers advised that there are moves afoot to privatise electricity across the State and suggested the General Manager pursue this matter along with the opposition of privatisation of water. Cr Smithers advised that where it has been tried before, maintenance has often not been good enough and there is a cost to consumers which means that prices go up. Cr Smithers pointed out that there is \$1M going to the NSW government at this point in time from the electricity network, which is a substantial cash flow from a public asset into the government.

The General Manager advised that these two issues will be linked together in a submission to the Premier.

### **3. Footpath adjacent Bridge Club**

Councillor Featherstone requested maintenance be carried out on the footpath that runs adjacent to the Bridge Club, from Albany Street up to the Bunker Cartoon Gallery, as some pavers are lifting.

The General Manager advised that this would be attended to.

#### 4. Jetty Theatre

Councillor Hogbin requested that consideration be given to locals when we do things, as on occasions locals are excluded just because they are locals. This year's program put out by the Jetty Theatre for what's on at the Jetty Theatre in 2008 is for what's on for the travelling professional and a local production wasn't able to get in with the same weight and offer advanced ticket sales. Cr Hogbin is also concerned that when people are looking at the book, they think that this is all that is on at the Jetty Theatre for the year and miss our local shows.

The General Manager advised that he would take the matter on board.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

Confirmed: 21 February 2008.

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K D Rhoades, AFSM  
Mayor