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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

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

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

Leave of Absence: Councillor I Ovens

The meeting commenced at 6.19pm with the Mayor, Cr K Rhoades in the chair.

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

- 37** **RESOLVED** (Palmer/Joass) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the City Services Committee meeting, the time being 6.19pm.

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

CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

S10 CREATING CREATIVE INDUSTRIES REPORT

To present to Council the report "Creating Creative Industries".

- EN11** **RECOMMENDED** (Bonfield/Joass)

That Council notes the Creating Creative Industries Report.

**S11 NANA GLEN SPORTS, RECREATION AND EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
REQUEST FOR 50/50 MATCHING OF GRANT FUNDING**

To request Council match the \$10,000 Capital Assistance grant awarded to the Nana Glen Sports, Recreation and Equestrian Centre by the NSW Sports and Recreation Department to enable upgrades to the facility.

EN12 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Joass)

That Council notes that \$10,000 has been allocated in the 2008/2009 Management Plan to match the funding awarded to the Nana Glen Sport, Recreation and Equestrian Centre by the NSW Sport and Recreation Department to enable upgrades to power supply, horse yards and dressage arena.

S12 PROPOSED NAME CHANGE FOR CAVANBAH HALL

To propose to Council a name change from Cavanbah Hall to Cavanbah Centre.

EN13 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/Joass)

1. That the new facility under construction at 191 Harbour Drive be named Cavanbah Centre.
2. The community be encouraged to comment on the proposed name change.
3. Following an exhibition period of 14 days if no substantial comment is submitted, Council accept the name Cavanbah Centre.

**S13 TENDER: PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - SUPPLY OF ONE TRUCK
MOUNTED WATER TANKER ON A 24000kg GVM TRUCK AND
ASSOCIATED SPRAY EQUIPMENT, CONTRACT NO. 07/08-341-TO**

To advise Council of tenders received for the Replacement of Council's Water Truck and recommend an appropriate course of action.

EN14 RECOMMENDED (Rhoades/Joass)

1. That Council not accept the non-complying tenders submitted by RH Taylor Australia Pty Ltd; T.J. & F.L. Pohlner Pty Ltd and Tamalloy Engineering for the replacement of Council's Water Truck.
2. That Council resolve to delegate to the General Manager the power to enter into negotiations with any supplier for this purchase with view to entering into a contract in relation to the Water Truck on the basis that the competitive tendering process failed to produce an acceptable result.

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 6.25pm.

OPEN COUNCIL

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

- EN15 RECOMMENDED** (Joass/Smithers) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

ADOPTION OF CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

- 38 RESOLVED** (Bonfield/Smithers) that the recommendations of the City Services Committee meeting be received and adopted.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Briefing Note: Cole Report

Councillor Hogbin enquired if the press release is a reflection of the current situation or is it different.

The General Manager issued a Press Release today and further information will be issued to Councillors.

Councillor Palmer suggested a Council briefing may enlighten the Councillors

The General Manager confirmed that a briefing could be done.

Councillor McKelvey queried if the General Manager been involved in any situation where the State Government had been questioned about their investments.

The General Manager confirmed the question has been raised but no answer given, he indicated that nobody will get an answer from Treasury on where their investments are.

2. Copy of independent valuation of Council's investments.

Councillor Featherstone queried when the quarterly report on CDOs would be presented.

The General Manager confirmed the report is underway.

The Director of Corporate Business (Acting) confirmed that the report will be presented in April and quarterly from thereon, on the basis of information provided by Council's Independent Investment Advisor.

3. Capital works program – Woolgoolga CBD

Councillor Featherstone queried the commencement date of Monday 21st April which is in the Capital Works Program.

The Director of City Services confirmed that this is the plan at this stage pending unforeseen weather or natural disaster hold-ups.

4. Memorial in Jetty Memorial Theatre

Outcome of minutes received by Council of a meeting on – 19th March 2008 re. Memorial in Jetty Memorial Theatre

The Director of City Services outlined the staff's understanding of the current position and he sought clarification from Council if this was acceptable. Following further discussion it was agreed a briefing or report would be brought back to Council on strategies for the use of the name and marketing of the Theatre.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Appreciation of efforts of Manager - Land Use Planning - Clyde Treadwell

Councillor Palmer attended the public consultation process by one of the Companies developing the concept for land at Park Beach (Richmond Drive). He reported that this has been a very intense process, most people attending had local interest. The Manager of Land Use Planning, Mr Clyde Treadwell has been involved in each session, in own time. It was requested that the Director of Land Use, Health and Development congratulate him for his outstanding efforts.

2. Hiring of Consultants

Councillor Smithers queried that Council is frequently hiring consultants and would it be possible for an update on a 3 monthly basis re. costs involved.

The General Manager undertook to provide information readily available.

3. Service Priority Plan

Councillor Smithers queried that If we don't get the proposed rate rises and our finances continue to deteriorate is there anything we can do without.

The General Manager confirmed that a process has been identified and is now underway to identify potential savings.

4. Mullaway / Arrawarra Storm.

Councillor McKelvey gave a vote of thanks to the work crews who responded to the Mullaway / Arrawarra area. Council workers were at the area three hours before SES and worked into the night. Thank you to everyone involved.

Mayor Rhoades also thanked staff involved. He advised that the community is faced with a clean up bill in the vicinity of \$120,000 to \$140,000 and confirmed that he has signed off on a letter which is going to the Minister on behalf of the community requesting government assistance with respect to the amount incurred by Council.

5. Natural Disaster Insurance Fund

Councillor Bonfield queried if this Fund which is federally funded could be called upon at times when unforeseen, unbudgeted issues occur.

The General Manager and Mayor Rhoades noted this and will follow through.

Prior to closing meeting Mayor Rhoades requested that the Councillors and General Manager remain in the Chamber for private discussions.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Confirmed: 17 April 2008.

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K D Rhoades, AFSM
Mayor