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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR
1 MAY 2008

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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

1 MAY 2008

Present: Councillors K Rhoades (Mayor), J Bonfield (from 5.45pm), D Featherstone, I Hogbin, C Joass, R McKelvey, I Ovens, W Palmer and G Smithers.

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

The meeting commenced at 5.25pm with the Mayor, Cr K 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

- 50** **RESOLVED** (Palmer/Smithers) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the City Services Committee meeting, the time being 5.25pm.

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

CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

S18 TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2/2008

To confirm minutes from the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2008.

EN16 RECOMMENDED (Joass/McKelvey):

T.17 – Ocean Street, Woolgoolga - Traffic Calming (R.508380 [1842814])

That no action be taken to install traffic calming in Ocean Street, Woolgoolga.

T.18 – Toormina Road, Boambee - Speed Limit (R.502400 [1876624])

That no action be taken to reduce the speed limit on Toormina Road, Boambee, to 50km/h in the vicinity of Centro Shopping Centre.

T.19 – Scarba Street, Coffs Harbour - Safety Exit (R.505900 [1761794])

That a 'Left Turn Only' sign be installed at the exit from the laneway between the Legacy Shop and St Vincent de Paul, Scarba Street, Coffs Harbour, as per Plan T.19.

T.20 – Camperdown Street, Coffs Harbour - Traffic Calming (R.502870 [1818186])

That no action be taken to install traffic calming in Camperdown Street, Coffs Harbour.

T.21 – Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour - 'No Parking' signs (R.504620 [1865152])

That signs be installed stating 'No Parking on Sundays' in Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour, adjacent St Augustine's Catholic Church, as per Plan T.21.

T.22 – Orara Way, Coramba - Speed Limit (R.510970 [1877852])

That the request for a reduction of speed limit on Orara Way, Coramba, be referred to the Roads & Traffic Authority for assessment. The assessment to include consideration of extension of 50km/h zone to north of MR 120 intersection.

T.23 – Crossmaglen Road, Crossmaglen - Speed Limit (R.500310 [1857106])

That speed counts be undertaken on Crossmaglen Road, Crossmaglen, and referred back to Traffic Committee.

T.24 – Howard Street, Coffs Harbour - Traffic Control - Coffs Race Day (R.503110)

That the Traffic Management Plan for Howard Street, Coffs Harbour, on Thursday, 7 August 2008 for the 2008 Coffs Gold Cup be approved, as per Plan T.24.

S18 - Traffic Committee Report No. 2/2008 (Cont'd)

T.25 – Richmond Drive / Macauleys Headland Drive, Coffs Harbour (R.503260 / R.503350 [1753679])

That no action be taken to install a mirror at the intersection of Richmond Drive and Macauleys Headland Drive, Coffs Harbour.

T.26 – Arthur Street, Coffs Harbour - Pedestrian Refuge Islands (R.503760 [1889973])

That pedestrian refuge islands, linemarking and signposting be installed in Arthur Street, Coffs Harbour, in accordance with Plan No. T.26.

T.27 – Lyons Road, North Bonville - Speed Zone Review (R.500170)

That traffic speed data on Lyons Road, North Bonville, be referred to the RTA for consideration of reduction of existing 80km/h speed zone on Lyons Road to 60km/h.

S19 ADOPTION OF CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY PLAN 2008-2011

To report to Council the outcomes of the exhibition of the Crime Prevention and Safety Plan for 2008-2011.

EN17 RECOMMENDED (Smithers/Joass):

1. That Council note the submissions received in the summary and that the only change to the draft document was the addition of some statistical information.
2. That Council adopt the Crime Prevention and Safety Plan 2008-2011.
3. That the problem of reselling alcohol to the youth of the community be added to the Crime Prevention and Safety Plan 2008-2011.

S20 REFUGEE WELCOME ZONE DECLARATION

Requesting Council's adoption of the Refugee Council of Australia's Refugee Welcome Zone initiative, signed declaration and purchase of a "Celebrating Refugee Week" banner.

EN18 RECOMMENDED (McKelvey/Smithers):

1. That Council adopt the Refugee Council of Australia's Refugee Welcome Zone initiative and sign a Declaration that states :

"This declaration is a commitment in spirit to welcoming refugees into our community, upholding the human rights of refugees, demonstrating compassion for refugees and enhancing cultural and religious diversity in our community"

2. That the Declaration Certificate be displayed in a prominent position within Council's Administration Centre.

S21 CITY SERVICES SECTION QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL REPORT

To provide Council with a quarterly progress of works and activities undertaken by the various sections of City Services up to 30 March 2008.

EN19 RECOMMENDED (Ovens/Joass) that the quarterly progress report on works and activities undertaken by the various sections of City Services up to 30 March 2008 be noted.

S22 DELIVERY OF THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - COLDWATER CREEK BRIDGE

To advise Council on the progress of the current bridge replacement program, demonstrate the market expectations of the cost of bridge works and to advise of the proposed funding arrangements for Coldwater Creek Bridge replacement works.

EN20 RECOMMENDED (Smithers/Ovens) that Council:

1. Note that steps are being taken to ensure the most cost effective delivery of the Bridge Program is being achieved.
2. Endorse the proposed funding arrangements for the Coldwater Creek Bridge replacement works.
3. Continue to pursue alternate sources of funding to supplement the Bridge Replacement Program.

Cr Ovens declared a pecuniary interest in Item S23, vacated the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting, the time being 5.39pm.

S23 REPORT ON RECLAIMED WATER PRICING

To report on the option of charging for reclaimed water.

EN21 RECOMMENDED (Joass/Smithers):

1. That Council continue its existing policy of not charging for reclaimed water, and
2. That Council review this decision in five years

Cr Ovens returned to the Chamber, the time being 5.45pm.

Councillor Bonfield arrived at 5.45pm.

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 5.46pm.

OPEN COUNCIL

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

EN22 RECOMMENDED (Joass/McKelvey) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

ADOPTION OF CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

51 RESOLVED (Smithers/McKelvey) that the recommendations of the City Services Committee meeting be received and adopted.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 52 **RESOLVED** (Smithers/McKelvey) that Cr Palmer be granted leave of absence from Council on 15 May 2008.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Surf Life Saving Championships at Boambee Beach

Councillor Joass questioned whether the SLS championship at Boambee has been postponed for two years.

The General Manager advised that a report is being prepared for the next meeting of Council which should answer any questions.

2. Jetty Foreshores

Councillor Joass advised that in a brochure that he had received recently there was no mention of money. Cr Joass questioned whether any word had been received from the State Government regarding selling land on the eastern side and has Council put any money into the project.

The General Manager advised that this is not Council's project, the Department of Lands is running the project and Council has resolved not to support any sale of land west of the railway. Further, none of the plans that have been put by the Department of Lands display or exhibit any land west of the railway and Council has not put any money in.

3. Petrol at Coramba

Councillor Joass asked how much legal expenses would cost in regard to the fuel contamination at Coramba issue.

The General Manager took the matter on notice.

4. Hogbin Drive

Councillor Joass questioned where the money was coming from for the \$1.4M over budget on Hogbin Drive.

The Director of City Services advised that the information was previously supplied when the tour of Hogbin Drive took place, however he would provide a copy of the memo to Cr Joass.

5. Traffic Committee - Hulberts Road

Councillor Palmer questioned whether the matter of access to Hulberts Road had been addressed in Traffic Committee.

The Design Manager advised that the Police were not in attendance at the last Traffic Committee Meeting so consideration of the matter was deferred but a separate report would be brought back to Council on the issue.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Local Roads - Damage caused by trucks

Councillor Ovens expressed concern at the damage being inflicted on local roads by trucks, either by overloading or excessive use of roads that aren't designed to take them, and what rights Council has over local roads to restrict the use of trucks. Cr Ovens questioned whether there could be a condition of Development Approval imposed whereby the road would be reinstated to its previous condition.

The Director of City Services advised that Council is a member of Weights and Loads Group and they can be asked to police any roads that we see a problem on. They generally look at trucks that are overweight according to the limits set on the road. Certain developments have contributions, eg quarries, and in some cases are limited the amount of vehicle numbers.

Cr Ovens gave the examples of Bray Street from the intersection of the highway to Orara High School and the corner of Isles Drive and Englands Road.

The Director of City Services took the question on notice and advised that a report would be brought back on the matter.

2. Recycle Bins - Marina

Councillor Bonfield advised that as she was walking past the recycling bins at the Marina, she noticed that there were three big red industrial bins at the Marina which contained recyclables, and no yellow bins. Cr Bonfield questioned if it was a commercial service, how were items recycled from the red bins.

The Executive Manager, Strategy & Sustainability advised that he believed it was a commercial service, which means it is operated under contract, not through Council. Mr Green advised that there was a need for greater separation of commercial waste and a working party has been formed and a report will come to Council in the coming months.

Councillor Palmer advised that there has been a trial behind the Yacht Club, and there are recycling bins but you have to walk a bit further.

3. Thank you - Karreena Joass

Councillor Joass thanked staff members who enquired about the health of his wife who was involved in an accident on the way home from work last Thursday.

4. Harry Bailey Memorial Library

Councillor Featherstone requested a report back on why the Library is no longer called the "Harry Bailey Memorial Library".

5. Australian Water Summit

Councillor Palmer gave a brief outline of the Australian Water Summit which he attended recently, some issues raised were:

- South Australia has mandatory fitting of rainwater tanks to new homes.
- Purified reuse water will be introduced to the Ivanhoe Dam in Queensland.
- Our superannuation moneys are being used and invested in projects overseas which could be invested in public/private partnerships to develop water utilities in this country.
- Desalination
- Comment made that water users should be paying commercial price for water.
- Three tiers of government should be working together.

6. Landfill - Odours

Councillor Rhoades requested that the odour problem at the landfill be fixed in the short term. Cr Rhoades advised that it was not acceptable that it could possibly take another two years for the commercial side of the operations to get their act together. Cr Rhoades suggested that as earth fill used to be used in the past, that maybe the money being saved by the non take up of the coupons that was budgeted could be used in order to get some earth fill to alleviate the problem.

The Executive Manager, Strategy & Sustainability advised:

- DECC are the regulatory authority and he understands that they are reviewing their conditions they are applying on the licence for the biomass facility to make them more rigorous so that work is advancing in that regard.
- He has been in contact and asked Dr Kerry Holmes of Holmes Air Sciences and asked that she come and do an assessment of the current situation to look at ways of improving odour management at the site.
- A working party has been formed and is working on the commercial waste issue and a progress report will be presented to Council.

CLOSED MEETING – SECTION 10(A)

The Mayor requested a motion to close the meeting to consider a confidential report as outlined in the meeting agenda, the time was 6.15pm.

- 53 RESOLVED** (Smithers/McKelvey) that the meeting be closed to the press and public during consideration of the following items for the reasons as stated:

L7 – Coramba Fuel Contamination Remediation

This report was confidential for the reason of Section 10A(2):

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.

The press and public vacated the chamber.

L7 CORAMBA FUEL CONTAMINATION REMEDIATION

Council, acting on behalf of the Coramba community is progressing Environmental Trust approved remediation works to address fuel contamination. This report proposes that a single invited quotation be sought from WSP Environmental Pty Ltd for installation of an Air Sparge and Vapour Extraction System for the Coramba Contaminated Groundwater Remediation on the basis that, because of extenuating circumstances, a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders.

- 54 RESOLVED** (McKelvey/Smithers) that:

1. Council resolves that a single invited quotation be sought from WSP Environmental Pty Ltd for Coramba Contaminated Groundwater Remediation, involving the installation of an Air Sparge and Vapour Extraction System and monitoring and maintenance of that system for three years.
2. The single invited quotation be sought on the grounds of extenuating circumstances that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting open tenders, for these works, on the basis that: -
 - a) The work is specialist in nature and requires specialist expertise to design and install.
 - b) WSP Environmental Pty Ltd has specialist expertise, experience and local knowledge on this particular project.
 - c) WSP Environmental Pty Ltd's past performance has been satisfactory in working on this project to date.

L7 - Coramba Fuel Contamination Remediation (Cont'd)

- d) It would be commercially advantageous to engage WSP Environmental Pty Ltd to expedite the works, as there would be cost savings in avoided technical documentation, briefing and updating proponents, and evaluating alternative technical proposals.
 - e) The work proposed is a continuation of the Remediation Works Environmental Assessment that was undertaken by WSP Environmental Pty Ltd for the NSW Environmental Trust. This prior consultancy work was subject to a selection process by DECC.
 - f) The quotation of WSP Environmental Pty Ltd will be reviewed by independent consultants to verify technical robustness and value for money.
 - g) The NSW Environmental Trust which is funding this work is supportive of this procedure.
3. Council, acting on behalf of the Coramba community, delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate with and accept a single invited quotation from WSP Environmental, providing that such quotation accords with the indicative prices contained in this report.

OPEN MEETING

The Mayor requested an appropriate motion to enable the meeting to resolve into Open Meeting.

55 RESOLVED (Smithers/McKelvey) that the Committee now move into Open Meeting.

The Mayor read to the meeting the resolution of the Closed Meeting.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.22 pm.

Confirmed: 15 May 2008.

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K D Rhoades, AFSM
Mayor