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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING (CORPORATE BUSINESS)

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR**

27 AUGUST 2009

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Present: Councillors K Rhoades (Mayor), J Arkan, J Bonfield, R Degens, M Graham, K Hines, D Knight, W Palmer and P Templeton.

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

The meeting commenced at 5.21pm with the Mayor, Cr K Rhoades in the chair.

The Mayor requested a motion to adjourn the Ordinary meeting and resolve into the Corporate Business Committee meeting.

CORPORATE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

C47 DONATIONS PROGRAM 2009/2010

Determination of the Donations Program for 2009/2010.

131 RESOLVED (Templeton/Bonfield) that:

1. The "Donations" and "Rates Subsidy" programs for 2009/2010 as set out in the report, totalling \$104,650 be adopted.
2. The "Donations" and "Rates Subsidy" budget allocations for 2010/2011 be adjusted to reflect CPI increases and changes in rate contribution requirements.

C48 INTERIM QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW FOR JUNE 2009

To report on the interim estimated budget position as at 30 June 2009.

- 132 RESOLVED** (Bonfield/Templeton) that the revised Budget position as at 30 June 2009 be noted:

	General Account \$	Water Account \$	Sewer Account \$
Original Budget adopted 30 June 2008	93,365 (D)	6,695,376 (D)	6,820,832 (D)
Approved Variations to 31 May 2009	931,753 (D)	272,197 (D)	38,350 (D)
Recommended variations for June	Nil	Nil	Nil
Estimated interim result 2008/09 as at 30 June 2009	<u>1,025,118 (D)</u>	<u>6,967,573 (D)</u>	<u>6,859,182 (D)</u>

C49 BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS FOR JULY 2009

To list Council's Bank Balances and Investments as at 31 July 2009.

- 133 RESOLVED** (Bonfield/Templeton) that:

1. The bank balances and investments totalling (from loans, Section 94 and other avenues that form the restricted accounts and are committed for future works) one hundred and sixty million, three hundred and eight thousand, one hundred and twenty eight dollars (\$160,308,128) as at 31 July 2009 be noted.
2. The general fund unrestricted cash & investments totaling two hundred and twenty one thousand, four hundred and thirty one dollars (\$221,431) as at 31 July 2009 be noted.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 134 RESOLVED** (Palmer/Hines) that Cr Templeton be granted leave of absence from Council Meeting on 10 September 2009.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Vandalism at Skinner Motors and Bray Street Skate Park

Cr Palmer asked: "Where are we heading with vandalism in this area?" We are aware of what happened out at Skinner Motors but I attended a meeting of Sportz Central on Monday night and there is a similar problem around the Skate Park between Sportz Central and the PCYC and associated with that for acts of bullying.

General Manager advised he would take it on notice.

2. Effluent Reuse Update

Cr Palmer has requested an update on the current effluent reuse at the present time. As the area has entered into a dry period, he believes that the public would be keen to know just what sort of volume of water is actually being reused.

General Manager advised he would take it on notice.

3. Flood Recovery Meetings

Cr Palmer asked if our Federal Member, Luke Hartsuyker, was invited to attend the flood recovery meetings as a matter of protocol?

General Manager advised he would take it on notice.

4. Bonville Cycle Track

Cr Bonfield advised that in Bonville there were a number of residents wanting a bridal and a cycle trail. She believes it is not in the budget. Cr Bonfield received a letter from one of the owners stating that they would fund the LES. Cr Bonfield asked for information on this matter. Letter from the resident was submitted to the General Manager.

General Manager advised he would take it on notice.

5. Storage of Biomass and Biosolids from Regional Waste Facility on Gleniffer Road, Bonville

Cr Graham would like to know:

- Whether there is an approval or whether a development application has been lodged for this activity?
- How much Biomass is to be stored there?
- How long is the biowaste and biomass to be stored there?
- Are there pollution licenses for the activity?
- Is there pollution of Reedys Creek which is a headwater of Pine Creek occurring?
- Are impacts upon the amenity of residents occurring because of these activities?

Acting Director of Land Use Health & Development, Mr Jeff Green, advised that this has been brought to Council's attention recently and an inspection was carried out a few days ago. DEC is looking into it as are Council planners. Additional information will be provided.

6. Advice to Minister Jenny Macklin Flood Relief

Cr Graham asked about the advice that was provided to Minister Jenny Macklin regarding the flood relief concerns of our city.

- Who provided the advice to Minister Macklin?
- What advice was provided to Minister Macklin?
- What form did that advice take - written or verbal?
- Could he be provided with a copy of all advice that was provided to Minister Macklin?

Cr Rhoades advised that he and the Mayor of Bellingen advised Minister Macklin.

- Cr Graham asked about the preliminary advice and who authorised the initial advice and how that came to be in the Minister's hands for them to make a decision in the negative.

With regards to how the Minister received the initial advice, Cr Rhoades advised that he could not answer this question. Council does not know the source of the information that Minister Macklin received.

- Cr Graham asked if the General Manager could write to Minister Macklin seeking advice as to who furnished advice, what was the nature of the advice.

The General Manager advised that as he understands the process Council were involved in the flood recovery at a crisis level and to his knowledge Council had no interaction with Federal Government as it was not Council's role. There were approximately 23 agencies most of them Federal and State that reported back to various Ministers.

7. Interview on ABC Radio with Chair of Chamber of Commerce

- Cr Graham asked if council staff would be able to obtain a transcript of an interview conducted this morning with Chair of Chamber of Commerce on ABC Radio as he believes that Councillors should have knowledge of matters associated with the development of the Harbour?

General Manager advised he would take it on notice.

- Cr Graham also asked when items such as these come up in the local media particularly on the radio that Council explore the options for the provision of that information to Councillors.

General Manager advised that if and when they occurred if he can be notified so that he could follow these up.

8. Liquid Fuel Consumption

Cr Degens asked if we could have an update report on the 3% target set for the reduction of liquid fuel consumption by Coffs Harbour City Council?

General Manager advised he would take it on notice.

9. Floods and Storms

Cr Arkan asked with regards to the recent floods and storms in Coffs Harbour local LGA:

- Were there any council staff called to view any possible damage to local properties, or ongoing risk of damage to the property, and if so, were there any fees charged to the residents?

Director of City Services advised that Council is not aware of any cases like this. No staff are aware of anything like this occurring.

- Does Council charge to go out and check if an incident like that happens? If there is a process in place Cr Arkan would like to know what that process is, if not how did this occur?

The General Manager would like to be provided with more details of the incident before he can comment.

10. Attendance at Conferences or Events

The Mayor requested if any Councillors had anything to report to Council regarding attendance at conferences or events in the City since the last meeting.

Brelsford Park

Cr Knight was disappointed when she attended the 'Turning of the Sod' at Brelsford Park. She thought that the general public has every right to speak up but during Minister Albanese's speech she thought it was inappropriate to hear Mr Hartsuyker speak.

Arts & Culture Forum

Cr Knight also attended Arts & Culture Forum which was attended by Councillors Palmer, Arkan, Templeton and she would like to thank Malcolm McLeod, Jan Strom and the Council staff that put it together.

Cr Knight and the attendees were very disappointed that there was no media coverage for something that was so important. There was no feedback afterwards in any of the papers hence nobody being there, but the general understanding of the 250 people present, that they were very angry as they are very passionate about having an entertainment centre/performing arts centre. We, as a Council, need to do everything we can to get this up and running. We as a city of our size should have somewhere we can put on a decent show, opera, music, performing arts, whatever, but we have nothing. We end up at Sportz Central.

We need something and we need it now. They need a voice. The local theatre company have formed themselves that come and speak to the Council but we have music, we have poetry and would like to gather these groups together, get a representative from each part of that community and listen to what they have to say. Once we get Brelsford Park up and running it will satisfy a lot of these people and the community needs.

Arts & Culture Forum

Cr Arkan shares Cr Knight's discussion and possible shed more light on the matter. There were quite a number of people dissatisfied on a lot of aspects, not only the fact there is not a large venue for performing arts, but of equal importance the lack of feeling that nothing was getting done with previous meetings in the same sort of nature. People feeling not engaged in discussions of such importance of arts and culture. Cr Arkan would like to work with Cr Knight to get a forum together to discuss what arts and culture is and how best to serve the needs of the community.

Frozen Committees

Cr Arkan asked if there was a possibility of frozen committees, to be unfrozen?

Affordable Housing Information Session

Cr Graham attended today Housing NSW's Affordable Housing information session. He found it informative and recognises that our city does have a requirement as does our region for affordable housing to cope with the area's social problems including homelessness and domestic violence, and drug and alcohol abuse, however he was very disturbed to learn that after the State Environmental Planning Policy that the Planning Minister has introduced that our city and its citizens have any few if any of any rights of appeal to these determinations made by the Director General of the Department of Housing. He expressed grave concerns over what the housing development is presenting.

Northern Beaches Residents Association Inc

Cr Arkan attended a meeting of the Northern Beaches Residents Association Inc at Woolgoolga. It was very informative and a large group of residents in attendance discussed issues of importance that will affect them. Items included:

- proposed supermarket coming to Woolgoolga;
- a certificate of compliance to the Planning Department regarding a large development in Mullaway;
- residents discussed the possible use of the existing Pacific Highway now as a possible out road;
- parking at Woolgoolga for scooters;
- skate parks, youth club and possible location of the youth club.

Cr Arkan advised that there was a concern brought up at last night's meeting when the new Highway goes through, what will happen with the existing Pacific Highway. Is Council going to be burdened with the state that it is in or can we explore an option of getting it curbed and guttered?

Director, Land Use Health & Development, advised that basically the same as what is happening in Bonville now will happen with the Highway north. The Highway transfers over to Council generally as a local road and in some cases it is retained as a regional road which the State Government owned but fund to Council. With the Highway north, that classification has not been determined as yet. Council will do an audit with RTA and have a look at the condition of the road, certain things are done prior to handover and then a lump sum of money is handed over to Council for when it is a local road case, and that is put in to reserve and then used for that road for a period, generally covering a ten year period. Then Council gets money back in through the Federal Government through the FAG's Grant. Councillors do have a say in what gets done before the road comes to Council and it generally culminates in a report to Council prior to coming over to Council. It generally takes a fair amount of time before the handover occurs and it could be up to 12 months before Council take it over.

11. Parking at Park Beach Plaza Medical Centre

Cr Rhoades has had inquiries from residents who do their trading, commerce and shopping at the Plaza, now that there is some formation taking place with the Medical Centre at Park Beach Plaza. With some 20 doctors going into the facility, is there adequate parking for staff and patients.

Acting Land Use Health & Development Director, Jeff Green, advised that the building application for the Medical Centre at Park Beach Plaza was approved late last year and at that time an assessment was carried out of the parking required under the DCPs versus the actual parking provided. A total of 1700 parking places were required for the total development, including Aldi and the shopping and the service centers there, and in fact that there was found to be a 1930 spaces actually provided and as it stands at the moment, when all the developments are concluded, that have been approved there will be a surplus of around 230 spaces.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

Confirmed: 10 September 2009.

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K D Rhoades, AFSM
Mayor