

Ordinary Meeting Minutes

4 April 2017 10.00 am

Council Chambers, Bundaberg

Present:

Cr JM Dempsey (Mayor - Chairman), Cr WR Trevor OAM (Deputy Mayor), Cr JP Bartels, Cr WA Honor, Cr HL Blackburn, Cr GR Barnes, Cr SA Rowleson, Cr CR Sommerfeld, Cr DJ Batt, Cr JA Peters.

Moved by Cr WR Trevor, seconded by Cr HL Blackburn, That Cr PR Heuser's attendance by teleconference be accepted. - Carried unanimously.

Officers:

Mr PJ Byrne, Chief Executive Officer
Mr SD Johnston, Incoming Chief Executive Officer
Mr AW Fulton, General Manager Infrastructure & Planning
Mr GJ Steele, General Manager Community & Environment
Mr C Joosen, Acting General Manager Organisational Services
Miss NK Launchbury, Senior Executive Assistant
Mrs WE Saunders, Executive Services Co-ordinator
Mrs MT Jenner, Executive Assistant to Councillors

Invocation:

At the invitation of the Mayor, Pastor Errol Buckle (Honorary Chaplain) gave a short address and lead this Ordinary Meeting of Council in prayer.



4 April 2017

Item Number:File Number:Part:B1Minutes

Subject:

Confirmation of Minutes

1930

Resolution

Cr SA Rowleson moved:-

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 March 2017, be taken as read and confirmed.

Seconded by Cr WA Honor - and carried unanimously without debate.



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Item Number:	File Number:	Part:
C1		Councillors

Portfolio:

Councillors

Mayoral Minute:

Cr Jack Dempsey - Works for Queensland

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Mayoral Minute

Cr JM Dempsey addressed the meeting on his Motion; and moved:-

That letters be written to the Premier, the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, and Deputy Premier, the Hon Jackie Trad MP:-

- thanking the State Government for allocating \$10.7 Million to Bundaberg Regional Council under the Works for Queensland Programme to support the delivery of much needed infrastructure for our Community; and
- urging the State Government to continue this type of programme into the future to facilitate job creation projects to reduce unemployment levels within regional Queensland.

Seconded by Cr WA Honor.

The Mayoral Minute was then put - and carried unanimously without debate.



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

E1 A1088437 FINANCE

Portfolio:

Organisational Services

Subject:

Revenue Policy

1932

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey presented the report; and moved:-

That the Revenue Policy for 2017/2018, (as detailed on the 3 pages appended to this report), be adopted by Council.

Seconded by Cr HL Blackburn.



4 April 2017

Item Number: File Number: Part:

E2 . FINANCE

Portfolio:

Organisational Services

Subject:

Financial Summary as at 1 March 2017

1933

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey presented the report; and moved:-

That the Financial Summary as at 1 March 2017 (as detailed on the 17 pages appended to this report) – be noted by Council.

Seconded by Cr DJ Batt.



4 April 2017

Item Number: File Number: Part:

F1 . GOVERNANCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Portfolio:

Organisational Services

Subject:

Corporate Plan 2017-21

1934

Resolution

Cr HL Blackburn presented the report; and moved:-

That the Corporate Plan 2017-21 (as detailed on the 52 pages appended to this report), be adopted.

Seconded by Cr WR Trevor.



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

H1 . ROADS & DRAINAGE

Portfolio:

Infrastructure & Planning Services

Subject:

Additional Driveway Access - 88a Crofton Street, Bundaberg West - Wide Bay Ostomates Association Inc

1935

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey moved:-

That this matter be deferred for further consideration by Council.

Seconded by Cr WA Honor.



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

I1 CRM 376517 WATER & WASTEWATER

Portfolio:

Infrastructure & Planning Services

Subject:

Bundaberg Rowing Club - Request to permanently waive disposal of septic waste charges.

1936

Resolution

Cr JP Bartels presented the report; and moved:-

That Council agree to refund the amount of \$3,660.00 being 2015/16 annual septic disposal charges

- subject to Bundaberg Rowing Club installing a permanent on-site sewer treatment system within twelve (12) months from the date of Council's advice.

Seconded by Cr JA Peters.



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

M1 . HEALTH & REGULATORY

SERVICES

Portfolio:

Community & Environment

Subject:

Adoption of the Bundaberg Regional Council Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy 2017-2025

1937

Resolution

Cr SA Rowleson presented the report; and moved:-

That the Bundaberg Regional Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy 2017-2025 (as detailed on the 59 pages appended to this report) - be adopted by Council.

Seconded by Cr DJ Batt.

Following discussion thereto during which:-

- Cr WA Honor spoke against aspects of the strategy;
- Cr CR Sommerfeld spoke for the strategy;
- Cr JM Dempsey and Cr WR Trevor spoke to clarify aspects of the strategy as raised by Cr WA Honor;
- the Motion was put and carried by 10 votes to 1 vote.

For Against

Cr WR Trevor Cr WA Honor

Cr JP Bartels
Cr HL Blackburn

Cr GR Barnes
Cr SA Rowleson

Cr CR Sommerfeld Cr DJ Batt Cr JA Peters

Cr PR Heuser

Cr JM Dempsey



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

S1 A3023851 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Portfolio:

Community & Environment

Subject:

Economic Data Services 2017

1938

Resolution

Cr GR Barnes presented the report; and moved:-

That in accordance with Section 235 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Lawrence Consulting be appointed as the nominated supplier for provision of economic data services for the next three years (or up until 31 December 2020) and that this arrangement be reviewed thereafter.

Seconded by Cr DJ Batt.

There being no discussion on this item - the Motion was put - and carried by 10 votes to 1 vote.

For

Cr JP Bartels

Cr WA Honor

Cr HL Blackburn

Cr GR Barnes

Cr SA Rowleson

Cr CR Sommerfeld

Cr DJ Batt

Cr JA Peters

Cr PR Heuser

Cr JM Dempsey

Against

Cr WR Trevor



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

S2 A2951062 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Portfolio:

Community & Environment

Subject:

Historic Heritage Tourism Strategy - Bundaberg Region

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Resolution

Cr GR Barnes presented the report; and moved:-

That:-

- the Historic Heritage Tourism Strategy Bundaberg Region (as detailed on the 45 pages appended to this report)
 be endorsed by Council; and
- as funds become available, the Bundaberg CBD Heritage Trail, Woongarra Sugar Trail and Isis Sugar Trail be implemented.

Seconded by Cr JA Peters.



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

S3 A3022197 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Portfolio:

Community & Environment

Subject:

Building Our Regions - Applications to be Submitted for Round 3

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Resolution

Cr GR Barnes presented the report; and moved:-

That Council:-

- support the submission of detailed applications for the following projects under Round 3 of Building our Regions:
 - 1. Burnett Heads Town Centre Redevelopment;
 - 2. Bundaberg Region Aviation and Aerospace Precinct;
- commit to delivering the above projects and approve the following financial and/or in-kind contribution for each project:
 - 1. Burnett Heads Town Centre Redevelopment financial contribution of \$3,320,677 and in-kind contributions valued at \$350,000;
 - 2. Bundaberg Region Aviation and Aerospace Precinct financial contribution of \$1,993,975 and in-kind contributions valued at \$830,995; and
- commit to the management and costs associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of all projects identified above.

Seconded by Cr SA Rowleson.



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

V1 Meeting Close

Subject:

Retirement Wishes and Meeting Close:

Before closing today's meeting - the Mayor paid tribute to Peter Byrne, who is retiring today after over 45 years' service to Local Government in Bundaberg, the last 21½ years as Chief Executive Officer.

Cr GR Barnes, Cr WR Trevor, Cr WA Honor, Cr DJ Batt, Cr CR Sommerfeld, Cr JA Peters and Cr PR Heuser also expressed their personal tributes to Peter.

On behalf of all Staff of Council, General Manager Infrastructure and Planning, Andrew Fulton, congratulated Peter on his achievements in his various positions in Council over 45 years and particularly his tenure as Chief Executive Officer, and wished Peter every best wish for his future.

Peter Byrne responded to the tributes and best wishes, stating:-

As my career in Local Government draws to a close, I wish to take few moments to reflect on some highlights. I am grateful for the diversity of opportunities I've been given in the field of Local Government, in particular being able to work in close co-operation with all sectors of our community along with 8 Mayors, 50 Councillors and thousands of Staff. Working co-operatively with all these people has delivered great outcomes for this Council and the community it serves and I'd like to list a few aspects of this organisation that speak of its strength and give me great satisfaction.

I am proud of the responsiveness of this organisation to the ever-changing Local Government environment, that responsiveness is a vital key to Council's success. As part of this responsiveness, Council continually reviews and benchmarks its systems and processes against industry best practice. Given that our Council has over \$2 Billion in assets, I am very proud of the Asset Management structures and systems that have been implemented. This system is directly linked to the Budget process and this ensures the Asset Portfolio is managed in a sustainable manner.

The implementation of the Project Decision Framework mechanism is providing a coherent and structured approach to the delivery of infrastructure that aligns with Council's Strategic Plans.

I am very proud of the comprehensive and disciplined approach built into all management processes across the organisation, overseen by an Audit and Risk Committee chaired by an external independent person. I am particularly proud of the fact that for all my years as Chief Executive Officer, the Council has received an unqualified Audit Report from the Queensland Audit Office.

I am pleased that Council has committed to ongoing upgrades of the Information and Communication Technologies, which is part of Council's responsiveness to a dynamic technology environment. Using this technology to achieve efficiencies, being well advanced with a mobilization strategy and the imminent implementation of a new Enterprise Asset Management System followed by a new Enterprise Resource System, are major achievements.

The culture of Corporate Safety across the organisation is evident by the excellent results from the audit across the organisation. We are well prepared to face any disaster, as evidenced by the rapid response to the potential impacts of the cyclone last week.

I thank my General Managers and Directors over the past years for their support; but I especially wish to pay tribute to my Office Staff, Nancy, Wendy and Michel, for their support, commitment and dedication to each and every job placed before them. To Steve, as the incoming Chief Executive Officer, I wish you all the best.

The journey has been amazing, it has been an absolute honour and privilege to have served the community for such a long time. Thank you every one.

This Ordinary Meeting of Council was declared closed at 11.00 am

Confirmed this twenty-sixth day of April 2017.

MAYOR			