



ORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES

7 FEBRUARY 2017

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**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.01 AM**

1 OPENING

The opening prayer presented by Reverend Narelle Kidson from St Andrew's Anglican Parish, Gracemere.

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S J Schwarten
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor R A Swadling
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services
Mr M Rowe – General Manager Community Services
Mr S Waters – General Manager Regional Development and Aviation
Mr R Palmer – Senior Executive Industry Engagement
Mr D Morrison – Executive Coordinator to the Mayor
Ms P Fry – Grants Officer
Mr W Clark – Acting Supervisor Media and Engagement
Ms E Brodel – Media Officer
Ms J O'Neill – Marketing Officer
Ms L Leeder – Senior Governance Support Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2017 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 31 January 2017 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Swadling

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED

**5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE
AGENDA**

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

8.1 CHANGE OF POSTCODE FOR GRACEMERE

File No: 54

Responsible Officer: Michael Rowe – General Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

Councillor Smith presenting a petition from the Gracemere Community Voice requesting Australia Post assign a separate postcode for Gracemere.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the petition requesting a change of postcode for Gracemere be received, and that Council take the necessary steps to more formally consult the Community and progress the matter.

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Schwarten

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

9:06AM

That pursuant to s7.10 *Council Meeting Procedures* the provisions of the Rockhampton Regional Council Meeting Procedures be suspended.

Moved by: Councillor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

9:07AM

That pursuant to s7.10 *Council Meeting Procedures* the provisions of the Rockhampton Regional Council Meeting Procedures be resumed.

Moved by: Councillor Swadling
Seconded by: Councillor Schwarten

MOTION CARRIED

14 MAYORAL MINUTE

9:11AM Councillor Fisher attended the meeting

14.1 STATIONARY ROADSIDE VENDORS

File No: 863

Responsible Officer: Michael Rowe – General Manager Community Services

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council suspend the current restrictions imposed by Council on the operation of stationary roadside vendors on Quay Street for a period of six months and call for expressions of interest for approved operators to be granted temporary permits.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

MOTION CARRIED

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

Nil

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 QUOTE CONSIDERATION PLAN

File No: 5883
Attachments: 1. Quote Consideration Plan
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author: Tracy Sweeney - Manager Workforce and Strategy

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval of the quote consideration plan for online and print recruitment and general advertising for Council.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council approves the Quote Consideration Plan in accordance with *s230 of the Local Government Regulation*.

Moved by: Councillor Swadling

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED

**11.2 ROCKHAMPTON RECREATIONAL FISHING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
UPDATE NO.1**

File No: 8026

Attachments:

1. Improving Recreational Angling in the Mt Morgan No.7 Dam Project
2. Crystal Bowl Monitoring Program Proposal

Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Wade Clark - Community Engagement Officer

SUMMARY

The Rockhampton Recreational Fishing Development Strategy has had early success with the State Government announcing the funding of a four lane boat ramp and pontoon at North Rockhampton. Most of the 35 projects outlined in the strategy have also progressed, particularly environmental focused projects such fish habitat rehabilitation projects and monitoring programs. Request for funding from Council is being made through this report to partner in environmental programs in the Fitzroy River and the Mount Morgan No.7 Dam.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. receives the report;
2. allocates \$91,000 over three years in the draft budget process to co-fund a joint project with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to improve recreational fishing through environmental fish habitat enhancements in the Mount Morgan No.7 Dam;
3. allocates \$10,000 in the draft budget process to co-fund the Crystal Bowl Monitoring Program in the Fitzroy River. Noting that this agreement will also permit Council to use the Crystal Bowl forecasting tools within its Rockhampton Regional Council's Fishing oriented webpages/digital space; and
4. That an implementation plan be developed for the strategy that fits within the constraints of the long term financial strategy.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Williams

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 SUBMISSION TO TRANSITIONING REGIONAL ECONOMIES STUDY

File No: 2103

Attachments:

1. Terms of reference
2. Draft submission
3. Supporting tables and graphs

Authorising Officer: Scott Waters - General Manager Regional Development and Aviation

Author: Rick Palmer - Senior Executive Industry Engagement

SUMMARY

This report contains a draft submission to the Productivity Commission for the Transitioning Regional Economies Study.

9:45AM Councillor Schwarten left the meeting
9:48AM Councillor Schwarten returned to the meeting
9:49AM Chief Executive Officer left the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

- a) Adopt the draft submission; and
- b) Submit the submission to the Productivity Commission as its contribution to the Transitioning Regional Economies Study.

THAT Council lift to its highest priority the upgrade of the roads mentioned in this report; and Council actively seek the support of local media and our CQROC communities to take this as our number one priority to State and Federal Government.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Williams

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11.4 STATE GOVERNMENT WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND PROGRAM - REPORT
DETAILS OF THE FACILITY UPGRADES PROJECT**

File No: 4965
Attachments: 1. Works for Qld Lists - Facility Upgrades
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

At its 24 January meeting Council considered projects it would like to submit under the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland Program. While a number of projects were decided it was resolved to bring back a report on the detail of the Facility Upgrades project.

9:50AM Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting
9:55AM Chief Executive Officer left the meeting
9:58AM Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting
10:14AM Councillor Schwarten left the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the following projects make up the Facility Upgrades project to be submitted as part of the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland Program:

- Mt Archer Activation - \$300,000
- Rockhampton Zoo & Botanical Gardens - \$300,000
- Schotia Place Air Conditioning - \$250,000
- Muellerville Walk - \$94,500
- Rockhampton Showground Improvements - \$270,689
- Welfare House Mount Morgan - \$153,000
- Mount Morgan Skate Park Toilets – \$100,000
- North Rockhampton Library - \$90,000
- Child Care Centre Paint - \$18,250

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

14 URGENT BUSINESS QUESTIONS

15 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

16.1 Request for Private Function (Wedding Reception) on Quay Street

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

16.2 Monthly Report from Chief Executive Officer for period ending Monday 30 January 2017

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

16.3 Building Better Regions Fund

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

16.4 Building Our Regions Fund

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson
MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:19AM

THAT pursuant to s7.11 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves into Closed Session and be closed to the public.

Moved by: Councillor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford
MOTION CARRIED

10:19AM Mayor Strelow declared a recess for 10 minutes
10:28AM The meeting resumed

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S J Schwarten
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor R A Swadling
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services
Mr M Rowe – General Manager Community Services
Mr S Waters – General Manager Regional Development and Aviation
Ms A Cutler – Manager Finance
Mr D Morrison – Executive Coordinator to the Mayor
Ms P Fry – Grants Officer
Ms E Brodel – Media Officer
Ms J O'Neill – Marketing Officer
Ms L Leeder – Senior Governance Support Officer

10:59AM Councillor Schwarten left the meeting

11:04AM Councillor Schwarten returned to the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**11:15AM**

THAT pursuant to s7.11 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

16 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

16.1 REQUEST FOR PRIVATE FUNCTION (WEDDING RECEPTION) ON QUAY STREET

File No: 1392

Attachments:

1. Letter of Request
2. Neighbours Support
3. Photos

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

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SUMMARY

A request has been made to conduct a private function (wedding reception) on Quay Street between Denham and Fitzroy Streets by a property owner in that precinct. The event is in September and will require the temporary closure of that section of Quay Street. This report seeks Council consideration for the applicants to proceed with a formal application.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council approve the request to hold a private function (wedding reception) on Quay Street subject to the standard temporary event application and approvals.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED

16.2 MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR PERIOD ENDING MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2017

File No: 1830
Attachments: 1. Monthly Report January 2017
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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SUMMARY

Chief Executive Officer presenting monthly report for the period ending Monday 30 January 2017.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the monthly report from the Chief Executive Officer for the period ending 30 January 2017 be received.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Swadling
MOTION CARRIED

16.3 BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND

File No: 7322
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

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SUMMARY

Rockhampton Regional Council has the opportunity to apply for funding under the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF). This report confirms previous consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council commit the required contributions during the construction phase and provide ongoing commitment to the management and costs associated with operations and maintenance activities for the selected project.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

16.4 BUILDING OUR REGIONS FUND**File No:** 7322**Attachments:** Nil**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

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SUMMARY

The Queensland Government's next round of the Building Our Regions Fund is open for applications and closes on 24 February 2017.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council progress the application under the Building Our Regions Fund as recommended in the report.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow**Seconded by:** Councillor Rutherford**MOTION CARRIED**

17 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:17am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE