

## **ORDINARY MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**24 OCTOBER 2017** 

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# REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON ON TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.01AM

## 1 OPENING

## 2 PRESENT

## Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)

Councillor N K Fisher

Councillor A P Williams

Councillor C E Smith

Councillor C R Rutherford

Councillor M D Wickerson

Councillor S J Schwarten

### In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services

Mr T Cullen – General Manager Advance Rockhampton

Mr S Gatt - Acting General Manager Community Services

Ms A Cutler - Chief Financial Officer

Ms T Sweeney - Manager Workforce and Strategy

Mr D Stevenson – Manager Corporate and Technology Services

Mr C Ireland – Manager Regional Development and Promotions

Mr A Russell – Senior Executive Strategic Projects

Mr S Harvey - Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure

Ms K Anderson – Coordinator Property and Insurance

Ms A Brennan – Coordinator Corporate Improvement and Strategy

Mr D Morrison – Executive Coordinator to the Mayor

Ms P Fry - Regional Development Advisor

Mr W Clark - Regional Business Development Officer

Ms J Horton - Centres Activation Coordinator

Ms K Talbot - Senior Media Officer

Ms E Brodel - Media Officer

Ms L Leeder - Senior Governance Support Officer

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence for the meeting was previously granted to Councillor Rose Swadling.

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 October 2017 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED

# 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

## **6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

## 7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

## **8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

## 9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

## 9.1 AUDIT AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 6 OCTOBER 2017

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the Minutes of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee meeting, held on 6 October 2017 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow Seconded by: Councillor Smith

**MOTION CARRIED** 

(**Note**: The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

## 9.1.1 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES - CALENDAR

File No: 5207

Attachments: Nil

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

## **SUMMARY**

Consideration of meeting dates for the third and fourth quarters.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report be received and the Committee confirms previously suggested meeting dates of 9 February 2018 and 4 May 2018.

## 9.1.2 AUDIT CLOSING REPORT

File No: 8151

Attachments: 1. Audit Closing Report Rockhampton Regional

Council

Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Author: Alicia Cutler - Acting General Manager Corporate

Services

## **SUMMARY**

Council's auditors, Thomas Noble and Russell (TNR) have provided an Audit Closing Report for the 2016/2017 audit.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Audit Closing Report prepared by Thomas Noble and Russell for the 2016/2017 audit be received.

## 9.1.3 UPDATE ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 JUNE 2017

File No: 9509

Attachments: 1. 2016/17 Draft Financial Statements

Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Author: Alicia Cutler - Acting General Manager Corporate

**Services** 

## **SUMMARY**

Chief Financial Officer presenting an update on the Annual Financial Statements.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. THAT the Update on Financial Statements report be received.
- 2. THAT the Committee endorse the Draft Financial Statements subject to minor amendments.

## 9.1.4 RISK REGISTERS - QUARTERLY UPDATE AS AT 25 AUGUST 2017

File No: 8780

Attachments: 1. Potential and Current Risk Exposure Profile

as at 25 August 2017

2. Comparison of Current and Potential Exposure Risk Ratings Broken down by Level of Consequence as at 25 August 2017

3. Corporate Risk Register - Quarterly Update

as at 25 August 2017

4. Operational Risk Register - Quarterly Update

as at 25 August 2017

5. New and Old Risk Area Categories

Authorising Officer: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

**Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer** 

Author: Kisane Ramm - Senior Risk and Assurance Advisor

## **SUMMARY**

Submission of the quarterly risk register updates, as at 25 August 2017, for the Committee's information.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the quarterly risk register updates as at 25 August 2017, as presented in the attachments to this report, be "received" by the Committee.

## 9.1.5 ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN 2016-17 PROGRESS REPORT

File No: 5207

Attachments: 1. AUDIT PLAN PROGRESS 2016-17

2. 2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS -IA & RM FUNCTIONS

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

### **SUMMARY**

The Annual Audit Plan Progress Report and associated Highlights Report are presented for the information of the Committee. These reports show unit key accomplishments and the status of work finalised vs work planned for the year.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Annual Audit Plan 2016-17 Progress Report be received.

## 9.1.6 ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN 2017-18 PROGRESS REPORT

File No: 5207

Attachments: 1. Annual Audit Plan Progress

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

### **SUMMARY**

The Annual Audit Plan Progress Report is presented for the information of the Committee. This report shows the status of completion of planned audits for the financial current year. Since the original tabling of the original plan, some additional detail has now been added (to High-Level Scope column) following ongoing consultation with Executives from each review area.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Annual Audit Plan 2017-18 Progress Report be received.

## 9.1.7 ACTION PROGRESS REPORT

File No: 5207

Attachments:

1. Open Items - 22 September 2017

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

## **SUMMARY**

The Action Progress Report is provided for the information of the Committee. This report shows the 14 new assurance recommendations added since 30 June. This report has been requested to be presented to each audit committee meeting. Total Open Assurance = 44.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Action Progress Report be received.

## 9.1.8 PLANNED REVIEW - FOLLOW UP REVIEWS

File No: 5207

Attachments: 1. Follow-Up of Audit Recommendations

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

## **SUMMARY**

The planned report is now finalised and presented for review by the Committee.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Planned Review – Follow Up Reviews report be received.

## 9.1.9 PLANNED REVIEW - BLUE CARD

File No: 5207

Attachments: 1. Blue Card Review

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

## **SUMMARY**

The planned assurance review of Public Safety – Blue Card System, is now finalised and presented to the committee.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Planned Review – Blue Card report be received.

## 9.1.10 PLANNED REVIEW - INSURANCE LESSEES

File No: 5207

Attachments:

1. INSURANCE- Property Lessees
Authorising Officer:
Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author:
John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

## **SUMMARY**

The planned assurance review of Insurance – Lessees, is now finalised and presented to the committee.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. THAT the Planned Review Insurance Lessees report be received; and
- 2. THAT recommendation 1.3.2 of the report regarding checking of financial transactions for leases be carried out.

## 9.1.11 LOSS/THEFT ITEMS - MAY 2017 - JULY 2017

File No: 3911

Attachments: 1. Loss/Theft Report May-July 2017

Authorising Officer: Drew Stevenson - Manager Corporate and Technology

Services

**Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer** 

Author: Kellie Anderson - Coordinator Property and Insurance

## **SUMMARY**

Presenting details of the Loss/Theft register for the period 1 May to 31 July 2017.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Committee 'receives' the Loss/Theft Report for the period 1 May to 31 July 2017.

## 9.1.12 INVESTIGATION AND LEGAL MATTERS AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

File No: 5207

Attachments: 1. Legal Matters as at 31 August 2017

Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - Chief Financial Officer

Author: Travis Pegrem - Coordinator Industrial Relations and

Investigations

## **SUMMARY**

Coordinator Industrial Relations and Investigations presenting an update of financial year to date Investigative Matters and the current Legal Matters as at 31 August 2017.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the update of investigative and legal matters for Rockhampton Regional Council be received.

## 9.1.13 CEO PLACEHOLDER

File No: 5207
Attachments: Nil

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

## **SUMMARY**

The CEO will update the Committee on any matters of importance.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the introduction, welcome and update from the CEO be received.

## 10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

## 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

## 11.1 SUMMARY BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

File No: 8148

Attachments: 1. Income Statement- September 2017

2. Key Indicator Graphs- September 2017

Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Author: Alicia Cutler - Chief Financial Officer

### **SUMMARY**

The Chief Financial Officer presenting the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 30 September 2017.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the Period ended 30 September 2017 be 'received'.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow Seconded by: Councillor Smith

## 14.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - OPERATIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 42ND BATTALION MEMORIAL POOL

File No: 349

Responsible Officer: Blake Hunton – Manager Parks

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

- 1. THAT there be no additional charge for entry to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Memorial Pool and access to the new waterslides prior to 28 February 2018; and
- 2. THAT a report for consideration by Council on any future operational costs associated with the waterslides at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Memorial Pool be prepared and presented prior to 28 February 2018.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

## 11.2 NEW PORT ALMA BOAT RAMP PROPOSALS

File No: 8026

Attachments: 1. Map of Proposed Casuarina and Inkerman

**Creek boat launching sites** 

2. Preliminary Cost for Casuarina Creek and

**Inkerman Creek Boat Ramp** 

Authorising Officer: Chris Ireland - Manager Regional Development and

**Promotions** 

Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services
Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Wade Clark - Regional Business Development Officer

#### **SUMMARY**

Port Alma and the wider Fitzroy Delta provide a significant opportunity for improved local amenity whilst enabling various tourism initiatives. Under the Rockhampton Recreational Fishing Development Strategy a new Port Alma Boat Ramp is a priority action and it is recommended that sites adjacent to Casuarina Creek and Inkerman Creek be endorsed to the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR).

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT Council's agreement to the following is subject to the existing facility at Port Alma being retained and in practical use until such time as both new facilities are operational:

- 1. Council endorses the locations of Casuarina Creek and Inkerman Creek (as specified in this report) for two modern boat launching facilities requesting Department of Transport and Main Roads undertake planning;
- Council agrees to be appointed facility manager under the Transport Infrastructure Act (1994) in the event of new boat launching facilities in Casuarina Creek and Inkerman Creek proceeding;
- 3. Council develops with Department of Transport and Main Roads and Gladstone Ports Corporation a Deed of Agreement to direct capital, resourcing and staging for the proposed boat launching facilities;
- 4. Council takes a cost neutral approach for the potential development of the boat launching facilities including ongoing maintenance through grant funding and cost sharing; and
- 5. Council endorses Option 1 in the report as a funding model.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow Seconded by: Councillor Williams

## 11.3 MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL - THE FITZROY CLUB

File No: 5016

Attachments: 1. Membership Invitation to Mayor Strelow from

The Morning Bulletin

2. The Fitzroy Club - Season Guide 2017-2018

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Damon Morrison - Executive Coordinator to the Mayor

### **SUMMARY**

This report details an invitation from the Morning Bulletin for the Mayor to become a foundation member of the 'Fitzroy Club.'

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the report be received and payment for membership of the Fitzroy Club be approved, and that Council seek to become a member to be normally represented by the Mayor.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Schwarten

## 11.4 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT - MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2017

File No: 1392

Attachments: 1. Workforce & Strategy Monthly Report -

September 2017

2. CTS Monthly Report - September 2017

3. Finance Monthly Report - September 2017

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

## **SUMMARY**

The monthly operations report for the Corporate Services department as at 30 September 2017 is presented for Councillor's information.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the Corporate Services Departmental Operations Report as at 30 September 2017 be "received".

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

## 11.5 INLAND QUEENSLAND ROADS ACTION PLAN

File No: 2756
Attachments: Nil

Authorising Officer: Chris Ireland - Manager Regional Development and

**Promotions** 

Tony Cullen - General Manager Advance Rockhampton

Author: Rick Palmer - Senior Executive Industry Engagement

### **SUMMARY**

Council has received a request for further funding for the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

- 1. THAT Council not make a contribution to the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan of \$1,100; and
- 2. THAT Council seek opportunities to lobby collaboratively with other Local Governments for a strong East-West route along the Capricorn Highway and beyond.

Moved by: Councillor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 11.6 PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO CHINA NOVEMBER 2017

File No: 8308 Attachments: Nil

Authorising Officer: Tony Cullen - General Manager Advance Rockhampton

Author: Chris Ireland - Manager Regional Development and

**Promotions** 

#### SUMMARY

This report details a proposal relating to opportunities that exist for Council to lead a trade mission to participate in the Huizhou Agriculture Expo in order to assist local companies to identify and develop opportunities existing in China and promote Beef Australia 2018.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

- 1. THAT Council approves a delegation consisting of General Manager Advance Rockhampton and Senior Executive for Trade and Investment to lead an agricultural delegation to Huizhou, Guangdong Province, the People's Republic of China from 22 November to 28 November 2017; and
- 2. THAT Council continue to explore potential for a Sister City relationship with Huizhou.

Moved by: Councillor Schwarten Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

## 12 NOTICES OF MOTION

## 13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

## 14 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

## 14.2 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR CHERIE RUTHERFORD - 28 OCTOBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 2017 INCLUSIVE

File No: 10072

Responsible Officer: Evan Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

## **SUMMARY**

Councillor Cherie Rutherford requesting leave of absence for the period 28 October to 30 November 2017 inclusive.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT leave of absence be granted for Councillor Cherie Rutherford for the period 28 October to 30 November 2017 inclusive.

Moved by: Councillor Schwarten Seconded by: Councillor Smith

## 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 Acquisition of Land for Road and Drainage Purposes at Parkhurst

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 Legal Matters Report - 30 September 2017

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(f), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government.

### 16.3 Events 2018

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by it.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

**MOTION CARRIED** 

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

## 9:44AM

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

Moved by: Councillor Schwarten Seconded by: Councillor Smith

9:45AM	Councillor Schwarten left the meeting
9:49AM	Councillor Schwarten returned to the meeting
10:19AM	Councillor Schwarten left the meeting
10:22AM	Councillor Schwarten returned to the meeting
10:45AM	Chief Executive Officer left the meeting
10:47AM	Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting
10:48AM	Chief Executive Officer left the meeting
10:49AM	Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting
11:02AM	Councillor Williams left the meeting
11:04AM	Councillor Williams returned to the meeting

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

## 11.07AM

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

Moved by: Mayor Strelow Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

## 16 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

## 16.1 ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES AT PARKHURST

File No: 1743

Attachments: 1. RRC NIR Background Information Document

2. RRC Land Requirements Plans

3. TMR Land Requirements Consultation Plans

4. RNAU Land Requirements Locality Plan

Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Angus Russell - Senior Executive Strategic Projects

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.

## **SUMMARY**

The report seeks Council approval to compulsorily acquire the land identified in the report for road and drainage purposes and to progress other land transactions associated with the Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade project.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

### THAT Council:

- a) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (Property and Resumptions Officer) to issue a Notice of Intention to Resume in accordance with Section 7 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 for the resumption of land identified in the report and attachments for road and drainage purposes;
- b) Agree in-principle to the proposed land dealings with the Department of Transport and Main Roads in relation to the Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade project and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate compensation and complete these land dealings where appropriate; and
- c) That a further report in relation to the overall drainage strategy and its implications be prepared.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

## 16.2 LEGAL MATTERS REPORT - 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

File No: 1392

Attachments: 1. Legal Matters Report 1 September 2017 to 30

September 2017

Authorising Officer: Tracy Sweeney - Manager Workforce and Strategy

Author: Allysa Brennan - Coordinator Corporate Improvement

and Strategy

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(f), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government.

### **SUMMARY**

Presenting an update of current legal matters that Council is involved in as at 30 September 2017.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the legal matters report containing updates on legal matters for Rockhampton Regional Council as at 30 September 2017 be received.

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Schwarten

## 16.3 EVENTS 2018

File No: 6097

Attachments: 1. Site Selection

Authorising Officer: Tony Cullen - General Manager Advance Rockhampton

**Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer** 

Author: Chris Ireland - Manager Regional Development and

**Promotions** 

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by it.

### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to outline a possible event in the 2018/19 financial year.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT Council accepts the preferred location as detailed in the report and approve the continuation to Stage 2 of the Feasibility Study, and that Council meet with relevant groups.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

## 17 CLOSURE OF MEETING

DATE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:08am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON