

Ordinary Meeting Minutes

21 January 2020

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 SA Rowleson, Cr CR Sommerfeld, Cr SA Cooper, Cr JA Peters and Cr JD Learmonth

Leave of Absence: Nil

Apology: Moved Mayor Dempsey, seconded Cr Honor 'That the apology of Cr GR Barnes

be accepted'. Carried unanimously.

Officers:

Mr SD Johnston, Chief Executive Officer
Mr SJ Randle, General Manager Infrastructure
Mr GJ Steele, General Manager Community & Environment
Mrs AK Pafumi, General Manager Organisational Services
Mr B Artup, Executive Director Strategic Projects and Economic Development
Mr M Gorey, Executive Officer Communications
Mr M Ellery, Group Manager Development
Mrs C Large, Chief Legal Officer
Mrs WE Saunders, Executive Services Co-ordinator
Miss CE Dobbins, Executive Assistant/Researcher

Cr JM Dempsey acknowledged the traditional custodian owners of the land and their Elders past, present and emerging.

The Mayor also acknowledged those Australians who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

Invocation:

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



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Item Number: File Number: Part:
B1 Minutes

Subject:

Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey moved:-

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 December 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

Seconded by Cr SA Cooper - and carried unanimously.



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Item Number:	File Number:	Part:
C1		Councillors

Subject:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest - Cr JA Peters

Pursuant to section 175E of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Cr JA Peters advised that she has a perceived conflict of interest in item T1 of today's agenda as she is Patron of a likeminded organisation. Cr Peters stated that she wished to stay and vote on the matter.

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey moved:-

That the remaining Councillors determined that Cr JA Peters does not have a conflict of interest in item T1 of today's agenda as there is no conflict between the Councillor's personal interest and the public interest – and therefore can stay and vote on the matter.

Seconded by Cr HL Blackburn - and carried unanimously.



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

C2 Councillors

Subject:

Declaration of Real Conflict of Interest - Cr WA Honor

Pursuant to section 175E of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Cr WA Honor advised he has a Real Conflict of Interest in item T2 of today's agenda due to his company, Coachtrail Investment Pty Ltd having an Open for Development contract with Council which hasn't yet been completed and will leave the meeting while the item is discussed and voted on.



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Item Number:File Number:Part:C3Councillors

Subject:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest - Cr WR Trevor

Pursuant to section 175E of the *Local Government Act* 2009, Cr WR Trevor advised that he has a Conflict of Interest in item K1 of today's agenda as the body of the report mentions Isis Central Sugar Mill, of which Cr Trevor and his wife, Mrs Gayle Trevor are both shareholders, and will therefore leave the meeting while the item is discussed and voted on.



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Item Number:	File Number:	Part:
C4		Councillors

Subject:

Mayoral Minute

Councillors

As we move towards the end of this Council term, I'd like to reflect on some of our achievements and look at where the new Council might seek to innovate.

Firstly, I'd like to thank all of you, my colleagues, for your contributions. We've had our differences occasionally, but we always have the best interests of the Bundaberg Region at heart.

We all know that Council is one of the biggest employers in the Bundaberg Region and we're a significant generator of local economic activity.

There are two things I'm especially proud of and want to mention today because they slip under the radar and don't get talked about much in the media.

One is our leadership as an organisation in employing young people. It's notable that we have new trainees and apprentices, bringing the total number to 42.

I commend the CEO and executive leadership team for encouraging the employment of young people and delivering this fantastic result.

The other improvement I'd like to recognise is our commitment to buying locally.

We've done this through Love Bundy and our Council purchasing policies.

The Love Bundy campaign brought traders together to market themselves collectively with Council support to compete against online shopping.

The campaign included a mobile app, a website and distinctive branding. Overall it promoted a positive image of the Bundaberg Region and created extra activity in the CBD.

I'd like to acknowledge Cr Cooper and Cr Blackburn for their efforts in supporting this initiative and steering Love Bundy to control by local traders.

Council is continuing to support the campaign this year with \$30,000 towards advertising and promotion.

I'd also like to thank Cr Peters for her involvement with the Bundaberg Art Prize, which utilised vacant shops, invigorated the CBD and created vibrancy.

Councillors, we voted unanimously in July 2018 to adopt the Buy Local Policy.

This provides a local content framework, which enhances the opportunity for local businesses when quoting and/or tendering to supply Council.

I'm pleased to report that Council has successfully increased our local expenditure on goods and services to nearly 60 per cent.

This is a great achievement, but more can be done while retaining value for money for the ratepayers.

I'd like to suggest the new Council increase the current 10 per cent weighting for "Buy Local" content to 30 per cent for contracts.

I also believe there should be an added category of local supplier added to the existing "Buy Local" Policy to recognise the following:

- Incorporated Registered Charitable Organisations, and/or an incorporated bona-fide community organisations operating a business; and
- Indigenous businesses in the Bundaberg Regional Council area that employ local people.

It sometimes happens there are no local suppliers capable of responding to Council's Requests for Tender and/or Requests for Quotation because of the specialist work involved, for example with the Gregory River Water Treatment Plant.

The increased weighting to 30 per cent will not affect the outcome of achieving value for money in these circumstances.

Nor will it affect our requirement that external contractors, when they are engaged, employ local businesses and purchase goods and services locally as much as possible.

A 30 per cent "Buy Local" advantage for contracts will ensure that local suppliers and businesses are successful in gaining more work from Council. I see no reason why we can't lift our total local purchasing to 75 per cent or even higher.

This change will enhance the local economy by increasing the participation of local suppliers in Bundaberg Regional Council operations.

Ratepayers will continue to receive value for money through competitive local business and industry.

By extending the definition of "Local Buy" to not-for-profits we will also encourage increased spending with genuine social enterprises and create pathways to mainstream employment for those who are disadvantaged in our community.



Item Number:File Number:Part:F1.FINANCE

Portfolio:

Organisational Services

Subject:

Half Year Amended Budget for the period ending 30 June 2020

2462

Resolution

Cr SA Cooper presented the report; and moved:-

That Pursuant to section 170(3) and section 173 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt the amended budget as tabled.

Seconded by Cr WR Trevor.



Item Number: File Number: Part:

F2 . FINANCE

Portfolio:

Organisational Services

Subject:

Financial Summary as at 24 December 2019

2463

Resolution

Cr SA Cooper presented the report; and moved:-

That the financial summary as at 24 December 2019 be noted by Council.

Seconded by Cr WA Honor.



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

G1 . GOVERNANCE

Portfolio:

Organisational Services

Subject:

2019/2020 2nd Quarter Operational Plan Review

2464

Resolution

Cr HL Blackburn presented the report; and moved:-

That the 2019/2020 2^{nd} Quarter Operational Plan be received and noted.

Seconded by Cr SA Rowleson.



Item Number:	File Number:	Part:
K1		PLANNING

Portfolio:

Planning & Development Services

Subject:

Adoption of amendments to the Bundaberg Regional Council Planning Scheme

Cr WR Trevor left the meeting, the time being 10.16 am.

2465

Resolution

Cr CR Sommerfeld presented the report; and moved:-

That pursuant to the Planning Act 2016 and the Minister's Guidelines and Rules:-

- (a) Council adopt proposed Planning Scheme Amendment No 5 (Major Amendment) and Amendment No 6 (Mon Repos Sea Turtle Amendment);
- (b) the amended Bundaberg Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 and Planning Scheme Policies (version 5.0) incorporating Amendment No 5 and Amendment No 6 take effect on and from 10 February 2020.
- (c) Council repeal the following local planning instruments, effective 10 February 2020
 - □ SC6.6 Planning Scheme Policy for the Hughes and Seaview Bargara Masterplan Area; and
 - □ Temporary Local Planning Instrument (TLPI) 1/2018 Protection of the Mon Repos Turtle Conservation Area.

Seconded by Cr SA Cooper.

The motion was put - and carried unanimously.

Cr WR Trevor returned to the meeting, the time being 10.20 am.



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

S1 . TOURISM & REGIONAL GROWTH

Portfolio:

Community & Environment

Subject:

Events Queensland Pty Ltd - Pop-Up Polo Event in Bundaberg in 2020

2466

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey presented the report; and moved:-

That Council provide Events Queensland Pty Ltd financial support of \$25,000 (ex GST) from the 2020/21 Partnerships and Sponsorships budget towards their 2020 Bundaberg Pop-Up Polo Event as well as in-kind support for provision of waste receptacles and waste disposal, field preparation and marketing support of the event to be held at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct.

Seconded by Cr JD Learmonth.

The Mayor advised at this stage, pursuant to Section 275 of the "Local Government Regulation 2012", the meeting would be closed to the public to discuss the following 2 items which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 275.

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey moved:-

That the meeting be closed to the public – and discussion on the following 2 items be held in Committee:

- T1 Renewal of Lease to Bundaberg Football Inc
- T2 Request for Modified Bundaberg Open For Development Infrastructure Agreement DA 522.2018.77.1

Seconded by Cr JA Peters - and carried unanimously without debate.

The meeting closed to the public at 10.23 am.

Cr Wayne Honor left the meeting during discussion on item T2 - the time being 10.25 am.

Cr Wayne Honor returned to the meeting, the time being 10.26 am.

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey moved:-

That the meeting now be reopened.

Seconded by Cr SA Rowleson - and carried unanimously.

The meeting reopened to the public at 10.26 am.



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

T1 A163607 CONFIDENTIAL

Portfolio:

Organisational Services

Subject:

Renewal of Lease to Bundaberg Football Inc

Confidential Reason:

Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 275(e) contracts proposed to be made by it.

2467

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey moved:-

That:

- 1. Council apply the exception contained in section 236(1)(c)(iii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and
- 2. the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to enter into a ten year lease with Football Bundaberg Inc for 62A Maynard Street, Norville (being Lot 1 on RP107013 and Lot 91 on RP77904) known as Martens Oval.

Seconded by Cr JP Bartels.



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Item Number: File Number: Part:

T2 522.2018.77.1 CONFIDENTIAL

Portfolio:

Planning & Development Services

Subject:

Request for Modified Bundaberg Open For Development Infrastructure Agreement – DA 522.2018.77.1

Confidential Reason:

Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 275(g) any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act 2016, including deciding applications made to it under that Act.

Cr Wayne Honor left the meeting, the time being 10.28 am.

2468

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey moved:-

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer or his nominated delegate to enter into a modified Bundaberg Open for Development Infrastructure Agreement for DA 522.2018.77.1 that:

- a. allows for the payment of infrastructure charges on a per unit basis; and
- b. provides for an extended completion date of 28 June 2024.

Seconded by Cr CR Sommerfeld.

The motion was put - and carried unanimously.

Cr Wayne Honor returned to the meeting, the time being 10.29 am.



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Item Number:	File Number:	Part:
V1		Meeting Close

Subject:

Meeting Close

There being no further business – the Mayor declared this Ordinary Meeting closed at 10.29 am.

Confirmed on 25 February 2020.

Mayor			