



Ordinary Meeting Minutes

24 March 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 GR Barnes, Cr SA Rowleson, Cr CR Sommerfeld, Cr SA Cooper, Cr JA Peters and Cr JD Learmonth

Moved by Cr Dempsey, seconded by Cr Barnes, That Cr Rowleson's attendance by teleconference be accepted. Carried unanimously.

Leave of Absence: Nil

Officers:

Mr SD Johnston, Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Gorey, Executive Officer Communications
Ms T Mears, Communications Team Leader
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.

Cr WA Honor arrived at 10.04 am.



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Item Number: B1	File Number:	Part: Minutes
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Subject:

Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey moved:-

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 February 2020 be taken as read and confirmed.

Seconded by Cr WA Honor - and carried unanimously.



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Item Number: C1	File Number: .	Part: Councillors
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Subject:

Declaration of Perceived Conflict of Interest

Pursuant to section 175E of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Cr GR Barnes advised that he may have a perceived conflict of interest in his Notice of Motion – ANZAC Day Flypasts – as he is President of the Bargara Remembers Commemorations Committee but stated that he wished to stay and vote on the matter.

Determination:

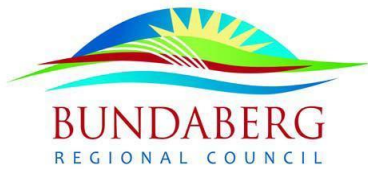
The majority of the remaining Councillors determined that Cr GR Barnes does have a conflict of interest and must leave the meeting and stay away while the matter is discussed and voted on.

For

Cr WR Trevor
Cr WA Honor
Cr SA Rowleson
Cr CR Sommerfeld
Cr SA Cooper
Cr JM Dempsey

Against

Cr JP Bartels
Cr HL Blackburn
Cr JA Peters
Cr JD Learmonth



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Item Number: C2	File Number:	Part: Councillors
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Subject:

Mayoral Minute

Councillors

These are exceptional times and an exceptional response is required.

As leaders in this community we need to be strong and compassionate, decisive and flexible, transparent and responsible.

The new Council will face the most extraordinary challenge to ever confront the Bundaberg Region in peacetime.

We need to be united and calm.

Sections of our community are suffering distress already – especially small business operators, events and entertainment, sports and the tourism industry.

Others are fearful, especially the elderly and vulnerable.

The challenge for Council is to provide relief and support while being financially responsible to ensure that essential services continue to operate.

Today I'm announcing a package of measures to provide interim assistance prior to the new Council considering longer-term arrangements.

Some of these interim measures can be implemented under the CEO's approved delegations. Others will need to be ratified as part of the 2020-21 Budget deliberations.

I've asked the CEO to prepare costings and report to the first meeting of the new Council with details. Some of these measures will be implemented immediately under delegation and announcements will be made over the coming days.

The package includes:

- A moratorium on Interest for outstanding rates and charges (a further report will be presented this morning about this).
- Refund all fees related to event permits and venue bookings.
- Defer fees and charges for sporting clubs and associations.
- Extend all dog registrations by six months.
- Extend licences and permits for regulated premises by six months at no charge.
- Provide rent relief initially to 30 September 2020 for Council owned commercial tourism and retail shop leases.
- Parking restrictions won't be enforced.
- Waive all airport-related fees for commercial aircraft.

- Extend food licences by six months.
- Extend the time on trade waste licensing by six months.

I also believe there needs to be an assistance package for sporting clubs and community organisations through a grants program.

Council will immediately establish an Economic Recovery Group comprising representatives from the local community, industry and agencies to plan and lead the recovery of our local economy.

These are challenging times. We're fortunate the Bundaberg Region has a diversified economy and amazing resilient people. We proved in 2011 and 2013 that we are a strong community.

With effective leadership from Council we will rebound quickly when the immediate threat has passed.

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Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey moved:-

That:

- 1. Council endorses the COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package including:**
 - a. A moratorium on interest for outstanding rates and charges, in accordance with the further report presented to Council;**
 - b. Refund all fees related to event permits and venue bookings;**
 - c. Defer fees and charges for sporting clubs and associations;**
 - d. Extend all dog registrations by six months;**
 - e. Extend licences and permits for regulated premises by six months at no charge;**
 - f. Provide rent relief initially to 30 September 2020 for Council owned commercial tourism and retail shop leases;**
 - g. Parking restrictions won't be enforced;**
 - h. Waive all airport-related fees for commercial aircraft**
 - i. Extend food licences by six months;**
 - j. Extend the time on trade waste licensing by six months; and**
 - k. An assistance package for sporting clubs and community organisations through a grants program; and**
- 2. that the CEO prepare costings and report to the first meeting of the new Council with the details.**

Carried unanimously.



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Item Number:	File Number:	Part:
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Portfolio:

Councillors

Notice of Motion:

Cr Greg Barnes - ANZAC Day Flypasts

Cr Barnes left the meeting the time being 10.22 am.

2479

Resolution

Cr HL Blackburn moved:-

That:

1. **due to the cancellation of all regional ANZAC Day Services, this Council:**
 - a. **recognise and respect the service and sacrifice by members of the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces by providing a chartered vintage aircraft to conduct aerial salutes of regional centres on ANZAC Day 2020;**
 - b. **recognise that an amount for this charter has already been allocated in the current budget and that savings will otherwise be realised through the cancellation of 2020 ANZAC Day regional services;**
 - c. **recognise that further carry-over funding should be available from the 2018/19 budget after Council decided not to sponsor flypast salutes for the 2019 ANZAC Day regional services;**
2. **this Council, as far as possible:**
 - a. **observe flag protocols at regional memorials by presenting the Australian National Flag, and where possible, the New Zealand National Flag, at half-mast as a sign of our community's respect for the fallen;**
 - b. **permit the placement of the bronze Lee-Enfield rifle sculpture into the Bargara Memorial during ANZAC Day 2020.**

Seconded by Cr WA Honor.

The motion was then put to the vote, and lost.

For

Cr WA Honor
Cr HL Blackburn
Cr JA Peters
Cr JD Learmonth

Against

Cr JP Bartels
Cr WR Trevor
Cr SA Rowleson
Cr CR Sommerfeld
Cr SA Cooper
Cr JM Dempsey

Cr GR Barnes returned to the meeting, the time being 10.34 am.

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Item Number: F1	File Number:	Part: FINANCE
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Portfolio:

Organisational Services

Subject:

Financial Summary as at 2 March 2020

2480**Resolution**

Cr SA Cooper presented the report; and moved:-

That the financial summary as at 2 March 2020 be noted by Council.

Seconded by Cr JP Bartels.

The motion was put - and carried unanimously.

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Item Number: F2	File Number: .	Part: FINANCE
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Portfolio:

Organisational Services

Subject:

Land Sale to Recover Rates Arrears

2481**Resolution**

Cr SA Cooper presented the report; and moved:-

That Council terminate the Land Sale to Recover Rate Arrears process at this time.

Seconded by Cr WA Honor.

The motion was put - and carried unanimously.

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Item Number: F3	File Number: .	Part: FINANCE
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Portfolio:

Organisational Services

Subject:

Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges

2482**Resolution**

Cr SA Cooper presented the report; and moved:-

In the interests of the welfare and good government of its local government area, having regard to the economic downturn currently being experienced as a result of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

- and pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council not charge interest on all outstanding rates and charges levied by Rate Notices from 12 March 2020 to 30 June 2020.

Seconded by Cr WR Trevor.

The motion was put - and carried unanimously.

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 item which is 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 item be held in Committee:

**T1 Lot 76 on SP141408 - Renewal of Lease to the State of Queensland
(Represented by Public Safety Business Agency)**

Seconded by Cr CR Sommerfeld - and carried unanimously.

The meeting closed to the public at 10.42 am.

Resolution

Cr JM Dempsey moved:-

That the meeting now be reopened.

Seconded by Cr HL Blackburn - and carried unanimously.

The meeting reopened to the public at 10.45 am.

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Item Number: T1	File Number: A1672080	Part: CONFIDENTIAL
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Portfolio:

Governance

Subject:

Lot 76 on SP141408 - Renewal of Lease to the State of Queensland (Represented by Public Safety Business Agency)

Confidential Reason:

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

2483**Resolution**

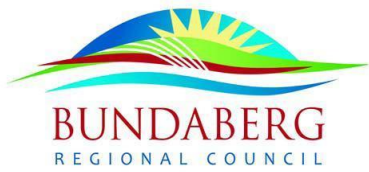
Cr JM Dempsey presented the report; and moved:-

That:

- 1. Council apply the exception contained in section 236(1)(b)(i) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and**
- 2. the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to enter into a 10 year lease with one 10 year option to renew to State of Queensland (Represented by Public Safety Business Agency) for 262 Bartholdt South Drive, Branyan, known as Lot 76 on SP141408.**

Seconded by Cr HL Blackburn.

The motion was put - and carried unanimously.



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Item Number: V1	File Number:	Part: Meeting Close
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Subject:

Meeting Close

There being no further business – the Mayor declared this Ordinary Meeting closed at 10.47 am.

Confirmed on (date to be advised).

Mayor