



*Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council
27 August 2007
commencing at 1:31 am*

PRESENT

Councillors – M P Berwick (Mayor), D P Egan (Deputy Mayor), W J Bellerio, M J Cox, R Davis and D G Pitt.

Staff – J F Leu (Acting Chief Executive Officer), I B Barton (General Manager Finance & Administration), P J Trotman (General Manager Development & Environment), P J Cymbala (Acting General Manager Engineering), A M Rodgers (Manager Corporate Support) and S K Andrews (Corporate Support).

APOLOGY

An apology was received from Cr J Sciacca of his inability to attend the meeting due to his attendance at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Conference.

07/0827/21 **CONDOLENCES**

Cr Berwick referred to the recent deaths of Bella Ellington, Violet Cobb, Percival Hutchings and Clarissa Branchina. The Council stood and observed one minute's silence. *(Amended 18/09/07 – item 07/0918/28)*

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Egan

"That Council sends letters of condolence to the next of kin."

Carried unanimously

07/0827/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest presented to the meeting.

07/0827/23 **MINUTES**

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Cox

"That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 2 August 2007 be confirmed."

Carried unanimously



07/0827/24 MINUTES

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Cox

"That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 7 August 2007 be confirmed."

Carried unanimously

07/0827/25 MINUTES

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Cox

"That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 16 August 2007 be confirmed."

Carried unanimously

REPORTS

07/0827/26 DETAILS OF THE USE OF THE COUNCIL SEAL

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Cox

"That Council receives the report providing details of the use of the council seal and endorses the actions of the Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Officer in executing on its behalf, under seal, the documents detailed therein."

Carried unanimously

07/0827/27 DECISIONS OF COUNCIL STATUS REPORT

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Bellerio

"That Council receives and notes the Decisions of Council Status Report."

Carried unanimously

NOTICES OF MOTION

OFFICER COMMENT PROVIDED

07/0827/28 RD4807M – NOTICE TO REPEAL A MOTION FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 16 AUGUST 2007

“That Council repeals the following motion from its Special Meeting of Council held on 16 August 2007:

‘06/0816/01’ i “That the following statements be received and considered in support of the 2007/2008 Budget:-

(i) The Draft Budget Report for the 2007/2008 year. (Appendix 1)

(ii) Five (5) Year Budget Report. (Appendix 2)

That the Budget Report for 2007/08 be adopted as presented.’”

The motion was withdrawn

07/0827/28A PORT DOUGLAS WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT TO BE KEPT COST NEUTRAL TO RATEPAYERS

Moved Cr Davis

“That Council proceeds with its \$932 000 expenditure on Port Douglas waterfront planning, whilst in parallel, it commences application proceedings to acquire loan funds on the basis that the final waterfront redevelopment, through sale of rights, is to be kept cost neutral to ratepayers.”

Lapsed for want of a seconder

07/0827/28B PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO 2007/08 BUDGET

Moved Cr Davis

“That Council adds to its 2007/08 budget immediate consideration to adding street and football field lighting, more road seals, completion or commencement of Port Douglas and Mossman landscape works, parkland upgrades at Pretty Beach and the beach end of Barrier Street, Port Douglas, and other items as Council sees fit.”

Lapsed for want of a seconder



07/0827/27C TRANSFER OF LAND ASSETS INTO WORKING CIVIC ASSETS

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Egan

"That Council transfers at least twenty (20) percent of unused land assets into working civic assets."

For: Cr Davis, Egan

Against: Cr Berwick, Cox, Pitt, Bellerio

Lost

OFFICER COMMENT NOT PROVIDED

07/0827/29 COUNCIL APOLOGY TO STAFF

Moved Cr Berwick

"That Council formally apologises to Corporate Services staff subjected to public scrutiny and significant distress regarding the publicly made allegations by Councillors of minutes tampering by staff, of which the Crime and Misconduct Commission advised they would not take any action over."

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

Crs Egan, Pitt and Bellerio withdrew from the meeting at 1:58 pm.

TERMINATION OF THE MEETING

Following the withdrawal of Crs Egan, Pitt and Bellerio from the meeting, there was no longer a quorum present and the meeting therefore failed at that point.

Presented to and confirmed by Council on the *eighteenth* day of *September* 2007.

M P Berwick
Chair