

1. Attendees

Councillors Cr RL Chambers, Mayor
Cr FO Whelan, Deputy Mayor
Cr BJ Zahl
Cr WJ Bowen
Cr PW Lobegeier
Cr PF Webster

Officers Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, D Wiskar
General Manager of Engineering and Environmental Services, B Pearce
Manager of Technical Services, TJ Harvey
Executive Assistant, NJ Zillman

2. Welcome

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:39am and welcomed all attendees.

3. Apologies

079-03-2017

Cr BJ Zahl moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That an apology be received for Cr RP Radel who is attending the Sustainable Queensland Dairy Production (Fair Milk Price Logos) Bill 2016 public hearing.

CARRIED 6/0

4. Declaration

Nil Declarations.

5. Deputations

Nil Deputations or Petitions.

6. Governance

6.1 Works for Queensland Funding

Cr BJ Zahl withdrew from the meeting at 10:49am and re-entered at 10:50am.

080-03-2017

Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded:

1. That Council notes the Governments approval of the Works for Queensland Program and conducts media relations and public awareness activities to promote the investment leveraged into North Burnett Communities.
2. That Council approves the project management structure for the delivery of the Works for Queensland Program. (See attachment B)
3. That the Mayor write to the Premier thanking her for the support of our region through the introduction of this important program.
4. That Council pass a resolution to;
 - a. Commend the Queensland Government on the Works for Queensland Initiative which will deliver jobs and economic development for our region, and
 - b. Encouraging the Queensland Government to renew this funding until the regional unemployment trends back down to the state and national level.

5. That Council send a copy of the resolution to the Deputy Premier, the Hon Jackie Trad. **CARRIED 6/0**

6.2 Policy Update

081-03-2017

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That Policy 103 - Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors as amended be adopted. **CARRIED 6/0**

082-03-2017

Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That Policy 105 - Entertainment and Hospitality as presented be adopted. **CARRIED 6/0**

083-03-2017

Cr WJ Bowen moved and Cr BJ Zahl seconded: That Policy 107 - Advertising Expenses as presented be adopted. **CARRIED 6/0**

6.3 Footpath Policy Report

084-03-2017

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr BJ Zahl seconded: That Council note the information contained in Policies 216 - Maintenance of Footpaths and Nature Strips in Urban Areas; and 217 – Public Space – Trees. **CARRIED 6/0**

7. Economic

7.1 Development Statistics – January 2017

085-03-2017

Cr BJ Zahl moved and Cr PF Webster seconded: That the Development Statistic for the month of January 2017 as presented be received. **CARRIED 6/0**

8. General Business

Cr Bowen requested an update on the following items:

- Stronger Communities Programme funding for Mt Perry; and
- Deep Creek Bridge.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised that a letter would be drafted and sent to the Minister of Natural Resources and Mines, Hon Dr Anthony Lynham and the Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply, Hon Mark Bailey requesting further investigation into alternate water supply solutions for the current North Burnett water issue.

086-03-2017

Cr BJ Zahl moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That Council approve the request for centenary signage by the Gayndah Lions Club with the condition that the placement of the signs be in accordance with the Lions Park Masterplan. **CARRIED 6/0**

The Mayor advised that Council would be endorse the regional submission supporting the Australian Senate inquiry on the Relocation of government bodies to regional areas.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a report would be presented to the March General Meeting requesting submissions for the Australian Local Government National General Assembly.

The Mayor formally acknowledged the work of Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ray Burton, wishing him all the best in his future endeavours.

9. Confidential Reports

087-03-2017

Cr WJ Bowen moved and Cr BJ Zahl seconded: That in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to allow discussion regarding other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interest of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain financial advantage. **CARRIED 6/0**

088-03-2017

Cr PF Webster moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be reopened to the public. **CARRIED 6/0**

9.1 Sale of Council Properties

089-03-2017

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That the Rationalising of Council Housing Assets report be received for information and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer follow-up on the items raised and present a report to a future meeting. **CARRIED 6/0**

9.2 Water Allocation and Usage

090-03-2017

Cr BJ Zahl moved and Cr Webster seconded:

Action 1 – that Council forfeit to the state, high priority allocations as follows;

- Monto – 200 ML (Note; even with this reduction Council will still hold a high priority water allocation for the town which is significantly above peak water use years and the long term average).
- Gayndah – 150 ML (Note; even with this reduction Council will still hold a high priority water allocation for the town which is significantly above peak water use years and the long term average).

(Please note that DNRM will need to endorse these changes and Council will need to complete a process with the State following endorsement by Council.)

Action 2 – That annually Council trades its medium priority allocations in the water market. This is a decision that can be taken annually. The likely financial outcome (based on 2015 rates) from this recommendation is estimated as follows;

High Priority Water

- Monto - \$27,275
- Gayndah - \$58,000

Medium Priority Water

- Biggenden – 75ML - \$4,698.50
- Eidsvold – 250ML - \$36,662
- Mundubbera – 150ML - \$9,390

CARRIED 6/0

091-03-2017

Cr Whelan moved and Cr Zahl seconded: That Council endorse the approval of the tender for the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation of Councils Water Quality Testing MoU as presented in the report. **CARRIED 6/0**

092-03-2017

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PF Webster seconded: That Council endorse the request for a shed at Mingo Crossing, with the condition that the shed be built in accordance with the Mingo Crossing Master Plan. **CARRIED 6/0**

10. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:53pm

Presented to Council at its General Meeting held on 15 March 2017 and confirmed.

Mayor

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