



# **SPECIAL COUNCIL**

## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2014 AT 11.15AM**

**Council Members >>**

The Mayor, Councillor Jenny Hill  
Councillor Suzanne Blom  
Councillor Colleen Doyle  
Councillor Gary Eddiehausen APM  
Councillor Pat Ernst  
Councillor Ray Gartrell  
Councillor Jenny Lane  
Councillor Anthony Parsons  
Councillor Trevor Roberts  
Councillor Vern Veitch  
Councillor Les Walker

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## Goals and Strategies of Townsville City Council >>

### Corporate Plan >>

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#### Goal 1 - Economic Sustainability. A robust, diverse and sustainable economy

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**A robust, prosperous economy which provides opportunities for business and investment.**

- 1.1 Promote investment and assist the development of emergent industries and businesses.
- 1.2 Engage with regional, state and national stakeholders in the creation of a strong and resilient economy.
- 1.3 Increase the city's profile through marketing initiatives, the delivery of festivals and events and support for other community based activities.
- 1.4 Promote the city's distinctive physical character and strong sense of place and identity.

**An integrated approach to long term planning which supports a growing city.**

- 1.5 Develop an integrated approach to the long term provision of infrastructure.
- 1.6 Undertake city and regional planning to reflect the aspirations of the community and create an attractive place to live, work and visit.

**Infrastructure that meets community needs.**

- 1.7 Provide and maintain timely and sustainable infrastructure.
- 1.8 Provide asset management practices which reflect the community's expectations regarding service levels and its ability to pay.

#### Goal 2 - Environmental Sustainability. Our environment is valued, protected and healthy

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**Effective management and protection of our natural and built environment through sustainable growth and development.**

- 2.1 Provide strategic and integrated planning and policy development to sustain our environment.
  - 2.2 Effective management, protection and conservation of our natural environment.
  - 2.3 Preserve and protect places of natural and heritage significance.
- Demonstrated environmental leadership.**
- 2.4 Develop and implement an Integrated Water Management Strategy.
  - 2.5 Develop and implement innovative waste management and recycling strategies.
  - 2.6 Minimise greenhouse gas emissions from council's infrastructure, operations and services through sustainable energy practices.
  - 2.7 Partner with the community and industry stakeholders to develop and promote environmental protection and sustainability initiatives.
  - 2.8 Develop and implement environmental compliance programs and promote community awareness.

**Climatic effects on our community, natural and built environment are minimised.**

- 2.9 Mitigate and communicate the risks and effects of climate change.

#### Goal 3 - Social Sustainability - Enhancement of opportunities for social engagement and wellbeing

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**A safe and healthy community.**

- 3.1 Improve the safety and well-being of the community through the management of public health risks.
- 3.2 Plan for and provide active and healthy lifestyle opportunities.
- 3.3 Coordinate council's response to natural disasters to minimise the effects on the community.

**A cohesive and self reliant community.**

- 3.4 Foster the development of the city as a learning community.
- 3.5 Encourage and facilitate the participation and integration of residents into the community.
- 3.6 Strengthen community networks to collaboratively deliver community services.

**A community with access to services and facilities.**

- 3.7 Plan for community facilities and services to meet the community's current and future needs.
- 3.8 Provide community services and facilities to meet the needs of the community.
- 3.9 Provide community support services to meet the needs of the community.

**A creative community.**

- 3.10 Facilitate and showcase artistic learning and expression through performances, exhibitions, activities and programs.
- 3.11 Support community participation in cultural activities, programs and events.

#### Goal 4 - Responsible Governance - Responsible leadership where decisions are made in a considered and transparent manner

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**Transparent and accountable local government.**

- 4.1 Develop and implement council's Corporate Governance Framework to ensure strategic planning, compliance with all legislation, policies, Codes of Practice and Standards.
- 4.2 Implement robust risk management strategies.
- 4.3 Encourage community participation and ensure that the community is informed and educated about matters that impact their lives.

**A competent, productive and contributing workforce.**

- 4.4 Foster a culture of employee health, safety and well-being.
- 4.5 Implement human resource strategies to become an employer of choice.
- 4.6 Foster diversity, merit and equity, reward and recognition in the workplace.

**Excellence in customer service delivery and organisational management.**

- 4.7 Provide responsive and efficient systems to enable the delivery of council services.
- 4.8 Establish and manage long term financial planning to ensure the future sustainability of council.

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<b>REPORT</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Tuesday 24 June 2014 at 11.15am</b>
<b>ITEMS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PRESENT</b>	The Mayor, Councillor J Hill Councillor V Veitch Councillor S Blom Councillor C Doyle Councillor G Eddiehausen APM Councillor P Ernst Councillor R Gartrell Councillor J Lane Councillor A Parsons Councillor T Roberts Councillor L Walker

### Opening of Meeting

The Chair, Mayor Councillor J Hill opened the meeting at 11.15am.

### Officers Reports

#### 1 FINANCE - PROPOSED BUDGET 2014/15

#### REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Authorised by** Director Corporate Services  
**Department** Finance  
**Date** 24 June 2014

#### Executive Summary

The 2014/15 Budget was presented to Council by the Mayor, Councillor J Hill, at its meeting held on 10 June 2014, in accordance with Sections 12(4)(b) and 107A of the *Local Government Act 2009*. Council has analysed the detailed supporting documentation of the 2014/15 Budget at the budget workshops held on 13 and 18 June 2014.

It is planned to adopt the Operational Plan and Budget 2014/15 on 8 July 2014 at the annual Budget Meeting scheduled for 10:00am that day.

The purpose of the meeting today, 24 June 2014, was for council to provide direction on any amendments to the 2014/15 budget proposed by the Mayor, if necessary. Any such amendments will be made to the 2014/15 Budget documentation ahead of the Annual Budget Meeting scheduled for 8 July 2014.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That council resolve to amend the 2014/15 Budget that was presented by the Mayor, Councillor J Hill, at its meeting held on 10 June 2014 as indicated.

**It was MOVED by Councillor A Parsons, SECONDED by Councillor T Roberts:**

"that the Mayor's Waste Management strategy be removed from the draft 2014/15 budget and eight dump vouchers be introduced with one free three day dump weekend prior to the cyclone season and that these changes be introduced with an overall increase to rates and charges of 1.87% and maintain as close as possible the draft budget projected surplus position."

**Councillor L Walker and Councillor C Doyle called for a division.**

**FOR: Councillors R Gartrell, V Veitch, A Parsons, J Lane, S Blom, T Roberts and G Eddiehausen**

**AGAINST: Councillors C Doyle, P Ernst, L Walker and the Mayor, Councillor J Hill**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**It was MOVED by Councillor V Veitch, SECONDED by Councillor S Blom:**

"that the draft budget allocation for Natural Resource Management A/c 20045 be increased by \$10,000."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**It was MOVED by Councillor T Roberts, SECONDED by Councillor R Gartrell:**

"that the 2014/15 Capital Works program include the Brothers Soccer Club car park upgrade at a project cost of \$420,000 with a Council contribution of \$120,000 and the project being subject to a State Government contribution of \$300,000."

**CARRIED**

**It was MOVED by Councillor A Parsons, SECONDED by Councillor V Veitch:**

"that the following amendments be made to the draft 2014/15 budget:

- TECC Joint Venture expense Account 20153 be reduced by \$41,000;
- fees and charges revenue allocation for (a) Townsville Water Private Works be increased by \$65,000 and (b) Planning by \$75,000; and
- Materials and Services Budget Adjustment A/c 90011 be increased by 230,000."

**Councillor L Walker and Councillor C Doyle called for a division.**

**FOR: Councillors R Gartrell, V Veitch, G Eddiehausen, T Roberts, S Blom, J Lane and A Parsons.**

**AGAINST: Councillors C Doyle, P Ernst, L Walker and the Mayor, Councillor J Hill**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

The Chief Executive Officer advised the meeting that there would be an adjustment of \$230,000 additional income for lease of Council facilities to apply for five year period from 2015/16 and this would be included as an adjustment to the Long Term Financial Plan.

The Council agreed that the following items be further considered at the next Budget Review:

- Sister Cities budget allocation
- V8 Council Corporate Box

The Mayor advised the council would formally adopt its 2014/15 Operational Plan and Budget on Tuesday 8 July 2014.

**Close of Meeting**

The Chair, Mayor Councillor J Hill declared the meeting closed at 12.50pm.

**CONFIRMED this**

**day of**

**2014**

**MAYOR**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**