



# **SPECIAL COUNCIL**

## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2015 AT 11.00 AM

**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 strong diverse economy which provides opportunities for business and investment with an integrated approach to long term planning where the city's assets meet the community needs.
- 1.1 Create economic opportunities for Townsville to drive community prosperity.
  - 1.2 Maximise opportunities through engagement and partnership with stakeholder achieve a strong resilient economy.
  - 1.3 Utilise the City Plan to inform the development of current and future infrastructure needs of Townsville.
  - 1.4 Promote and market Townsville as a vibrant destination for commerce, entertainment and lifestyle.
- Goal 2:** Environmental Sustainability - A sustainable future where our environment is valued through the protection and enhancement of our unique, natural and built environment with a commitment to reducing our environmental impact.
- 2.1 Effective management, protection and conservation of our environment to ensure a balance between built infrastructure and areas of environmental significance.
  - 2.2 Implement an effective integrated demand management approach to infrastructure planning and delivery.
  - 2.3 Preserve our natural environment through active management, education and compliance activities.
  - 2.4 Adopt urban design principles that create a distinct sense of place, enables and informs place creation, maximises efficiency, and enhances the built and natural environment.
  - 2.5 Research and implement environmental solutions utilising innovative smart technology and encourage behaviour change.
- Goal 3:** Social Sustainability - A vibrant community that is accessible, safe, healthy, creative and knowledgeable, where we embrace diversity and our sense of community.
- 3.1 Encourage active and healthy lifestyles through accessible public facilities and community initiatives.
  - 3.2 Support the community's access to and participation in a range of artistic, cultural and entertainment activities.
  - 3.3 Enhance wellbeing and safety in the community.
  - 3.4 Enhance a knowledgeable, inclusive and connected community that embraces growth and lifelong learning.
  - 3.5 Provide community infrastructure and services that support growth and meets community needs.
- Goal 4:** Responsible Governance - A well-managed, transparent and effective organisation that gives the community confidence, demonstrates financial sustainability, where our customers are satisfied with our services and our employees are proud to work here.
- 4.1 Undertake robust and accountable financial, resource and infrastructure planning and management to ensure affordable and sustainable outcomes for our community.
  - 4.2 Deliver best value customer service to our community.
  - 4.3 Enable innovation and technology capacity within council to drive organisational efficiencies.
  - 4.4 Engage with the community to inform council decision making processes.
  - 4.5 Provide inspirational leadership and contemporary management systems that drives a coordinated, motivated, highly effective and efficient organisation.
  - 4.6 Commit to open transparent and accountable governance to ensure community confidence and trust in council.
  - 4.7 Promote an organisational culture that values and empowers its workforce.

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<b>REPORT</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Wednesday 07 October 2015 at 11.00am</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 and Announcement of Visitors**

The Chair, The Mayor, Councillor J Hill opened the meeting at 11.00am.

### **Apologies and Leave of Absence**

There were no apologies or leave of absence noted.

### **Officers Reports**

#### **Community and Environment**

#### **1 Declaration under Townsville City Council Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management)**

##### **Executive Summary**

Council has been requested by the State Government to make changes to our *Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2011* to have feral horses in Townsville declared to be a local pest. This will provide council the power to direct landowners to control feral horses on their properties as the feral horses pose a clear and immediate risk to public safety.

##### **Officer's Recommendation**

That under section 7 of the *Townsville City Council Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2011* council resolve that it is satisfied that urgent action is needed to minimise the immediate risk of environmental harm posed by feral horses in Townsville, and that accordingly the council makes an emergency declaration that feral horses in Townsville are a local pest that must be immediately controlled by all relevant land owners.

##### **Council Decision**

**It was MOVED by Councillor V Veitch, SECONDED by Councillor L Walker:**

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Close of Meeting**

**The Chair, Mayor Councillor J Hill, declared the meeting closed at 11.15am.**

**CONFIRMED this TWENTY-SEVENTH day of OCTOBER 2015**

**MAYOR  
OFFICER**

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE**