



# **SPECIAL COUNCIL**

## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2016 AT 2.03PM

**Council Members >>**

The Mayor, Councillor Jenny Hill  
Councillor Russ Cook  
Councillor Verena Coombe  
Councillor Colleen Doyle  
Councillor Ann-Maree Greaney  
Councillor Paul Jacob  
Councillor Mark Molachino  
Councillor Kurt Rehbein  
Councillor Margie Ryder  
Councillor Maurie Soars  
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 economic and 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.
- 1.5 Provide and maintain water and sewage infrastructure to ensure a functioning network.
- 1.6 Provide and maintain a leading practice integrated transport network to facilitate the sustainable growth and efficient movement of Townsville.

**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.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Townsville City Council would like to acknowledge the Bindal and Wulgurukaba peoples as Traditional Owners of the land on which our Council operates. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future and value the traditions, culture and aspirations of the first Australians of this land. We acknowledge and hold in great significance the valuable contribution that Traditional Owners have made and continue to make within the Townsville Community.

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<b>REPORT</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 2.03pm</b>
<b>ITEMS</b>	<b>1 TO 2</b>
<b>PRESENT</b>	The Mayor, Councillor J Hill Councillor C Doyle Councillor A Greaney Councillor P Jacob Councillor K Rehbein Councillor M Ryder Councillor M Soars Councillor L Walker

#### **Opening of Meeting and Announcement of Visitors**

The Chair, the Mayor, Councillor J Hill opened the meeting at 2.03pm and welcomed SunWater's Chief Executive Officer, Nicole Hollows, and Chair, Leith Bouilly, to the meeting.

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

**It was moved by Councillor L Walker, seconded by Councillor C Doyle:**

"that the apologies from Councillor R Cook, Councillor V Coombe and Councillor M Molachino be received and that for the purposes of Section 162(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor R Cook, Councillor V Coombe and Councillor M Molachino be granted leave of absence from this meeting."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Disclosure of Interests**

There were no conflicts of interest or material personal interests declared.

## Officers Reports

### Confidential Items

**It was MOVED by Councillor C Doyle, SECONDED by Councillor P Jacob:**

"that council RESOLVE to close the meeting in accordance with Section 275 (e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

Section 275(1) (e) contracts proposed to be made by it."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The council discussed the items.

**It was MOVED by Councillor C Doyle, SECONDED by Councillor P Jacob:**

"that council RESOLVE to open the meeting."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 1 Water Operations - Burdekin Water Purchase

### Executive Summary

Level 3 restrictions are likely to be activated in July 2016, with pumping of water from the Burdekin to commence in August. Indications are that the wet season may deliver enough rain to ease the drought conditions early next year.

The Burdekin Dam is now over 90% full and therefore the minimum allocation rate for medium priority water for 2016/2017 can be predicted reasonably well.

With limited allocations remaining in the Burdekin Dam, the securing of High Priority (HP) water for our future requirements is a key component of our strategy. SunWater has now undertaken to reserve High Priority water which can be incorporated into a new long term contract, subject to the contract being in place by the end of 2016/2107. This allows council to utilise Medium Priority (MP) water to satisfy our immediate needs.

A 12 month lease of 20,000ML of medium priority water is proposed. If further allocations are required, it is proposed that they would be obtained via the water trading market.

### Officer's Recommendation

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council enter into a contract with SunWater for a term lease of 20,000 ML of Medium Priority water for the 2016/2017 financial year.
3. That council note SunWater are reserving High Priority water for Townsville subject to conditions relating to the negotiation of a new long term contract.

## Council Decision

It was **MOVED** by the Mayor, Councillor J Hill, **SECONDED** by Councillor C Doyle:

"that the officer's recommendation 1 be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**The Mayor directed the Acting Chief Executive Officer to continue negotiations with SunWater based on legal advice that council has received.**

## **2 Project & Asset Management - Tender Assessment - TCW00137 - Church Street Trunk Main Replacement Project**

### **Executive Summary**

Contract TCW00137 was awarded to NQ Excavations in October 2015 for the supply, construction and the replacement of the DN750 MSCL Water Main in Church Street, West End. This includes a new crossing of Woolcock Street and the adjacent Woolcock canal by trenchless construction.

The contract in place is the Townsville City Council (TCC) standard contract which is an amended version of *AS4000 General Conditions of Contract*. The tender documents stipulated trenchless construction under the Woolcock Canal and Woolcock Street. At around Ch320 a latent condition was encountered under the ground. All works were stopped until more geotechnical information was obtained and all parties were confident the works could be completed.

The superintendent for the contract has assessed the revised methodology for construction as a variation under the contract due to the latent condition that could not have been expected. The cost of the variation requires an overall project budget increase in order to be completed. This report discusses this variation and the additional funds required to complete this project.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council reallocate \$360,166 of unspent funds from CP0008457 Program Water Service Replacements to CP0002294 Church Street Water Main Renewal project.
3. That council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or his delegate, to award variations up to the approved project budget provided that the variations are for the completion of the work under contract

## Council Decision

It was **MOVED** by Councillor M Soars, **SECONDED** by Councillor K Rehbein:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Close of Meeting**

The Chair, Mayor Councillor J Hill, declared the meeting closed at 2.50pm.

**CONFIRMED this TWENTY-EIGHTH day of JUNE 2016**

**MAYOR**

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**