



SPECIAL COUNCIL

PUBLIC MINUTES

FRIDAY 14 JUNE 2013 AT 1.03PM

MONDAY 17 JUNE 2013 AT 12.10PM

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 >>

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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REPORT	COUNCIL MEETING
DATE	Friday 14 June 2013 at 1.03pm and Monday 17 June 2013 at 12.10pm
ITEMS	1 TO 1
PRESENT	The Mayor, Councillor J Hill, Chair Councillor V Veitch Councillor S Blom Councillor C Doyle Councillor G Eddiehausen APM Councillor R Gartrell Councillor J Lane Councillor A Parsons Councillor T Roberts Councillor L Walker

Opening of Meeting and Announcement of Visitors

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill opened the meeting at 1.03pm.

Apologies and Leave of Absence

It was MOVED by Councillor T Roberts, SECONDED by Councillor G Eddiehausen:

"that the apology from Councillor P Ernst be received and that for the purposes of Section 162(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor P Ernst be granted leave of absence from this meeting."

CARRIED

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1 Finance - Proposed Budget 2013/14

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Authorised by Director Corporate Services
Department Finance
Date 14 June 2013

Executive Summary

The 2013/14 Budget was presented to council by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill, at its meeting held on Friday 31 May 2013, in accordance with Sections 12(4)(b) and 107A of the *Local Government Act 2009*. Council has analysed the detailed supporting documentation of the 2013/14 Budget at the Special meetings held on 7 and 13 June 2013.

It is planned to adopt the Operational Plan and Budget 2013/14 on Friday 28 June 2013 at the annual Budget Meeting scheduled for 11:00am that day.

The purpose of this meeting is for council to provide direction on any amendments to the 2013/14 budget proposed by the Mayor, if necessary. Any such amendments will be made to the 2013/14 Budget documentation ahead of the Annual Budget Meeting scheduled for Friday 28 June 2013.

The Operational Plan will be considered at the special meeting on Friday 28 June 2013. However following this meeting a workshop will be held with councillors to introduce the new look Operational Plan.

Officer's Recommendation

That council resolve to amend the 2013/14 Budget that was presented by the Mayor, Councillor J Hill, at its meeting held on Friday 31 May 2013, as indicated.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor V Veitch, **SECONDED** by Councillor J Lane:

"that the meeting be adjourned until Monday (17 June 2013) to further consider the (2013/14) Budget."

Councillor L Walker spoke against the motion.

Councillor J Lane called for a division:

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

AGAINST: Councillors L Walker and C Doyle.

The motion was CARRIED by majority vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.14pm.

Meeting Recommencement - Monday 17 June 2013

It was MOVED by Councillor P Ernst, SECONDED by Councillor L Walker:

"to reopen the meeting at 12.10pm."

CARRIED

Apologies and Leave of Absence

It was MOVED by Councillor L Walker, SECONDED by Councillor P Ernst:

"that the apology from Councillor G Eddiehausen be received and that for the purposes of Section 162(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor G Eddiehausen be granted leave of absence from this meeting."

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Councillor V Veitch, SECONDED by Councillor T Roberts:

"that council resolve to amend the draft 2013/14 Budget as presented by the Mayor, Councillor J Hill to council's Special Meeting on 31 May 2013 as follows:

remove the estimated income and expenditure for hard waste collection - \$576,000."

Councillor L Walker called for a division.

FOR: Councillors S Blom, T Roberts, J Lane, A Parsons, R Gartrell, V Veitch and P Ernst.

AGAINST: Councillors C Doyle, L Walker and The Mayor, Councillor J Hill.

The motion was CARRIED by majority vote.

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

"that council resolve to amend the draft 2013/14 Budget as presented by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill to council's Special Meeting on 31 May 2013 as follows:

as pre-cyclone clean-up weekend, provide three days free access to Waste Disposal Centres for residents."

Councillor V Veitch and Councillor L Walker called for a division on all items.

FOR: Councillors P Ernst, R Gartrell, A Parsons, S Blom, V Veitch, T Roberts and J Lane.

AGAINST: Councillors L Walker, C Doyle and The Mayor, Councillor J Hill.

The motion was CARRIED by majority vote.

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

"that council resolve to amend the draft 2013/14 Budget as presented by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill to council's Special Meeting on 31 May 2013 as follows:

provide seven waste vouchers this financial year in addition to a pre-cyclone weekend."

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

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

The motion was CARRIED by majority vote.

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

"that council resolve to amend the draft 2013/14 Budget as presented by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill to council's Special Meeting on 31 May 2013 as follows:

remove \$500,000 from Parks salaries."

FOR: Councillors V Veitch, A Parsons, J Lane, T Roberts, R Gartrell and P Ernst.

AGAINST: Councillors C Doyle, L Walker, The Mayor, Councillor J Hill and S Blom.

The motion was CARRIED by majority vote.

In accordance with section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, The Mayor, Councillor J Hill declared a real conflict of interest in regards to the following item.

- (a) the name of the councillors who have the real or perceived conflict of interest:**
The Mayor, Councillor J Hill
- (b) the nature of the conflict of interest as described by the Councillor:**
The Mayor, Councillor J Hill is a member of the Townsville Enterprise Ltd Board.
- (c) how the Councillors dealt with the real or perceived conflict of interest:**
The Councillor determined that she had a real conflict of interest and left the meeting and did not participate in debate or voting on the matter.
- (d) if the Councillor voted on the issue – how the Councillor voted:**
The Councillor vacated the chambers during discussion and voting on this item.
- (e) how the majority of persons who were entitled to vote at the meeting voted on the matter.**
The majority of persons entitled to vote at the meeting voted as per the council decision.

Councillor V Veitch assumed the Chair.

It was MOVED by Councillor V Veitch, SECONDED by Councillor J Lane:

"that council resolve to amend the draft 2013/14 Budget as presented by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill to council's Special Meeting on 31 May 2013 as follows:

remove \$25,000 for Townsville Enterprise Ltd contribution for Stadium Entertainment and Convention Centre Facility Public Relations and Lobbying strategy."

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

AGAINST: Councillors P Ernst, L Walker and C Doyle.

The motion was CARRIED by majority vote.

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill resumed the Chair.

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

"that council resolve to amend the draft 2013/14 Budget as presented by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill to council's Special Meeting on 31 May 2013 as follows:

increase regulatory service revenue by \$200,000 due to increased resources allocated".

FOR: Councillors P Ernst, L Walker, V Veitch, A Parsons, J Lane, S Blom, T Roberts and The Mayor, Councillor J Hill.

AGAINST: Councillor C Doyle.

The motion was CARRIED by majority vote.

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

"that council resolve to amend the draft 2013/14 Budget as presented by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill to council's Special Meeting on 31 May 2013 as follows:

reduce the proposed increase in Owner Occupier and non-Owner Occupier Residential General Rates by 0.25%."

FOR: Councillors V Veitch, A Parsons, J Lane, S Blom, T Roberts, The Mayor, Councillor J Hill, Councillors L Walker, C Doyle and P Ernst.

AGAINST: No Councillors.

The motion was CARRIED by majority vote.

Close of Meeting

The Chair, Mayor Councillor J Hill declared the meeting closed at 1.15pm

CONFIRMED this

day of

2013

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER