



SPECIAL COUNCIL

PUBLIC MINUTES

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2013 AT 9.00 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 >>

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 18 October 2013 at 2.30pm
ITEMS	1
PRESENT	The Mayor, Councillor J Hill Councillor V Veitch Councillor C Doyle Councillor G Eddiehausen APM Councillor P Ernst Councillor J Lane Councillor A Parsons Councillor T Roberts

Opening of Meeting and Announcement of Visitors

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill opened the meeting at 2.30pm.

Apologies and Leave of Absence

It was moved by Councillor V Veitch, seconded by Councillor P Ernst:

"that the apologies from Councillor S Blom and Councillor R Gartrell and Councillor L Walker be received and that for the purposes of Section 162(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor S Blom and Councillor R Gartrell and Councillor L Walker be granted leave of absence from this meeting."

CARRIED

Officers Reports

Community and Environment

1 Amendment to Cat Registration Laws

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Authorised by Director Community and Environmental Services
Department Environmental Health
Date 1 October 2013

Executive Summary

The Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 introduced the registration of cats in December 2010. Townsville City Council's strategy for administering this requirement has been to register cats without charge.

The Agriculture and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 received Royal Assent on Monday 23 September 2013. This will effectively repeal the requirement to register cats across the state. The Bill proposes the insertion of a clause to enable a local government to pass a resolution that it is a declared local government for the purposes of continuing cat registration. It is intended that despite the repeal of cat registration requirements under the Act, local governments will have the choice of enacting local laws requiring cat registration pursuant to the local law making power conferred under section 28 of the Local Government Act 2009.

Councils have 28 days in which to resolve that they are a declared local government for the purposes of continuing cat registration. The requisite resolution must be made a resolution made on or prior to 21 October 2013.

With the ownership of an animal comes a responsibility to the animal, the community and the environment. This is entirely relevant in respect of domestic cats. The current regulatory framework formalises ownership, provides the ability to identify cats as an aid to their return in the event of loss, minimises unwanted animals and invokes legislative responsibility for their actions.

The provision of services (straying, noise, excess number, defecating, attacks) which are so indicative of the current operational profile of the Animal Management program will continue to require significant resources regardless of whether cats are registered or not.

The council maintains the necessary information and resourcing to support the community through the provision of its animal management programme. This key program delivers effective compliance services which serve to underpin broad social values, environmental protection and the rule of law.

Officer's Recommendation

That council resolve to declare Townsville City Council a "Declared Local Government" for the purposes of developing a local law to manage the ongoing registration of cats.

Committee Recommendation

1. That the officer's recommendation be adopted.
2. That a Special Council meeting be arranged to endorse that Townsville City Council be a "Declared Local Government" for the purposes of developing a local law to manage the ongoing registration of cats for confirmation with the State Government by the 21 October 2013.

Council Decision

It was MOVED by Councillor C Doyle, SECONDED by Councillor J Lane:

"that the committee recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Close of Meeting

The Chair, The Mayor, Councillor J Hill declared the meeting closed at 2.34pm.

CONFIRMED this

day of

2013

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER