



SPECIAL COUNCIL

PUBLIC MINUTES

MONDAY 3 MARCH 2014 AT 9.03AM

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	Monday 3 March 2014 at 9.03am
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PRESENT	The Mayor, Councillor J Hill 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 (as indicated)

Opening of Meeting and Announcement of Visitors

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill opened the meeting at 9.03am.

Apologies and Leave of Absence

It was moved by Councillor C Doyle, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor V Veitch:

"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

Councillor L Walker took seat in the Council Chambers during discussion of the following item.

Officers Reports

1 Northern Australia Policy - ADC Forum

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Authorised by Chief Executive Officer
Department Executive Office, Corporate Governance
Date 11 February 2014

Executive Summary

The Federal Government is proposing to develop a Northern Australia Policy and has established a Joint Select Committee to review and make recommendations concerning such a Policy and tasked bureaucrats from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to draft a White Paper on Northern Australia. The White Paper is due to be finalised toward the end of the year and will inform the Northern Australia Policy.

Council is working in partnership with Townsville Enterprise Limited and the Chamber of Commerce to prepare a submission to the Joint Select Committee on Townsville's strengths as the largest City in Northern Australia. A number of key stakeholders including the Port of Townsville and James Cook University (JCU) will have input to our joint submission.

Members of the Joint Select Committee propose to visit Townsville over coming months to meet with local stakeholders and to appreciate firsthand what Townsville has to offer. Similarly representatives of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet have recently visited Townsville and met with the Mayor, Councillor J Hill and Chief Executive Officer and others.

An organisation called the ADC Forum has made representations to the Mayor for council to sponsor a Northern Development Summit in Townsville that will seek to further inform the Federal Government's White Paper. The sponsorship sought from council is \$100,000. ADC Forum is also seeking sponsorship through Townsville Enterprise Limited from local businesses, from JCU and from the Federal Government.

The ADC Forum describes itself as 'a wholly Australian, non-political, not-for-profit leadership organisation which brings together leaders from business, government, the public sector, academia and the broader community to improve their understanding of key issues affecting Australia'. A fact sheet on the ADC Forum is attached to the Report to Council.

The Northern Development Summit is proposed to include as speakers and attendees key national and local stakeholders who are experts in their field across the range of relevant industries and businesses that will be impacted and potentially benefit from a Northern Australia Policy. The Summit promises high national media exposure for Townsville.

The Mayor has been invited to sit on the Planning Committee for the proposed Summit and the JCU Vice-Chancellor Sandra Harding is also involved.

It is proposed to convene the Northern Development Summit in June this year.

ADC Forum has forwarded a draft contract for the council sponsorship of the Northern Development Summit a copy of which is attached to the Report to Council. The draft contract proposes that council:

- assign a staff member to liaise with ADC in the administration, programming and management of the Summit;
- nominate a senior representative to address a Plenary Session at the Summit; and participate in a Summit Working Group which will report its findings to the Summit;
- consult with ADC in the development of the Summit program;

- receive four complimentary registrations to the Summit;
- be acknowledged in the Summit official program, handbook and signage throughout the Summit proceedings;
- be permitted to include its logo on ADC website for the Summit and include up to four items of promotional material in Summit participation packs; and
- become a corporate member of ADC for one year.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council agree to sponsor the ADC Forum to convene the Northern Development Summit in Townsville to the sum of \$100,000 funded over two financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15 and that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign the sponsorship contract (as amended) with ADC and subject to satisfaction regarding the relevance of the list of program speakers and topics.
2. That council note that \$50,000 of the sponsorship can be funded from council's Economic Development budget in 2013/14.
3. That council note that \$50,000 will be included in the Economic Development Budget in 2014/15 for part sponsorship of the Northern Development Summit.
4. That council endorse the Mayor, Councillor J Hill's participation on the ADC Forum planning committee for the Northern Development Summit.
5. That council receive and note the submission lodged jointly by Townsville City Council, Townsville Enterprise Limited and the Townsville Chamber of Commerce to the Joint Select Committee for Northern Australia.

It was MOVED by the Mayor, Councillor J Hill, SECONDED by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor V Veitch:

"that officer's recommendations 1 to 4 be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chief Executive Officer requested that officer's recommendation 5 be held over for discussion at a subsequent meeting as the joint submission is currently under development and the closing date for submissions has been extended to 14 March 2014.

Close of Meeting

The Chair, Mayor, Councillor J Hill declared the meeting closed at 9.15am.

CONFIRMED this

day of

2014

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER