

# **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CIVIC CENTRE 101 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE

On 4 February 2020

Commencing at 9.00am

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Nil.

# G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Nil.

# G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

# MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARATION

# Cr O'Grady

Councillor Desley O'Grady advised that in agenda item number G/3.1.4 – INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES REBATE SCHEME APPLICATION – DA.8.2019, she has a material personal interest as her brother Neil Cameron Mergard owns 2715 Round Hill Road, Round Hill and her other brother John Mergards Family Trust owns 2717 Round Hill Road, Round Hill which is in close proximity to the subject property at 2143 Round Hill Road, Round Hill. Either brother may suffer a loss or gain from the outcome of the decision.

Cr O'Grady elected to leave the room for consideration of agenda item G/3.1.4.

#### Cr Muszkat

Councillor Natalia Muszkat advised that in agenda item number G/3.1.3 – GLADSTONE HEALTHY HARBOUR PARTNERSHIP – COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION, she has a material personal interest as her business Natalia Muszkat Photography has worked for this group in the past and may receive future bookings through this group and she may stand to gain a benefit.

Cr Muszkat elected to leave the room for consideration of agenda item G/3.1.3.

#### Cr Hansen

Councillor Rick Hansen advised that in agenda item number G/3.1.3 – GLADSTONE HEALTHY HARBOUR PARTNERSHIP – COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION, he has a material personal interest as his wife's business, Amarna Pty Ltd is employed by this group and may stand to gain a benefit.

Cr Hansen elected to leave the room for consideration of agenda item G/3.1.3.

## Cr Masters

Councillor Peter Masters advised that in agenda item number G/3.1.9 – SAT SOLE SUPPLIER – COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE (REVISED DESIGN), he has a material personal interest as he currently works for Rayment Excavations who have quoted as a sub-contractor on this upgrade.

Cr Masters elected to leave the room for consideration of agenda item G/3.1.9.

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

# Cr Goodluck

Councillor Kahn Goodluck advised that in agenda item number G/3.1.1 – FUNDING APPLICATION – SIGNATURE EVENT, he has a personal interest as his business Kahn Goodluck Entertainment is tentatively booked to play at the Gladstone Yacht Club on 12 April 2020. Cr Goodluck advised that he had not had any discussions with the Gladstone Yacht Club that suggests this booking is related in any way to the funding decision. He advised that he was not aware of a connection between his booking and the proposed funding arrangement and he does not believe that the Gladstone Yacht Club is a direct recipient of the proposed funding.

Cr Goodluck elected to remain in the room for consideration of agenda item G/3.1.1.

#### G/20/4069 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill Seconded Cr Hansen

Cr Goodluck does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/4.1.1.

#### CARRIED

## Cr Trevor

Councillor Chris Trevor advised that in agenda item number G/8.1 – FUTURE LEASING ARRANGEMENTS FOR GLADSTONE COAL EXPORTERS SPORTS COMPLEX, he may have personal interest as his business, Chris Trevor and Associates, has in the past provided sponsorship to Rugby League and other clubs in the region. Cr Trevor advised this was in the past some years ago and was not aware of any current sponsorships.

Cr Trevor elected to remain in the room for consideration of agenda item G/8.1.

## G/20/4070 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill Seconded Cr Hansen

Cr Trevor does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/8.1.

# G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January I had the pleasure of meeting with our new Youth Council for the first time. Congratulations to the team - it's great to see two returning Youth Councillors combined with an exciting mix of new members to the team.

Australia Day festivities were held right across the Gladstone Region last month with Council's major Australia Day event being held at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens. As per Ministerial direction, our Community Development and Events Team hosted both the Citizenship Ceremony and Australia Day Awards on Australia Day this year. The team did a great job, hosting our Citizenship Ceremony at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre and our Awards Ceremony at the Gardens. Our Australia Day festivities were also a fundraiser for the Drought Appeal. We have one more fundraising event to come for the Appeal, with Gladstone Engineering Alliance (GEA) coming on board to host a Family Movie Night. In conjunction with the Salvation Army, we will be able to start distributing fund very soon, whilst still working to gain access to the Drought Communities Program.

Over the past few weeks, and in the next couple of weeks, we will be hosting Community Engagement Sessions in Baffle Creek and Agnes Water regarding the Agnes to Baffle Link Road Project. It's been very interesting to hear the community's feedback on their preference for which route / option is considered their most favourable, with some residents suggesting the funds would be better spent on other projects in the region instead of a connection road. I look forward to hearing the results of the completed surveys and the feedback from residents and also our Councillors that have attended these sessions.

On 30 January I presented to the Inland Rail Senate Inquiry and put forward Gladstone's case on why the Inland Rail should come to the Port of Gladstone. My written application is available for everyone to see. From our point of view it makes sense that the rail comes to Gladstone; the community want the project, which will result in the opening up of projects such as agriculture and mining on the way through from Toowoomba to Gladstone, particularly in Wandoan. Residents in the areas of Brisbane have protested against the project, outlining congestion issues, passenger train/rail issues and curfew issues that would result in trying to get this project through to the Port of Brisbane. The Senators were very keen to hear why the Inland Rail should come to the Port of Gladstone.

On 31 January, the Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (CQROC) meeting was held in Yeppoon. It is exciting to see the Councils of Central Queensland working together with the *Reef to Red Ridge* document, which is a combined document by the Councils of CQROC. This important piece of collateral is being turned into a video, thanks to the assistance of the Gladstone Ports Corporation, which can then be used to promote the Gladstone region and all of Central Queensland to higher levels of Government and other investors.

Our Community Investment Program Roadshow is happening now, with roadshows happening right across our region. I encourage residents to participate and learn more about Council's Community Investment Program.

I will be attending the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Policy Executive Meeting on 7 February, followed by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Board Meeting on 12 & 13 February.

The opening of the South End Progress Association's Community Hall is taking place on Sunday 8 February. This project has been funded mostly by the Gladstone Foundation and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Cynthia Smythe, Kerry Freney, Secretary, Judy Sheppard, President and Coralee Taylor, Treasurer from South End Progress Association who have worked tirelessly to secure this facility for the South End Community. I cannot think of a better project to be funded by the Gladstone Foundation with the construction of a Community Hall

on Curtis Island, given that the Foundation sources their funding from the three Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plants.

On 27 February we will host our Biofuels Forum which follows on from the Hydrogen Forum here in Gladstone. I would like to encourage Councillors and the community to attend.

# G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

# G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 21 JANUARY 2020

File Ref: CM7.2

# Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 January 2020.

# **Officer's Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 21 January 2020 be confirmed.

#### G/20/4071 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Goodluck

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# G/3. OFFICERS' REPORTS

# G/3.1. OFFICER'S REPORTS

# G/3.1.1. FUNDING APPLICATION - SIGNATURE EVENT

File Ref: CM3.1 **Purpose:** 

Consider the recommendation of the Community Investment Panel on an application received under the Community Celebration Fund. The application being for Signature Event - Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race Live Stream in April 2020.

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

That Council:

- Adopt the Community Investment Panel recommendation of funding \$66,000 per year for two consecutive years for the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club – Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race Live Streaming; and
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute a sponsorship agreement with the successful applicant.

#### G/20/4072 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# G/3.1.2. GLADSTONE PORT WELFARE COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

File Ref: CM7.1 **Purpose:** 

To provide Elected Members with information regarding representation on the Gladstone Port Welfare Committee.

## **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council determine its position for nomination of a representative to the Gladstone Port Welfare Committee.

#### G/20/4073 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Sobhanian

That Council endorse the appointment of a Councillor to the Gladstone Port Welfare Committee, noting that Cr Goodluck is the current representative.

# G/3.1.3. GLADSTONE HEALTHY HARBOUR PARTNERSHIP - COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

File Ref: CM7.1

## Councillor Hansen and Councillor Muszkat (declared Material Personal Interest) left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/3.1.3. (refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 4)

## Purpose:

To provide Elected Members with information regarding representations on the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership (GHHP).

## **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council determines its position in relation to the nomination of a representative at the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership.

## G/20/4074 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr Churchill

That Council endorse the appointment of a Councillor as a member of the Gladstone Healthy Harbour, noting the Cr O'Grady is the current representative.

# G/3.1.4. INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES REBATE SCHEME APPLICATION - DA.8.2019

# File Ref: DA.8.2019 & FM7.2

#### Councillor O'Grady (declared Material Personal Interest) left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/3.1.4. (refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 4)

## Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request to apply the Infrastructure Charges Rebate Scheme (P-2019-28) to a Nature-Based Tourism approval located at 2143 Round Hill Road, Round Hill QLD 4677 (Ref: DA/8/2019).

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

That the request for an Infrastructure Charge reduction under the Infrastructure Charges Rebate Scheme for Development Application 8/2019 for a Material Change of Use of Premises for a Nature-Based Tourism (15 sites over 3 Stages) located at 2143 Round Hill Road, Round Hill QLD 4677, be refused as the application does not meet the required criteria.

#### G/20/4075 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat Seconded Cr Churchill

That a reduction in infrastructure charges levied for Development Application 8/2019 for a Material Change of Use of Premises for a Nature-Based Tourism (15 sites over 3 Stages) located at 2143 Round Hill Road, Round Hill QLD 4677, be applied to the value of \$22,250 based on the potential economic benefits and this type of development is unlikely to be situated in the Priority Infrastructure Area.

# G/3.1.5. INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES REBATE SCHEME APPLICATION - DA.29.2019

File Ref: DA.29.2019 & FM7.2 **Purpose:** 

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request to apply the Infrastructure Charges Rebate Scheme (P-2019-28) to a Nature–Based Tourism approval located at 1086 Coast Road, Baffle Creek (Ref: DA/29/2019).

## **Officer's Recommendation:**

The request for an Infrastructure Charge reduction under the Infrastructure Charges Rebate Scheme for Development Application 29/2019 for a Material Change of Use of Premises for a Nature-Based Tourism located at 1086 Coast Road, Baffle Creek, be refused as the application does not meet the required criteria.

#### G/20/4076 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr Churchill

That Council refuse the application for rebate as the applicant has outstanding compliance issues on their Development Application.

# G/3.1.6. 76-20 AGNES WATER DESALINATION PLANT GROUNDWATER ULTRAFILTRATION SYSTEM

# File Ref: PE1.1

## Purpose:

This report seeks Council's approval to vary the existing contract with Trility Pty Ltd to include the design, construction, maintenance and operation of an Ultrafiltration System at Agnes Water Desalination Plant (AWDP).

## **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council endorse the variation, and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute a deed of variation, with Trility Pty Ltd to reflect the addition of the design, construction, maintenance and operation of an Ultrafiltration System at Agnes Water Desalination Plant (AWDP).

#### G/20/4077 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr Masters

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Mayor Matt Burnett requested his vote be recorded in the negative.

The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10:46am and reconvened at 11:20am.

# G/3.1.7. CONTESTABLE ENERGY SMALL SITES

File Ref: PE1.1 **Purpose:** 

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider providing the Chief Executive Officer with the authorisation to enter into a contestable energy supply agreement prior to endorsement by Council.

# **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to accept the best value price for contestable electricity supply, within 1 week of a price being submitted.

## G/20/4078 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# G/3.1.8. COFFEY - SOLE SUPPLIER

#### File Ref: PE1.1**Purpose:**

This report seeks a resolution from Council to make use of the provisions in s235 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that allows for the exceptions to the requirement for written quotes or tenders. The use of this provision is sought in relation to the engagement of Coffey Services Australia Pty Ltd to provide geotechnical site engineering services for the Auckland Hill remediation works.

## **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

- 1. Resolves, in accordance with Section 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that it is satisfied that due to the specialised nature of the services sought, Coffey Services Australia Pty Ltd should be engaged to perform the geotechnical site engineering services for the Auckland Hill remediation works; and
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Coffey Services Australia Pty Ltd for the provision of geotechnical site engineering services for the Auckland Hill remediation works.

#### G/20/4079 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# G/3.1.9. SAT SOLE SUPPLIER - COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE (REVISED DESIGN)

## File Ref: PE1.1

#### Councillor Masters (declared Material Personal Interest) left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/3.1.9. (refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 4)

## Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council to make use of the provisions in s235 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that allows for exceptions to the requirement for written quotes or tenders. The use of this provision is sought in relation to the Communications Network Upgrade (233-19) and award of the contract to SAT Pty Ltd.

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

That Council:

- 1) Resolves, in accordance with section 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012,* that because of the specialised nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for Council to invite quotes or tenders; and
- Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into discussions and a subsequent contract (within the approved budget for this project) with SAT Pty Ltd for the Communications Network Upgrade.

#### G/20/4080 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

# G/4. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

# G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

# **G/5.1. COUNCILLORS REPORT**

# G/5.1. CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION: POTENTIAL OF HYDROGEN ENERGY-A GREAT AUSTRALIAN STORY

# File Ref: CM7.2Purpose:

Cr Sobhanian submits the following report.

## **Councillor's Recommendation:**

That the report be received.

# G/20/4081 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Sobhanian Seconded Cr Muszkat

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# **G/6. URGENT BUSINESS**

The following urgent business was received:-

Cr Trevor congratulated Cr Sobhanian on his advocacy for hydrogen. All roads seem to be leading towards the establishment of the industry in Gladstone and there is a need for the Economic Development Specialist and others to come together and discuss the impacts a new industry is going to have on the community. Cr Trevor raised that it is time for Council to form a Specialised Economic Development taskforce to come together to work through similar impacts, such as what happened before and during the LNG boom, and the impacts that were left on the Gladstone region after the boom. Rate payers will be facing an increase of rates for the rest of their lives, as Council is continually left to pick up the pieces after an industrial boom. Council needs to seek support from the State and Federal Government if a hydrogen industry is going to be implemented.

Cr Trevor discussed that it is time for Council to stand up and say enough is enough and if Council wants a major industry to come to town, it is time to ask higher levels of Government to contribute funds. Cr Trevor explained his dissatisfaction towards previous Government action taking away airport land, promised compensation and a cap on infrastructure and not delivering. Council has eliminated \$50,000.000 in debt after paying an annual \$11.5 million interest bill. Cr Trevor stated that it is critically important that the community stands up to the government, as there will never be a reduction in rates until State and Federal Governments assist when major developments come to town.

#### G/20/4082 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor Seconded Cr Burnett

That the Strategy and Transformation team identify the economic, environment, social, community and other impacts that may impact this community in the event of another major industry being established in our region.

# G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

# G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

## G/20/4083 Procedural Motion:

Moved Cr Trevor Seconded Cr Masters

That in accordance with Section 275 (1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to discuss business relating to the following: -

(e) contracts proposed to be made by it.

CARRIED

## G/20/4084 Procedural Motion:

Moved Cr Sobhanian Seconded Cr O'Grady

That Council re-open the meeting to the public.

# G/8.1. FUTURE LEASING ARRANGEMENTS FOR GLADSTONE COAL EXPORTERS SPORTS COMPLEX

File Ref: CP8.2

# Cr Goodluck left the room at 12:30pm and returned at 12:34pm.

#### G/20/4085 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Masters

That Council enter into a Licence with Rugby League Gladstone Limited over Lot 2 on SP218092 (Gladstone Coal Exporters Sports Complex) for a term of 10 years on conditions that enable:

- 1. Rugby League Gladstone Limited to manage and maintain the facility (excluding the grandstand infrastructure);
- 2. Council to hold events at Marley Brown Oval;
- 3. The facility to be maintained to a standard to accommodate major sporting events at no additional cost to Rugby League Gladstone Limited; and
- 4. Council to proceed with development associated with the Gladstone Coal Exporters Sports Complex Master Plan as required.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:04pm and reconvened at 1:20pm.

# G/8.2. PSA 31-20 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES

File Ref: PE1.1

## G/20/4086 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr O'Grady Seconded Cr Goodluck

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation and accept the following tenders for the provision of traffic management services:
  - a. Workforce Road Services Pty Ltd as the primary supplier under the Preferred Supplier Agreement; and
  - b. The trustee for NISR Investment Unit Trust T/A SHIELD TRAFFIC and Evolution Traffic Control Pty Ltd as the secondary suppliers under a Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers.
- Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a two (2) year contract with the option to extend for a further two (2) 12-month periods, with Workforce Road Services Pty Ltd, The trustee for NISR Investment Unit Trust T/A SHIELD TRAFFIC and Evolution Traffic Control Pty Ltd.

# G/8.3. 25-20 PHILIP STREET PRECINCT STAGE 1B

File Ref: PE1.1

#### G/20/4087 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr Hansen

That Council defer agenda item G/8.3. 25-20 PHILIP STREET PRECINCT STAGE 1B for consideration, until Council General Meeting being held 18 February 2020.

# G/8.4. 66-20 RECTIFICATION WORKS TO WATER RESERVOIRS

File Ref: PE1.1

#### G/20/4088 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Masters Seconded Cr Muszkat

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation and accept the tender from Walz Group Pty Ltd for tender 66-20 Rectification Works to Water Reservoirs (Radar Hill, Ferris Hill & Mt Larcom); and
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Walz Group Pty Ltd for tender 66-20 Rectification Works to Water Reservoirs (Radar Hill, Ferris Hill & Mt Larcom).

# G/8.5. 96-20 EMERGENCY POND RELINING

File Ref: PE1.1

## G/20/4089 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr O'Grady

That Council:

- 1. Accept the tender from McCosker Contracting Pty Ltd for tender 96-20 Boyne Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency Pond Relining as McCosker's scored higher in the technical components in the evaluation matrix; and
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with McCosker Contracting Pty Ltd for tender 96-20 Boyne Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency Pond Relining.

# G/8.6. 97-20 AUCKLAND HILL SLOPE REMEDIATION

File Ref: PE1.1

#### G/20/4090 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill Seconded Cr Trevor

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation and accept the tender from Ground Stablisation Systems Pty Ltd for the 97-20 Slope Remediation Works to Auckland Hill, Gladstone; and
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Ground Stabilisation Systems Pty Ltd for the 97-20 Slope Remediation Works to Auckland Hill, Gladstone.

There being no further business the Mayor formally closed the meeting.

## THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2:19 pm.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby confirm that I have read the minutes and they are a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting. I certify that these 28 pages form the official copy of Gladstone Regional Council General Meeting Minutes of the 04 February 2020.

Mayor Matt Burnett

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# ATTACHMENTS