



Redland
CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, 12 April 2011

Council Chambers
1st floor Administration Building
Bloomfield Street Cleveland. Qld 4163

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11.34am.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PRESENT

Members:

Cr M Hobson PSM	Mayor
Cr W Boglary	Councillor Division 1
Cr D Henry	Councillor Division 3
Cr J Burns	Councillor Division 4 – entered at 11.38am
Cr B Townsend	Councillor Division 5 – entered at 11.35am
Cr T Bowler	Councillor Division 6
Cr M Elliott	Councillor Division 7
Cr K Reimers	Councillor Division 8
Cr K Williams	Councillor Division 9
Cr H Murray	Councillor Division 10

Executive Leadership Group:

Mr G Stevenson PSM	Chief Executive Officer
Mr G Underwood	General Manager Planning & Policy
Mrs L Rusan	General Manager Customer Services
Mr M Drydale	General Manager Corporate Services
Mr N Clarke	General Manager Governance
Mrs T Averay	General Manager Development & Community Standards

Minutes:

Mrs J Parfitt	Corporate Meetings & Registers Team Leader
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APOLOGY

Cr C Ogilvie	Councillor Division 2
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3 MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

COUNCILLOR ABSENCES DURING MEETING

Cr Burns entered and left the meeting at 11.38am and re-entered at 11.40am.

Cr Boglary left the meeting at 11.34am and returned at 11.36am during item 4.1.1.

Cr Bowler left the meeting at 12.40pm and returned at 12.41pm during confidential discussion.

Cr Burns left the meeting at 12.49pm and returned at 12.47pm during confidential discussion.

Cr Williams left the meeting at 12.58pm and returned at 12.59pm during confidential discussion.

Cr Elliott left the meeting at 1.17pm and returned at 1.22pm during confidential discussion.

Cr Boglary left the meeting at 1.28pm and returned at 1.31pm during confidential discussion.

Cr Townsend left the meeting at 1.28pm and returned at 1.31pm during confidential discussion.

Cr Townsend left the meeting at 2.22pm and returned at 2.23pm during confidential discussion.

4 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.1 CUSTOMER SERVICES

4.1.1 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT POINT LOOKOUT GORGE BOARDWALK OVER 2 YEARS

Dataworks Filename: Project: PDG-40088

Attachments: [Attachment 1 - Locality Plan – Gorge Boardwalk](#)
[Attachment 2 - Point Lookout Resolution Memo and Attachment 1 of Planning & Policy Committee Meeting 7.7.2010 Item 2.1](#)

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Group Manager, Project Delivery Group

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Service Manager Project Management

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Point Lookout Gorge Boardwalk is to be constructed over several years and has been designed in four stages (1A, 1B, 2 and 3) – Attachment 1. These stages are linked to a risk assessment that was completed for the site. At the beginning of the 2010/11 financial year \$834,706 was available in the budget for part of the Point Lookout Gorge Boardwalk. In December 2010 funding to the amount of \$352,000 was made available to Council under the Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program Round 3 (RLCIP3) program.

By Council resolution (Attachment 2) the \$352,000 was to be added to the project to give an overall total of \$1,186,706. Upon this advice Project Delivery Group went to the market place to construct Stages 1A and 1B of the four stages designed. Through an inadvertent accounting error the \$352,000 was used to reduce the Council contribution resulting in a budget of \$834,706. Costs incurred to date now see the available budget at \$726,512.

Evaluation of the received tenders revealed a shortfall in available budget of \$260,299.28 due to the error outlined above.

The project is able to commence this financial year (2010/11) utilising the already available budget of \$726,512.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek resolution from Council to allocate \$260,299.28 in the 11/12 Capital Budget to allow completion of the initial proposal of the construction of Stages 1A and 1B of the Point Lookout Gorge Boardwalk Project.

BACKGROUND

At the beginning of the 2010/11 financial year \$834,706 was available in the budget for part of the Point Lookout Gorge Boardwalk which consists of four stages (1A, 1B, 2 and 3). RLCIP3 funding (\$352,000) was to have been added to the available budget as per Planning and Policy report to Council General Meeting 30 June 2010.

Tenders were sought on the advice from Planning and Policy with the knowledge that the increased amount was available for construction - \$834,706 original budget plus the \$352,000 funding, totalling \$1,186,706. The tender documentation process commenced once the funding agreement (RLCIP3) was signed by both Council and the funding body (9 December 2010).

Through an inadvertent accounting error Council's contribution was reduced, instead of increased, by the funding amount, resulting in no increase to available budget.

Extract from Planning & Policy Minutes of 7 July 2010

"Project Delivery Group is in the final stages of finalising the design for the entire path and funds have been identified for \$800,000 for financial year to start work sections of the path. The funding application could seek to add a further \$363,000 from the RLCIP allocated fund (or part thereof) to bring forward stages of the project for a total of 10/11 spend of up to \$1.163m."

The funding agreement (RLCIP3) stipulation is that the project must commence by 9 June 2011 (6 months after signing) and completed by 31 December 2011.

The project is designed in Stages (1A, 1B, 2 and 3). The tender was sent incorporating Stages 1A and 1B only.

ISSUES

The funding agreement (RLCIP3) stipulation is that the project must commence by 9 June 2011 (6 months after signing) and completed by 31 December 2011.

RELATIONSHIP TO CORPORATE PLAN

The recommendation primarily supports Council's Outcome 5 - Wise Planning & Design:

We will carefully manage population pressures and use land sustainably while advocating and taking steps to determine limits of growth and carrying capacity on a local and national basis, recognising environmental sensitivities and the distinctive character, heritage and atmosphere of local communities. A well-planned network of urban rural and bushland areas and responsive infrastructure and transport systems will support strong, healthy communities.

Strategy 5.8 Plan and advocate to connect the city's communities with improved public transport including a road, ferry, cycling and walking network that provides safe and efficient movement within the city and the region and supports physical activity; and promote efficient and environmentally responsible private transport.

Strategy 5.10 Maintain the quality and liveability of residential areas and protect natural resources.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council would need to commit \$260,299.28 (exclusive of GST) in the 2011/12 budget.

PLANNING SCHEME IMPLICATIONS

It is considered that the outcome of recommendations in this report will not require any amendments to the Redlands Planning Scheme.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred with the Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Customer Services, General Manager Corporate Services and the Manager Environmental Management

OPTIONS

PREFERRED

That Council resolve to allocate \$260,299.28 in the 2011/12 Capital Budget to allow completion of the initial proposal of the construction of Stages 1A and 1B of the Point Lookout Gorge Boardwalk Project.

ALTERNATIVE

Reduce the scope of the works to Stage 1A only which is able to be completed with the 2010/11 remaining budget of \$726,512 (Exclusive of GST).

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to allocate \$260,299.28 in the 2011/12 Capital Budget to allow completion of the initial proposal of the construction of Stages 1A and 1B of the Point Lookout Gorge Boardwalk Project.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by: Cr Reimers
Seconded by: Cr Henry

1. That Council resolve to allocate \$260,299.28 in the 2011/12 Capital Budget to allow completion of the initial proposal of the construction of Stages 1A and 1B of the Point Lookout Gorge Boardwalk Project; and
2. That Council write to the Minister of DERM seeking a contribution to the construction of the Point Lookout Gorge Boardwalk.

CARRIED

A division was called for.

Crs Reimers, Murray, Elliott, Bowler, Townsend, Henry, Boglary and Hobson voted in the affirmative.

Crs Burns and Williams voted in the negative.

Cr Ogilvie was absent from the meeting.

The motion was declared by the Mayor as **CARRIED**.

5 CLOSED SESSION

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING AT 12.03PM

Moved by: Cr Murray
Seconded by: Cr Boglary

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 72(1) of the *Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010* to discuss the following item:

5.1.1 State Government Changes to Distributor-Retail Water Arrangements

CARRIED

A division was called for.

Crs Burns, Reimers, Murray, Elliott, Bowler, Townsend, Henry, Boglary and Hobson voted in the affirmative.

Cr Williams voted in the negative.

Cr Ogilvie was absent from the meeting.

The motion was declared by the Mayor as CARRIED.

MOTION TO REOPEN MEETING AT 2.39PM

Moved by: Cr Elliott
Seconded by: Cr Williams

That the meeting be again opened to the public.

CARRIED

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING AT 2.40PM

Moved by: Cr Reimers
Seconded by: Cr Bowler

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 72(1) of the *Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010* to further discuss this item.

CARRIED

MOTION TO REOPEN MEETING AT 2.44PM

Moved by: Cr Bowler
Seconded by: Cr Elliott

That the meeting be again opened to the public.

CARRIED

5.1 OFFICE OF CEO

5.1.1 STATE GOVERNMENT CHANGES TO DISTRIBUTOR-RETAIL WATER ARRANGEMENTS

Datworks Filename: GOV WRAD – Allconnex Water Pricing
Responsible Officer Name: Gary Stevenson
Chief Executive Officer
Author Name: Gary Stevenson
Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A confidential report from the Chief Executive Officer dated 11 April 2011 was discussed in closed session.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by: Cr Bowler
Seconded by: Cr Murray

That Council resolve as follows;

1. To endorse proposed changes, as amended, to the Financial Strategy to mitigate the likely significant detrimental impact of the State Government's imposed water price capping and implications brought back to Council;
2. To endorse the CEO's intention to immediately implement the identified operational mitigation measures and others;
3. To reiterate Council's previous calls for State Government to revise the bulk water price path;
4. To reiterate Council's previous calls for State Government to reconsider implementation of the recommendations of the 2009 Webbe/Weller report on institutional reform;
5. To reiterate Council's previous calls for State Government to restore the water/wastewater capital subsidy scheme;
6. To express in the strongest terms Council's dissatisfaction with the manner in which the State Government has handled this entire water reform debacle and to decry the abject waste of public funds associated with abandoning at two stages, the significant investment into water authorities;
7. To express in the strongest terms, Council's dissatisfaction at the State Government's failure to respectfully engage local government on the water reform program;
8. To express in the strongest terms, Council's dissatisfaction regarding the State Government's apparent disregard for the cumulative impact of the water reform debacle on Council and water authority employees;

- 9. To categorically repudiate statements made by State Government representatives (including the Premier) that Council has in any way 'profiteered' from water or acted in a manner inconsistent with its obligations under State Government legislation;
- 10. That this report remain confidential until the Chief Executive Officer has completed an amended report as well as communications with employees and other affected parties;
- 11. That the Mayor make immediate contact with the Premier and Leader of the Opposition over these issues; and
- 12. That Council support a proposed joint independent study with Gold Coast and Logan City Councils regarding scenarios of disbanding Allconnex Water.

CARRIED

A division was called for.

Crs Reimers, Murray, Bowler, Townsend, Henry and Boglary voted in the affirmative.

Crs Burns, Elliott, Williams and Hobson voted in the negative.

Cr Ogilvie was absent from the meeting.

The motion was declared by the Mayor as **CARRIED**.

6 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.48pm

Signature of Chairperson: _____

Confirmation date: _____