



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

TUESDAY 19 JANUARY-WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2016

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on Tuesday 19 January 9:16am-3:38pm,
Wednesday 20 January 9:14am-12:09pm via Teleconference.

TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2016

Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor
Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island
Cr Joel Gaidan, Division 2 – Dauan Island
Cr Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island
Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island
Cr Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St Paul's Community at Moa Island
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Hammond Island
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island
Cr Willie Lui, Division 10 – Warraber Island
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar Island
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub Island
Cr William Akee, Division 15 – Mer Island
Ms Dania Ahwang, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)
Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS)
Ms Katherine Wiggins, A/Executive Manager Corporate Services (A/EMCS)
Ms Daisy Ketchell, Executive Officer (EO)
Ms Helen Tarrant, Executive Assistant (EA)
Mr Geoff Prior, Construction Manager (CM)
Ms Jessica Cox, Travel and Administration Officer (TAO) (Minutes) (To 2:40pm)

Apologies

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island
Cr Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island
Cr Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island
Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island
Mr Chris McLaughlin, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS)

1. **9.16am-9.25am** **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Mayor's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was opened in prayer by Deputy Mayor, Cr Fell. One minute's silence was observed to pay respects to families who have lost their loved ones recently.

Mayor stepped out to welcome IBIS CEO and Board members to the Hammond Island community. Deputy Mayor, Cr Fell took the chair.

2. **9.25am-9.33am** **Apologies**

Cr Baira – Approved Leave

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr W Lui, Seconded Cr Stephen

That Council accept the apology from Cr Baira for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Mosby – Approved Leave

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr W Lui, Seconded Cr Stephen

That Council accept the apology from Cr Mosby for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Nai – Approved Leave

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr W Lui, Seconded Cr Stephen

That Council accept the apology from Cr Nai for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Toby – Unapproved Leave

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr W Lui, Seconded Cr Akee

That Council accepts the apology from Cr Toby for his absence at this meeting due to work commitments. 'Reasonable Excuse' was not provided as required under the Councillor Remuneration Procedure – leave without pay is granted.

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 9:33am.

Cr Bosun and Cr Kris joined the meeting at 9:33am

3. **9.33am-9.35am** **Confirmation of December 2015 Minutes**

TSIRC 2015-86 for Vehicle, Plant and Equipment Service and Maintenance

Cr Kris requested that the clause proposed for inclusion in this contract, making it mandatory that Indigenous apprentices are employed, is discussed at the February Ordinary meeting. Further, the Mayor requested that Indigenous Employment Opportunities be a standing agenda item.

Action Item

AEMCS to table progress report regarding Indigenous Employment Opportunities at the February 2016 Ordinary meeting and provide a verbal update at each subsequent meeting.

Councillor Remuneration Procedure

Cr G Lui queried whether it would be possible to endorse this revised procedure during Caretaker. CEO and Mayor responded that it would be possible. However, the CEO would check the definition of 'major policy decision' and distribute that chapter from the *Local Government Act* to Councillors this afternoon for information.

Action Item

CEO to check the definition of 'major policy decision' and distribute that chapter from the Local Government Act to Councillors for information.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Fell, *Seconded* Cr J Gela

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held in December 2015 be accepted as true and accurate.

MOTION CARRIED

4. 9.35am-9.44am Action Item Summary From December Meeting

Previous Action Item 8 (Fleet Rationalisation Strategy)

Cr Fell requested an update regarding funding to transport surplus plant off the islands or auction to community members plant no longer required.

Mayor requested an update on Fleet Rationalisation progress at February Ordinary meeting.

Action Item

AEMCS to table progress report regarding Fleet Rationalisation at February 2016 Ordinary meeting.

Cr W Lui queried when the boats will be auctioned.

The Mayor noted that Councillors want to advise their communities of divestment of assets.

Action Item

AEMCS to send brief update to Councillors out of session regarding the timeframe for divestment of assets.

Outstanding Iama Actions

Cr G Lui requested an update on ongoing Iama Action Items. CEO advised that Iama Wharf and Airstrip were covered in the Engineering Services Information reports. Other outstanding items (Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Service (RIBS) facilities lease and Sewerage Response Issues) to be provided directly to Cr G Lui out of session.

Action Item

EMES to provide update to Cr G Lui out of session re: Sewerage Response Issues.

Action Item

CEO to provide update to Cr G Lui out of session re: RIBS facilities lease.

Community Survey Program for Ugar

Cr Stephen requested an update on the community survey program for Ugar which was not endorsed at the December Ordinary meeting. CEO advised that the item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be tabled at the February Ordinary meeting.

Action Item

EMCS to table Ugar Community Survey Program report at February 2016 Ordinary meeting.

5. **9.44am-9.57am** **Saibai Department of Health Development Application**

A/EMCS presented the report to Council. Cr Enosa expressed his support for the Development Application, having spoken with Traditional Owners in the previous week.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Enosa, *Seconded* Cr Fell

That Council issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' with the inclusion of the following conditions:

1. The development must be carried out generally in accordance with the following plan:
 - a. Survey Plan Number SP258902, titled 'Plan of Lease F in Lot 3 on TS157' dated 18/03/13 subject to any alterations:
 - b. Found necessary by Chief Executive Officer at the time of examination of drawings or during construction of the works because of particular engineering or cultural requirements and to ensure the works comply in all respects with the requirements of FNQROC Development Manual and good engineering practice; and
 - c. To comply with project specific conditions
2. All works must be carried out in accordance with the approved plans, conditions and specifications, to the requirements and satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.
3. This approval is valid for four (4) years. A plan of survey must be lodged with Council for endorsement within this time, otherwise the approval will lapse.
4. The applicant is responsible for the cost of providing any necessary services to the proposed lease area.
5. Lease F SP258902 and Lease D SP219921 are to be held and used as a single lot (refer to proposed Lot 31 SP267944).

MOTION CARRIED

Action Item

AEMCS to ensure that Trustee Resolution was consistent with this Resolution and confirm to Council.

6. **10:00am10:42am** **Regional Community Grants Round 3**

EMFS presented the report to Council.

The Mayor took Council through each application.

Sean Byrne: The Mayor queried whether the application form was clear in terms of advising applicants of what is deemed ineligible. EMFS responded that the eligibility procedure was attached to the application form and was clearly stated. The Mayor queried whether Council could support travel expenses. Cr Kris queried the provision of funds to applicants outside of the local government area. The Mayor noted previously rejected applications had been for events held outside the region whereas this application targeted benefits to the region. CEO confirmed change in eligibility as endorsed by Council to allow applicants outside of the region to apply for activities that benefit the region.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to provide Regional Grants support up to the maximum amount of \$500 to Sean Byrne, available in accordance with the Community Grants policy.

MOTION LOST

Motion lost due to ineligible general daily operating costs applied for under the application.

Volunteer Marine Rescue St Paul's

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr W Lui, Seconded Cr Stephen

That Council resolve to provide Regional Grants support up to the maximum amount of \$2,500 to Volunteer Marine Rescue St Paul's, available in accordance with the Community Grants policy.

Cr Kris declared a potential Conflict Of Interest and abstained from voting.

MOTION CARRIED

Volunteer Marine Rescue Masig: Cr Kris expressed the need for a Defibrillator at Masig and noted it was an important piece of equipment for the VMR team. Cr Fell queried whether it was part of the equipment already on board their recently purchased boat. Cr Kris noted it was an old police boat turned into VMR vessel and not part of the integral equipment on board.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Enosa, Seconded Cr Fell

That Council resolve to provide Regional Grants support up to the maximum amount of \$2,500 to Volunteer Marine Rescue Masig, available in accordance with the Community Grants policy.

MOTION CARRIED

Church of Torres Strait: Cr Fell queried where their offices were based. CEO noted the office was located on Badu. Cr G Lui noted the establishment of the administration arm of the church would further support communities. The intention of the organisation was to divest responsibilities from Thursday Island to outer islands.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Kris, Seconded Cr W Lui

That Council resolve to provide Regional Grants support up to the maximum amount of \$2,500 to the Church of Torres Strait, available in accordance with the Community Grants policy.

Cr G Lui declared a potential Conflict Of Interest and abstained from voting.

Cr Enosa declared a potential Conflict Of Interest and abstained from voting.

MOTION CARRIED

Lizzie Lui

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Fell, Seconded Cr J Gela

That Council resolve to provide Regional Grants support up to the maximum amount of \$500 per individual to Lizzie Lui, available in accordance with the Community Grants policy.

Cr G Lui declared a potential Conflict Of Interest, abstained from voting and left the room.

Cr W Lui declared a potential Conflict Of Interest and abstained from voting.

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor noted, whilst the maximum amount had been provided to Lizzie Lui as an individual, there was a significant shortfall in her project budget. The Mayor advised Councillors that should a request for funding for a worthy project be received from a family member or close associate and therefore a perceived Conflict Of Interest, the applicant can be referred to the Mayor and CEO for a decision. Should the request be supported, funding may be provided from the Councillors' Discretionary Fund.

The remaining balance of the Regional Grants Fund following the approved applications was confirmed as \$30,003.26.

10.42am-11.04am Morning Break

7. 11.05am-11.30am Zenadth Kes Planning Scheme

AEMCS presented the report to Council.

Cr G Lui queried whether each Councillor should comment on their community or others too. Mayor advised that Councillors had been through the consultation process and were in general agreement. The Scheme as presented was good and Councillors were generally happy with it as long as there had been no significant changes.

Cr Sabatino joined the meeting by teleconference at 11.22am.

Cr Sabatino advised his absence was due to meeting with IBIS regarding future supermarket needs for Hammond Community. Cr Sabatino declared a potential conflict of interest as a local store operator at Hammond. CEO noted it may be necessary to note apologies for Cr Sabatino as he had missed more than 75% of the resolutions. Cr W Lui proposed that the same rules should be applied as for previous absences. After discussion it was agreed to move the following:

Cr Sabatino – Approved Leave

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Kris, *Seconded* Cr Akee

That Council resolve to endorse approved leave under the reasonable excuse provision – Council approved business.

MOTION CARRIED

Four formal submissions had been received from Council, TSRA, CSIRO and Kevin Parnell with feedback covering multiple communities. No formal submissions had been received from community members. However, community members' views were captured in on-ground consultations.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Enosa, *Seconded* Cr J Gela

That Council:

- Proceed with the draft Zenadth Kes Planning Scheme dated 18 December 2015; and
- Provide the Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning with a copy of the draft Planning Scheme dated 18 December 2015, seeking approval to adopt the draft Planning Scheme.

MOTION CARRIED

8. 11.30am-3:08pm Closed Business

All Councillors and staff confirmed via videoconference their confidentiality. EO left the room.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bosun, *Seconded* Cr Enosa

That in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to move into closed session to discuss:

- (a) The appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees; or
- (c) The local government's budget; or
- (e) Contracts proposed to be made by it.

MOTION CARRIED

Finance – Debtor Write-Off

Engineering – TSIRC2015-87 Tender Report MIP5 TSIRC Regional Water Upgrades – LATE REPORT

Engineering – TSIRC2015-88 Tender Report MIP5 TSIRC Regional Sewerage Upgrades – LATE REPORT

12:30pm-1:35pm Lunch Break

Engineering – TSIRC2015-89 Tender Report MIP5 TSIRC Regional SCADA Upgrade – LATE REPORT

Corporate Services – Badu and Hammond Subdivision Works – LATE REPORT

EO rejoined the meeting.

9. 3:08pm-3.38pm Out of Closed Business

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr J Gela, Seconded Cr Fell

That Council resolve to move out of closed business.

9.1. Debtor Write-Off

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Fell, Seconded Cr J Gela

That Council endorse write-off of \$62,908.78 of commercial debtors due to Deed of Release.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2. TSIRC2015-87 Tender Report MIP5 TSIRC Regional Water Upgrades (LATE REPORT)

EMES presented the report to Council.

Closed Business Action Item

EMES to advise on the proportion of MIP funding spread between the three Councils.

Cr G Lui challenged the low priority given to lama Schedule F as referenced in report. EMES advised that the priority ranking had been based only on the engineering and asset condition information and data available.

CM joined the meeting at 11:47am.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Fell, Seconded Cr J Gela

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council resolve to:

- Award contract TSIRC2015-87 for MIP5 TSIRC Regional Water Upgrades to Koppens Development Pty Ltd for a contract price of \$3,151,730.00 (excl. GST) which includes an “if ordered” Provisional Sum amount of \$740,100.00 (excl. GST).
- Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with entering into the contract under this arrangement.

MOTION CARRIED

with Cr Sabatino and Cr Kris Voting Against

9.3. TSIRC2015-88 Tender Report MIP5 TSIRC Regional Sewerage Upgrades (LATE REPORT)

EMES presented the report to Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Akee, Seconded Cr Fell

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council resolve to:

- Award contract TSIRC2015-88 for MIP5 TSIRC Regional Sewerage Upgrades to JPMI No. 1 Pty Ltd for the contract price of \$3,671,700.00 (excl. GST) which includes “if ordered” Provisional Sum amount of \$1,394,554.00 (excl. GST).
- Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with entering into the contract under this arrangement.

MOTION CARRIED

9.4. TSIRC2015-89 Tender Report MIP5 TSIRC Regional SCADA Upgrade (LATE REPORT)

EMES presented the report to Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr Fell

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council resolve to:

- Award contract TSIRC2015-89 for MIP5 TSIRC Regional SCADA Upgrade to Austek Communications Pty Ltd for the contract price of \$1,408,610.35 (excl GST)
- Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with entering into the contract under this arrangement.

MOTION CARRIED

9.5. Badu and Hammond Subdivision Works (LATE REPORT)

CEO and CM presented the report to Council.

Cr Baira joined the meeting at 1.49pm via teleconference and confirmed confidentiality.

Closed Business Action Item

AEMCS to send list of prequalified suppliers to Cr Kris.

Matter left laying on the table.

Closed Business Action Item

CEO to advise department of housing re: payment issues and building issues at Mabuiag.

Closed Business Action Item

CEO to follow up childcare housing at Saibai Island.

10. 2:40pm-3:08pm Staffing Matter

Staff present were asked to leave the room apart from the CEO and EMES and a closed business discussion followed.

EMES was asked to leave the room at 3:03pm and CEO remained with Council for further closed business discussions.

11. 3:08pm-3:38pm General Business

11.1. OT Resignation

Cr W Lui noted this recent resignation had caused no progress on disability refit of a targeted social house.

Action Item

CEO to follow up with BSU and provide response.

11.2. Forklift

Cr W Lui noted this vehicle still required repair and had been on the roadside for four months.

Action Item

AEMCS to follow up with Fleet Manager and provide response.

11.3. Warraber Wharf

Lighting is still not working. Needs urgent repair.

Action Item

EMES to follow up with Ergon and BSU and provide response.

11.4. Warraber Wharf Seaswift Insurance

Cr W Lui noted he was still waiting on this work.

Action Item

AEMCS to follow up and provide response.

11.5. Cement slabs for Social Housing

CEO had assumed this item referred to new housing. Cr W Lui advised he was referring to Lot 74, 62 and 90 being existing social housing properties.

Action Item

CEO, in conjunction with Mayor, to raise cement slabs for social housing at their forthcoming meeting with Department of Housing.

11.6. Mobile Desalination Plant

EMES advised three were in place, two constructed yesterday – end destination to be decided.

11.7. Refuse Collection

Cr Bosun noted there had been no refuse collection on Kubin for the second week and asked whether St Paul's was also affected.

Action Item

EMES to follow up and provide response to Cr Bosun

11.8. Apologies for Ordinary Meeting tomorrow

Cr Bosun put forward apologies for the meeting tomorrow
Cr Kris must leave at 10am tomorrow for meeting with Elders.

3:38pm Meeting Closed in Prayer by Cr Gaidan

WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2016

Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor

Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island

Cr Joel Gaidan, Division 2 – Dauan Island

Cr Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island

Cr Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St Paul's Community at Moa Island

Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Hammond Island

Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island

Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar Island

Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub Island

Cr William Akee, Division 15 – Mer Island

Ms Dania Ahwang, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)

Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS)

Ms Katherine Wiggins, A/Executive Manager Corporate Services (A/EMCS)

Ms Daisy Ketchell, Executive Officer (EO)

Mr Geoff Prior, Construction Manager (CM)

Ms Helen Tarrant, Executive Assistant (EA) (Minutes)

Apologies

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island

Cr Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island

Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island

Cr Willie Lui, Division 10 – Warraber Island

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island

Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island

Mr Chris McLaughlin, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)

Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS)

Ms Jessica Cox, Travel and Administration Officer (TAO)

12. **9:14am-9:16am** **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Cr Fell opened the meeting in prayer.

13. **9:21am-9:50am** **Business Arising from Information Reports**

13.1. **TSIPSO**

Cr Fell requested an update from EMCS regarding discussions with Inspector Lacey about local laws and how TSIPSOs can administer these.

Action Item

EMCS to update Cr Fell (Item 2, April 2015).

13.2. **Budget workshop**

Update requested.

Action Item

EMCoS to provide update regarding proposed budget workshop (item 31, September 2015).

13.3. **Trust Account Report**

Update requested. EMFS advised that EOI went out to all of the divisions closing on 23/12/15. Videoconference held with divisional staff. No applications received. One enquiry from Poruma. EMFS noted that perhaps it would be preferable to re-advertise following Christmas period as timing was not good. Cr Fell concurred and asked that it be readvertised and would discuss date with SARG.

Action Item

EMFS to readvertise following advice from SARG.

13.4. **Morgue Proposal**

Barry Williams to be invited to February Ordinary meeting.

Action Item

EA to invite Barry Williams and Andy Marshall to February 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting to discuss Morgue Proposal.

13.5. **Short Term Social Housing Contract**

Update requested.

Action Item

EMCoS to provide update to Cr Fell

13.6. **Mabuiag and other communities**

Rubbish tips – needs attention

Action Item

EMES to provide update on rubbish tips to all Councillors.

13.7. **Mabuiag Motel divestment for PBC**

Action Item

AEMCS to provide update on Mabuiag Motel divestment

13.8. **Mabuiag Leasing arrangements for Airport Kiosk**

Action Item

AEMCS to provide update on Mabuiag Airport Kiosk Leasing

13.9. Crime Figures

EMCS & EA confirmed Mura Kosker are presenting to February Ordinary meeting.

13.10. RIBS

For all the Divisions.

Action Item

CEO to provide update on RIBS for all divisions.

13.11. Septic Effluent Dumping

Still investigating (Item 26, September 2015).

Action Item

EMES to provide update to Cr Sabatino on septic effluent dumping in due course.

13.12. Hammond Wharf

Funding agreement received last week but works required to be completed by 30/6/2016. Looking at options and going back to TSRA to change end date.

Action Item

EMES to keep Cr Sabatino in the loop and invite him to any meetings with TSRA to further discuss the Hammond Wharf project

13.13. Ergon Powercards

Cr Sabatino questioned the financial viability of Council's continued sale of powercards. CEO confirmed that powercard sales were more of a community service obligation and further noted that IBIS are retailing powercards at various stores. CEO further noted that Council is selling stock we currently hold at Warraber Island and once sold will not continue as Warraber IBIS has recently commenced sale of powercards. Council has also withdrawn from sales at Badu and Masig given other resellers are available.

13.14. Memorial Project

Cr G Lui queried whether the project was on track. AEMCS advised that the Project Coordinator was working on it and has spoken with Councillors. All projects are reported as on track apart from 2 communities to have memorials in place by Anzac Day 2016. Councillors of those 2 communities have been kept informed of the project's potential delays in roll out.

Cr Kris joined the meeting at 9.48am.

13.15. Mail system for Ugar

Cr Fell requested a progress update. CEO noted action had not progressed but was on action list. The Mayor requested that this matter be given priority – elevate this matter and discuss with Australia Post.

Action Item

EMCoS to prioritise action on this matter.

15. 9:50am-10:50am Closed Business

All Councillors and staff confirmed via videoconference their confidentiality. EO left the room. CM joined the meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Fell, Seconded Cr Enosa

That in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss:

(e) Contracts proposed to be made by it.

MOTION CARRIED

Action Item

CEO to invite Allen Cunneen, DATSIP to February Ordinary meeting for IEOP discussions.

Cr Kris left the meeting at 10:34am.

16. Badu and Hammond Subdivision Works (LATE REPORT)

17. Out of Closed Business

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Enosa, Seconded Cr Fell

That Council resolve to move out of closed business.

18. 10:50am Badu and Hammond Subdivision Works (LATE REPORT)

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) and Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council resolve to award Tender TSIRC 2015- 17662 & 17663 for Subdivisional works on Badu and Hammond Island to LDI Constructions for the lump Sum Price of \$4,453,440.16 excluding GST and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with entering into the contract under this arrangement.

MOTION LOST

Pursuant to section 273(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council hereby records its reasons for making a decision inconsistent with a recommendation or advice provided to Council by an advisor:

The motion was lost as Council considered value for money can be obtained from already established contractor in the Region.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) and Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council resolve to award Tender TSIRC 2015- 17662 for Subdivisional works on Hammond Island to LDI Constructions for the lump Sum Price of \$2,110,496.00 excluding GST and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with entering into the contract under this arrangement.

MOTION LOST

Pursuant to section 273(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council hereby records its reasons for making a decision inconsistent with a recommendation or advice provided to Council by an advisor:

The motion was lost as Council considered value for money can be obtained from already established contractor in the Region.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) and Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council resolve to award Tender TSIRC 2015- 17662 for Subdivisional works on Hammond Island to Koppen Development for the lump Sum Price of \$2,133,693.94 excluding GST and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with entering into the contract under this arrangement.

MOTION LOST

Pursuant to section 273(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council hereby records its reasons for making a decision inconsistent with a recommendation or advice provided to Council by an advisor:

The motion was lost as Council considered value for money can be obtained from already established contractor in the Region.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Sabatino Seconded Cr Akee:

That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) and Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council resolve to award Tender TSIRC 2015- 17662 for Subdivisional works on Hammond Island to Torres Strait Island Homes for the lump Sum Price of \$2,793,656.80 excluding GST and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with entering into the contract under this arrangement including obtaining best and final offer.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Akee Seconded Cr J Gela:

Subject to confirming financial approval of works by DATSIP that pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* and *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*, Council resolves to award Tender TSIRC 2015- 17663 for Subdivisional works on Badu Island to LDI Constructions for the lump Sum Price of \$2,133,633.00 excluding GST and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with entering into the contract under this arrangement including confirming financial profitability of works and obtaining best and final offer.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Sabatino left meeting at 10:52am

CM left meeting at 10:52am

10:52am-11:14am Morning Break

19. 11:14am-12:00pm General Business

19.1 2016 Local Government Elections

Cr G Lui enquired whether an update would be provided in run up to elections. CEO advised that Department of Local Government Infrastructure and Planning had conducted some community consultations prior to Christmas but were not able to visit all communities. AEMCS further confirmed that upcoming community consultations were being planned for Saibai and Boigu

Action Item

AEMCS to provide update to Councillors on 2016 Local Government Elections Community Consultations.

Mayor asked whether ECQ were contracting Council to run the Elections and CEO advised no request had been received but Returning Officer, Ian Jamieson, will be based in our Cairns offices.

19.2 Ugar Community Public Meeting

Cr Stephen requested Ugar public meeting update on agenda before 29 January 2016.

Action Item

CEO to provide updates for Ugar public meeting before 29 January 2016.

19.3 Saibai Water

Cr Enosa requested information regarding desalination pump and reported water is running low on Saibai and water is discoloured. EMES noted water colour was not always a health issue but more an aesthetic issue. EMES also advised he would seek to have one-two more desalination plants supplied as soon as possible.

Cr G Lui noted previous issues with water colour resulted from heavy metal flow off from Ok Tedi mines.

Action Item

EMES to check water discolouration cause/s and advise.

19.4 Saibai Rainwater Tanks

Cr Enosa requested information on rain water tanks and noted that various Saibai households were in need of a tank.

Action Item

CEO to follow up with BSU and advise on rainwater tank program.

19.5 Saibai Fuel Bowser Break Ins

Cr Enosa reported the fuel compound broken into over Christmas period and highlighted need for improved security and lighting.

Action Item

AEMCS to check for funding and include in Capital Works Matrix.

19.6 Saibai Health Accommodation Request

Cr Enosa requested review of Council staff accommodation. CEO advised that where current tenant has an agreement, tenant would need to be contacted to see if they would be willing to temporarily or permanently vacate the premises.

Action Item

CEO to follow up Saibai staff accommodation tenancy status.

19.7 Saibai Mechanical Services

Cr Enosa enquired whether mechanics visits could be extended and whether air conditioning servicing of vehicles could be included for community members.

Action Item

AEMCS to review mechanical visit schedule as to whether additional private vehicle air conditioning servicing can be included.

19.8 Iama Basketball Courts and Building Program

Cr G Lui requested further information on Iama Building Program including Basketball Courts and local resourcing of Iama program.

Action Item

CEO to follow up with BSU on Iama Building Program and local resourcing including contractors and staff and advise all Councillors.

19.9 Digital TV issues

Cr G Lui requested follow up of Digital TV issues including why RIBS/BRACS installations were not used to rebroadcast Digital TV services. CEO confirmed that Federal funding for Digital TV deemed RIBS/BRACS upgrades ineligible which resulted in dishes and set top boxes being installed in all houses in communities.

Cr G Lui requested investigation of whether Councillor discretionary funds could be used to sell replacement set top boxes through Council office given reported issues with the set top boxes rolled out as part of installation.

Action Item

EMFS to investigate use of discretionary funds for sale of replacement set top boxes through Council offices and advise all Councillors.

19.10 Iama Sewerage

Cr G Lui requested extra pressure at sewerage pump station.

Action Item

EMES to investigate additional sewerage pumps to increase pressure at Iama sewerage station.

Cr Fell requested all Councillors to be kept in loop on responses to Digital TV and Iama Building Program issues.

19.11 Erub Water

Cr J Gela enquired on mobile desalination units and reported low water levels at Erub, further requesting follow up of Mogor and Bumeo wells and pumps by EMES visit to division.

Action Item

EMES to follow up on Mogor and Bumeo wells and pumps upgrades.

19.12 Dauan Ferry and Helicopter Subsidy

Cr Gaidan requested update on Dauan Ferry and CEO advised that ferry operations could not recommence until Dauan pontoon was fixed. Cr Gaidan further requested whether helicopter subsidy could be extended.

Action Item

CEO to check Helicopter Subsidy Procedure and available budget for extension of subsidy program

19.13 Plug in program

Cr Gaidan requested update on plug in program for Dauan and Cr Enosa requested update for Saibai also.

Action Item

CEO to update all Councillors on plug in program.

19.14 lama Funeral Payment

Cr G Lui advised payment for butcher needed to be prioritised so order could be put on Seaswift

Action Item

CEO to follow up lama Funeral Payment for butcher.

19.15 Mer Rainwater Tank Program

Cr Akee advised that rainwater tank program has stalled since plumbers left and requested update.

Action Item

CEO to request BSU to update Cr Akee on Mer Rainwater Tank Program

19.16 Mer Airport Waiting Shed Solar Panel

Cr Akee reported a solar panel had been received at Mer for the Airport Waiting Shed and requested more information.

Action Item

CEO to follow up with BSU on solar panel received at Mer for Airport Waiting Shed.

19.17 Saibai EHW vehicle

Cr Enosa enquired about vehicle access for Saibai EHW and CEO advised the process for accessing pool vehicles where a dedicated vehicle was not available.

Action Item

CEO to follow up with Manager Environment and Health for Saibai EHW vehicle access.

19.18 lama airport toilet

Cr G Lui reported issues with toilet at airport and enquired whether it was Council's responsibility.

Action Item

EO to follow up with Engineering and Legal on lama airport toilet and where Council's responsibility, work with Divisional Manager lama to raise a work request.

19.19 TSRA Meeting re Ugar matters

Cr Stephen requested update on meeting with TSRA on various Ugar matters.

Action Item

EA to follow up with TSRA to arrange a meeting to discuss various Ugar matters including community access.

19.20 Ugar Health Services

Cr Stephen requested meeting with Queensland Health to follow up on service delivery for Ugar.

Action Item

CEO to arrange meeting between Cr Stephen and Andy Marshall in week of February 2016 Council Meeting on TI.

19.21 Erub Airstrip Lighting

Cr J Gela raised concerns with lack of lighting at Erub airstrip and noted that solar powered lights needed repair, particularly for night time medivac.

Action Item

EMES to follow up on non-operational Erub Airstrip Lighting

19.22 Mobile Connectivity Program

Cr J Gela requested an update on the approved mobile connectivity program for Erub.

Action Item

AEMCS to follow up on Erub mobile connectivity program.

19.23 Saibai Joint Facility

Cr Enosa requested an update on the Saibai joint facility and Mayor provided a status during the meeting.

19.24 Mer Councillor IT connectivity

Cr Akee reported that his computer was not connected to the network and requested a follow up.

Action Item

AEMCS to follow up with IT on Cr Akee's network connectivity for his computer.

19.25 Dauan Councillor IT connectivity

Cr Gaidan reported that his computer was not connected to the network and requested a follow up.

Action Item

AEMCS to follow up with IT on Cr Gaidan's network connectivity for his computer.

19.26 Iama Housing Program Consultations

Cr G Lui requested an update on dates for the upcoming native title community consultations.

19 **12:00pm-12:02pm** Leave of Absence

Nil.

20 **12:02pm-12:07pm** Next Meeting

Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 February 2016, Thursday Island TSIRC Offices

12:09pm Council Meeting Closed in prayer by Cr G Lui