



ORDINARY MEETING
24 JULY 2024

MINUTES

Time: 10.30am (*meeting commenced at 9.40am*)

Venue: TSRA Ranger's Facility, Erub (Torres Strait)
Meeting ID: 498 055 779 579
Passcode: 3ncVoB

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 1 – Boigu
Division 3 – Saibai
Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 6 – Arkai (Kubin), Mua Island
Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls Community), Mua Island
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)
Division 9 – Iama
Division 10 – Warraber
Division 11 – Poruma
Division 12 – Masig
Division 13 – Ugar
Division 14 – Erub
Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr Dimas Toby
Cr Chelsea Aniba
Cr Keith Fell
Cr Iona Manas – *via TEAMS*
Cr John Levi
Cr Seriako Dorante
Cr Aggie Hankin – *via TEAMS*
Cr Kabay Tamu
Cr Francis Pearson
Cr Ted Mosby
Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Nixon Mye
Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

Division 2 – Dauan
Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**

Cr Torenzo Elisala
Cr Ranetta Wosomo

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Community Services
Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Engineering Services
Executive Director Financial Services
Manager People & Wellbeing
Executive Support Coordinator
Acting Executive Assistant to the Mayor
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William
Mr Wayne Green
Mr Dawson Sailor
Ms Susanne Andres
Mr David Baldwin
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Mr Anthony King
Ms Sharon Russell
Ms Emma Williams
Mr Darryl Brooks – *via TEAMS*

**A. WELCOME & QUORUM CONFIRMATION | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER
| OBSERVANCES**

At 9.41am, the Mayor welcomed Councillors to the Ordinary Council meeting for the month of July 2024, noting that a quorum of members were present.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted by Council:

Division 2 – Dauan	Cr Torenzo Elisala
Division 5 – Badu	Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Resolution

#C24-28/2024-07/B

CR FELL / CR PEARSON

Council accepts the apologies of Cr Torenzo Elisala and Cr Ranetta Wosomo for the July 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Cr Keith Fell advised that he will be declaring a conflict of interest in relation to Agenda Item 6.1 (Community Grants Program Allocation – June 2024).

D. LIVE STREAM

The Mayor earlier advised Council at the commencement of proceedings that this meeting is being LIVE STREAMED.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (25 June 2024)

#C24-28/2024-07/1

CR FELL / CR MOSBY

Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 June 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**1.1. ACTION ITEMS UPDATE**

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to this item. Items noted as 'completed' during this update will be deleted from future reports. The update was noted by Council.

Action:

Chief Executive Officer to present to the August 2024 Council meeting an advocacy plan to promote Council's 10 priorities.

2. MAYORAL REPORT

The Mayor spoke to his report. The report was noted by Council.

➤ *The Council meeting was suspended from 11.00am to 11.20am for morning tea.*

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**3.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT (JULY 2024)**

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to his report. The report was noted by Council.

3.2. MASIG STATEMENT TASKFORCE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

#C24-28/2024-07/3.2

CR DORANTE / MYE

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the recommended Terms of Reference for the Masig Statement Divisional Taskforce;**
- 2. Request the Chief Executive Officer to develop and implement an Action Plan outlining the support from Council to this group; and**
- 3. Encourage all Councillors to use the Masig Statement as the starting point for engagement and dialogue with local, regional, government and non-government stakeholders.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil

6. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

➤ *Cr Keith Fell declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to 1(c) below (as the applicant is his grandson) and was not present during Council deliberation on this particular application.*

➤ *Cr Bob Kaigey declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to 1(d) below (as he is a participant and member of group) and was not present during Council deliberation on this particular application.*

6.1 Community Grants Program Allocation (June 2024)

#C24-28/2024-07/6.1

That Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:

1. For the month of June 2024, Community Grants applications received for the *eligible amounts* requested for:

- (a) CG2024-099 - URAPUN THAYAK FOOTBALL TEAM for the amount of \$1,000.00, exclusive of GST;

- (b) CG2024-107 – ARAGUN WARRIORS RUGBY LEAGUE for the amount of \$1,000.00, exclusive of GST;

*MOVED: CR FELL
SECONDED: CR TAMU
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

- (c) CG2024-132 – ANAKIN FELL for the amount of \$2,500.00, exclusive of GST;

*MOVED: CR LEVI
SECONDED: CR STEPHEN
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

- (d) CG2024-134 - MER GEDKEM LE TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS RNTBC CORPORATION for the amount of \$9,830.00, exclusive of GST;

*MOVED: CR TOBY
SECONDED: CR FELL
AGAINST: CRS MYE, LEVI & TAMU
CARRIED*

2. Note that no applications were received where insufficient funds exist;
3. Note the grant applications processed Out-of-Cycle, Funeral donations and Funeral Travel Assistance provided in June 2024 in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*.

*MOVED: CR ANIBA
SECONDED: CR FELL
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

6.2 Funding Acquisition Report (June 2024)

#C24-28/2024-07/6.2

CR PEARSON / CR FELL

Council notes the report and its content.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 TSIRC Standing Committee & Advisory Committees

#C24-28/2024-07/6.3

CR FELL / CR KAIGEY

Council:

- (a) Resolves to note the Minutes of the Interim Special Committee to Review Council's Standing Committees meeting held on 10 June 2024 (Attachment 1) and accepts the recommendations contained in those Minutes;
- (b) Resolves, in accordance with section 264 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to abolish the following existing Standing Committees:
 - (i) Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee (established in July 2020), including the Committee's current Terms of Reference
 - (ii) Strategic Advisory Reference Group Committee (established in July 2020), including the Committee's current Terms of Reference
 - (iii) Safe and Healthy Communities Committee (established in July 2020), including the Committee's current Terms of Reference
 - (iv) Economic Growth Committee (established in July 2020), including the Committee's current Terms of Reference
 - (v) Cultural Arts and Heritage Committee (established in July 2020 and renamed as the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee in October 2020), including the Committee's current Terms of Reference
 - (vi) Governance and Leadership Committee (established in July 2020), including the Committee's current Terms of Reference;
- (c) Resolves, in accordance with section 264(1)(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to establish the Strategic Action Reference Group as a Standing Committee and to adopt the Terms of Reference at Attachment 2;
- (d) Resolves, in accordance with section 264(1)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to establish the following Advisory Committees:
 - (i) Housing, Families and Safe and Healthy Communities (HFSHC) Advisory Committee and to adopt the Terms of Reference at Attachment 3 and appoints the following Chairperson and Members to the Committee:
 - Cr Keith Fell (Chairperson)
 - Cr Francis Pearson (Member)
 - Cr John Levi (Member)
 - (ii) Governance and Leadership Advisory Committee and to adopt the Terms of Reference at Attachment 4 and appoints the following Chairperson and Members to the Committee:
 - Cr Dimas Toby (Chairperson)
 - Cr Nixon Mye (Member)
 - Cr Ranetta Wosomo (Member)

- (iii) Economic Growth (EG) Advisory Committee and to adopt the Terms of Reference at Attachment 5 and appoints the following Chairperson and Members to the Committee:
- Cr Rocky Stephen (Chairperson)
 - Cr Torenzo Elisala (Member)
 - Cr Iona Manas (Member)
- (iv) Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee and to adopt the Terms of Reference at Attachment 6 and appoints the following Chairperson and Members to the Committee:
- Cr Chelsea Aniba (Chairperson)
 - Cr Aggie Hankin (Member)
 - Cr Bob Kaigey (Member)
- (v) Environment & Climate Adaptation (ECA) Advisory Committee and to adopt the Terms of Reference at Attachment 7 and appoints the following Chairperson and Members to the Committee:
- Cr Kabay Tamu (Chairperson)
 - Cr Ted Mosby (Member)
 - Cr Seriako Dorante (Member)
- (e) Resolves, in accordance with section 264 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to abolish the Interim Special Committee to Review Council's Standing Committees (established in April 2024), including the Committee's current Terms of Reference;
- (f) Resolves that Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2024 will be determined by each Committee Chairperson in consultation with the lead Executive Officer; and
- (g) Resolves that the next meeting of the Strategic Action Reference Group be held on 14 August 2024 and that the Committee determine its remaining schedule of meetings for 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Policy Review: Standing Orders Policy; Meeting Procedures Policy; Advertising Spending Policy; Acceptable Requests and Communication Protocol Policy

#C24-28/2024-07/6.4

CR MYE / CR PEARSON

The Council resolves to:

1. adopt the following updated and amended policies in the terms presented to Council:
 - Advertising Spending Policy
 - Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy (previously Acceptable Request and Communication Protocol Policy)
 - Standing Orders Policy;
2. repeal the Meeting Procedures Policy previously adopted by Council in June 2022; and
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to exercise the functions and powers assigned to the Chief Executive Officer under the amended and endorsed policy, including the power to make any further minor administrative amendments to the policy as they arise.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 2025-30 TSIRC Corporate Plan – Community Consultation

#C24-28/2024-07/6.5

CR FELL / CR ANIBA

Council notes the report and requests that the community engagement strategy be resubmitted to the Strategic Action Reference Group for endorsement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 2024-25 TSIRC Operational Plan

#C24-28/2024-07/6.6

CR FELL / CR LEVI

That Council resolve to:

1. endorse the Operational Plan for the 2024-2025 financial year, in accordance with Section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and
2. delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to make any further minor administrative amendments to the Operational Plan as they arise.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

<p>ACTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall objective for each Directorate to be included towards the front of each Directorate section.the document. 2. Inclusion of a stronger link to Corporate Plan objectives in a future Operational Plan.
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7. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil

8. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

8.1. Financial Dashboard Report (June 2024)

#C24-28/2024-07/8.1

CR MYE / CR TOBY

That Council receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2023-24 year to date, for the period ended 30 June 2024, as required under Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2. Contractual Matter – QBuild Approvals Under Delegation

#C24-28/2024-07/8.2

CR FELL / CR PEARSON

Council notes the report and its content.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3. Auditor-General's Observation Report for the Interim Audit for the Year Ending 30 June 2024

#C24-28/2024-07/8.3

CR PEARSON / CR KAIGEY

Council notes the Auditor-General's Observation Report on the interim audit for the year ending 30 June 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4. 2024-25 Original Budget

#C24-28/2024-07/8.4

CR FELL / CR TAMU

That Council adopts in accordance with Section 169 and Section 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's Original Budget for the 2024-2025 Financial Year as presented, incorporating:

- (i) The statements of financial position;**
- (ii) The statements of cashflow;**
- (iii) The statements of income and expenditure;**
- (iv) The statements of changes in equity;**
- (v) The long-term financial forecast;**
- (vi) The revenue statement;**
- (vii) The revenue policy (adopted by Council resolution on 25 June 2024);**
- (viii) The relevant measures of financial sustainability;**
- (ix) The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget; and**
- (x) Capital budget.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5. 2024-25 Waste Management Utility Charges

#C24-28/2024-07/8.5

CR STEPHEN / CR KAIGEY

That Council resolves, pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*, to make and levy waste management utility charges for the supply of waste management services by the Council for the 2024/2025 financial year as follows by reference to the following Service Category Definitions:

Service Category Definitions

SERVICE CHARGE CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Residential	Land that is occupied and used solely for residential purposes (excluding residential land the subject of a 40-year lease to the State Government).
Mixed-Use	Land that is used, in part, for residential purposes and used, in part, for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to: guest houses, motels, home-run businesses and tourist facilities. This category includes residential properties that: a) are owned by Council where the tenant is running a business from home; or b) are owned by the occupant as a private property, a Katter Lease and includes private property where the owner/lessee is operating a business.
Commercial	Land that is occupied and used for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to: • guest houses, hotels, motels; • shops, tourist facilities, arts and culture activities; • land used by government or utility (telecommunications, electricity); • providers to aid in the delivery of commercial and/or government services. i.e., Education, Health, Customs, etc. This category also includes all other land that does not fall within the Service Charge Categories of “Residential” or “Mixed-Use”.

Residential:

- (a) An annual access charge of \$160.00 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the Service Charge Category of “Residential”).

Mixed-Use:

- (b) An access charge of \$799.50 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the Service Charge Category of “Mixed-Use”.

Commercial:

- (c) An access charge of \$1,598.50 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the Service Charge Category of “Commercial”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6. 2024-25 Sewerage Utility Charges

#C24-28/2024-07/8.7

CR FELL / CR PEARSON

Council resolves, pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), to make and levy sewerage utility charges for the supply of sewerage services by the Council for the 2024/2025 financial year as follows by reference to the following Service Category Definitions:

Service Category Definitions

SERVICE CHARGE CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Residential	Land that is occupied and used solely for residential purposes (excluding residential land the subject of a 40-year lease to the State Government).
Mixed-Use	Land that is used, in part, for residential purposes and used, in part, for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to: guest houses, motels, home-run businesses and tourist facilities. This category includes residential properties that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) are owned by Council where the tenant is running a business from home; or b) are owned by the occupant as a private property, a Katter Lease and includes private property where the owner/lessee is operating a business.
Commercial	Land that is occupied and used for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guest houses, hotels, motels; • shops, tourist facilities, arts and culture activities; • land used by government or utility (telecommunications, electricity); • providers to aid in the delivery of commercial and/or government services. i.e., Education, Health, Customs, etc. This category also includes all other land that does not fall within the Service Charge Categories of “Residential” or “Mixed-Use”.

Residential:

- (a) An annual access charge of \$287.70 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the Service Charge Category of “Residential”.

Mixed-Use:

- (b) An annual access charge of \$1,439.00 per water closet (being a single pedestal, 1.3 meters of urinal (or part thereof) or 1-3 wall hung urinals) shall be applied and levied in equal half- yearly instalments to land that falls within the Service Charge Category of “Mixed-Use”

Commercial:

- (c) An annual access charge of \$2,877.50 per water closet (being a single pedestal, 1.3 meters of urinal (or part thereof) or 1-3 wall hung urinals) shall be applied and levied in equal half- yearly instalments to land that falls within the Service Charge Category of “Commercial”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7. 2024-25 Water Utility Charges

#C24-28/2024-07/8.7

CR TOBY / CR FELL

1. Council resolves, pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* to make and levy water utility charges for the supply of water services by Council for the 2024/2025 financial year as follows by reference to the following Service Category Definitions:

Service Category Definitions

SERVICE CHARGE CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Residential	Land that is occupied and used solely for residential purposes (excluding residential land the subject of a 40-year lease to the State Government).
Mixed-Use	Land that is used, in part, for residential purposes and used, in part, for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to: guest houses, motels, home-run businesses and tourist facilities. This category includes residential properties that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) are owned by Council where the tenant is running a business from home; or b) are owned by the occupant as a private property, a Katter Lease and includes private property where the owner/lessee is operating a business.

Commercial	<p>Land that is occupied and used for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guest houses, hotels, motels; • shops, tourist facilities, arts and culture activities; • land used by government or utility (telecommunications, electricity); • providers to aid in the delivery of commercial and/or government services. i.e., Education, Health, Customs, etc. <p>This category also includes all other land that does not fall within the Service Charge Categories of “Residential” or “Mixed-Use”.</p>
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Residential:

- (a) An annual access charge of \$240.50 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the Service Charge Category of “Residential”.

Mixed Use:

- (b) An annual access charge of \$1,202.50 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the Service Charge Category of “Mixed-Use”.
- (c) In respect of all such properties and/or premises that fall within the Service Charge Category of “Mixed-Use” at which a water meter is installed on the water service connection to such property and/or premises, water use shall be charged at the rate of \$1.66 per kilolitre for all water passing through the water meter

Commercial:

- (d) An annual access charge of \$2,405.00 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the Service Charge Category of “Commercial”.
- (e) In respect of all such properties and/or premises that fall within the Service Charge Category of “Commercial”. at which a water meter is installed on the water service connection to such property and/or premises, water use shall be charged at the rate of \$3.32 per kilolitre for all water passing through the water meter.

And

2. Council resolves, pursuant to Section 102 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld) that a water meter will be taken to be read on a particular day (nominated day) if the water meter is read at anytime within 2 weeks before the nominated day or 2 weeks after the nominated day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8. 2023-24 Estimated Statement of Financial Position

#C24-28/2024-07/8.8

CR FELL / CR ANIBA

Council notes the Estimated Statement of Financial Position in accordance with Section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *Council meeting suspended from 1.55pm to 3.05pm for lunch break.*

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#C24-28/2024-07/9

CR LEVI / CR KAIGEY

The Council resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to allow the Council to discuss items listed on the agenda for closed discussion and for the reasons outlined under those items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

10.1. Forward Remote Capital Program – Approval of Funds to Commence Construction on Two Modern Methods of Construction Dwellings

[Reason for closed discussion: This report relates to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.]

#C24-28/2024-07/10.1

CR FELL / CR PEARSON

Council resolves to approve:

- 1. Allocation of funds and issuance of purchase order to QBuild for the costs associated with the construction of two dwellings as part of the Forward Remote Capital Program - Housing Investment Strategy; and**
- 2. Delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to approve, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this funding program.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

12. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

12.1. Loban Marine Pty Ltd: Extension of Provision of Ferry Service Subsidy for Transportation Between Hammond Island and Thursday Island

[Reason for closed discussion: This report is presented in the closed meeting of the Council under section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to discuss matters of the following nature:

(e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government;

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.]

#C24-28/2024-07/12.1

CR ANIBA / CR STEPHEN

Council resolves:

1. Pursuant to section 235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Loban Marine Pty Ltd is the only supplier reasonably available to deliver ferry services between Thursday Island and Hammond Island;
2. To extend the existing Hammond Island Ferry Service Subsidy Agreement with Loban Marine Pty Ltd by Deed of Variation to 31 December 2024 under the same conditions as contained in the existing Subsidy Agreement;
3. Pursuant to Sections 236 and 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, to delegate to the CEO the power to negotiate, make, sign, amend or discharge the extension of the Ferry Service Subsidy Agreement with Loban Marine Pty Ltd, as a sole supplier, to provide the ferry services in accordance with the Ferry Service Subsidy Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *The Mayor requested that this matter be escalated to himself for follow-up if no traction is gained in the immediate future in securing external funding to maintain the Ferry Service Subsidy.*

➤ *Cr Dorante also requested that this matter be prioritised for resolution within the next six months.*

13. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE**13.1 Award Tender No.TSIRC 2023-604 Badu Island Reservoir Main Construction**

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This report relates to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.]

#C24-28/2024-07/13.1

CR FELL / CR MYE

Council resolves to:

- **Award Tender No. TSIRC 2023-604 Badu Island Rising Main Construction to Torres Strait Island Homes Pty Ltd for an amount of and up to \$897,700.00 excl. GST; and**
- **Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise, and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 INFORMATION REPORT – CAPITAL WORKS

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This report relates to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.]

#C24-28/2024-07/13.2

CR PEARSON / CR FELL

Council notes this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action:

Cr Toby requested an update in relation to the Boigu Road. The Executive Director Engineering Services to follow-up and advise out of session.

- *At 3.50pm, all staff (except the Chief Executive Officer) were requested by the Mayor to temporarily leave the meeting during discussion of Agenda Item 14.1.*

14. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

14.1. Grafton Street (Cairns) Lease

#C24-28/2024-07/14.1

CR LEVI / CR MOSBY

Council resolves to:

1. Endorse the proposed Lease Renewal in line with Option 3 as outlined in the report for the lease renewal for 111 to 115 Grafton Street Cairns, Levels 3 & 4 totalling in a net lettable area of 1452m².
2. Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to submit, approve, finalise, and execute any and all matters in relation to this Leasing renewal process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *All staff returned to the meeting at 4.20pm.*

15. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#C24-28/2024-07/15

CR KAIGEY / CR TAMU

The Council resolves to move out of closed discussions pursuant to Section 254I of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Council formally resolved on the decisions taken in relation to Agenda Items 10-14 above.

17. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Funding for Dialysis Unit on Badu (Mayor)

The Mayor requested background information in relation to Commonwealth Government funding for the Dialysis Unit on Badu. The Mayor is unable to remember any approaches to Council on this matter.

Action:
Executive Director Community Services to follow-up.

(b) Hammond Island Ferry Services (Cr Dorante)

Cr Dorante enquired whether the report on the Hammond Island Ferry Subsidy can be shared with the Chairperson of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA).

Action:

Executive Director Corporate Services to follow-up.

(c) Demolition of Houses - Request for options for those families effected (Cr Kaigey)

Cr Kaigey requested that Council explore options available to those families whose homes are scheduled for demolition – are there any alternative options (repair, rather than demolish?).

Action:

Executive Director Community Services to follow-up further and send relevant information to the Mayor to escalate.

18. INFORMATION REPORTS

18.1. BUILDING SERVICES: Building Services Update (June 2024)

18.2. COMMUNITY SERVICES: Community Services (June 2024)

18.3. CORPORATE SERVICES: Corporate Services Information Report (July 2024)

18.4. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Monthly Water & Wastewater Report (July 2024)

18.5. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Engineering Operations (July 2024)

Council noted the reports. The Mayor encouraged Councillors to follow-up directly with Executive Directors if they required clarification on any matters contained in the Information Reports.

19. NEXT MEETING – 21 AUGUST 2024 (Microsoft TEAMS)

Noted by Council.

20. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

The Mayor made special acknowledgement on how well received the recent visits and consultations by Executive Directors and staff have been received across the Divisions – both from Division staff and the communities themselves.

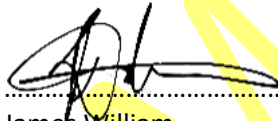
The Mayor also mentioned that prior to the next Council meeting there may be a regional leaders’ forum (date not yet confirmed) to be funded by the Torres Strait Regional Authority to explore regional governance/regional assembly matters and to draft arrangements for the August 23 Anniversary of the Masig Statement.

The Mayor formally closed the meeting at 4.40pm and Cr Fell delivered the closing prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 21 August 2024



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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 21 August 2024



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James William
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