



ORDINARY MEETING 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

MINUTES

Time: 10.15am to 3.30pm

Venue: *Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 497 084 745 781 | Passcode: 8kW64JJ9*

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 2 – Dauan

Division 3 – Saibai

Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**

Division 6 – Kubin

Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), 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 Torenzo Elisala

Cr Chelsea Aniba – *joined meeting at 10.35am*

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr Iona Manas

Cr John Levi

Cr Seriaiko Dorante

Cr Aggie Hankin – *joined meeting at 11.05am (absent due to Sorry Business)*

Cr Kabay Tamu

Cr Francis Pearson

Cr Ted Mosby

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Nixon Mye

Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

Division 4 – Mabuiag

Cr Keith Fell – *family commitments intrastate*

ABSENT:

Division 1 – Boigu

Cr Dimas Toby

OFFICERS:

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Engineering Services

Executive Director Financial Services

Manager Governance & Risk

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Executive Assistant to the CEO

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr Dawson Sailor

Mr Wayne Green

Mr David Baldwin

Ms Hollie Faithfull

Ms Kim Kerwin

Ms Trudy Lui

Ms Amy Orr

Mr Darryl Brooks

APOLOGIES:

Acting Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Mr David Abednego – *work travel commitments on Division*

Ms Susanne Andres – *annual leave*

GUESTS:

Consultant

Mr Anthony Ottaway – *AI 8.2 and AI 15.1 only*

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

At 10.15am, the Mayor welcomed Councillors, Executives and staff and members of the public to the Ordinary Council meeting for the month of September 2025, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Mayor welcomed attendees and made the following acknowledgements:

- Traditional Custodians of land and sea throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves; and
- The Traditional Custodians of Gimuy Country in and Cairns who host elements of the TSIRC footprint.

The Mayor conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community locally and throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may currently be experiencing Sorry Business, the collective thoughts, prayers and well wishes of the Trustee Council during this time.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

#C24-28/2025-9/B

The following apologies were noted and accepted by the Trustee Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Second
Division 4 - Mabuiag	Cr Keith Fell – <i>family commitments intrastate</i>	CR MANAS / CR ELISALA

Cr Dimas Toby submitted a late apology.

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

The Mayor invited Councillors to advise if they had any COI declarations to disclose in relation to items listed on the agenda.

- **Cr Kabay Tamu** declared a COI in relation to a funding application to be considered under Agenda Item 6.1 (Community Grants Program Allocation – August 2025) as he is a beneficiary of the grant as a team member and committee member.
- **Cr Ted Mosby** declared a COI in relation to Agenda Item 11.2 (Contractual Matter – Tender Evaluation and Award of Contract – Social Housing Accelerated Program) as his sister is a residential beneficiary in relation to this project.

No other declarations were made by Councillors.

The Mayor also invited Councillors to declare if they are involved in any current legal matters that they are required to advise the Mayor as soon as possible. No such declarations were made by Councillors.

D. LIVE STREAM

The Mayor advised Council that this meeting is being LIVE STREAMED on Council's YouTube Channel and welcomed members of the general public who may be viewing proceedings. The Mayor added that this livestreaming service offers transparency and allows members of the general public and organisational partners in the region TSIRC footprint to be informed of Council's deliberations and decisions which impact on the region.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING (20 AUGUST 2025) & SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (5 SEPTEMBER 2025)

#C24-28/2025-9/1a

CR DORANTE / CR PEARSON

Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 August 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#C24-28/2025-9/1b

CR STEPHEN / CR WOSOMO

Council confirms the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 5 September 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1. Action Items Update

The Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr Dawson Sailor) spoke to this item. The update was noted by Council. *Items noted as 'completed' during this update will be removed from future reports.*

2. MAYORAL REPORTS

2.1. Mayoral Monthly Report

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

Action Required:

Council's ECCA Advisory Committee to:

1. explore interest from key stakeholders across the greater Torres Strait region to jointly lobby for greater levels of action and investment in addressing the growing impact of climate change across the greater region; and
2. prepare a report back to Council on a proposed way forward.

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

3.1. CEO Monthly Report (August 2025)

The Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr Dawson Sailor) spoke to his report. The report was noted by Council.

4. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

- *In the absence of the Executive Director Corporate Services (Ms Susanne Andres) the Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr Dawson Sailor) spoke to the papers listed under Agenda Item 6 below.*

6. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE**6.1. Community Grants Program Allocation (August 2025)**

#C24-28/2025-9/6.1

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

- **CG2026-020 – CHURCH OF THE ROCK MINISTRY, BOIGU** for \$884.00, exclusive of GST;

MOVED/SECONDED: CR ELISALA / CR MYE

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

- **CG2026-021 – GOEMU BAU RAIDERS, MABUIAG** for \$10,000.00 exclusive of GST;

MOVED/SECONDED: CR PEARSON / CR STEPHEN

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

- **CG2026-023 – ARON TOM, BOIGU** for \$2,500.00, exclusive of GST;

MOVED/SECONDED: CR ELISALA / CR HANKIN

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *In accordance with his declared COI, Cr Kabay Tamu was absent from the meeting during consideration of application CG2026-024 below.*

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

- **CG2026-024 – KURSAU KUIK (MAGUN WARRIORS RLFC), IAMA** for \$4,278.00, exclusive of GST;

MOVED/SECONDED: CR MANAS / CR ELISALA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

- **CG2026-013 – MANTUNBAR EAGLES, BADU** for \$5,000.00 exclusive of GST;

[contributions: \$1,000 Dauan; \$500 Kubin; \$500 Poruma; \$500 Ugar; \$500 Saibai; \$500 Iama; \$500 Masig]

MOVED/SECONDED: CR WOSOMO / CR MANAS

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Council notes the following:

- (a) two (2) Conflict of Interests were declared;
- (b) one (1) Community Grant application required divisional contributions;
- (c) two (2) Funeral applications were deemed ineligible for processing;
- (d) one (1) Community Grant application was deemed ineligible for processing;
- (e) three (3) applications processed for out-of-cycle funding in August 2025.

MOVED/SECONDED: CR WOSOMO / CR T. MOSBY

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council did not resolve in relation to application CG2026-022 – THAIWA DANCE TEAM, IAMA (as listed in the officer's report) as the project/event had already passed.

Action Required:

CEO to explore a review of the Community Grants Policy to clarify issues in relation to eligibility for funeral grants and funeral travel grants, as well as feedback to community on outcomes following the grant acquittal.

6.2. Funding Acquisition Report (August 2025)

The report was noted by Council.

6.3. TSIRC Annual Closedown 2025-26

#C24-28/2025-9/6.3

CR TAMU / CR WOSOMO

Council endorses that the annual 2025-26 Christmas/New Year closedown of operations commence from 12 noon on Wednesday 24 December 2025 and concludes on Thursday 1 January 2026 with the offices to reopen on Friday 2 January 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *The Manager Governance & Risk (Ms Kim Kerwin) spoke to Agenda Item 6.4 below.*

6.4. Council Insurance Renewal 2025-26

#C24-28/2025-9/6.4

CR PEARSON / CR KAIGEY

Council notes the Council Insurance Renewal 2025-26 report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

8. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

8.1. Financial Dashboard Report (August 2025)

#C24-28/2025-9/8.1

CR WOSOMO / CR ANIBA

Council receives and endorses the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2025-26 year to date, for the period ended 31 August 2025, as required under Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Mr Andrew Ottaway (Consultant) joined the meeting to speak to Agenda Item 8.2 below.*

8.2. Strategic Investment Plan – Outcomes from Articulating the 'So-What'

#C24-28/2025-9/8.2

CR ANIBA / CR LEVI

Council notes:

- **The agreed prioritisation principles and the story developed to support the use of the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) in Council's advocacy efforts, and**
- **The outcomes presented will be refreshed upon completion of the FY25 asset valuation.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *The Mayor stressed the importance for all Councillors to familiarise themselves with the SIP and to contact the Executive Director Financial Services and Mr Anthony Ottaway if clarification is required around the priorities identified.*

Action Required:

1. Mayor, CEO, ED Financial Services and Mr Anthony Ottaway to discuss further the way forward in relation to SIP matters in relation to a review at the November 2025 Council Workshop. Further discussion to be held at the upcoming November 2025 SARG Standing Committee Meeting, prior to the Workshop.
2. CEO to organise a summary of Council's SIP to be included as part of the TSIRC presentation to the November 2025 TSRA Board Meeting.

8.3. Bank Signatories – CEO Delegation

#C24-28/2025-9/8.3

CR PEARSON / CR KAIGEY

Council resolves, pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to execute all matters associated with or in relation to Council's contract with Tyro Payments facilities, including the addition and removal of directors, authorised signatories and account users and administrator rights.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *The Mayor suspended the meeting from 12.30pm to 1.30pm for lunch.*

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#C24-28/2025-9/9

CR DORANTE / CR MANAS

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. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Nil.

11. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

11.1. Contractual Matter – Tender Evaluation and Award of Contract

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

#C24-28/2025-9/11.1

CR PEARSON / CR T. MOSBY

Council resolves:

- (1) To award contract number TC25068 for Elphinstone TSIRC Office Refurbishment Project to Commercial Property Services for the lump sum price of \$697,458 excl. GST for a term from 1 October 2025 to 30 June 2026; and
- (2) Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - (a) power to make, amend or discharge the contract; and
 - (b) power 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *In accordance with his declared COI, Cr Ted Mosby was absent from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 11.2 below.*

11.2. Contractual Matter – Tender Evaluation and Award of Contract – Social Housing Accelerated Program (SHAP)

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

#C24-28/2025-9/11.2

CR MYE / CR MANAS

Council resolves:

1. To award contract number TC25058 for Detached Extension Project to T.I Concrete and Building for the lump sum price of \$2,996,781.00 excl. GST with an anticipated commencement date of 1 October 2025 and practical completion date of 30 June 2026; and
2. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the contract; and
 - power 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

13. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

14. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE**14.1. Award Contract No. TC25071 – Masig Coastal Defences**

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

#C24-28/2025-9/14.1

CR DORANTE / CR WOSOMO

Council resolves to:

- **Award Contract No. TC25071 – Masig Coastal Defences (Northeast Seawall Works) to T.I. Concrete Works Pty Ltd for an amount of and up to and including \$1,079,350.00 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, funding and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.2. Funding Matter – TSIRC.0049.2425L.REC Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA)

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

#C24-28/2025-9/14.2

CR LEVI / CR MYE

Council resolves:

1. To enter into the proposed funding agreement TSIRC.0049.2425L.REC for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) & Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA), administered by Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) in relation to Council's submission of TSIRC.0049.2425L.REC for a grant sum of up to \$16,965,074.45 (Excl. GST); and
2. Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the Funding Agreement; and
 - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and funding agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.3. Funding Matter – Major Infrastructure Program Stage 7 (MIP 7) – Proponent Project List

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

#C24-28/2025-9/14.3

CR STEPHEN / CR PEARSON

Council resolves to:

- (1) Endorse the revised Major Infrastructure Program Stage 7 (MIP 7) proponent project list in Table 1 of the officer's report to be presented as the Major Infrastructure Program Stage 7 (MIP 7) list to TSRA; and
- (2) 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 the MIP 7 projects and funding including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.4. Information Report – Capital Works

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

#C24-28/2025-9/14.4

Council noted the report.

- *Mr Andrew Ottaway (Consultant) joined the meeting to speak to Agenda Item 15.1 below.*

15. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE**15.1. Mirabou Energy – Renewable Energy Project Status Update**

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

#C24-28/2025-9/15.1

CR PEARSON / CR T. MOSBY

Council notes the status update on the renewable energy project as endorsed by the Project Steering Committee on 1 September 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- *Prior to moving out of Closed Business, the Mayor advised the meeting that a closed session for Councillors and the Acting Chief Executive Officer only was to be held. The Deputy Mayor assumed responsibility as Chair of the meeting at this point. The Mayor, Cr T. Mosby, and all staff were excused from deliberations during this period (2.45pm to 3.15pm).*

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16. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#C24-28/2025-9/16

CR ELISALA / CR WOSOMO

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Council formally resolved on the decisions taken in relation to Agenda Items 10-16 above.

18. ITEMS ARISING**18.1. Sewerage Treatment Plant Updates**

Cr Seriako Dorante requested a report clarifying the way forward in relation to this matter. The **Executive Director Engineering Services** advised that a report will be prepared for the October 2025 Council Meeting.

18.2. Vacancies – Corporate Services Directorate

The Mayor acknowledged that Corporate Services is an important function within the Council's Administrative structure and requested an update on the short-medium way forward in relation to current and pending senior management roles in the Corporate Services Directorate. The **Acting Chief Executive Officer** advised that the filling of these current and pending vacancies is a current high priority being addressed by himself and Council's People and Wellbeing Team.

19. INFORMATION REPORTS**19.1. BUILDING SERVICES – Building Services Report (August 2025)****19.2. COMMUNITY SERVICES – Community Services (August 2025)****19.3. CORPORATE SERVICES - Corporate Services Information Report (August 2025)****19.4. ENGINEERING SERVICES – Engineering Operations****19.5. ENGINEERING SERVICES – Information Report - Water and Wastewater (August 2025)**

Noted by Council. Any enquiries by Councillors in relation to the information reports can be raised directly by Councillors with the respective Directorate Executive Director, or the Chief Executive Officer.

20. NEXT MEETING – 21-22 October 2025 (Dauan)

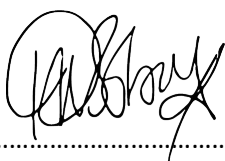
Noted by Council.

21. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

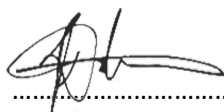
The Mayor thanked Councillors and Officers for their participation and constructive engagement throughout the meeting. The Mayor reminded all that only through a collective team effort - with all working together and supporting each other – can Council deliver for the people and the region.

The Mayor formally closed the meeting at 3.30pm and delivered the closing prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 21 October 2025



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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council



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James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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