



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On 2 June 2020

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett
Councillor G G Churchill
Councillor K Goodluck
Councillor R A Hansen
Councillor D E Branthwaite
Councillor D V O'Grady
Councillor C B Cameron
Councillor C A Trevor
Councillor N Muszkat

Officers

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
Miss C Daly (Executive Secretary)
Mrs C Quinn
Mrs T McDonald
Ms A Scott
Mr J Tumbers
Mrs J McMullen

APOLOGIES

Nil.

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Nil.

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS

Cr Muszkat

Councillor Natalia Muszkat declared a material personal interest in Item G/3.1 BOYNE TANNUM AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE OPTIONS ANALYSIS, as due to having recently entered into a Contract to purchase a property in the vicinity of one of the proposed sites for the Gladstone Aquatic and Recreation Centre referred to in the report she felt that there was potential that she could stand to gain a benefit or suffer loss depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter.

Cr Muszkat advised that she would be leaving the room during the consideration of Item G/3.1.

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I would like to mention the very sad news coming out of the Gladstone Observer during the middle of last week, regarding the fact that our local newspaper along with many other local newspapers in Queensland will be going digital only. There will be no more picking up your newspaper from your front lawn if you have it delivered by the end of June. As of the 1st of July, not only the Gladstone Observer but the Central Queensland News in Emerald and The Morning Bulletin in Rockhampton will also go digital only. Sadly for our friends in Biloela and Yeppoon, I understand that the Central Telegraph and the Cap Coast Mirror will be closed all together. This is very sad news for journalism, freedom of speech, information to the public and jobs as well. It's very sad for the job losses; and it's not just the journalists, it's the sales team, the graphic art team and compositors and so on. I remember working at the Gladstone Observer many years ago, where we still used paste ups and running everything through the machines. Bromides of photos were made and there was still a dark room where you developed your own film. We have come a long way since then. It is very sad to see our local newspaper after more than 100 years in circulation, to be printing their final copies by the end of June.

Coming up in June this week, we have EcoFest which is going virtual this year. Shout out to Kylie Lee and her team for making this virtual event happen, it's amazing to keep the event going under these COVID-19 conditions as we are unable to have the EcoFest this year, but going live and virtual is something that we are really looking forward too. EcoFest starts on the 4th of June and goes through to the 10th of June 2020.

The 5th of June is World Environment Day, the 7th of June is our virtual EcoFest livestream and on the 8th of June is World Oceans Day. This year's EcoFest theme is biodiversity. I encourage everybody in the Gladstone Region to log online and have a look at our virtual EcoFest event this year.

I will wrap up by mentioning in the last week, the Prime Minister has made the decision to cancel the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). Whether COAG was successful or not, the one thing COAG had that the National Cabinet doesn't is a seat at the table for local government. COAG would meet a couple of times a year, with the Commonwealth Government, State Government, and Local Government represented by the President of the Australian Local Government Association.

The fact that the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) is going to be disbanded is fine, but what we need is a seat at the table of National Cabinet to represent 537 Council's across Australia. It's not too much to ask for our local Councils to have a voice, and I think that is something we would like to keep putting our pressure on our Federal and State members to make sure that local government is represented at a National Cabinet level going forward.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 19 MAY 2020

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 19 May 2020.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 19 May 2020 be confirmed.

G/20/4205 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/3.1. BOYNE TANNUM AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE OPTIONS ANALYSIS

File Ref: ED6.1, PRJ - 279

Cr Natalia Muszkat (declared Material Personal Interest)
left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/3.1.
(refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 3)

Purpose:

To apprise Council of the findings of the Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre Options Analysis and seek approval to proceed with the next phase of the project.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Adopt the recommendations of the Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre Options Analysis and select Lot 900 Coronation Drive as the preferred site for the development of the Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre; and
2. Review and refine the Preliminary Master Plan and proceed to Concept Design of the facility; and
3. Inform the community of the Master Plan and next project phase.

G/20/4206 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3.2. NAMING OF BRIDGE CROSSING EULEILAH CREEK ON HILL'S ROAD

File Ref: RD5.1

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request to formally name the bridge where Hill's Road crosses Euleilah Creek. Consultation with the community on this matter has occurred since this matter was last presented on 17 December 2019.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Utilise the name 'Euleilah (Yooleelar) Bridge' on the bridge along Hill's Road crossing Euleilah Creek.

G/20/4207 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3.3. STANDARDS AUSTRALIA - SOLE SUPPLIER

File Ref: PE1.1

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council to make use of the provisions in section 235 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that allows for exceptions to the requirement for written quotes or tenders. The use of this provision is sought in relation to annual copyright licensing and royalty fees for the use of the Australian Standard suite of contracts, with an ongoing subscription with Standards Australia Limited for up to five (5) years.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Resolves, in accordance with section 235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Standards Australia Limited is the only supplier available to Council for the provision of copyright licensing of the Australian Standard suite of contracts; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into annual licence agreements with Standards Australia Limited as an ongoing commitment for up to five (5) years.

G/20/4208 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat
Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3.4. ALPHA CONCEPTS - SPECIALISED SUPPLIER

File Ref: PE1.1

Purpose:

This report seeks a resolution from Council to make use of the provisions in s235 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that allows for the exceptions to the requirement for written quotes or tenders. The use of this provision is sought in relation to the engagement of Alpha Concepts Pty Ltd to provide monitoring and maintenance of the sewage system at Alf Larson Park for a period of up to five (5) months. This will provide Council with the time required to complete a detailed insourcing assessment of the services being provided under the previous scope, while continuing to deliver services that meet community expectations.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Resolves, in accordance with Section 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that it is satisfied that due to the specialised nature of the services sought, Alpha Concepts Pty Ltd should be engaged to perform the monitoring and maintenance of the sewage system at Alf Larson Park for a period of up to five (5) months; and
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Alpha Concepts Pty Ltd for the provision of monitoring and maintenance of the sewage system at Alf Larson Park for a period of up to five (5) months.

G/20/4209 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Desley O'Grady gave thanks to Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Ltd (GAPDL) for promoting the Gladstone Region, following Sunday's announcement from Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, advising travel within Queensland is now unrestricted.

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

G/20/4210 Procedural Motion:

Moved by Cr Muszkat
Seconded Cr Churchill

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

(e) contracts proposed to be made by it.

CARRIED

G/20/4211 Procedural Motion:

Moved by Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That Council re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

**The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 9.50 am
and reconvened at 9.57 am.**

G/8.1. TENDER 227-20 KIRKWOOD & DIXON SIGNALISED INTERSECTION

File Ref: PE1.1

Reason for Confidentiality:

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(e) contracts proposed to be made by it.

G/20/4212 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation and accept the tender from Doval Constructions (Qld) Pty Ltd for tender 227-20 Construction of Kirkwood Road and Dixon Drive Signalised Intersection; and

2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Doval Constructions (Qld) Pty Ltd for tender 227-20 Construction of Kirkwood Road and Dixon Drive Signalised Intersection.

CARRIED

G/8.2. TENDER 148-20 SEWER PUMP STATION A06 REFURBISHMENT

File Ref: PE1.1

Reason for Confidentiality:

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(e) contracts proposed to be made by it.

G/20/4213 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Cr Cameron

That at the request of officers, Item G/8.2. be deferred to the General Meeting of 7 July 2020 to allow officers to provide further information to Councillors.

CARRIED

G/8.3. PSA 182-17 MOWING & SLASHING - EXTENSION

File Ref: PE1.1

Reason for Confidentiality:

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(e) contracts proposed to be made by it.

G/20/4214 Council Resolution:

Moved Mayor
Seconded Cr Trevor

That:

1. Council endorse the contract extensions and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - (a) offer a four (4) month contract extension to GRAHAM STIRRAT for the mowing and slashing for the PARKS (Rosedale area only) and Roads SOUTH components under the current terms and conditions of the contract; and execute the appropriate variation document; and
 - (b) offer a four (4) month contract extension to OPAL HOLDINGS for the mowing and slashing for all the PARKS (excluding Rosedale) under the current terms and conditions of the contract; and execute the appropriate variation document.
2. Council delegate the authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a contract for the mowing and slashing for Roads WESTERN, Roads CENTRAL and Water components or appropriately source the Operations department to bring the management of the contract in-house.

CARRIED

G/8.4. PSA 144-17 ARBORICULTURE SERVICES - EXTENSION

File Ref: PE1.1

Reason for Confidentiality:

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(e) contracts proposed to be made by it.

G/20/4215 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Hansen

That Council endorse the contract extensions and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to offer a five (5) month contract extension to Treescape Australasia Pty Ltd for the provision of arboriculture services under the current terms and conditions of the contract; and execute the appropriate variation document.

CARRIED

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

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.46 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby confirm that I have read the minutes and they are a true and correct
record of the
proceedings of the meeting.
I certify that these 16 pages
form the
official copy of Gladstone Regional Council
General Meeting Minutes of the 2 June 2020.

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Mayor Matt Burnett

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Date

ATTACHMENTS