



Minutes

Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday, 22 August 2023

Time: 9.15 am

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am
Meeting resumed at 10:10 am

Location: Boonah Cultural Centre

3 High Street

BOONAH QLD 4310

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1 Opening of Meeting

The Mayor, Cr Greg Christensen, as Chair of the Meeting, declared the Meeting open and acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands of the Scenic Rim Regional Council area. The Mayor paid respect to their elders, past, present and future, and extended congratulations to them on their continued nurturing of their culture.

2 Attendance and the granting of leaves of absence

Cr G R Christensen, Mayor
Cr A J Hay
Cr J J S McConnell, Deputy Mayor
Cr V A West
Cr M J Enright
Cr M J Chalk

Executive Officers

D Keenan, Chief Executive Officer
J Rutledge, Manager People and Strategy / Acting General Manager People and Strategy
M Lohmann, Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity /
Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity
C Gray, General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability

Staff

J Pukallus, Principal Specialist Governance and Assurance
S Keepence, Governance Officer
M Carter, GIS Officer, Information Service
L Mollinger, Business Support Officer

3 Apologies

Cr D A McInnes OAM

4 Prayers

Pastor Nicholas Crampton from Boonah Baptist Church attended to offer prayers

5 Public Question Time

Nil

6 Declarations of Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest by Members

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed there were two declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

Cr Greg Christensen advised the declarations were for Cr Jeff McConnell in Item 11.6 and himself in Item 11.7, and would be dealt with prior to the consideration of those items.

7 Announcements / Mayoral Minutes

Nil

8 Reception of Deputations by Appointment / Presentation of Petitions

Nil

9 Confirmation of Minutes**Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 August 2023, be adopted.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk

Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Carried unanimously

10 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

11 Consideration of Business of Meeting

People & Strategy

11.1 End of Year Closedown 2023-2024

Executive Officer: General Manager People and Strategy

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That:

1. Council note the end of year closedown for 2023-2024 of a number of Council facilities, as follows:
 - Council offices, including Customer Care and Engagement, will close from 3.00pm on Friday, 22 December 2023 up to and including Monday, 1 January 2024, reopening on Tuesday, 2 January 2024;
 - Council's libraries and Community and Cultural Centres will close from 3.00pm on Friday, 22 December 2023 up to and including Sunday, 7 January 2024, reopening on Monday, 8 January 2024 (with employees returning to work on Tuesday, 2 January 2024); and
2. Council note closedown for field-based (operational) employees from Monday, 25 December 2023 up to and including Friday, 5 January 2024, with a return to work scheduled for Monday, 8 January 2024.

Moved: Cr Greg Christensen

Seconded: Cr Marshall Chalk

That:

1. Council note the end of year closedown for 2023-2024 of a number of Council facilities, as follows:
 - Council offices, including Customer Care and Engagement, will close from 3.00pm on Friday, 22 December 2023 up to and including Monday, 1 January 2024, reopening on Tuesday, 2 January 2024;
 - Council's libraries and Community and Cultural Centres will close from 3.00pm on Friday, 22 December 2023 up to and including Sunday, 7 January 2024, reopening on Monday, 8 January 2024 (with employees returning to work on Tuesday, 2 January 2024); and
2. Council note closedown for field-based (operational) employees from Monday, 25 December 2023 up to and including Friday, 5 January 2024, with a return to work scheduled for Monday, 8 January 2024.

Carried unanimously

Customer & Regional Prosperity**11.2 Commencement of a Major Amendment to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020 (Amendment No. 8)**

Executive Officer: Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity /
Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That Council resolve to prepare a Major Amendment to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, to be known as Amendment No.8, in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and Part 4 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.

Moved: Cr Virginia West
Seconded: Cr Michael Enright

That Council resolve to prepare a Major Amendment to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, to be known as Amendment No.8, in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and Part 4 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.

Carried unanimously

11.3 2023 Tourism Week - DestinationIQ, DestinationQ and Queensland Tourism Awards

Executive Officer: Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity /
Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That

1. Council endorse Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representative to attend the DestinationIQ Forum, being held on 22 November 2023 in Cairns;
2. Council endorse Mayor Greg Christensen and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representatives to attend the DestinationQ Forum, being held on 23 November 2023 in Cairns;
3. Council endorse Mayor Greg Christensen and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representatives to attend the 2023 Queensland Tourism Awards Gala Ceremony, being held on 24 November 2023 in Cairns; and
4. Council endorse the purchase of tickets to the Queensland Tourism Awards, return flights and accommodation for the designated representatives, noting that the event is being held in Cairns.

Moved: Cr Jeff McConnell

Seconded: Cr Marshall Chalk

That:

1. Council endorse Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representative to attend the DestinationIQ Forum, being held on 22 November 2023 in Cairns;
2. Council endorse Mayor Greg Christensen and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representatives to attend the DestinationQ Forum, being held on 23 November 2023 in Cairns;
3. Council endorse Mayor Greg Christensen and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representatives to attend the 2023 Queensland Tourism Awards Gala Ceremony, being held on 24 November 2023 in Cairns; and
4. Council endorse the purchase of tickets to the Queensland Tourism Awards, return flights and accommodation for the designated representatives, noting that the event is being held in Cairns.

Carried unanimously

Council Sustainability

11.4 Council Monthly Financial Report for July 2023

Executive Officer: General Manager Council Sustainability

Attachments:

1. Financial Performance and Position Progress Report July 2023 
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Recommendation

That Council receive the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 July 2023 for the Financial Year 2022-2023.

Moved: Cr Michael Enright
Seconded: Cr Jeff McConnell

That Council receive the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 July 2023 for the Financial Year 2022-2023.




Carried unanimously

Additional Items

11.5 LATE ITEM - Operational Plan 2022-2023 Quarter Four Progress Report

Executive Officer: General Manager People and Strategy

Attachments:

1. Draft Operational Plan 2022-2023 Quarter Four Progress Report 
2. Final Operational Plan 2022-2023 Quarter Four Progress Report 
3. Service Delivery Quarter Four 2022-2023 Report 

Recommendation

That:

1. Council adopt amendments to the Operational Plan 2022-2023 as contained and highlighted within the Draft Operational Plan 2022-2023 Quarter Four Progress Report;
2. Council endorse the Operational Plan 2022-2023 Quarter Four Progress Report;
3. Council note the Service Delivery Quarter Four 2022-2023 report; and
4. Council approve the publication of the Service Delivery Quarter Four 2022-2023 report and the Operational Plan 2022-2023 Quarter Four Progress Report on the Council website.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk
Seconded: Cr Jeff McConnell

That:

1. Council adopt amendments to the Operational Plan 2022-2023 as contained and highlighted within the Draft Operational Plan 2022-2023 Quarter Four Progress Report;
2. Council endorse the Operational Plan 2022-2023 Quarter Four Progress Report;
3. Council note the Service Delivery Quarter Four 2022-2023 report; and
4. Council approve the publication of the Service Delivery Quarter Four 2022-2023 report and the Operational Plan 2022-2023 Quarter Four Progress Report on the Council website.

Carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am
Meeting resumed at 10:10 am

Cr Jeff McConnell declared a conflict of interest in Item 11.6:

"I, Councillor Jeff McConnell, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in Item 11.6 Notice of Motion by Councillor Christensen in regard to Item 10.14 of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 May 2023 - Request for Legal Assistance as I am the subject Councillor of the imposed order. I will be leaving the Chamber for this item."

At 10:12 am, Cr Jeff McConnell left the meeting.

11.6 LATE ITEM - Notice of Motion by Councillor Christensen re Item 10.14, Ordinary Meeting held on 23 May 2023 - Request for Legal Assistance

Executive Officer: General Manager Council Sustainability

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That Council consider Councillor Christensen's proposed amendment to the resolution of Council, as follows:

That for item 3 of the resolution adopted under Late Item 10.14 at the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 May 2023, Council amend the resolution by deleting the words:

"Require Councillor McConnell to repay to Council all legal costs within 28 days, up to the total amount provided, upon a finding of inappropriate conduct for matter C-23-00041."

and replacing with the words:

"Require Councillor McConnell, that upon a finding of inappropriate conduct for matter C-23-00041, repay to Council all legal costs up to the total amount provided within 28 days of receiving the invoice from Council."

Moved: Cr Greg Christensen

Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

That for item 3 of the resolution adopted under Late Item 10.14 at the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 May 2023, Council amend the resolution by deleting the words:

"Require Councillor McConnell to repay to Council all legal costs within 28 days, up to the total amount provided, upon a finding of inappropriate conduct for matter C-23-00041."

and replacing with the words:

"Require Councillor McConnell, that upon a finding of inappropriate conduct for matter C-23-00041, repay to Council all legal costs up to the total amount provided within 28 days of receiving the invoice from Council."

Carried unanimously

At 10:14 am, Cr Jeff McConnell returned to the meeting.

Cr Greg Christensen advised Cr Jeff McConnell of the resolution of Council in Item 11.6.

Cr Greg Christensen declared a conflict of interest in Item 11.7:

"I have a declarable conflict of interest with regard to Item 11.7 of today's Agenda, which is the Notice of Motion by Councillor McConnell re Item 10.9 of the Ordinary Meeting held on 4th of July 2023 as I am the subject Councillor who was requesting that legal assistance, and I will be leaving the meeting for the consideration of this matter and handing the Chair to Councillor McConnell."

At 10:15 am, Cr Greg Christensen left the meeting and Cr Jeff McConnell took the Chair.

11.7 LATE ITEM - Notice of Motion by Councillor McConnell re Item 10.9, Ordinary Meeting held on 4 July 2023 - Request for Legal Assistance

Executive Officer: General Manager Council Sustainability

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That Council consider Councillor McConnell's proposed amendment to the resolution of Council, as follows:

That for item 3 of the resolution adopted under Item 10.9 at the Ordinary Meeting held on 4 July 2023, Council amend the resolution by deleting the words:

"Require Councillor Christensen to repay to Council all legal costs within 28 days, up to the total amount provided, upon a finding of inappropriate conduct for matter C-23-00238."

and replacing with the words:

"Require Councillor Christensen, that upon a finding of inappropriate conduct for matter C-23-00238, repay to Council all legal costs up to the total amount provided within 28 days of receiving the invoice from Council."

Moved: Cr Jeff McConnell

Seconded: Cr Virginia West

That for item 3 of the resolution adopted under Item 10.9 at the Ordinary Meeting held on 4 July 2023, Council amend the resolution by deleting the words:

"Require Councillor Christensen to repay to Council all legal costs within 28 days, up to the total amount provided, upon a finding of inappropriate conduct for matter C-23-00238."

and replacing with the words:

"Require Councillor Christensen, that upon a finding of inappropriate conduct for matter C-23-00238, repay to Council all legal costs up to the total amount provided within 28 days of receiving the invoice from Council."

Carried unanimously

At 10:19 am, Cr Greg Christensen returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

Cr Jeff McConnell advised Cr Greg Christensen of the resolution of Council in Item 11.7.

12 Confidential Matters

Nil

The Ordinary Meeting ended at 10:19 am.

To be confirmed on 5 September 2023.

Cr Greg Christensen

Mayor