

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2021(07)**27 APRIL 2021**

REPORT

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	Members Mayor Teresa Harding; Councillors Jacob Madsen, Sheila Ireland, Paul Tully, Deputy Mayor Marnie Doyle, Andrew Fechner, Kate Kunzelmann, Russell Milligan and Nicole Jonic
<u>APOLOGIES:</u>	Nil
<u>OTHER ATTENDANCE:</u>	Acting Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), Acting General Manager Coordination and Performance (Barbara Dart), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Peter Tabulo), Chief of Staff (Melissa Fitzgerald), Acting General Manager Corporate Services (Jeff Keech), Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Sean Madigan), Council Liaison Officer (Paula Watkins), Manager Compliance (Alisha Connaughton), Senior Policy and Communications Officer (David Shaw), Coordinator Major Project and Advocacy (Dan Heenan), Manager Economic and Community Development (Cat Matson), Project Officer – Major Projects and Advocacy (Clare Coburn), Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), Team Lead Strategic Catchment and Conservation Planning (Tim Shields), Natural Environment and Land Manager (Phil Smith), Chair Retail Sub-Project Steering Committee (James Hepburn), Project Manager (Greg Thomas), Treasury Accounting Officer (Paul Mollenhauer) and Project Accountant (Brett Edmund)
<u>EXTERNAL ATTENDANCE:</u>	Queensland Treasury Corporation (Clayton Daly)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Andrew Fechner informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 6 titled 'CBD Precinct – Valuation, Costs to Complete, Budget – including discussion on other opportunities such as the widening of Bottle Alley'.

The nature of the declarable conflict of interest is his business interest in Bar Heisenberg Pty Ltd and A1A Events Pty Ltd. Both located in the Top of Town, Ipswich.

Councillor Andrew Fechner advised that he will leave the meeting room (including any area set aside for the public) while this matter is being discussed.

In accordance with section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Jacob Madsen informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 6 titled 'CBD Precinct – Valuation, Costs to Complete, Budget – including discussion on other opportunities such as the widening of Bottle Alley'.

The nature of the interest is that Councillor Madsen is a member of the Ipswich Trades Hall and Labour Day Committee Executive which manages the Ipswich Trades Hall which is adjacent to the CBD redevelopment works that Council is undergoing.

Councillor Jacob Madsen advised that he will leave the meeting room (including any area set aside for the public) while this matter is being discussed and voted on.

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS

1. CIVIC CELEBRATIONS - EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Council is considering options to establish a Civic Celebrations function to undertake and support events and activities that develop and promote community pride.

This workshop provides information on relevant projects and project costs which have been delivered by Council in previous years as a base for consideration.

The workshop also provides a potential model for Civic Celebrations governance and delivery which has been informed by Council's current capacity and information gathered by desktop research on Civic Celebrations functions operating in other local government authorities.

Outcomes of the workshop may be:

- A draft portfolio of Civic Celebration events which can be scoped in more detail for 2021-2022 resource and budget planning
- A draft portfolio of Civic Celebration activities which can be scoped in more detail for 2021-2022 resource and budget planning
- A preferred governance structure and membership of a Civic Celebrations function

MATTERS ARISING:

The General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development form a working group comprising of Mayor Harding and Councillor Ireland, along with council officers to develop a governance structure of Civic Celebrations functions.

“Attachment 2 to this report is confidential in accordance with section 254J(1)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.”

Attachments

1. 1. Civic Events Policy
 2. 3. Mayoral Briefing Note - Civic Events and Ceremonial Activities
 3. 4. City of Playford - Civic Events Committee Meeting
 4. 5. City of Swansea - Civic Events Working Group
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2. AN OMNIBUS CEMETERIES SESSION

Ipswich City Council holds responsibility for five cemeteries within its local government area. Within the current Council structure, the Compliance Branch, under the Planning and Regulatory Services Department, is responsible for managing the Ipswich Cemetery Services Deed.

The Ipswich Cemetery Services Deed and management of the assets transitioned to the Compliance Branch in October 2020, subsequent of an internal restructure.

This report and attachments will focus on the noteworthy matters identified during an initial assessment of the cemeteries. This report aims to provide background on the social and heritage value cemeteries contribute to the Ipswich community, capital works for future planning and heritage projects, the estimated capacity of each cemetery, and the requirement for community input. The initial assessment also investigates the potential impacts to the *Melaleuca Irbyana* stand from bush burials within Warrill Park Lawn Cemetery.

“The attachments to this reports are confidential in accordance with section 254J(1)(e) and (g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.”

3. ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

The purpose of this briefing (**attachment 1**) is to provide Councillors with:

- An overview of advocacy activities over nine (9) months from inception through to the 2020 State Government Election.
- A summary of key lessons learned and stakeholder feedback.

- Suggested refinements to the advocacy program including: advocacy governance, scope for regionally significant projects and improving community visibility of the program.
- An analysis of regional advocacy models to enable a discussion with Council on the future of the Ipswich Leaders Alliance.

MATTERS ARISING:

The Coordinator – Major Projects and Advocacy to provide a timeline to Councillors of consultant requirements for Councillors to understand the scope of works prior to the consultant commencement.

Attachments

1. 1. Presentation - Advocacy Priorities for 2021
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4. ICC FLYING-FOX ROOST MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND BACKGROUND

Flying Foxes, and their roosts are protected under Queensland legislation and in the case of Grey Headed Flying Foxes, they are further protected under Commonwealth legislation.

Local governments have an as-of right authority under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* to manage flying-fox roosts within defined Urban Flying-Fox Management Areas (UFFMA).

Further Ipswich City Council has a legislative responsibility to hold a 'Statement of Management Intent' addressing how it will manage flying-fox roosts across the City, in accordance with Queensland Government Legislation. It has been 5 years since the adoption of the Current Statement by Council along with an associated management plan. A 5 yearly formal review of both documents will be conducted imminently by the Environment and Sustainability Branch.

Attachments

1. 1. ICC Flying-fox Statement of Management Intent
 2. 2. ICC Flying-fox Roost Management Plan
 3. 3. Presentation - ICC Flying-fox Management
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The meeting adjourned at 2.45 pm.

Cr Jacob Madsen left the meeting at 2.45 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.

The meeting reconvened at 3.10 pm.

Cr Andrew Fechner left the meeting at 3.12 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.

5. **CBD PRECINCT - VALUATION, COSTS TO COMPLETE, BUDGET - INCLUDING DISCUSSION ON OTHER OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS THE WIDENING OF BOTTLE ALLEY**

This is the third workshop of a continuing series relating to the Nicholas Street Precinct to provide councillors with an overview of key precinct financial matters and future investment options. The first workshop in August 2020 considered the overall scheme and the projected financial commitments at that time to complete the project and the second in September 2020 focussed on leasing strategy and status with Council's retail assets. The purpose of this workshop is to provide councillors with an overview of the recent precinct valuation, an updated schedule of the costs to complete the precinct and an overview of the operational budget together with several ancillary matters.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 10.33 am.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.
