ORDINARY MEETING

28 OCTOBER 2026

9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Cr A Eden (Chairperson)
Cr B Moller
Cr M Tickner
Cr C Zeiger (via Phone)
Cr T Tim
Cr R Pyne
Cr K Vallely
Cr A Middleton
Cr R Coghlan
Cr B Olds

APOLOGY:

OFFICERS:

K Gouldthorp	Chief Executive Officer
H McBride	Director People and Organisational Performance
S Lisle	Acting Director Planning, Growth and Sustainability
M Wuth	Director Cairns Infrastructure and Assets
D Puia	Director Lifestyle and Community
L Whitton	Chief Financial Officer
N Masasso	Director Economic Development and Advocacy
C Simmons	Executive Manager Development & Planning
A Patterson	Executive Manager Licensing & Compliance
J Perry	Public Affairs Coordinator
L Vigar	Public Affairs Advisor

J Conway	Executive Officer
N Sproles	Minute Secretary

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1. ATTENDANCE

All in attendance with Cr Zeiger via phone.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 14/10/26

MOLLER / OLDS

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 October 2026 be confirmed.

carried unanimously

5. OPEN SESSION – OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 CEO MONTHLY REPORT 41
EXE | 93/1/2 | #7961460

MIDDLETON / VALLELY

That Council notes:

1. **The status of Council Resolutions;**
2. **The CEO Monthly Update; and**
3. **The Monthly Activity Review – September 2026.**

carried unanimously

5.2 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 25 SEPTEMBER 2026.....56
FBS | 63/17/2-01 | #7953366

MOLLER / COGHLAN

That Council notes the financial performance report for the period ended 25 September 2026.

carried unanimously

5.3 GRANTS INWARDS STATUS UPDATE REPORT.....79
FBS | 63/8/12-07 | #7959913

VALLELY / TIM

That Council notes the Grants Inwards Status Update Report.

carried unanimously

5.4 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES.....92
EDA | 58/6/3-01 | #7952304

EDEN / VALLELY

That Council:

1. **Endorses the suite of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Advocacy Priorities as listed in Attachment 1 as the complete and current list of Council's Advocacy Priorities;**

2. **Continues to work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to support other advocacy projects and initiatives where appropriate; and**

3. **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise any and all matters relating to the above.**

carried unanimously

5.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVOCACY PRIORITIES.....97
EDA | 58/6/3-01 | #7955380

EDEN / OLDS

That Council:

1. **Endorses the Community Safety Advocacy Priorities outlined in Attachment 1 as a Tier 1 Advocacy Priority of Council in accordance with Council's Advocacy Policy; and**

2. **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise any and all matters relating to the above.**

carried unanimously

5.6 QUARTER 1 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2026-27 PROGRESS REPORTS 107
POP | 83/3/1-01 | #7929653

MIDDLETON / OLDS

That Council notes the Quarter 1 Operational Plan and Capital Works Program 2026-27 Progress Reports

carried unanimously

5.7 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2027 140
POP | 65/4/1-07 | #7955241

COGHLAN / MOLLER

That Council:
1. Adopts the following schedule of Ordinary Meetings for 2027 and notifies the public accordingly.

January 2027

Wednesday, 27 January 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting

February 2027

Wednesday, 24 February 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting

March 2027

Wednesday, 10 March 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 24 March 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting

April 2027

Wednesday, 14 April 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 28 April 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting

May 2027

Wednesday, 12 May 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 26 May 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting

June 2027

Wednesday, 16 June 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 23 June 2027 (9.00 am)	Special Budget Meeting

July 2027

Wednesday, 14 July 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 28 July 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting

August 2027

Wednesday, 11 August 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 25 August 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting

September 2027

Wednesday, 15 September 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 29 September 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting

October 2027

Wednesday, 13 October 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 27 October 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting

November 2027

Wednesday, 10 November 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 24 November 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting

December 2027

Wednesday, 15 December 2027 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting

2. Notes the Schedule of Councillor Briefings and Workshops, including Mayor, Councillor and CEO Forums.

carried unanimously

5.8 TENURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.....147
PGS | 55/2/3 | #7932526

MOLLER / TICKNER

That Council:

1. Applies exceptions under the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the disposal of valuable non-current assets, other than by tender or auction, pursuant to section 236(1)(b)(ii) being for the purpose of negotiating tenure arrangements with the community organisations and associated land described below:

a. A lease over land described as Lot 2 on SP363620, Trinity Beach Road, Trinity Beach, to Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club Inc;
b. A lease over land described as Lot 2 on SP363620, Trinity Beach Road, Trinity Beach, to Baseball Cairns Inc;
c. A lease over land described as Lot 191 on NR6528, 85-93 Oleander Street, Holloways Beach to DogzCairns Inc;

d. A lease over land described as Lot 3 on RP701079, 28 Grove Street, Cairns North, to Cairns Italian Festival Inc;
e. A lease over land described as Lot 1 on C198325, 152 Abbott Street, Cairns North, to Cairns Tennis Club Inc;
f. A lease over land described as Lot 115 on NR800836, 2-40 Anderson Street, Manunda to ARC Disability Services Inc;
g. A lease over land described as Lot 11 on SP346748, 271 Gatton Street, Westcourt to Cairns and District Senior Citizens Association Inc
h. A lease over land described as Lot 1 on RP722073, Wolff Street, Edmonton, to Lions Club Edmonton Inc;
i. A lease over land described as Lot 2 on RP729059, 48-52 Graham Street, Edmonton, to Play Matters Australia Ltd;
j. A lease over land described as Lot 166 on NR7440, 18-20 Highleigh Road, Gordonvale, to Gordonvale Men's Shed Inc;
k. A lease over land described as Lot 47 on NR7477, 22-24 Hives Street, Gordonvale, to Gordonvale Pony Club Equestrian Centre Inc;
l. A lease over land described as Lot 2 on SP285528, 81-83 Sheppards Street, Gordonvale, to Southern Suburbs Junior Rugby League Club (Cairns) Inc;
m. A lease over land described as Lot 2 on SP285528, 81-83 Sheppards Street, Gordonvale, to Cairns Southside Judo Club Inc; and
n. A lease over land described as Lot 1 on RP809583, Mill Road, Babinda, to Babinda and District Pony Club Inc;
o. A lease over land described as Lot 132 on SP246991, 17 King Street, Babinda, to Babinda and District Amateur Fishing Club Inc;
p. A lease over land described as Lot 9 on N15737, 1151R Thomson Road, Edmonton, to The Historical Society Cairns North Queensland Inc; and
q. A lease over land described as Lot 22 on C198406, Shop 5 and 7, 93-105 Lake Street, Cairns City, to The Historical Society Cairns North Queensland Inc;

2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer under section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters in connection with the lease arrangements.

carried unanimously

5.9 FREE REGISTRATION FOR AGED PENSIONERS AND GUIDE, HEARING AND ASSISTANCE DOGS – GENERAL POLICY UPDATE 158
LC | 52/2/4-02 | #7955832

COGHLAN / PYNE

That Council adopts the Free Registration for Aged Pensioners and Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs – General Policy

carried unanimously

5.10 IN-KIND USE OF BARLOW PARK BY NORTHERN PRIDE RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED 163
LC | 52/7/6-07 | #7952246

COGHLAN / PYNE

That Council:

1. **Approves a Funding Agreement with Northern Pride Rugby League Limited for a period of one (1) year from 1 January – 31 December 2027 for the use of West Barlow Park up to the value of $131,355 ex GST In-kind, with two (2) one (1) year Options, on the same terms and conditions and at a value to be determined; and**

2. **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009,* to negotiate and finalise any and all matters in relation to the Funding, Options and related Agreements.**

carried unanimously

5.11 PETITION REQUESTING CONSTRUCTION OF MISSING FOOTPATH ALONG PART OF PARADISE PALMS DRIVE – DIVISION 9..... 168
LC | 52/9/4 | #7958543

OLDS / TICKNER

That Council receives the petition and requests a response to the principal petitioner by an Officer in line with the information outlined in this report.

carried unanimously

5.12 STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES MULTICULTURAL GRANTS PROGRAM – RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR 2027/2029 PROGRAM 173
LC | 52/2/7-01 | #7960445

MIDDLETON / COGHLAN

That Council:

1. **Retrospectively endorses the submission of an application under the Strengthening Communities Multicultural Grants Program 2026-27, Youth and Community Connection category, seeking $50,049 for the Multicultural Youth Documentary Project; and**

2. **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to finalise any and all matters relating to the application, including the execution of an associated funding agreement should Council's application be successful.**

carried unanimously

5.13 PETITION – LITTLES AND DEXTER ROADS GORDONVALE SPEED LIMIT 178
CIA | 81/1/13 | #7958501

MOLLER / TICKNER

That Council receives the petition and requests a response to the principal petitioner by an Officer in line with the information outlined in this report.

carried unanimously

5.14 PROJECT LAUNCH APPROVAL – 601131 – CONTRACT 3085 – ANNUAL MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROGRAM..... 184
CIA | 50/9/100-01 | #7960286

TICKNER / MOLLER

That Council:

1. **Approves the award of Contract 3085 – Annual Manhole Rehabilitation Program to FITT Resources Pty Ltd for the estimated value of $485,508.10 excluding GST, with the option for two available extensions of 12 months each, at Council's sole discretion;**

2. **Endorses the Project Launch Approval (PLA) for Project 601131 Annual Manhole Rehabilitation Program with a Project Launch Budget (PLB) of $575,687 in FY26/27 and an Approved End Date (AED) of 30 June 2027; and**

3. **Delegates authority to the CEO in accordance with the *Local Government Act* to finalise and negotiate any and all matters relating to this project and contract subject to normal procurement practices and policies.**

carried unanimously

6. LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOLLER / PYNE

That standing orders be suspended for the following local announcements for which notice has been provided in accordance with clause 31. of the Model Meeting Procedures and Council Standing Orders General Policy:

carried unanimously

CR MOLLER – ST RITA'S SCHOOL BABINDA'S 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

CR COGHLAN – QUEENSLAND SPORTS FOUNDATION ANNUAL AWARDS

OLDS / VALLELY

That Council resumes the meeting standing orders.

carried unanimously

7. CLOSED SESSION – OFFICERS' REPORTS

TICKNER / VALLELY

AT 10:35 AM COUNCIL RESOLVED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE REASONS INDICATED UNDER THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS 2012* (LGR).

Item	Reason	LGR section
PREJUDICIAL MATTER - SUPPORT FOR MAJOR EVENT [REFERENCE: 2026 – 04] **EDA | 52/1/16 | #7961639**	*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.*	*254J(3)(g)*
PREJUDICIAL MATTER – ACQUIREMENT OF LAND – DIVISION 5 **PGS | 19/28/288 | #7963639**	*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.*	*254J(3)(g)*

carried unanimously

AT 10:38 AM COUNCIL RESOLVED TO MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

MOLLER / OLDS

carried unanimously

RESOLUTIONS ARISING FROM MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

7.1 PREJUDICIAL MATTER – SUPPORT FOR MAJOR EVENT [REFERENCE: 2026 – 04].....190
EDA | 52/1/16 | #7961639

OLDS / TICKNER

That Council:

1. **Resolves in accordance with section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, it is satisfied that the event provider is a Specialised Supplier and that they be added to the Sole Supplier Register for all financial years in which event related payments take place;**

2. **Notes that this report is confidential and is to be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and resolve that it remain confidential until Council makes a public announcement regarding the Major Event;**

3. **Supports the securing of the Major Event [Reference: 2026 – 04] outlined in the report by approving the recommended allocation of funding from previously endorsed and publicly announced event funding in accordance with the arrangements detailed in the report; and**

4. **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009,* to finalise any and all matters relating to the above.**

carried unanimously

7.2 PREJUDICIAL MATTER – ACQUIREMENT OF LAND – DIVISION 5.....199
PGS | 19/28/288 | #7963639

PYNE / MOLLER

That Council:

1. **Provides approval to enter into a contract of sale to purchase Lot 94 on C1983 being 145-147 Grafton Street, Cairns City and Lot 7 on C198318 being 120-122 Sheridan Street, Cairns City subject but not limited to the terms and conditions contained herein; and**

2. **Notes that the purchase is not currently identified in the 10-Year Capital Works Program and it is to be funded from forecast underspend in the 2026/27 Capital Works Program. This will require deferral of equivalent value to projects within the Community and Lifestyle portfolio in future budget years; and**

3. **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, to offer, negotiate and finalise any and all matters associated with the purchase including but not limited to contract conditions, final purchase price, settlement, variations and dispute resolution.**

carried unanimously

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:40AM

CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2026

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MAYOR/CHAIR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER