ORDINARY MEETING

29 JULY 2026

9.11 A.M.

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

OFFICERS:

K Gouldthorp	Chief Executive Officer
H McBride	Director People and Organisational Performance
M Davey	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
S Lisle	Executive Manager Growth & Sustainability
R Stone	Executive Manager Strategic Communications & Engagement
P Rogato	Public Affairs Coordinator
L Vigar	Public Affairs Advisor
J Conway	Executive Officer
S Cottrell	Minute Secretary

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1. APOLOGY

Council notes the apology of Councillor Coghlan.

2. PRESCRIBED CONFLICT OF INTEREST / DECLARABLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Moller informed the meeting that:

I, Cr Brett Moller declare a Conflict of Interest in Agenda Item 5.15 Application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot (1 Lot into 2 Lots and Access Easement) – 626 R, Redlynch Intake Road, Redlynch – Division 6 as one of the interested parties is Gilvear Planning. Mr Paul Gregory who could be considered an associate of mine is a business consultant to Gilvear Planning but is not involved in anyway in planning matters for that firm.

I have previous declared this associate relationship in relation to this matter when previously mentioned in this chamber, as a declarable conflict under the previous regime of the Local Government Act, asking for a stay/go vote, where my fellow Councillors voted for me to stay. As there have been amendments to that legislation, this is now a conflict of Interest that I must disclose and inform how I am to manage such. Based on my previous declaration where my fellow Councillors decided that I did not have a conflict of interest such that I would not act in the public interest, I again rely on a reasonable person having considered my declaration would also be of the view that this conflict would not give rise to me acting contrary to the public interest and I will stay and participate in this matter when decided on in the chamber today.

Cr Tickner informed the meeting that:

I, Cr. Matthew Tickner would like to disclose to this meeting that I have a Conflict of Interest with Agenda Item 5.15 - APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR RECONFIGURING A LOT (1 LOT INTO 2 LOTS AND ACCESS EASEMENT) – 626R REDLYNCH INTAKE ROAD, REDLYNCH – DIVISION 6. This conflict was originally disclosed in the meeting on the 10/12/2025 where the development approval was first tabled in the Chamber and as per that meeting I will leave the room when this item is discussed.

Cr Eden informed the meeting that:

I, Cr Amy Eden advise that I am declaring a material personal interest in relation to Item 5.9 – Reimbursement of legal fees.

I will manage this interest by leaving the meeting while the matter is discussed and voted on.

3. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 15 JULY 26

MOLLER / TICKNER

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 15 July 2026 be confirmed.

carried unanimously

5. OPEN SESSION – OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 CEO MONTHLY REPORT 39

EO | 93/1/2 | #7909830

MIDDLETON / TIM

That Council notes:

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

carried unanimously

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE (Director Lifestyle & Community) Item 5.1:

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FBS | 63/17/2-01 | #7903215

MOLLER / MIDDLETON

That Council notes the preliminary financial performance report for the period ended 30 June 2026.

carried unanimously

5.3 SOLE AND SPECIALISED SUPPLIERS 2026/27 80
FBS | 63/14/4 | #7872628

TICKNER / MOLLER

That Council:

1. **Resolves in accordance with section 235(a) and 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that it is satisfied that the nominated suppliers listed in Attachment 1 are Sole or Specialised Suppliers and that they be added to the Sole Supplier Register for the 2026/27 financial year.**

2. **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to Sole Suppliers subject to Council's normal procurement policies and practices.**

carried unanimously

5.4 2026/27 RATES BENCHMARKING 97
FBS | 63/2/14-01 | #7909976

OLDS / EDEN

That Council notes the 2026/27 Rates Benchmarking report.

carried unanimously

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EDA | 52/1/16 | #7909805

MOLLER / ZEIGER

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carried unanimously

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EDA | 58/6/1 | #7912551

OLDS / VALLELY

That Council:

1. **Approves Tourism Tropical North Queensland Limited utilising $25,000 (ex GST) of the $300,000 (ex GST) Events Funding allocation specified in their Resource and Performance Agreement with Council for the 2026/27 financial year to support the attraction of the 2027 Australian Tourism Awards event to Cairns in March 2028; 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

5.7 MINUTES AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING – 14 JULY 2026 126
POP | 65/4/1 | #7907952

MOLLER / MIDDLETON

That Council accepts the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held 14 July 2026.

carried unanimously

5.8 QUARTER 4 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2025-26 PROGRESS REPORTS 132
POP | 83/3/1-01 | #7706690

OLDS / TIM

That Council notes the Quarter 4 Operational Plan and Capital Works Program 2025-26 Progress Reports

carried unanimously

Cr Eden left the meeting at 9.51 a.m. and Cr Olds assumed the Chair

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MOLLER / VALLELY

That Council:

1. **Determines, pursuant to Council's *Legal Assistance for Councillors and Employees General Policy and Expense Reimbursement and Support for Elected Members General Policy,* that Mayor Eden is required to reimburse Council, for the matter of *Independent Assessor v Eden* [2026] CCT 4, the amount of $15,000; and**
2. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, to take the necessary steps to collect the reimbursement from Mayor Eden.**

carried unanimously

Cr Eden returned to the meeting at 10.04 a.m. and resumed the Chair

5.10 SUBMISSION: INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATIONAL AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COUNCILLOR CONDUCT FRAMEWORK IN QUEENSLAND 166
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OLDS / EDEN

That Council retrospectively endorses the submission to the Queensland Parliamentary Local Government, Small Business and Customer Service Committee regarding its inquiry into the operation and effectiveness of the Councillor Conduct Framework in Queensland.

carried unanimously

5.11 CONTRACT NO. 2928 – SEWAGE PUMPING STATION RENEWAL PACKAGE 3 (CONSTRUCTION ONLY) – SPS W2 (600075), SPS T9 (600078), SPS ED4 (600112) 173
CIA | 63/56/77-01 | #7908623

TICKNER / MOLLER

That Council:

1. **Awards Contract No. 2928– Sewage Pumping Station Renewal Package 3 – SPS W2 (600075), ED4 (600112), SPS T9 (600078), to Koppen Construction Pty Ltd for a Lump Sum price of $5,281,704 excluding GST.**

2. **Approves the Project Launch Approval for 600075-Sewage Pumping Station W2 Renewal with a Project Launch Budget (PLB) of $2,531,853 and an Approved End Date (AED) of 30 September 2027.**

3. Approves the Project Launch Approval for 600078-Sewerage Pumping Station T9 Renewal with a Project Launch Budget (PLB) of $2,623,398 and an Approved End Date (AED) of 28 February 2027.

4. Approves the Project Launch Approval for 600112-SPS ED4 Electrical, and Mechanical Upgrade with a Project Launch Budget (PLB) of $2,112,858 and an Approved End Date (AED) of 20 December 2028.

5. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to enter into a contract, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this contract subject to Council's normal procurement policies and practices.

carried unanimously

5.12 CONTRACT CRC - 3062 – AERIAL SEWER CONSTRUCTION AT GORDON CREEK - 600162. 184
CIA | 63/6/166-01 | #7867476

TICKNER / ZEIGER

That Council:

1. Awards Contract CRC - 3062 – Aerial Sewer Construction at Gordon Creek, to JR Pipelines Pty Ltd for a Lump Sum price of $1,257,372.10 excluding GST.

2. Approves the Project Launch Approval (PLA) for Project 600162 with a Project Launch Budget (PLB) of $1,670,720 and an Approved End Date (AED) of 30 June 2027.

3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to enter into a contract, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this contract subject to Council's normal procurement policies and practices.

carried unanimously

5.13 CAIRNS TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE 18 JUNE 2026 191
CIA | 87/15/1 | #7913515

ZEIGER / TICKNER

That Council notes the minutes of the Cairns Traffic Advisory Committee (CTAC) of the 18 June 2026

carried unanimously

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LC | 52/2/4-02 | #7911106

EDEN / ZEIGER

That Council retrospectively endorses the attached submission to the Queensland Parliament's Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee in support of the introduction of the Youth Justice (Circuit Breaker) Amendment Bill 2026.

carried unanimously

Cr Tickner left the meeting at 10.25am

5.15 APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR RECONFIGURING A LOT (1 LOT INTO 2 LOTS AND ACCESS EASEMENT) – 626R REDLYNCH INTAKE ROAD, REDLYNCH – DIVISION 6 211
PGS | 8/39/16 | #7914983

VALLELY / OLDS

That Council refuse the development application seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 Lot into 2 Lots and Access Easement) over land at 626R Redlynch Intake Road, Redlynch, formally described as Lot 2 on SP106972, for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development does not appropriately provide for the continuing functionality and capacity of the land to provide for rural uses and activities. The proposed reconfiguration fragments functional rural land that will, as a result of lot sizes being significantly below the minimum prescribed by the Reconfiguring a Lot Code, materially affect the ability of

the land to cater for rural uses and activities.

For the above reasons, the proposed development does not comply with:

a. **Purpose statement (4)(a), Overall Outcomes 6(a), (c) and (j) and Performance Outcomes PO3 and PO11 of the Rural Zone Code; and**
b. **Purpose statement (1)(b), Overall Outcomes (2)(b) and Performance Outcome PO1 of the Reconfiguring a Lot Code**

2. **The proposed reconfiguration results in the creation of a new lot boundary through an area of identified state and local environmental significance, being Currunda Creek. The location of this boundary through this area does not avoid, and may result in impacts to the area of environmental significance, through for example, clearing for fencing of the new lot boundary.**

   The application has not demonstrated that where development cannot avoid impacts on an area of environmental significance, that it protects and enhances the area, provides a buffer to the area, or does not result in direct or indirect impacts.

   For the above reasons, the proposed development does not comply with:

   a. **Purpose statement 1(a), Overall Outcomes (2)(a), (b), and Performance Outcomes PO3, PO4, PO10 and PO11 of the Natural Areas Overlay Code;**
   b. **Overall Outcome (6)(d) of the Rural Zone Code; and**
   c. **Overall Outcome (2)(f) of the Reconfiguring a Lot Code.**

3. **The application does not demonstrate that the proposed reconfiguration will not result in the locating of additional or new sensitive land uses within a Key Resource Area - Separation Area or Key Resource Area – Transport Route Separation Area as shown on the Extractive Resources Overlay Map.**

   For the above reasons, the proposed development does not comply with:

   a. **Purpose statement 1, Overall Outcome 2(b) and PO2 of the Extractive Resources Overlay Code; and**
   b. **PO11 of the Reconfiguring a Lot Code.**

carried unanimously

Cr Tickner returned to the meeting at 10.29 a.m.

5.16 CAIRNSPLAN 2016 SCHEME SUPPLY FUND AMENDMENTS 242
PGS | 57/8/19 | #7890195

MOLLER / TICKNER

That Council:

1. **Decides to amend the CairnsPlan 2016 planning scheme in accordance with the Planning Act 2016 and the Minister's Guidelines and Rules (Version 3.0) for the Natural Hazards Amendment; and**

2. **Follows a streamlined amendment process for the Housing Supply and Development Assessment Efficiency Amendment.**

carried unanimously

5.17 GRANTS INWARDS STATUS UPDATE REPORT......................................249
FBS | 63/8/12-07 | #7913097

MOLLER / VALLELY

That Council notes the Grants Inwards Status Update Report.

carried unanimously

6. URGENT BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

6.1 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Response to questions taken on notice - 15 July 2026 Ordinary Meeting – item 6.5 (Director Planning, Growth & Sustainability)

1. When did the traffic survey take place?

Traffic survey took place between 4/3 and 11/3 during AM & PM peak times.

2. Were bicycle parking requirements conditioned in the approval?
Bicycle space has been accommodated for, but not conditioned.

6.2 Council recognises the passing of Max William O'Halloran former Cairns Regional Councillor 2012 - 2024 and expresses its condolences to Max's family.

7. CLOSED SESSION – OFFICERS' REPORTS

OLDS / VALLELY

AT 10.45 A.M. 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
BUDGETARY MATTER – OUTSTANDING DEBT REPORT **FBS | 63/8/31-01 | #7901333**	*Matter relates to the local government's budget*	*254J(3)(c)*

carried unanimously

AT 10.48 A.M. COUNCIL RESOLVED TO MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

OLDS / MOLLER

carried unanimously

RESOLUTIONS ARISING FROM MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

7.1 BUDGETARY MATTER – OUTSTANDING DEBT REPORT 261
FBS | 63/8/31-01 | #7901333

MOLLER / OLDS

That Council notes the status of the outstanding debt owed to Council as at 26 June 2026.

carried unanimously

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.49 A.M.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 12 August 2026