

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

26 February 2019

Held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building

The meeting commenced at 9.03 am

Pursuant to section 13 of Council's Local Law No 2 (Council Meetings) 2013, the Interim Administrator invited the Interim Management Committee members present being Simone Webbe, Jan Taylor, Stan Gallo, Steve Greenwood and Robert Jones to address the Council on any matters before it.

The Interim Administrator advised that he is bound to declare Conflict of Interests and potential Conflict of Interests and that the members of the Interim Management Committee are not legally bound, however in accordance with the Interim Management Charter they will also declare Conflict of Interests and potential Conflict of Interests.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT

MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE:

Greg Chemello (Interim Administrator)

INTERIM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Simone Webbe, Jan Taylor, Stan Gallo, Steve Greenwood and Robert Jones

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Ipswich City Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners as custodians of the land upon which we meet. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging, as the keepers of the traditions, cultures and stories of a proud people.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us in silence pray or reflect upon our responsibilities to the people of Ipswich.

We meet today to serve our community,
to use our resources wisely and well,
to represent all members of our community fairly,
and to make decisions that promote the common good.

**CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF ORDINARY
MEETING**

The Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council resolves:

That the Minutes of the Council Ordinary Meeting held on 29 January 2019 be confirmed subject to an amendment to Recommendation I of the Officer's Report titled Cameron Park – Future Use of Parkland and Facilities. The amendment replaces the current recommendation I with the following recommendation:

- I. That prior to the transfer of the land to Swifts Leagues Club Ltd, Council register a covenant on the title for the land, restricting the use of the land (in perpetuity or until released by Council) so as to ensure that the land continues to be used for community purposes and otherwise in accordance with its current zoning of Recreation. Such covenant to be consistent with Council's planning scheme and in compliance with *Land Title Act 1994*, the *Planning Act 2016* and any other relevant legislation.

DISCUSSION

The Interim Administrator noted that an amendment to the unconfirmed minutes from 29 January 2019 was proposed in relation to a discussion where council agreed it would be appropriate to seek a covenant on land for Swifts. Legal advice has been received to ensure the recommendation was legally accurate and this is now reflected in the amendment.

The Interim Administrator called for any discussion on the matter.

Simone Webbe queried whether it would be appropriate to inform council of the legal advice so that there is a clear understanding of why the recommendation needs to read "or until released by council" and the circumstances in which council could release the covenant.

Simone also suggested that it may be prudent to request the valuers to price the land before and after impact of the covenant so that a clear decision can be made as to whether the covenant is a good idea or not in terms of the overall public interest for the community as it is an asset of the council.

The Interim Administrator suggested that he would adopt the minutes as amended with an addition that a report be submitted to the next committee meeting to consider the legal advice and the implications on the valuations as Simone had discussed.

**PROPOSED
AMENDMENT**

The Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council resolves:

That the amendment to the minutes in relation to Cameron Park - Future Use of Parkland and Facilities be further amended by the addition of a further recommendation J:

- J. That a report be submitted to the next Communities Committee in relation to the Officer's report titled Cameron Park – Future Use of Parkland and Facilities outlining the legal advice for the amended recommendation and the implications on the valuation.

The motion was put and carried.

**RECEPTION AND
CONSIDERATION OF
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council resolves:

That the Economic Development Committee Report No. 2019(02) of 19 February 2019 be received and adopted.

DISCUSSION

The Interim Administrator made comment about event sponsorship and the discussion that occurred at committee in terms of council officers to prepare a report for the Committee so that the smaller valued grants for event sponsorship could be dealt with under delegation by council officers. This was to encourage future councillors to focus on strategic issues as opposed to some of the detailed operational smaller grants. It was noted that all grants, including those approved under delegation, would still be reported to council.

The motion was put and carried.

The Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council resolves:

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee Report No. 2019(02) of 19 February 2019 be received and adopted.

DISCUSSION

The Interim Administrator noted that a key issue during discussion at committee was the need in future reports on easements of land or proposed easements or resumptions of land, to have clearer information included, without going into commercial or confidential detail, around the status of discussions with owners and stakeholders and clearer statements about the potential implications for owners and stakeholders if land is resumed for certain public purposes. The Interim Administrator noted that these discussions could transgress into private or commercial matters that would need to be dealt with in confidence.

The Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council resolves:

That the Communities Committee Report No. 2019(02) of 19 February 2019) be received and adopted.

The motion was put and carried.

The Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council resolves:

That the Environment Committee Report No. 2019(02) of 19 February 2019 be received and adopted.

DISCUSSION

The Interim Administrator made comment on the following matters:

The contract with Visy for the recycling of Ipswich Waste for a year with a year extension gives council time to proceed and resolve issues through the sub-regional expression of interest campaign council is undertaking with other councils. The whole sub-regional waste management expression of interest process is a great strategy for council to deal with waste in a strategic and sub-regional way rather than council by council. This is a two year contract continuing with the current waste management arrangements until council resolves a better long term solution.

A further report is to be prepared on the Ipswich Nature Centre Masterplan. The Interim Administrator advised that this did not mean he was against the proposed redevelopment of the nature centre. It just meant that greater clarity is required around the strategy, the underlying usage and how important it is for the city in an economic and community sense before proceeding to commit to a Masterplan.

With the Riverview Recycling and Refuse Centre residents of certain Brisbane suburbs can use the centre any day of the week using their Brisbane City Council Vouchers and the voucher for 100 kg entitles them to 100 kg of waste. This represented a fair and equitable process across both local governments.

The motion was put and carried.

The Interim Administrator of the Ipswich City Council resolves:

That the Governance Committee Report No. 2019(02) of 19 February 2019 be received and adopted.

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICER'S REPORT



Officer's Report -
Planning of Future /

PLANNING FOR FUTURE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2019

That the report by the Chief Audit Executive dated 4 February 2019 concerning the proposed structured and planned agenda for the Audit and Risk Management Committee for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019, be received and adopted.

In considering the report, the following matters were raised by the Interim Administrator and Interim Management Committee members:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolves:

- A. That the 2019 Audit and Risk Management Committee meetings as scheduled normally a week prior to the Governance Committee meetings in the months of February, June, August, September (date determined by COO Finance and Corporate Services) and November, be accepted.
- B. That the proposed draft agenda discussion topics detailed in Attachment 1 of the report by the Chief Audit Executive dated 4 February 2019, be adopted.

The motion was put and carried.

DISCUSSION

The Interim Administrator thanked Rob Jones for his assistance.

The report outlines the Audit and Risk Management Committee as having an independent Chair, an independent majority of members and a minority of future councillors. The Interim Administrator made comment that this was an appropriate way for governance for the council in the future.

The motion was put and carried.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 9.15 am.