

**Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC)
Special Meeting
Held at the TSIRC Conference Room, TSIRC Office, Level 3, 111-115 Grafton
Street, Cairns
Friday 1st April 2011**

Present: Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor
Cr. Kenny Bedford, Deputy Mayor, Division 14 - Erub
Cr. Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr. Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island
Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin
Cr. Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls
Cr. Willie Lui, Division 10 - Warraber
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island
Cr. John Mosby, Division 12 – Yorke
Cr. Florianna Bero, Division 13 – Ugar
Mr. John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Noel Peters, Executive Manager, Human Resources
Mr. Anthony Bird, Executive Manager Corporate & Finance
Mr. Lloyd Sunderland, Executive Manager, Communities
Ms Dania Ahwang, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr. David Abednego, Executive officer
Mrs Tania Sailor, Executive Secretary.

Apologies: Cr. Donald Banu, Division 1 – Boigu Island
Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibal Island
Cr. Wayne Guivarra, Division 5 – Badu Island
Cr. Nancy Pearson, Division 8- Hammond
Cr. Walter Mackie, Division 9 - Iama
Cr. Ron Day – Division 15 – Mer Island

11.50am Mayor Gela commenced the meeting, noting that the meeting was opened in word of prayer this morning during Councillors Caucus.

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGY – COUNCILLORS ABSENCE

APOLOGIES NOTED

Cr. Day - *urgent request to deal with issues in his community as well as family issues.*
Cr. Guivarra – *ill health.*
Cr. Banu – *bereavement leave.*
Cr. Enosa – *ill health.*
Cr. Mackie – *urgent request received to take care of disable relative from Iama.*
Cr. Pearson – *training with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).*

CR. DAY

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Day for his absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

CR. GUIVARRA

Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Bero that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Guivarra for his absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

CR. BANU

Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Fell that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Banu for his absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

CR. ENOSA

Moved Cr. P. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Elisala that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Enosa for his absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

CR. MACKIE

Moved Cr. Lui, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Mackie for his absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

CR. PEARSON

Moved Cr. P. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Bero that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Pearson for his absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

CLOSED BUSINESS

Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Kris that in accordance with Regulation 72 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010 it is resolved for the Meeting to go into closed sessions to discuss the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees, starting or defending legal proceedings involving it, other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Local Government further the public in attendance are asked to leave.

Motion Carried.

END OF CLOSED BUSINESS

ISSUES RATIFIED IN CLOSED BUSINESS

ENTERPRISE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (EBA)

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. P. Mosby that Council approve the Chief Executive Office to continue negotiating and decide the best outcome for Council and its employees after meeting with Unions on the 4th April 2011.

Motion Carried

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OWNED CORPORATION (LGOC)

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. J. Mosby that Council:

1. Adopt the draft Public Benefit Assessment as the final Public Benefit Assessment; and
2. appoints Mr. Ian Jessup as a member of the Corporatisation Committee.

Motion Carried

*It was noted that Cr. Bosun supports Resolution no.1 but is **Against** Resolution no. 2.*

*Noted Cr. Bero left the room at 12.05pm, returning at 1.08pm. (not in the room when voting took place) **NEED TO CHECK (7 VOTES RECORDED WITHOUT CR. BOSUN'S VOTE)***

Noted Cr. Bedford left the room at 1.05pm, returning at 1.07pm.

RANGER PROGRAM

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Bosun, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council agrees to the Torres Regional Authority (TSRA) proposal that they take absolute control of the Ranger Program effective on the first pay period ending after 30th April 2011.

Motion Carried

It was noted that for Council to share confidential reports under Closed Business it has to be done by Resolution by Council as per Cr. P. Mosby's query and request that discussions and issues raised here and the report on the Ranger Program be shared with the Torres Strait Regional Authority.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. P. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council unlock this confidential report on the Ranger Program to share with TSRA.

Motion Carried

MEETING CLOSED

1.30pm With no further discussions, Mayor thanked Councillors and staff for their attendance. Meeting closed in prayer by Cr. P. Mosby.


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Cr. Fred Gela
Mayor


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Mr John Scarce
Chief Executive Officer