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Minutes
Oberon Council Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday 5 April 2011
7.00pm Council Chambers

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General Manager

Mayor

01 Opening of Meeting

The Mayor welcomed members and declared the meeting open at 7.00pm

02 Record of Attendance

Members Cr Keith Sullivan, Mayor - Chair
 Cr John McMahon, Deputy Mayor
 Cr Ian Doney
 Cr Don Fitzpatrick
 Cr Neil Francis
 Cr Kerry Gibbons
 Cr Zsuzsanna Handelsmann
 Cr Clive McCarthy
 Cr Bob O’Bernier

Officers Leanne Mash, General Manager
 John Chapman, Director of Corporate Services
 Mark Dicker, Acting Director of Development
 Sharon Swannell, Executive Assistant

Apologies Leigh Robins, Director of Engineering

Moved: O’Bernier
Second: McMahon

That apologies be received and accepted for the non-attendance of the Director of Engineering, Leigh Robins.

Carried 01050411

03 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary - Nil
Conflicts - Nil
Staff - Nil

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General Manager

Mayor

04 General Manager Reports

04.01.01 Reports for Decision

04.01.01 Proposed Fees and Charges 2011-12

Moved: McCarthy
Second: Handelsmann

That the new fees suggested for the use of sporting fields by organised completion clubs not be included in the 2011-12 fees and charges.

Carried 02050411

The following information and amendments are requested in relation to the 2011/12 proposed Fees and Charges.

- Council request a comparative analysis of five like Councils in the Division 10 Group of Councils of Development Contributions for Urban/Village Development and Rural Development as shown on page 6 and 7 of the draft fees and charges.
- It was requested that a comparison report be prepared based on an increase of 7% and 10% across all fees and charges with the exception of statutory charges.
- Staff are requested to investigate the liability for premises that have street furniture or other temporary structures on the footpath with the aim of ensuring that the premises have their own public liability insurance.
- Council requested that the minimum charge for wages on page 23, Private Works and Other Charges be amended to state award rate plus 55%.
- Dry hire for grader and loader as shown on page 24 is to be deleted as this service is not provided.
- The Annual Charge for vacant land per annum be increased to \$30.00 per annum as shown on page 27.

Question on Notice – Councillor McCarthy asked why Oberon continues to use dual escorts on the jet patcher when in comparison neighbouring shires only requiring one escort on local roads?

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General Manager

Mayor

05 Closed Session Reports

05.01.02 Land Use Strategy – Extinguishment of Agreement

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
- (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret

Moved: O’Bernier
Second: McMahon

That:

1. Council resolve into closed council to consider business identified, together with any late confidential reports tabled at the meeting.
2. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified as confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above.
3. The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Carried 03050411

Council closed the meeting at 8.58pm. There were no members of the public present at this point in time.

Moved: O’Bernier
Second: McCarthy

That Council move out of closed council and into open council.

Carried 04050411

Open Council resumed at 9.26pm.

The following resolutions of Council while the meeting was closed to the public were read to the meeting by the Mayor, there were no members of the public present.

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General Manager

Mayor

05.01.02 Land Use Strategy – Extinguishment of Agreement

Moved: O’Bernier
Second: Fitzpatrick

That Council agree to extinguish the existing agreement with Insite with regard the completion of the Oberon Land Use Strategy, subject to the following understandings:

- a. All parties have agreed in principle to extinguishment of the existing agreement.
- b. Insite will not seek any additional payment for work completed after the Stage One payment.
- c. All parties agree that the extinguishment of the agreement is mutual and no legal action will be taken by any party.
- d. Insite will hand over all existing drafts, working documents and reference material to Council upon agreement being reached and executed.
- e. There is no reference to Insite in any subsequent Oberon Land Use Strategy document

Carried 05050411

This concluded the business and the meeting rose at 9.30pm.

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 2011.

General Manager

Mayor

General Manager

Mayor