



**Redland**  
CITY COUNCIL

# **MINUTES**

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 6 October 2010**

**Council Chambers  
1st floor Administration Building  
Bloomfield Street Cleveland. Qld 4163**

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 1.33pm.

## 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### PRESENT:

#### Members:

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Cr M Hobson PSM | Mayor                  |
| Cr C Ogilvie    | Councillor Division 2  |
| Cr D Henry      | Councillor Division 3  |
| Cr B Townsend   | Councillor Division 5  |
| Cr K Reimers    | Councillor Division 8  |
| Cr K Williams   | Councillor Division 9  |
| Cr H Murray     | Councillor Division 10 |

#### Executive Leadership Group:

|                    |   |
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| Mr G Stevenson PSM | Chief Executive Officer                   |
| Mr G Underwood     | General Manager Planning & Policy         |
| Mr N Clarke        | General Manager Governance                |
| Mr B Lewis         | Acting General Manager Corporate Services |
| Mr G Jensen        | Acting General Manager Customer Services  |

#### Officers:

|            |                                  |
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| Mr P Navin | Service Manager Waste Operations |
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#### Minutes:

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| Mrs J Parfitt | Corporate Meetings & Registers Team Leader |
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### APOLOGIES:

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Cr T Bowler  | Councillor Division 6                             |
| Cr M Elliott | Deputy Mayor and Councillor Division 7            |
| Mrs T Averay | General Manager Development & Community Standards |

### ABSENT:

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| Cr W Boglary | Councillor Division 1 |
| Cr J Burns   | Councillor Division 4 |

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## 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Mayor reminded Councillors of their responsibilities in relation sections 172, 173 and 174 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

## **4 DIRECT TO COUNCIL REPORT**

### **4.1 CUSTOMER SERVICES**

#### **4.1.1 WAIVING OF GREENWASTE TIPPING FEES FOR ENERGEX PRE STORM SEASON VEGETATION CLEAN-UP PROMOTION**

**Datworks Filename:** WM – Campaigns – Waste Reduction  
**Responsible Officer Name:** Lex Smith  
Manager Operations and Maintenance  
**Author Name:** Patrick Navin  
Service Manager Waste Operations

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends that fees for greenwaste at mainland waste transfer stations be waived for the weekends of 23 & 24 October 2010 and 30 & 31 October 2010 to support Energex's campaign to "Clear your yard of 'green hazards' ahead of the summer storm season".

### **PURPOSE**

Resolve to waive fees for clean segregated loads of greenwaste for residents who show proof of residency at either the Birkdale or Redland Bay Waste Transfer Stations for the weekends of 23 & 24 October 2010 and 30 & 31 October 2010 to support Energex's campaign to "clear your yard of 'green hazards' ahead of the summer storm season".

Further, to provide a Community Service Obligation to compensate the Redwaste Business Unit for loss of revenue and an increase in expenses.

### **BACKGROUND**

Energex has approached Council's Marketing and Communications Unit and offered to pay for any co-branded advertising in the local papers and Brisbane radio stations as well as the drafting of relevant joint media releases quoting Energex operations personnel and the Mayor, in return for allowing residents to dispose of clean segregated greenwaste for free at Council's mainland waste transfer stations.

The campaign is being run throughout south east Queensland and is being supported by Brisbane City Council. Brisbane City Council are running 4 free greenwaste weekends through October, however, due to the timing of the request by Energex, Council can only align with Brisbane City Council on the last 2 weekends of October.

### **ISSUES**

Free greenwaste tipping for the 2 weekends will see a reduction in revenue from gate fees, estimated to be approximately \$10,000. There is also expected to be a 100%

increase in the average amount of greenwaste received at the waste transfer stations, and this will see an increase in the cost to remove the greenwaste, estimated to be approximately \$10,000 as well.

It is expected that a large number of residents will take the opportunity to dispose of greenwaste on these 2 weekends, therefore traffic control will need to be organised to ensure safe movement of vehicles as well as extra transfer station staff. There will also be minor administration costs for setting up the weighbridge software to be capable of handling the waived fees.

Other issues revolve around the compliance with local laws for tree trimming and management of vegetation. The Environmental Assessment Unit was consulted and they have advised that specific wording should be included in any media release ensure that residents consider the relevant Local Law before trimming trees.

This campaign is also in line with Council's recently released Disaster Management Plan. Particularly, Public Information regarding storm safety is an issue to be covered by the Disaster Management Plan as well as undertaking community awareness and education about being prepared for the storm season.

## **RELATIONSHIP TO CORPORATE PLAN**

The recommendation primarily supports Council's vision for strong and connected communities. The outcome for which is: Our health, wellbeing and strong community spirit will be supported by a full range of services, programs, organisations and facilities, and our values of caring and respect will extend to people of all ages, cultures, abilities and needs.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As discussed above, there will be a reduction in greenwaste gate fee revenue, extra expenses for the disposal of the increased greenwaste received and expenses relating to traffic management and extra transfer station staff.

It is requested that the reduction in greenwaste gate fee revenue and the extra expenses relating to traffic control be covered by a Community Service Obligation, as these amounts can be calculated easily. This amount is estimated at \$20,000.

The increase in expenses relating to the extra greenwaste received, that needs to be disposed of, will be absorbed by the Redwaste business unit as the amount of the increase is not as easily calculated as residents' vehicles are not weighed and, therefore, the total tonnage increase cannot be accurately determined.

There is currently sufficient budget to cover the expected increase in tonnes of greenwaste to be disposed of.

**CONSULTATION**

- Chief Executive Officer
- Acting General Manager Customer Services
- Environmental Assessment Team
- Marketing and Communications
- Energex officers
- Brisbane City Council officers

**OPTIONS****PREFERRED**

That Council resolve to assist Energex with their campaign to “clear your yard of ‘green hazards’ ahead of the summer storm season”, including:

1. The waiving of the gate fee for residents, with proof of residency, who bring clean separated greenwaste to the Birkdale and Redland Bay Waste Transfer Stations on the weekends of 23 & 24 October 2010 and 30 & 31 October 2010; and
2. Council approve the payment of a Community Service Obligation for the loss of revenue to the Redwaste Business Unit and expenses relating to traffic control and extra waste transfer station staff for the 2 weekends, to a maximum of \$20,000 GST exclusive.

**ALTERNATIVE**

Council does not support the Energex campaign.

**OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to assist Energex with their campaign to “clear your yard of ‘green hazards’ ahead of the summer storm season”, including:

1. The waiving of the gate fee for residents, with proof of residency, who bring clean separated greenwaste to the Birkdale and Redland Bay Waste Transfer Stations on the weekends of 23 & 24 October 2010 and 30 & 31 October 2010; and
2. Council approve the payment of a Community Service Obligation for the loss of revenue to the Redwaste Business Unit and expenses relating to traffic control and extra waste transfer station staff for the 2 weekends, to a maximum of \$20,000 GST exclusive.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved by: Cr Reimers

Seconded by: Cr Henry

**That Council resolve to assist Energex with their campaign to “clear your yard of ‘green hazards’ ahead of the summer storm season”, including:**

- 1. The waiving of the gate fee for residents, with proof of residency, who bring clean separated greenwaste to the Birkdale and Redland Bay Waste Transfer Stations from 23 October to 31 October 2010, inclusive; and**
- 2. That Council approve the payment of a Community Service Obligation for the loss of revenue to the Redwaste Business Unit and expenses relating to traffic control and extra waste transfer station staff for the period listed in 1 above, to a maximum of \$25,000 (GST exclusive).**

**CARRIED**

A division was called for.

Crs Reimers, Murray, Williams, Townsend, Henry, Ogilvie and Hobson voted in the affirmative.

Crs Bowler, Elliott, Burns and Boglary were absent from the meeting.

The motion was declared by the Mayor as **CARRIED**.

## 5 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.40pm.

Signature of Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation date: \_\_\_\_\_