

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 13 November 2025

Sunshine Coast City Hall Chamber, 54 First Avenue, Maroochydore

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:00am.

2 WELCOME AND OPENING

Councillor M Suarez acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting took place.

Venerable Arnon Sirimonkalo and Venerable Anuson Somrak from the Thai Community of Sunshine Coast Association provided a blessing.

The Chief Executive Officer, John Baker, acknowledged the recent passing of Council Employee, Karen Magdalinski.

3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**COUNCILLORS**

Councillor R Natoli	Mayor (Chair)
Councillor J Broderick	Division 1
Councillor T Landsberg	Division 2
Councillor T Burns	Division 3
Councillor J Natoli	Division 4
Councillor W Johnston OAM	Division 5
Councillor C Dickson	Division 6
Councillor E Hungerford	Division 7
Councillor T Bunnag	Division 8
Councillor M Suarez	Division 9 (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor D Law	Division 10

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer
Director Business Transformation and Performance
Director Community Strengthening
Director Infrastructure and Natural Assets
Director Sustainable Growth and Planning
Executive Manager Governance and Executive Services
Manager Strategy and Policy
Coordinator Financial Services
Coordinator Financial Accounting
Consultant Transport and Infrastructure Planning
Principal Engineer
Manager Audit, Assurance and Risk Advisory Services
Lead Senior Development Planner
Senior Solicitor Dispute Resolution & Advisory

4 RECEIPT AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Resolution

Moved: Councillor T Bunnag

Seconded: Councillor T Burns

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 October 2025 be received and confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

NIL

6 INFORMING OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

6.1 PRESCRIBED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

6.2 DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

7 PRESENTATIONS / COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 PRESENTATION - PLANNING INSTITUTE AUSTRALIA AWARDS - MARCOOLA AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Council Resolution

Moved: Councillor T Bunnag

Seconded: Councillor M Suarez

That Council recognise the achievement of the Marcoola Affordable Housing Project being acknowledged at the Planning Institute Australia Awards.

Carried unanimously.

7.2 PRESENTATION - PLANNING INSTITUTE AUSTRALIA - MOUNT NINDERRY ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVE LANDSCAPE PLAN

Council Resolution

Moved: Councillor D Law

Seconded: Councillor M Suarez

That Council recognise the achievement of the Mount Ninderry Environmental Reserve Landscape Plan being acknowledged at the Planning Institute Australia Awards.

Carried unanimously.

8 REPORTS DIRECT TO COUNCIL**8.1 SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTING**

File No: Council Meetings
Author: Manager Strategy and Policy
Business Transformation and Performance
Appendices: App A - Sunshine Coast Council Annual Report 2024-25
Attachments: Att 1 - Community Strategy Annual Report 2024-25
Att 2 - Environment and Liveability Annual Report 2024-25
Att 3 - Regional Economic Development Strategy Annual Report 2024-25

Council Resolution (OM25/97)

Moved: Councillor R Natoli
Seconded: Councillor M Suarez

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Sunshine Coast Council Annual Reporting"*
- (b) *adopt the Sunshine Coast Council Annual Report 2024-25 (Appendix A) and*
- (c) *note the Community Strategy Annual Report 2024-25 (Attachment 1), Environment and Liveability Strategy Annual Report 2024-25 (Attachment 2), and Regional Economic and Development Strategy Annual Report 2024-25 (Attachment 3) for the purpose of promoting the region's community, environment and liveability and economic outcomes.*

Carried unanimously.

Council Resolution

Moved: Councillor M Suarez
Seconded: Councillor E Hungerford

That Council grant Councillor C Dickson an extension of time for five minutes to speak further to the motion.

Carried unanimously.

8.2 QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT, QUARTER 1 2025-26**File No:** Council Meetings**Author:** Manager Strategy and Policy
Business Transformation and Performance**Appendices:** App A - Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Progress Report -
Quarter 1, 2025-26

Council Resolution (OM25/98)**Moved:** Councillor J Broderick**Seconded:** Councillor E Hungerford*That Council:*

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Quarterly Progress Report, Quarter 1 2025-26" and*
- (b) *endorse the Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Progress Report - Quarter 1, 2025-26 (Appendix A).*

Carried unanimously.

8.3 OCTOBER 2025 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

File No: **Council Meetings**

Author: **Coordinator Financial Services**
Finance and Commercial Partnerships

Attachments:

- Att 1 - October 2025 Financial Performance Report**
- Att 2 - October 2025 Capital Grant Funded Project Report**
- Att 3 - 2024-25 Statement of Income and Expenditure - Interim versus Final Comparison**

Council Resolution (OM25/99)

Moved: Councillor E Hungerford

Seconded: Councillor J Broderick

That Council receive and note the report titled "October 2025 Financial Performance Report".

Carried unanimously.

8.4 2024-25 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT

File No: Council Meetings

Author: Coordinator Financial Accounting
Finance and Commercial Partnerships

Attachments: Att 1 - Independent Auditors Report and Certified General Purpose Financial Statements 2024-25
Att 2 - Queensland Audit Office Final Management Report 2024-25
Att 3 - Community Financial Report 2024-25
Att 4 - SunCentral Maroochydore Pty Ltd 2024-25 Annual Report
Att 5 - Sunshine Coast Events Centre Pty Ltd 2024-25 audited financial statements
Att 6 - Sunshine Coast Arts Foundation Ltd 2024-25 audited financial statements

Council Resolution (OM25/100)

Moved: Councillor E Hungerford

Seconded: Councillor J Broderick

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "2024-25 Financial Statements and Community Financial Report" and*
- (b) *note that the 2024-25 Community Financial Report, 2024-25 Financial Statements and associated financial information will be included as Section 4 of Council's 2024-25 Annual Report.*

Carried unanimously.

Council Resolution

Moved: Councillor J Natoli

Seconded: Councillor J Broderick

That Council grant Councillor E Hungerford an extension of time for five minutes to speak further to the motion.

Carried unanimously.

8.5 SOUTH MAROOCHY DRAINAGE BOARD REVIEW

File No: Council meetings
Author: Director Sustainable Growth and Planning
Sustainable Growth and Planning
Attachments: Att 1 - Land Use and Drainage Details
Att 2 - Decision Notice - Ministerial Infrastructure Designation
for South Maroochy Drainage Network
Att 3 - Ministerial Infrastructure Designation

Council Resolution (OM25/101)

Moved: Councillor M Suarez
Seconded: Councillor T Bunnag

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "South Maroochy Drainage Board Review"*
- (b) *request the Chief Executive Officer to write to the South Maroochy Drainage Board and the Minister for Local Government and Water, addressing the following:*
 - (i) *confirmation that Council recognises the Board as a separate and independent entity,*
 - (ii) *advising that Council supports whatever entity the Board wishes to operate as, be that a Category 2 Water Authority or a Closed Water Activity Agreement,*
 - (iii) *noting that funding of drain upgrades and maintenance activities undertaken by the South Maroochy Drainage Board is the responsibility of the Board, and*
 - (iv) *advising that Council is under no obligation to provide funding to the South Maroochy Drainage Board.*

For: Councillor R Natoli, Councillor J Broderick, Councillor T Burns, Councillor J Natoli, Councillor W Johnston, Councillor C Dickson, Councillor E Hungerford, Councillor T Bunnag, Councillor M Suarez and Councillor D Law.

Against: Councillor T Landsberg.

Carried.

8.6 PUBLIC FLOOD MAPPING UPDATE 2025

File No: Council Meetings
Author: Principal Engineer
Sustainable Growth and Planning
Attachments: Att 1 - Changes to Defined Flood Event
Att 2 - March 2025 Flood Event Map

Council Resolution (OM25/102)

Moved: Councillor M Suarez
Seconded: Councillor J Broderick

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Public Flood Mapping Update 2025" and*
- (b) endorse the revision to Council's public flood mapping products.*

Carried unanimously.

8.7 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING, 23 OCTOBER 2025

File No: Council Meetings

Author: Manager Audit, Assurance and Risk Advisory Services
Finance and Commercial Partnerships

Appendices: App A - Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of 23 October 2025

Council Resolution (OM25/103)

Moved: Councillor J Broderick

Seconded: Councillor E Hungerford

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Audit Committee Meeting, 23 October 2025" and*
- (b) endorse the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of 23 October 2025 at Appendix A to this report.*

Carried unanimously.

8.8 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER

File No: Council Meetings
Author: Manager Audit, Assurance and Risk Advisory Services
Finance and Commercial Partnerships
Attachments: Att 1 - Recommended Candidate - *Confidential*
Att 2 - Audit Committee Charter

Council Resolution (OM25/104)

Moved: Councillor J Broderick
Seconded: Councillor E Hungerford

That Council:

- (a) *receive and note the report titled "Appointment of Independent Audit Committee Member"*
- (b) *approve the appointment of the independent Audit Committee member as recommended, for a term from 31 October 2025 to 31 December 2029 and*
- (c) *authorise the Chief Executive Officer to publicly release the name of the person appointed as a member of the Audit Committee, should Council endorse the recommendations in this report.*

Carried unanimously.

9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS

NIL

10 TABLING OF PETITIONS**10.1 PETITION - REQUEST TO REINSTATE THE HORSE ROUND YARD AT LITTLE MOUNTAIN**

Council Resolution (OM25/105)

Moved: Councillor J Broderick

Seconded: Councillor W Johnston

That the petition tabled by Councillor J Broderick relating to the request to reinstate the horse round yard at Little Mountain be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer to determine appropriate action.

Carried unanimously.

10.2 PETITION - REQUEST FOR COUNCIL PENSIONER REBATES FOR OAK TREE RETIREMENT VILLAGE RESIDENTS

Council Resolution (OM25/106)

Moved: Councillor T Landsberg

Seconded: Councillor J Natoli

That the petition tabled by Councillor T Landsberg relating to the request for Council pensioner rebates for Oak Tree Retirement Village residents be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer to determine appropriate action.

Carried unanimously.

10.3 PETITION - REQUEST FOR CROSSING OR SPEED BUMPS AT REGATTA BLVD AND DECKS ROAD WURTULLA**Council Resolution** (OM25/107)**Moved: Councillor T Burns****Seconded: Councillor J Natoli**

That the petition tabled by Councillor T Burns relating to the request for crossing or speed bumps at Regatta Blvd and Decks Road Wurtulla be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer to determine appropriate action.

Carried unanimously.

10.4 PETITION - URGENT REVIEW OF BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR NAMBOUR AND HINTERLAND**Council Resolution** (OM25/108)**Moved: Councillor D Law****Seconded: Councillor T Burns**

That the petition tabled by Councillor D Law relating to the request for an urgent review of budget priorities for Nambour and Hinterland be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer to determine appropriate action.

Carried unanimously.

11 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Council Resolution

Moved: Councillor W Johnston

Seconded: Councillor T Landsberg

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to s254J(3)(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to consider the following items:

11.1 Confidential - Not for Public Release - Planning Appeal - Division 5

Carried unanimously.

RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Council Resolution

Moved: Councillor W Johnston

Seconded: Councillor J Broderick

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

Carried unanimously.

**11.1 CONFIDENTIAL - NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE - PLANNING APPEAL -
DIVISION 5****File No:** APL24/0027**Author:** Lead Senior Development Planner
Sustainable Growth and Planning

In preparing this report, the Chief Executive Officer recommends it be considered confidential in accordance with Section 254J (3) (e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as it contains information relating to legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

Council Resolution (OM25/109)**Moved:** Councillor W Johnston**Seconded:** Councillor C Dickson

That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to attempt to resolve the planning appeal in Division 5.

For: Councillor R Natoli, Councillor J Broderick, Councillor T Landsberg,
Councillor T Burns, Councillor W Johnston, Councillor C Dickson,
Councillor E Hungerford, Councillor T Bunnag, Councillor M Suarez and
Councillor D Law.

Against: Councillor J Natoli.

Carried.

12 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 11 December 2025 in the Sunshine Coast City Hall Chamber, 54 First Avenue, Maroochydore

13 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 1:49pm.

Confirmed 11 December 2025.

CHAIR