

MINUTES

Council Meeting

2 July 2019

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 2 July 2019, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Antoine Doueihi
Councillor Maryanne Duggan
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Gulian Vaccari

STAFF: Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place & Civic Services
Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment & Urban Services
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

1. **OPENING:** The Prayer was read.

2. **RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS:** The Recognition was read.

3. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Stephanie Kokkolis and Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Nil.

5. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

82/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Doueihi)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 4 June 2019, a copy of which has been furnished to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Annual Road Safety Awards

83/19

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Pensabene)

That Council acknowledge the award presented to Strathfield Council for Local Government Initiatives at the 8th Annual Road Safety Awards.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

7.2 New Leader of the NSW Labor Party - Ms Jodi McKay

84/19

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That Council acknowledge Strathfield MP Jodi McKay on her victory becoming the new leader of the NSW Labor Party and a letter of congratulations be sent.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

9. MAYORAL MINUTE(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Nil.

10. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE)

Nil.

11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

12.1 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 18 June 2019

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 18 June 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

MOTION: (Vaccari / Hall)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 18 June 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted with the following amendments:

Item 6.1 Weerona Road Lane Reconfiguration

To implement the proposed lane configuration subject to:

- Appropriate tree trimming to allow large vehicles
- Minimum lane width of 3.25m each to accommodate buses
- RMS approval to accommodate changes to signals and line marking in accordance with the proposal

Item 9.3 Powell's Creek Bike and Walking Track

Committee members to review PTC report and provide comment to Council. A further discussion will occur at the August 2019 Traffic Committee.

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Against the Motion: Nil

13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

13.1 Emergency Services Levy – Councillor Karen Pensabene

I MOVE:

That Council provide a report to the next available Councillor Workshop of the impact of the NSW State Government 2019/2020 budget submission handed down on Tuesday 18 June 2019.

Rationale:

It is disappointing that the State Government has imposed an increase of \$19 million Emergency Services Levy to NSW Councils without notice or consultation.

It is imperative to understand the financial impact on Strathfield Council in regard to the affect it would make on Councils Operational Plan, Community Strategic Plan and our planned Service Deliveries.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.2 Investigate Improvement to Water Street and Punchbowl Road, Belfield Intersection – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

I MOVE:

1. That Council investigate possible improvements to the intersection of Water Street and Punchbowl Road, Belfield.
2. That a report be prepared to the Traffic Committee investigating the possible solutions to ease traffic flow and improve safety for right turns on both a northern and southern direction.
3. That Council consult all stakeholders involved including RMS and Canterbury Bankstown Council.

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3. That Council consult all stakeholders involved including RMS and Canterbury Bankstown Council.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.3 Improving Access for Online Delivery/Transport Services in our Shopping Districts – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

I MOVE:

That a presentation be prepared for an upcoming Councillor Workshop and then a report be prepared for the September 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to the changing needs to local businesses in relation to online delivery services. The report to include but not limited to:

- Local business and community demands for 'Uber' like delivery services
- Demand for 'Uber' like transport services vs traditional taxi services
- Possible parking/taxi rank/carpark changes
- Budgetary implications

MOTION: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That a presentation be prepared for an upcoming Councillor Workshop, followed by listed to Traffic Committee Agenda and then a report be prepared for the September 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to the changing needs to local businesses in relation to online delivery services. The report to include but not limited to:

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.4 Transparency in Relation to Political Parties – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

I MOVE:

That in the interest of openness and transparency, Councillors profiles on our website lists the Councillors political party membership alongside their name and contact details.

Mr Markwell addressed the meeting.

MOTION: (Doueihi / Vaccari)

That Councillor Hall be granted a time extension.

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RESOLVED: (Doueihi / Vaccari)

That Councillor Hall be granted a time extension.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

MOTION: (Blackmore / Vaccari)

That In consultation with OLG and Council's Legal Team and in the interest of openness and transparency, Council look to providing Councillors profiles on our website lists the Councillors political party membership alongside their name and contact details.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Vaccari)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.5 20A and 20 Parramatta Road Proposed Park – Councillor Nella Hall

I MOVE:

1. That Council prepare a report for the August 2019 Council Meeting that provides the following on the proposed park:

1. A map which includes the location and area of the proposed park
2. A background on the acquisition of the property
3. The layout and design of the proposed park
4. The timeline for its completion

MOTION: (Hall / Doueihi)

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2. A background on the acquisition of the property
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2. That Council recognise the exemplary work of the previous Council on this matter.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Doueihy)

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 2. A background on the acquisition of the property
 3. The layout and design of the proposed park
 4. The timeline for its completion
2. That Council recognise the exemplary work of the previous Council on this matter.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.6 Homelessness in the Strathfield LGA – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

I MOVE:

That Council clarify and strengthen its response to homelessness* and the provision of homelessness services in the Strathfield Local Government Area by providing a detailed briefing to Councillors at the August 2019 Council Meeting on why Strathfield is regarded as a homelessness hotspot, and the possible response that Council might take to address related issues. Items which might be included could be:

- a) Identification of relevant data and issues
- b) Qualitative data from support services working in our area
- c) Identification of action that Council can take to address the issues raised

*Demographers include rough sleepers, people sleeping in cars or in crisis accommodation, couch surfers and overcrowded rental accommodation.

MOTION: (Duggan / Blackmore)

That Council clarify and strengthen its response to homelessness and the provision of homelessness services in the Strathfield Local Government Area by preparing a presentation for an upcoming Councillor Workshop followed by a report to the September 2019 Council Meeting on why Strathfield is regarded as a homelessness hotspot, and the possible response that Council might take to address related issues. Items which might be included could be:

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.7 Westconnex Ventilation Facility – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

I MOVE:

That Council write to the Hon. Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and request the following:

1. Completion of the Development Control Plan (DCP) which will provide Council with advice on the recommended building buffer zones and building heights in the vicinity of the facility, and
2. Placement of multiple (above ground) Air Quality Monitors in the vicinity of the facility and the west of the facility.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Vaccari)

That Council write to the Hon. Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and request the following:

1. Completion of the Development Control Plan (DCP) which will provide Council with advice on the recommended building buffer zones and building heights in the vicinity of the facility, and
2. Placement of multiple (above ground) Air Quality Monitors in the vicinity of the facility and the west of the facility.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

GM1 Current Status of Council Resolutions

94/19

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Doueihi)

That the report on the current status of Council Resolutions be noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1 Investment Report as at 31 May 2019

95/19

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Doueihi)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 May 2019 noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Local Government NSW Annual Conference

RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominate representatives to attend and vote at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2019 to be held from Monday 14 October to Wednesday 16 October 2019 at the William Inglis Hotel, Warwick Farm.

MOTION: (Doueihi / Vaccari)

1. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and two Councillors be delegates to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2019 to be decided at a later date.
2. That Councillors to notify the CEO by 12 July 2019 of their wish to attend.

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RESOLVED: (Doueihi / Vaccari)

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2. That Councillors to notify the CEO by 12 July 2019 of their wish to attend.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

ID1 Strathfield Council's Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the draft Vision, Planning Priorities and Actions be endorsed by Council for inclusion in Council's draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.
2. That the draft final document of the Local Strategic Planning Statement be submitted to a Councillor Workshop for endorsement to submit to the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC).
3. That authority be delegated to the Deputy CEO and General Manager Planning, Environment and Urban Services to make any minor modifications to the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement following receipt of advice from the GSC.

4. That following receipt of advice from the GSC, the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement be publicly exhibited for a minimum of 28 days.
5. That following the public exhibition period, a report be provided back to Council advising of the outcome of the exhibition and any further action to be taken.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

1. That the draft Vision, Planning Priorities and Actions be endorsed by Council for inclusion in Council's draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.
2. That the draft final document of the Local Strategic Planning Statement be submitted to the Council Meeting 6 August 2019 for endorsement prior to submitting to the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC).
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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

15. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL REGULATION, 2005

Nil.

16. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:10pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 6 August 2019.

Chairman_____

Chief Executive Officer_____