

MINUTES

Council Meeting
3 September 2019

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 3 September 2019, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:31pm

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

STAFF: Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer
Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place & Civic Services
Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment & Urban Services
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director - Corporate and Financial Services
Cathryn Bush, Executive Manager Administration
Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Mrs Le Strange addressed the meeting to discuss Planning Compliance.

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

Councillor Hall declared a conflict of interest, non-significant – non-pecuniary, in respect of report 12.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting 16 July 2019 contained within item 6 – Minutes, Council Meeting 6 August 2019.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

117/19

RESOLVED: (Douihi / Hall)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 6 August 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 Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign such minutes.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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 20 August 2019

118/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 20 August 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Suspension of Standing Orders

119/19

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Duggan)

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow consideration of the following matter:

CS3 Mayor and Deputy Mayoral Election

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The outgoing Mayor Councillor Vaccari vacated the Chair.

CS3 Mayor and Deputy Mayoral Election

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council conduct the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor by open voting.
2. That Council elect the Mayor for the 2019-2020 term.
3. That Council elect the Deputy Mayor for the 2019-2020 term.
4. That the Returning Officer conduct the election in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

120/19

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Doueihy)

That the election for the Mayor be conducted by Open Voting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Election of Mayor

The Returning Officer, being the Chief Executive Officer advised that nominations for the position of Mayor had been received for Councillor Pensabene, Councillor Doueihy and Councillor Vaccari.

Councillor Vaccari declared that his nomination for Mayor be withdrawn.

An election was carried out by way of open voting method with the following votes being recorded:

Councillor Doueihy

Councillor Vaccari

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Councillor Kokkolis

Councillor Hall

Councillor Pensabene

Councillor Blackmore

Councillor Duggan

Councillor Pensabene

The Returning Officer declared Councillor Doueihy elected as Mayor for the 2019-2020 term with the majority of votes.

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RESOLVED: (Doueihy / Duggan)

That the election for the Deputy Mayor be conducted by Open Voting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Election of Deputy Mayor

The Returning Officer, being the Chief Executive Officer advised that nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor had been received for Councillor Duggan, Councillor Pensabene, Councillor Blackmore and Councillor Hall.

An election was carried out by way of open voting method with the following votes being recorded:

Councillor Duggan

Councillor Duggan received no votes.

Councillor Pensabene

Councillor Pensabene

Councillor Duggan

Councillor Blackmore

Councillor Vaccari

Councillor Blackmore

Councillor Kokkolis

Councillor Hall

Councillor Doueihy

Councillor Hall

The Returning Officer declared Councillor Duggan excluded and because Councillors Hall and Pensabene both received two votes each, therefore, in accordance with Clause 12 of Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* the Returning Officer placed the names of Councillor Hall and Councillor Pensabene in the barrel. Councillor Pensabene name was drawn first and was therefore excluded from the second round of the ballot.

2nd Ballot
Councillor Hall

Councillor Doueihy

Councillor Hall

Councillor Blackmore

Councillor Vaccari

Councillor Pensabene

Councillor Kokkolis

Councillor Duggan

Councillor Blackmore

The Returning Officer declared Councillor Blackmore elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2019-2020 term with the majority of votes.

Councillor Doueihy assumed the Chair.

Councillor Nella Hall left the meeting, the time being 7:08 PM.

Resumption of Standing Orders

122/19

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Duggan)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

13.1 Mobile Playvan Service Investigation – Councillor Blackmore

I MOVE:

That a report be provided to the November Ordinary council meeting regarding the possibility of implementing a mobile Playvan Service.

That the report includes but not limited to:

1. Investigation of similar services provided by Burwood Council and Inner West Council.
2. Mental and physical health benefits of outdoor play to Children living in high density living.
3. Budgetary cost.

Councillor Nella Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:11 PM.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Duggan)

That a report be provided to the November Ordinary council meeting regarding the possibility of implementing a mobile Playvan Service.

That the report includes but not limited to:

1. Investigation of similar services provided by Burwood Council and Inner West Council.
2. Mental and physical health benefits of outdoor play to Children living in high density living.
3. Budgetary cost.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.2 Strathfield Historical Exhibition – Councillor Hall

I MOVE:

That:

1. Council investigate the possibility of establishing a Strathfield Historical Museum.
2. The museum be exhibited for 1 session a year at the High St Library.
3. Council contact and canvas for interested persons to assist with the content.
4. Council report to a Councillor Workshop in December.

MOTION: (Hall / Blackmore)

That:

1. Council investigate the possibility of establishing a Strathfield Historical exhibition.
2. The exhibition be held for 1 session a year at the High St Library.
3. Council contact and canvas for interested persons to assist with the content.
4. Council report to a Councillor Workshop in December.
5. That the local historical society be contacted and advised on whether it could be done or not.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

That:

1. Council investigate the possibility of establishing a Strathfield Historical exhibition.
2. The exhibition be held for 1 session a year at the High St Library.
3. Council contact and canvas for interested persons to assist with the content.
4. Council report to a Councillor Workshop in December.
5. That the local historical society be contacted and advised on whether it could be done or not.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.3 Safety Audit For Areas Around Schools – Councillor Hall

I MOVE:

That Council prepare a safety audit report for the December 2019 Councillor Workshop with regard to parking and access around schools.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Kokkolis)

That Council prepare a safety audit report for the December 2019 Councillor Workshop with regard to parking and access around schools.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.4 Change to Parking in Bellfrog Street – Councillor Hall

I MOVE:

That Council investigate turning the excess road at Bellfrog Street, the other side of Wentworth Street, into parallel parking to assist with excess parking in surrounding streets.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council investigate turning the excess road at Bellfrog Street, the other side of Wentworth Street, into parallel parking to assist with excess parking in surrounding streets.

Councillor Hall withdrew the Motion.

13.5 Review of Council's Code of Meeting Practice – Councillor Pensabene

I MOVE:

That the Code of Meeting Practice be reviewed to include the acknowledgment of residents' issues raised orally about the operations or policies of the Council in an Open Forum when accompanied by a submission in writing and Council be provided with an acquittal summary quarterly on such submissions.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That the Code of Meeting Practice be reviewed to include the acknowledgment of residents' issues raised orally about the operations or policies of the Council in an Open Forum when accompanied by a submission in writing and Council be provided with an acquittal summary quarterly on such submissions.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

13.6 Improving Internet Service in the South Strathfield Area – Councillor Pensabene

I MOVE:

That Council approach Internet service providers and prepare a report to the November Ordinary Meeting on internet coverage, access and reliability in the South Strathfield Area and low cost options for service improvement to the area.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Council approach Internet service providers and prepare a report to the November Ordinary Meeting on internet coverage, access and reliability in the South Strathfield Area and low cost options for service improvement to the area.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.7 Management of Unsolicited Proposals Received by Council – Councillor Duggan

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council develop local guidelines to manage unsolicited proposals.

Further, I also move that the Guidelines are presented in draft form to a Council Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting for comment and then referred to a subsequent Ordinary Council meeting for public endorsement prior to the end of 2019.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Strathfield Council develop local guidelines to manage unsolicited proposals.

Further, I also move that the Guidelines are presented in draft form to a Council Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting for comment and then referred to a subsequent Ordinary Council meeting for public endorsement prior to the end of 2019.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.8 Planning Policy and Urban Design Workshop – Councillor Duggan

I MOVE:

That meeting rules are revised (without input from Committee members) so that minutes are recorded and circulated before being published on an appropriate page on Council's website.

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

I move that meeting rules are reviewed with input from workshop members to enable Minutes to be recorded and circulated to Councillors.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

I move that meeting rules are reviewed with input from workshop members to enable Minutes to be recorded and circulated to Councillors.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

CEO1 Delivery Program - January to June 2019

130/19

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the Delivery Program six-monthly progress report for January to June 2019 be noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1 Investment Report as at 31 July 2019

131/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 July 2019 be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Current Status of Council Resolutions

132/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

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

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, 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

133/19

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Duggan)

That the meeting move into Closed Session to consider CEO1 Senior Staff Matter.

In accordance with Section 10A (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 this matter will be considered in Closed Session as it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Council moved into closed session at 8.05pm with all staff absent and resumed into open session at 8:20pm.

The Chairperson advised details of the resolution made in Closed Session as follows:

134/19

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Blackmore)

That the report be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:21pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 1 October 2019.

Chairman _____

General Manager _____