

MINUTES

Council Meeting
6 October 2020

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 6 October 2020, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Mayor Antoine Doueihi
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
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 and Urban Services
David McQuade, Governance Manager

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

4. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 1 September 2020, 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.

MOTION: (Vaccari / Hall)

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Item 15.1 Confidential Senior Staff Matter – Resolution 192/20 be corrected to read:

That Council engage Local Government NSW to assist the Mayor with the CEO's Performance Review Process.

193/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 Strathfield West Seniors – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

That Council acknowledge and thank retired Strathfield West Seniors members Ms Marlene Doran, former long-time President, Mr Bob Poole, former Treasurer and Ms Pushba Pulan, former Vice President. A letter of acknowledgement be sent from the Mayor on behalf of Council with fruit to Mr Poole and with flowers to Ms Doran and Ms Pulan thanking them for their contribution.

6.2 Mr Andrew Soulos - Councillor Matthew Blackmore

That Council congratulate Mr Andrew Soulos on being elected as the new President of the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce and that the Mayor send a letter of congratulations on behalf of Council to Mr Soulos on his appointment.

6.3 Mr Andrew Aravanis and Councillor Gulian Vaccari - Councillor Stephanie Kokkolis

That Council congratulate Rotary Club of Strathfield members Mr Andrew Aravanis and Councillor Gulian Vaccari for receiving the Paul Harris Award for going the extra mile to help the community.

7. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

10. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11.1 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 15 September 2020

194/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 September 2020 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

11.2 Report from Planning Policy Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting on 21 September 2020

195/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Planning Policy Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting held on 21 September 2020 be noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

12.1 Strathfield West Seniors – Councillor Karen Pensabene

196/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Council:

1. Provide 2 worms farms, worms and mulch to the Community Garden at Bates Street Centre.
2. Provide new edible plants.
3. Council staff to provide some advice and help with restoring the Community Garden as soon as possible.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.2 Christmas Lights – Councillor Karen Pensabene

197/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Council provide a report and financial implications to supply Christmas lights and ribbons to all streets in our Local Government Area for the November Council Meeting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.3 Womens and Childrens Community Services – Councillor Karen Pensabene

198/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Council report to the December Ordinary Council meeting of the feasibility and financial implications of trialling a Strathfield Women's and Children Resource Centre for 12 months at the Community Centre.

The centre could be hosted by Council and funded via Federal, State and Private grant funding.

Ideas for the Centre should include and not limited to:

1. Resource Centre run by Groups specialising in Women's and Children Health

Trial period of 12 months

2 days per week 9-12am

A committee should be formed to oversee the operation of the Resource Centre to ensure the provider is meeting the expectations and service delivery anticipated from the project.

The committee should include Councillors, Council Director/Officer, Auburn Police and Community members with an interest and experience in overseeing the activities of the Resource Centre.

2. Recommended Community Services such as:

Crisis and Support

Health Promotion

Therapeutic Groups

Legal Services

DV support services

English Classes

Mothers Groups

Social Groups / Indian, Bangladesh, Sri Lankan, Chinese and Korean communities.

3. Council to advise on any resource implications.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.4 Save Hudson Park West – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That Council keep Hudson Park West as open green space until community consultation has been undertaken.
2. Community consultation to include an online community survey, e-news notification, and a letter box drop to the 2140 postcode area seeking community feedback on the preferred option for Hudson Park West. Survey results and feedback to be reported back to the December 2020 Council Meeting.

Hudson Park West is part of the old Hudson Park public golf course. It is bordered by Centenary Drive, Arthur Street, and the goods railway line. It is approximately 7 acres of community owned Crown Land. Informal community consultation conducted to date by councillors, indicates that there is strong community support for this land to be connected to Hudson Park East and retained as open green space for future generations.

For the Motion: Councillors Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

12.5 Local Environment Plan 2021: Community Engagement – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

199/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Council expand the current community engagement plan to incorporate the following:

For residents and commercial property owners:

- A dedicated (staffed) shop front in Strathfield Library with extended opening hours during October/November
- A Customer Service be established at the Strathfield Customer Service area to answer resident and stakeholder queries
- A direct phone line for residents or commercial property owners who have specific questions
- Evening and daytime online information meetings in November
- An information letter to all residents and rate payers
- Regular email to all e-news recipients.

For Councillors:

- An extension of the current time limit for Councillors to provide feedback to allow sufficient time to appropriately consult with residents and commercial property owners, and
- Two half day workshops for Councillors to go through any proposed changes to any zoning or reclassification.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.6 Library Opening Hours – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

Councillor Duggan withdrew her Notice of Motion as the matter on Library Opening Hours has now been addressed.

12.7 Community Consultation: Homebush Village Refurbishment – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

200/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

1. That Council notify all people who have put in a submission or completed a survey, all commercial property owners and lease/rental shopkeepers in the Village of the following:

- a. The results of the survey and public consultation.
 - b. The community preferred option for Rochester Street and Burlington Road.
 - c. The proposed project components e.g. timed parking, street refurbishment, footpath renewal, and all associated public works.
 - d. A timeline for commencement and conclusion of each phase of the project.
2. That Council provide a report on the refurbishment plans to the November Ordinary Council meeting, including:
- a. The results of the survey.
 - b. A summary of all other written feedback provided to Council (e.g. are residents/shopkeepers in favour of the plans or against)?
 - c. Key issues and objections from residents and shop keepers.
 - d. A more detailed project plan including key project works and a project timeline so that the community area aware of public works disruption periods.
 - e. A project finance and budget briefing.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.8 Marlene Doran OAM – Councillor Karen Pensabene

201/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That Council find an appropriate Reserve, Park or Community Centre to be named in honour of Marlene Doran OAM.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.9 Noise Barriers along rail track adjoining units in Beresford – Councillor Nella Hall

202/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That Council write to the Minister for Transport requesting that the Minister investigate the noise pollution from trains along the rail track and explore the possibility of noise mitigation that adjoin the residents of Beresford Road, Elva Street and Pilgrim Avenue up to the railway underpass.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.10 Promotion of Destination Strathfield LGA – Councillor Nella Hall

203/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That Council:

1. Investigate and develop a program that promotes the Strathfield LGA shopping precincts to the wider metropolitan areas utilising media and other marketing programs.
2. Report back to the November 2020 Ordinary Council meeting with a possible program which includes the associated costs of implementing the program.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

CS1 Investment Report - August 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the record of cash investments as at 31 August 2020 be received and noted.

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That the record of cash investments as at 31 August 2020 be received and noted.
2. That for the next Council Meeting, Council provide a 3 year comparison of our financial investments report.

204/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That the record of cash investments as at 31 August 2020 be received and noted.
2. That for the next Council Meeting, Council provide a 3 year comparison of our financial investments report.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Current Status of Council Resolutions

205/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Matthew Blackmore left the meeting, the time being 08:01pm.

Councillor Matthew Blackmore returned to the meeting, the time being 08:02pm.

DEU1 Report on Submissions - Review of Strathfield Community Participation Plan and General Development Control Housekeeping Amendments

Councillor Nella Hall left the meeting, the time being 08:27pm.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note that there were no submissions received during the exhibition period and that the amendments to the Strathfield Community Participation Plan, General Introduction of SCDCP 2005 and all site specific DCP's become effective once a Public Notice is placed on Council's website.

MOTION: (Hall / Pensabene)

1. That Council note that there were no submissions received during the exhibition period and that the amendments to the Strathfield Community Participation Plan, General Introduction of SCDCP 2005 and all site specific DCP's become effective once a Public Notice is placed on Council's website.
2. That Council explore other avenues to engage with the community.

206/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

1. That Council note that there were no submissions received during the exhibition period and that the amendments to the Strathfield Community Participation Plan, General Introduction of SCDCP 2005 and all site specific DCP's become effective once a Public Notice is placed on Council's website.
2. That Council explore other avenues to engage with the community.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Nella Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 08:29pm.

DEU2 Safety at Corner of Kessell Avenue and Hampstead Road, Homebush West

207/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Council adopt the Audit Report presented.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU3 Graffiti and Beautification - Homebush West Shopping Precinct

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Continue with the rapid removal program and work with shop owners to replace existing roller shutter shopfronts and to remove posters, etc. from shopfronts.
3. In consultation with the local Chamber of Commerce, investigate suitable locations to provide a local legal Graffiti Wall in the LGA.

MOTION: (Hall / Kokkolis)

That Council;

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Continue with the rapid removal program and work with shop owners to replace existing roller shutter shopfronts and to remove posters, etc. from shopfronts.
3. In consultation with the local Chamber of Commerce, investigate suitable mural locations in the LGA.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Kokkolis)

That Council;

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Continue with the rapid removal program and work with shop owners to replace existing roller shutter shopfronts and to remove posters, etc. from shopfronts.
3. In consultation with the local Chamber of Commerce, investigate suitable mural locations in the

LGA.

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

DEU4 7-33 Water Street, South Strathfield Precinct (Generally Bounded by Water Street, Dunlop Street and Dean Street)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- Receive and note the Report.
- Continue to support the residents call for the rezoning of the Water Street Industrial Precinct to R4 in the review of the Local Environmental Plan (LEP).
- In satisfaction of The Ministerial Direction, The Eastern District Plan, and The Strathfield Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), transfer the employment land from the Water Street industrial precinct to 1 Weeroona Road, Strathfield (Council Depot), and rezone the precinct from IN1 to R4 as part of the current LEP Review
- As a matter of contra, balance the loss of employment land in the Water Street Industrial Precinct, by supporting the relocation of the Council existing depot at 1 Weeroona Road, Strathfield, to an equivalent site area on Hudson Park West at Arthur Street.

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That Council receive and note the Report.
2. That Council continue to support the residents call for the rezoning of the Water Street Industrial Precinct to residential as part of the review of the Local Environmental Plan (LEP).
3. That the matter be deferred for further community consultation.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Kokkolis / Blackmore)

That Council:

- Receive and note the Report.
- Continue to support the residents call for the rezoning of the Water Street Industrial Precinct to R4 in the review of the Local Environmental Plan (LEP).
- In satisfaction of The Ministerial Direction, The Eastern District Plan, and The Strathfield Local

Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), transfer the employment land from the Water Street industrial precinct to 1 Weeroona Road, Strathfield (Council Depot), and rezone the precinct from IN1 to R4 as part of the current LEP Review

- As a matter of contra, balance the loss of employment land in the Water Street Industrial Precinct, by supporting the relocation of the Council existing depot at 1 Weeroona Road, Strathfield, to an equivalent site area on Hudson Park West at Arthur Street.

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That Council receive and note the Report.
2. That Council continue to support the residents call for the rezoning of the Water Street Industrial Precinct to residential as part of the review of the Local Environmental Plan (LEP).
3. That the matter be deferred for further community consultation.

For the Motion: Councillors Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Motion was put and **Lost**.

Note: The Foreshadowed Motion became the **Motion**.

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 9:49pm.

Councillor Pensabene left the meeting, the time being at 9.49pm.

MOTION (Kokkolis / Blackmore)

That Council:

- Receive and note the Report.
- Continue to support the residents call for the rezoning of the Water Street Industrial Precinct to residential or mixed use in the review of the Local Environmental Plan (LEP).
- In satisfaction of The Ministerial Direction, The Eastern District Plan, and The Strathfield Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), transfer the employment land from the Water Street industrial precinct to 1 Weeroona Road, Strathfield (Council Depot), and rezone the precinct from IN1 to residential or mixed use as part of the current LEP Review.
- As a matter of contra, balance the loss of employment land in the Water Street Industrial Precinct, by supporting the relocation of the Council existing depot at 1 Weeroona Road, Strathfield, to an equivalent site area on Hudson Park West at Arthur Street.

- In addition to the private open space, the master plan for the entire Water Street precinct is to include 30% open space.
- That all future developments in the precinct, are to achieve a minimum set back of 9 metres and all levels above 3 storeys are to be set back a further 4 metres for solar access and articulation.
- Any balance of funds from any depot redevelopment at Hudson Park West and the lease of the current depot site be used to purchase open space within the LGA.

209/20

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Blackmore)

That Council:

- Receive and note the Report.
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- As a matter of contra, balance the loss of employment land in the Water Street Industrial Precinct, by supporting the relocation of the Council existing depot at 1 Weeroona Road, Strathfield, to an equivalent site area on Hudson Park West at Arthur Street.
- In addition to the private open space, the master plan for the entire Water Street precinct is to include 30% open space.
- That all future developments in the precinct, are to achieve a minimum set back of 9 metres and all levels above 3 storeys are to be set back a further 4 metres for solar access and articulation.
- Any balance of funds from any depot redevelopment at Hudson Park West and the lease of the current depot site be used to purchase open space within the LGA.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Councillor Duggan

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 9:51pm.

Councillor Pensabene returned to the meeting, the time being at 9.51pm.

DEU5 Cooke Park Skate Park

210/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Blackmore)

That Council receive and note progress to date.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

PPC1 Community Grants 2020/21

211/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council award Community Grants funding for 2021/21 as outlined in the confidential attachment.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

Nil.

15. TABLED ITEMS

15.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters

15.2 Mayoral Diary and Expenses

15.3 Mayoral Invitations and Replies

16. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:55pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 3 November 2020.

Chairman_____

CEO_____