

MINUTES

Council Meeting
1 September 2020

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 1 September 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
Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment and Urban Services
Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place and Civic Services
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director - Corporate and Financial Services
Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Blackmore – late arrival.

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

Nil.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 4 August 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: (Duggan / Kokkolis)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 4 August 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 subject to the following amendment:

Item 6.1 Passing of Mr Bill Thompson – That flowers be sent to the partner of Mr Bill Thompson.

159/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 4 August 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 subject to the following amendment:

Item 6.1 Passing of Mr Bill Thompson – That flowers be sent to the partner of Mr Bill Thompson.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Blackmore arrived at the meeting, the time being 7:33pm.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 21 August 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: (Duggan / Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 21 August 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 subject to the following amendments:

1. That Councillor Kokkolis be removed from the Present list as Councillor Kokkolis did not attend the Extraordinary Council Meeting. An apology was noted.
2. That Resolution 156/20 for *Item 4.1 Confidential Senior Staff Matter* be corrected to read – That Council engage Local Government NSW to administer and facilitate the CEO's Performance Review.

160/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 21 August 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 subject to the following amendments:

1. That Councillor Kokkolis be removed from the Present list as Councillor Kokkolis did not attend the Extraordinary Council Meeting. An apology was noted.
2. That Resolution 156/20 for *Item 4.1 Confidential Senior Staff Matter* be corrected to read – That Council engage Local Government NSW to administer and facilitate the CEO's Performance Review.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 100th Birthday - Ms Edna Mavis Goodwin

161/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That Council write and send flowers on 31 October 2020 to Strathfield resident, Ms Edna Mavis Goodwin to acknowledge Ms Goodwin on reaching her milestone centenary birthday and to congratulate her on turning 100 years of age.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6.2 Acknowledgement of Dr. Ranjini Krishnananthan – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

162/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan)

That Council write to Dr Krishnananthan to thank her for her leadership, service and contribution to the Strathfield Community.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6.3 Closure of the Homebush Takeaway – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

163/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan)

That Council write to Mary and Albert Si on behalf of the community, to acknowledge to Mary and Albert Si for their long term contribution to the Strathfield Community.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6.4 Strathfield Council Winter Appeal – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

164/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan)

1. That Council thank and acknowledge Council staff member Fina Nainoca, Manager, Civics and Protocol, for coordinating and organising this year's Winter Appeal. Further, that Council's Customer Service staff, Rangers, and Library staff who helped with the campaign also be thanked.
2. That community members, local schools and businesses who contributed to the campaign for non-perishable food items and essential household products also be thanked.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6.5 29th Anniversary of Mass Shooting in Strathfield – Councillor Karen Pensabene

165/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That the 29th anniversary of the mass shooting in Strathfield be acknowledged.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6.6 Recognition of all our Residents Working in our Hospitals and Aged Care – Councillor Karen Pensabene

166/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That all our residents working in our Hospitals and Aged Care facilities be acknowledged.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

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

8.1 Mayoral Minute No 12/20 Social and Affordable Housing Policy

167/20

RESOLVED: (Doueihi)

1. That Council takes a leading role together with State Government, Local Government and the Development Industry in developing a policy to provide social and affordable housing in the Strathfield local Government Area.
2. That the policy requires that any approved uplift in the development standards of the LEP should be allocated as social and affordable housing to be provided to Council in perpetuity.
3. That this matter be discussed at a Council workshop.

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

Against the Motion: 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 18 August 2020

168/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Duggan)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 18 August 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 and Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting on 24 August 2020

169/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That the minutes of the Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party Committee Meeting held on 24 August 2020 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

170/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Vaccari)

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

CS1 Deputy Mayoral Election

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Adjournment of Meeting

171/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Duggan)

That the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes to allow staff to prepare for the Deputy Mayoral Election, the time being 6.55pm.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting resumed at 7.00pm with all Councillors present.

Resumption of Standing Orders

172/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

12.1 Solar Lighting Installation at Elliot Reserve Dog Park – Councillor Karen Pensabene

173/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That Council investigate and report on the possibility of installing solar lights in the off-leash area of the Elliot Reserve Dog Park, in Maria Street, Strathfield South.

That the Report to include the following:

- i. Resident consultation by letter
- ii. The cost implications
- iii. Reference to the Strathfield Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2019
- iv. The Vertebrate Fauna Study for Strathfield Council by Ambrose 2009
- v. The Standards Australia Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting Standards.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.2 Strathfield Shooting Memorial – Councillor Karen Pensabene

174/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That Council:

1. review and report to the November 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting to refurbish and move to a more appropriate position, the Strathfield Massacre Memorial located in Strathfield Town Centre.

As this memorial was laid with family members, it would only be appropriate to consult with them prior to any changes being made.

2. On 17 August 2021, recognises the 30th anniversary of the Strathfield shooting. This should be commemorated with a memorial service inviting Cumberland RSL President Greg Read, other shooting victims and their friends and relatives, Local, State and Federal representatives.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.3 Safety at Corner of Kessell Avenue and Hampstead Road, Homebush West – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

175/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

That Council:

1. Urgently review the quality of the street lighting at the Corner of Kessell Avenue, Hampstead Road and also the corner of Fraser Street, and provide a report back to the October Council Meeting.
2. That the Strathfield Council Traffic Committee consider other potential options to improve safety at this intersection including additional signage, a roundabout and/or a zebra crossing.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councill Duggan declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant interest during the discussion this matter.

12.4 Cooke Park Skate Park Improvements – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

Councillor Nella Hall left the meeting, the time being 7:12pm.

Councillor Nella Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:14pm.

176/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

That Council consult with users of the Cooke Park Skate Park and provide a report back to Council for the October Council Meeting on some enhancements that Council could potentially undertake to expand the park, together with relevant budget information.

Possible items to be considered in the report;

- Whether changes could incorporate some elements featured in the Sydenham Skate Park <https://www.skateboard.com.au/skateparks/australia/sydenham-green-skatepark/>
- Whether trees could be planned on the southern side to provide much needed shade in hotter months
- Whether some solar lighting could be installed
- Specific feedback from park users.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.5 Boarding Houses – Councillor Nella Hall

177/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

1. That Council prepare a standard condition of consent to be placed on all Boarding House approvals requiring the owners to prepare a COVID safe management plan including a hygiene cleaning regime for shared/communal spaces.
2. That Council write to the Minister of Planning to consider COVID safety plans to be included in all Council Development Control Plans.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Suspension of Standing Orders

178/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

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

CS1 Deputy Mayoral Election

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

Against the Motion: Nil

16. DEPUTY MAYORAL ELECTION

CS1 Deputy Mayoral Election

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor by open voting.
2. That Council elect the Deputy Mayor for the 2020-2021 term.
3. That the Returning Officer conduct the election in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

179/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Duggan)

That Council conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor by open voting.

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

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

Councillor Pensabene

Councillor Hall

Councillor Pensabene

Councillor Blackmore

Councillor Duggan

The Returning Officer declared Councillor Pensabene elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2020-2021 term with the majority of votes.

Resumption of Standing Orders

180/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Kokkolis)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

CEO1 Delivery Program January to June 2020

181/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Kokkolis)

That this Delivery Program January to June 2020 progress report be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CEO2 Community Engagement Program

182/20

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Duggan)

That Council accept the program action plan as submitted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Current Status of Council Resolutions

183/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

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

CS3 Investment Report - July 2020

184/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS4 Councillor Numbers for 2021-2024 Term of Office

185/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That Council retain the current number of 7 Councillors (one of whom is the Mayor) for the 2021-2024 Council term of office.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU1 Report on Submissions - Greywater Systems

186/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

That Council note there were no submissions received during the exhibition period and amendments to the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005 become effective

once a Public Notice is placed on Council's website.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU2 Recycle Smart

187/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

That Council consider the options offered by "Recycle Smart".

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU3 Public Toilet - Homebush West Shopping District

188/20

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Hall)

That Council in the 2021-22 financial year, allocate funds to install a public toilet on the northern side of The Crescent adjacent to the stairs leading from the Railway Station.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

RECOMMITTED – DEU2 Recycle Smart

189/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That *Item DEU2 Recycle Smart* be Recommended for Council to decide on an option to proceed with.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU2 Recycle Smart

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the options offered by "Recycle Smart".

MOTION: (Duggan / Hall)

That Council consider the options offered by "Recycle Smart" at the next available Workshop.

That the report also include if Council needs to engage in a contract for a minimum term.

190/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

That Council consider the options offered by "Recycle Smart" at the next available Workshop.

That the report also include if Council needs to engage in a contract for a minimum term.

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. CLOSED SESSION

191/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* the following matter be considered in Closed Session:

15.1 Confidential Senior Staff Matter

This matter is being considered in Closed Session as it relates to personnel matters concerning a particular individual (other than councillors) and on balance, the public interest in preserving confidentiality of personnel information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision making by discussing the matter in open meeting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting commenced Closed Session at 7.45pm.

The meeting resumed in Open Session at 8.02pm.

OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED

15.1 Confidential Senior Staff Matter

Motion: (Duggan / Hall)

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

192/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

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

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

Against the Motion: Kokkolis and Vaccari

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.04pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 6 October 2020.

Chairman_____

CEO_____