

# MINUTES

**Council Meeting**

**2 February 2021**

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 2 February 2021, 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 & Urban Services  
Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place and Civic Services  
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director - Corporate and Financial Services  
Francis Mangru, Executive Manager, Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer  
David McQuade, Governance Manager

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Kokkolis and Councillor Blackmore – late arrival.

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

Councillor Duggan declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant conflict of interest for *Item 12.2 Grass Volleyball Court at Fraser Street, Homebush and Skate Park Improvements Update at Cooke Park*. The reason being Councillor Duggan is a resident of nearby Fraser Street.

Councillor Duggan declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant conflict of interest for *Item 12.3 Strathfield/Burwood Lions Club Trailer and BBQ*. The reason being Councillor Duggan is a member of the Strathfield/Burwood Lions Club.

Councillor Pensabene declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant conflict of interest for *Item 12.3 Strathfield/Burwood Lions Club Trailer and BBQ*. The reason being Councillor Pensabene is a member of the Strathfield/Burwood Lions Club.

Councillor Hall declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant conflict of interest for *Item 12.8 Homebush Road Safety*. The reason being Councillor Hall is a resident of Homebush Road.

## **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**1/21**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Vaccari)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 1 December 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.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Kokkolis arrived at the meeting, the time being 6:33pm.

## **6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Nil.

## **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 December 2020**

**2/21**

**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Duggan)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 15 December 2020 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## **12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

### **12.1 Notice of Rescission: 12.4 Save Hudson Park West – Councillor Maryanne Duggan, Councillor Karen Pensabene and Councillor Matthew Blackmore**

The Chair ruled the Notice of Rescission Out of Order and accordingly ruled the Notice of Rescission **lost**.

### **12.2 Grass Volleyball Court at Fraser Street, Homebush and Skate Park Improvements Update at Cooke Park – Councillor Karen Pensabene**

MOVED:

1. That Council provide a report to the March 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting on the possibility of placing a grass volleyball court (net and boundary lines) adjacent to the temporary Council Depot at Fraser Street, Homebush.
2. That Council provide an update on improvements to the Skate Park at Cooke Park.

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**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Blackmore)

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2. That Council provide an update on improvements to the Skate Park at Cooke Park.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

### **12.3 Strathfield/Burwood Lions Club Trailer and BBQ – Councillor Karen Pensabene**

MOVED:

That Council provide a report to the March Ordinary Council Meeting, to provide a storage area for the Strathfield/Burwood Lions Club Trailer and BBQ.

**FORESHADOWED MOTION:** (Vaccari)

That Council notes the strong relationship with the various community groups serving the Local Government Area and reinforces and restates the assistance arrangements it gives these groups both formal and informal.

**MOTION:** (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That Council provide a report to the March Ordinary Council Meeting, to provide a storage area for the Strathfield/Burwood Lions Club Trailer and BBQ.

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**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That Council provide a report to the March Ordinary Council Meeting, to provide a storage area for the Strathfield/Burwood Lions Club Trailer and BBQ.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Kokkolis and Vaccari

**12.4 Ongoing Air Quality Monitoring - Homebush Ventilation Facility – Councillor Maryanne Duggan**

MOVED:

That Strathfield Council write to the NSW Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment to request:

- a) The indefinite continuation of the Westconnex Powell's Creek Air Quality Monitor
- b) The installation of a Sydney Air Quality Monitoring Station at Homebush

**5/21**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Pensabene)

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- a) The indefinite continuation of the Westconnex Powell's Creek Air Quality Monitor
- b) The installation of a Sydney Air Quality Monitoring Station at Homebush

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**12.5 Community Access to Council Meetings – Councillor Maryanne Duggan**

MOVED:

1. That Council allow members of the public to address the Council Ordinary Meeting in a (COVID) safe way from the March 2021 meeting by providing access via audio visual or similar.
2. I further move that Council consider a (COVID) safe way to allow members of the public to attend Council meetings from March 2021 (including the possibility of a move to a larger venue).

**MOTION:** ( Duggan / Hall)

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2. I further move that Council consider a (COVID) safe way to allow members of the public to attend Council meetings as soon as the NSW Health deems fit.

**6/21**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Hall)

1. That Council allow members of the public to address the Council Ordinary Meeting in a (COVID) safe way from the March 2021 meeting by providing access via audio visual or similar.
2. I further move that Council consider a (COVID) safe way to allow members of the public to attend Council meetings as soon as the NSW Health deems fit.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**12.6 Improved Transparency: Council Tender Process – Councillor Maryanne Duggan**

MOVED:

That as soon as practicable Council provide an ongoing monthly report (with the Ordinary Council Meeting papers) of tenders advertised and awarded.

The first report should include details of previous tenders awarded or advertised in the 20/21 Financial Year.

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**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Pensabene)

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The first report should include details of previous tenders awarded or advertised in the 20/21 Financial Year.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihi

### **12.7 Park Cameras – Councillor Nella Hall**

MOVED:

1. That Council prepare a report for the April 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to the feasibility of installing CCTV cameras in parks within the LGA where required because of vandalism and nuisance disturbances.
2. That the report also assess the budgetary complications including the cost of the vandalism, the cost of installation and the frequency of the vandalism.

**MOTION:** (Hall / Vaccari)

1. That Council prepare a report to an April Workshop in relation to the feasibility of installing CCTV cameras in parks within the LGA where required because of vandalism and nuisance disturbances.
2. That the report also assess the budgetary complications including the cost of the vandalism, the cost of installation and the frequency of the vandalism.
3. That Council provide a report to an April Workshop on the assessment of the current effectiveness of the public safety program.

**8/21**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Vaccari)

1. That Council prepare a report to an April Workshop in relation to the feasibility of installing CCTV cameras in parks within the LGA where required because of vandalism and nuisance disturbances.
2. That the report also assess the budgetary complications including the cost of the vandalism, the cost of installation and the frequency of the vandalism.
3. That Council provide a report to an April Workshop on the assessment of the current effectiveness of the public safety program.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## **12.8 Homebush Road Safety – Councillor Nella Hall**

MOVED:

That due to the number of major accidents on Homebush Road between Birnam Grove to Strathfield Park, that Council carry out a traffic investigation and assess what safety features can be implemented.

**MOTION:** (Hall / Vaccari)

That due to the number of major accidents on Homebush Road between Birnam Grove to Strathfield Park, that this matter be referred to the February 2021 Traffic Committee for investigation and to assess what safety features can be implemented.

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**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Vaccari)

That due to the number of major accidents on Homebush Road between Birnam Grove to Strathfield Park, that this matter be referred to the February 2021 Traffic Committee for investigation and to assess what safety features can be implemented.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## **13. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **CS1 Current Status of Council Resolutions**

Councillor Hall left the meeting during discussion of this item , the time being 7:45pm.

**10/21**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari / Hall)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:47pm.

### **CS2 Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 December 2020**

**11/21**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari / Blackmore)

That the Budget Review Statement as at 31 December 2020 be received and adopted.



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

Against the Motion: Nil

### CS3 Investment Report - November and December 2020

12/21

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari / Hall)

That the record of cash investments as at 30 November 2020 and 31 December 2020 be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

### DEU1 Planning Proposal 2020/001 - 204 Hume Highway, Chullora (Lot 1 DP 547215)

13/21

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari / Hall)

1. That Council note the recommendations of the Strathfield Local Planning Panel dated 3 December 2020 in relation to this matter as detailed below, noting that the Panel's recommendation is consistent with the assessing Officer's recommendation to support the proposal.
2. That Council endorse the Planning Proposal included at Attachment 3 which seeks to amend the SLEP 2012 by amending Schedule 1 – Additional Permitted Uses to include the following clause:
  4. Use of certain land at 204 Hume Highway, Chullora
    - (1) This clause applies to land at 204 Hume Highway, Chullora as identified as “*Item 4*” on the *Additional Permitted Uses Map*.
    - (2) Development for the purposes of **highway service centre** is permitted with development consent.
3. That the Planning Proposal be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment with a request for a gateway determination.
4. That Council advise the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment of Council's decision and if approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment that Council's LEP be amended in accordance with the Gateway Determination.

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**

Councillor Pensabene indicated she had a Matter of Urgency. The Mayor declared the item not a Matter of Urgency.

Councillor Blackmore indicated he had a Matter of Urgency. The Mayor declared the item not a Matter of Urgency.

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

Nil.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:53pm.**

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 2 March 2021.

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_ General Manager\_\_\_\_\_