

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Strathfield Municipal Council

Wednesday 12 January 2022

Town Hall

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 12 January 2022, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 12:37pm

PRESENT: Mayor Blackmore
Councillor Cai
Councillor Datta
Councillor Hall
Councillor Maheswaran
Councillor Pensabene
Councillor Reddy

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

1. OPEN

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST *(NATURE TO BE DISCLOSED)*

Nil.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

CS1 Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral Election

RECOMMENDATION

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

2. That Council elect the Mayor for the term January 2022 until September 2023 term.
3. That Council elect the Deputy Mayor for the term January 2022 until September 2023.
4. That the Returning Officer conduct the election in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

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RESOLVED:

1. That Council conduct the election of the Mayor by open voting.
2. That Council elect the Mayor for the term January 2022 until September 2023.
3. That the Returning Officer conduct the election in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran, Pensabene and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

Election of Mayor

The Returning Officer, being the Chief Executive Officer advised that nominations for the position of Mayor, in the order listed below, had been received for:

Councillor Blackmore - nominated by Councillor Reddy and Councillor Blackmore

Councillor Pensabene - nominated by Councillor Pensabene and Councillor Maheswaran, and

Councillor Hall - nominated by Councillor Blackmore and Councillor Cai

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

For Councillor Blackmore

Councillor Blackmore

Councillor Datta

Councillor Maheswaran

Councillor Pensabene

Councillor Reddy

The Returning Officer declared, given **Councillor Blackmore** received the majority vote from Councillors, he is elected Mayor for the period January 2022 – September 2023.

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RESOLVED:

1. That Council conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor by open voting.
2. That Council elect the Deputy Mayor for the same term as the Mayor, being January 2022 until September 2023.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Maheswaran, Pensabene and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Cai and Hall

Election Deputy Mayor

The Returning Officer, being the Chief Executive Officer advised that nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor, in the order listed below, had been received for:

Councillor Meheswaran - nominated by Councillor Pensabene and Councillor Meheswaran

Councillor Cai - nominated by Councillor Hall and Councillor Blackmore, and

Councillor Pensabene - nominated by Councillor Maheswaran and Councillor Pensabene

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

For Councillor Maheswaran

Nil

For Councillor Cai

Councillor Cai

Councillor Hall

For Councillor Pensabene

Councillor Blackmore

Councillor Datta

Councillor Maheswaran

Councillor Pensabene

Councillor Reddy

The Returning Officer declared, given **Councillor Pensabene** received the majority vote from Councillors, she is therefore elected Deputy Mayor for the period January 2022 – September 2023.

The Mayor, Councillor Blackmore, assumed the Chair.

CS2 Method to Fill Casual Vacancies

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council select one of the options below:

1. That Council determine whether or not to declare how any casual vacancies in the office of a councillor that occurs within 18 months after the date of the last ordinary election of councillors for the area is to be filled by a countback of votes cast at the last election held for that office. If this option is selected that the CEO be required to inform the NSW Electoral Commission within 7 days of the Council's decision.

OR

2. That any casual vacancies which occur in the office of a councillor for this term will be filled through the holding of a by-election.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Reddy)

That any casual vacancies which occur in the office of a councillor for this term be filled via a by-election.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Reddy)

That any casual vacancies which occur in the office of a councillor for this term be filled via a by-election.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Maheswaran, Pensabene and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Cai and Hall

5. CLOSE

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12:51pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 1 February 2022.

Chairman _____

Chief Executive Officer _____