

MINUTES

Council Meeting

7 April 2020

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 7 April 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 & Urban Services
Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place and Civic Services
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director - Corporate and Financial Services
Jenny Nascimento, Executive Manager, Financial Service and Chief Financial Officer
Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance
Cathryn Bush, Executive Manager Administration
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

Nil.

5. PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 3 March 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.

Voting on this item was unanimous

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Acknowledge and Thank Essential Workers and Frontline Council Staff

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That Council acknowledge our frontline council staff, particularly staff in Customer Service, staff organising and supporting Council's Neighbour 2 Neighbour program and our very resilient Connector bus drivers and to all our essential workers in the Strathfield LGA, on behalf of our Community, Thank you.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.2 St Paul's Church Pantry

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That Council acknowledge the fantastic work Father James, Rosemary and volunteers are doing at the St Paul's Church Pantry. Every Tuesday and Thursday the most vulnerable of our community call in to receive much needed food and supplies. I wish to thank Council Executive, Council staff, Local MP Jodi McKay and Pantry friends who have contributed to the Pantry to keep it well stocked. The list of poor and disadvantaged is growing each week and the Pantry will have an ongoing need. Thank you to everyone who have contributed and continue to do so.

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

Against the Motion: 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

Nil.

13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

Nil.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

CEO1 Strathfield Council Community Strategic Plan 2020-2021

RECOMMENDATION

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4. In accordance with the provisions of S.566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 adopt the maximum interest rate as advised by the Minister for Local Government for outstanding rates, domestic waste management services and annual charges, being 7.5% per annum in respect of accrual on a single basis.
5. In accordance with S.496 of the Local Government Act 1993 that an annual charge of \$760 per annum be made for the year 2020-2021 for each domestic waste management service rendered to all properties categorised residential or non-rateable residential for each once weekly 120 litre MGB (or equivalent) service, a 240 litre recycling bin and a 240 litre green waste bin (fortnightly);
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MOTION: (Hall/ Duggan)

1. That Council conduct a revision at an urgent Council Workshop of the Community Strategic Plan and Operational Plan in view of the impacts from COVID-19 for endorsement at the May Ordinary Council Meeting.

2. That notwithstanding the review the following recommendations be adopted:

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FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Vaccari/ Duggan)

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The **Motion** in the names of Crs Hall and Duggan was **withdrawn**.

Councillor Vaccari motion became Motion.

Councillor Blackmore left the meeting at 7:51pm.

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

Against the Motion: Nil.

CEO2 COVID-19 IMPACT ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

That this report on COVID-19 impacts be received and noted.

MOTION: (Vaccari / Duggan)

That this report on COVID-19 impacts be received and noted.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Duggan / Hall)

1. That this report on COVID-19 impacts be received and noted.
2. That Council prepare a COVID-19 Community and Economic Development Resilience Report for consideration in an April Councillor teleconference/workshop and for official adoption in the May Ordinary Council meeting.
3. That the Report include the following items:
 - a) Direct action to support Strathfield community well-being eg donations of funds to charities
 - b) Consultation with community and small business on the impact of COVID-19 and advice on their short term and longer term needs
 - c) Support for Strathfield small-business during current business interruption and during economic recovery period
 - d) Short term and long term financial management planning which avoids taking the Strathfield community into debt
 - e) Continuity plan for on-line delivery of all council and committees meetings including the fortnightly Councillor Workshops

- f) Budget forecast and CV-19 budget impact briefing to be presented (monthly) at the Councillor workshops including a list of expenditure unable to be funded by Council due to a shortfall in cash flow. The first of which is to be held in 2 weeks from the date of the passing of this recommendation.

- 4. That Council not engage in any major infrastructure works for 20/21 & 21/22 which require council to borrow money.

MOTION: (Vaccari / Duggan)

That this report on COVID-19 impacts be received and noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

The Motion was put and the Mayor declared the motion **Lost**.

The Foreshadowed Motion became the **Motion**.

MOTION: (Duggan / Hall)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CEO3 COMPENDIUM REPORT

This report was **withdrawn**.

CS1 Investments as at 29 february 2020

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RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Pensabene)

That the record of cash investments as at 29 February 2020 noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Vaccari left the meeting at 8:22pm.

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

15.1 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee – Councillor Duggan

MOVED:

1. That the April Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee introduce the following standing agenda item:
 - Council's response to COVID-19:
 - Community and staff health issues
 - Business continuity planning and delivery financial management impacts and actions
2. That the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting minutes be included in future Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda items commencing on 5 May 2020

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RESOLVED: (Mayor Cr Doueihy)

The Mayor ruled that the Motion moved by Councillor Duggan was a matter of great urgency under clause 9.3 (b) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

1. That the April Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee introduce the following standing agenda item:

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

Against the Motion: Nil

16. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:30pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 5 May 2020.

Chairman _____

CEO _____