

MINUTES

Council Meeting

5 May 2020

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 5 May 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 & Civic Services
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director, Corporate and Financial Services.
Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance
Jenny Nascimento, Executive Manager, Financial Service and Chief Financial Officer
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

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**

71/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 7 April 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

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 ANZAC Day

72/20

RESOLVED: (Hall)

That the CEO, Mr Henry Wong and all Council staff be thanked for organising the playing of the 'Last Post' in various areas within the local government area for ANZAC Day 2020.

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 6/20 Moving Homebush War Memorial to a Closer Location to the Homebush - Strathfield RSL Memorial Wall

MOVED:

1. That Council move the Homebush War Memorial from its current location across Rochester Street to be in the Davey Square Memorial Reserve. This to be done to enable the Homebush War Memorial to be located in a sympathetic but closer location to the Homebush - Strathfield RSL Memorial Wall so that future ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day Ceremonies can more easily incorporate the use of both memorials.
2. As a matter of protocol, that Council consult with the RSL prior to actioning this Mayoral Minute and Councillors be advised of the response prior to any works proceeding.

MOTION: (Doueihi)

1. That the Mayor together with Council staff meet with the President of the RSL to discuss the option for relocating the existing Homebush War Memorial from the current location to the park opposite.

2. That this initiative only proceed once grant funding is accessed.

For the Motion: Councillors Doueihi and Hall

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Duggan, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Mayoral Minute **Lost**.

8.2 Mayoral Minute No 7/20 Aesthetically Built Amenities for use by the Public to Complement Other Recreational Uses in Public Parks and Civic Spaces within the Strathfield LGA

MOVED:

1. That Council staff undertake a site assessment and feasibility analysis of the establishment of a café combined with a gymnasium / fitness facility within a suitably sized park ~~or reserve~~ within the Strathfield LGA for use by the local community.
2. The above to be presented at a future Councillor's workshop and include site options, cost plan, aesthetic requirements, the likely commercial returns to Council, public benefit analysis and the recommended engagement strategy to get feedback from the local community on the proposal.

MOTION: (Doueihi)

1. That aesthetically built amenities for use by the public to complement other recreational uses in public parks and civic spaces within the Strathfield LGA be discussed at a future Councillor's workshop and include site options, cost plan, aesthetic requirements, the likely commercial returns to Council, public benefit analysis and the recommended engagement strategy to get feedback from the local community on the proposal.

For the Motion: Councillor Doueihi

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

The Mayor declared the Mayoral Minute **Lost**.

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 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting on 9 April 2020

73/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 9 April 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 Traffic Committee Meeting on 17 March 2020

74/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 17 March 2020 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

11.3 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 21 April 2020

75/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 21 April 2020 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

12.1 Left Turn Expansion Arthur Street, Strathfield onto Centenary Drive, Homebush West – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED:

That a report be prepared to the July Traffic Committee in consultation with the RMS to look at the possibility of council dedicating land to extend the Left hand turning bay from Arthur Street, Strathfield onto Centenary Drive, Homebush West as part of a wider traffic study to also improve the road network between Liverpool Road and Underwood Road along Centenary Drive and Homebush Bay Drive.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Vaccari)

1. That the possibility of Council dedicating land to extend the Left hand turning bay from Arthur Street, Strathfield onto Centenary Drive, Homebush West be discussed at the July Traffic Committee.
2. That a traffic study be conducted by the RMS also include the extension of the left hand turning bay to improve the road network along Liverpool Road and Underwood Road along Centenary Drive and Homebush Bay Drive.
3. That funds are sought through either State or Federal grants for these works.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Vaccari)

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3. That funds are sought through either State or Federal grants for these works.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.2 Traffic Calming Hunter Street, Strathfield – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED:

1. That an investigation and consultation be conducted to look at traffic calming along this street at The Boulevarde and end of Hunter Street (excluding speed bumps).
2. That a report be prepared for the June Traffic Committee.

77/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Vaccari)

1. That an investigation and consultation be conducted to look at traffic calming along this street at The Boulevarde and end of Hunter Street (excluding speed bumps).
2. That a report be prepared for the May Traffic Committee.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.3 Vintage Cars at Spring Fair – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED:

That a report be prepared for the November Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to the cost of having a vintage car exhibition at the Spring Fair next year.

78/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Vaccari)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.4 High Street Library – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

That Council prepare a report for the July 2020 Council Meeting with regards to the future plans of the High Street Library.

That the report include the results of the following:

1. A resident survey which covers a radius of 500m that asks the residents a series of questions as to the usage of services at the library which include:
 - a) A photocopier available to the residents
 - b) A quiet study area
 - c) Internet and computers available for residents

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That Council prepare a report for the July 2020 Council Meeting with regards to the future plans of the High Street Library.

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 - a) A photocopier available to the residents
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For the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Kokkolis and Vaccari

12.5 Leisure Centre Project Funding – Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED:

That Council strongly lobby Federal and State Government authorities for joint funding of the proposed Leisure Centre Project.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

That the CEO be requested to strongly lobby State and Federal Government authorities for joint funding of the proposed Leisure Centre Project and report back to the Council on any responses received from these respective bodies.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Duggan and Pensabene

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

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

12.6 Airey Park – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

1. That Council prepare a report for the July 2020 Council Meeting for the following and that the costs be included and the works completed in the 2020/21 financial budget year from section 7.11 contributions:
 - a) A walkway around the outside of the Alan Davidson Oval, and

- b) Solar lighting that covers the walkway outside of the Alan Davidson Oval, and
- c) That Council conduct an audit of lighting at Airey Park and install any extra solar lighting that is required e.g. Entrances to the park, gym equipment area.

MOTION: (Hall / Duggan)

1. That Council prepare a report for the July 2020 Council Meeting for the following and that the costs be included and the works completed in the 2020/21 financial budget year from section 7.11 contributions:
 - a) An informal walkway around the outside of the Alan Davidson Oval, and
 - b) Solar lighting that covers the walkway outside of the Alan Davidson Oval, and
 - c) That Council conduct an audit of lighting at Airey Park and install any extra solar lighting that is required e.g. entrances to the park, gym equipment area.
 - d) That community consultation be undertaken including the cricket club and Mr Alan Davidson.

80/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

1. That Council prepare a report for the July 2020 Council Meeting for the following and that the costs be included and the works completed in the 2020/21 financial budget year from section 7.11 contributions:
 - a) An informal walkway around the outside of the Alan Davidson Oval, and
 - b) Solar lighting that covers the walkway outside of the Alan Davidson Oval, and
 - c) That Council conduct an audit of lighting at Airey Park and install any extra solar lighting that is required e.g. entrances to the park, gym equipment area.
 - d) That community consultation be undertaken including the cricket club and Mr Alan Davidson.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Kokkolis and Vaccari

12.7 ANZAC Day - Last Post – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

That Council continue a tradition of playing the Last Post at 6am in as many parks as possible to cover the entire Strathfield LGA on every Anzac Day.

81/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

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cover the entire Strathfield LGA on every Anzac Day.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Pensabene

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

CEO1 Delivery Program - July to December 2019

82/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That the Delivery Program six-monthly progress report for July to December 2019 be noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1 Current Status of Council Resolutions

83/20

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Pensabene)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Investments Report As At 31 March 2020

84/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 March 2020 be noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS3 Quarterly Budget Review As At 31 March 2020

RECOMMENDATION

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

MOTION: (Vaccari / Pensabene)

1. That the Budget Review Statement as at 31 March 2020 be received and adopted.
2. That a Councillor Workshop be held to discuss this matter.

85/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Pensabene)

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2. That a Councillor Workshop be held to discuss this matter.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU1 Planning Proposal - No 2-6 Pilgrim Avenue, 9 Albert Road and 11-13 Albert Road, Strathfield

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the submission received during the exhibition period and that site specific DCP No.26 – 2-6 Pilgrim Avenue and 9-13 Albert Road, Strathfield becomes effective once the amendments to the LEP are made and a public notice appears in the local newspaper.
2. That Council write to the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment and request the planning proposal be forwarded to the Parliamentary Counsel's Office for an Opinion to finalise the Local Environmental Plan under Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
3. That Council write to the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment seeking that a provision be incorporated into Strathfield LEP 2012 requesting that a minimum of 5% of the total number of units be provided as affordable housing in Council ownership and consistent with the Eastern City District Plan.
4. That Council write to the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment seeking an extension to the Gateway Determination, which requires that the proposed LEP amendment be finalised by 6 May 2020 and advising of Council's resolution.

5. That the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment be notified in writing of Council's resolution.

MOTION: (Duggan / Kokkolis)

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6. That the draft DCP (as printed in business papers of council meeting 5th May, 2020) be amended as follows:
 - a) P7- Item 1.6.e. –add to end of sentence "in the uppermost basement"
 - b) P8- Item 2.3 (dot point 2)- add to end of sentence "in the uppermost basement"
 - c) P14- Controls 3. Change "Maximum" to "Minimum"

86/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Kokkolis)

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Duggan and Pensabene

DEU2 Water Cycle Management and Energy Efficiency/Solar Power Initiatives

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note this Water Cycle Management & Energy Efficiency/Solar Power Initiatives Report.

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That the Water Cycle Management & Energy Efficiency/Solar Power initiatives outlined in this report be incorporated in Council's Development Control Plans.

87/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That the Water Cycle Management & Energy Efficiency/Solar Power initiatives outlined in this report be incorporated in Council's Development Control Plans.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU3 Greywater Systems

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

MOTION: (Vaccari / Duggan)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That where appropriate these initiatives be incorporated into the appropriate Council Development Control Plans.

88/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Duggan)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That where appropriate these initiatives be incorporated into the appropriate Council Development Control Plans..

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

Against the Motion: Nil

PPC1 COVID - 19 Responding Locally Report and Briefing

89/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That the report be received and noted.

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

Pursuant to Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 Councillor Pensabene requested that the following matter be dealt with as it is considered to be of great urgency.

Councillor Workshop for Leisure Centre Project – Councillor Pensabene

MOVED:

That a Councillor Workshop be organised for the week commencing 11 May 2020 on the Leisure Centre project.

90/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

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

MOTION: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That a Councillor Workshop be organised for the week commencing 11 May 2020 the Leisure Centre project.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Duggan and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihy, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:26pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 2 June 2020.

Chairman_____

CEO_____