

MINUTES

Council Meeting

2 June 2020

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 2 June 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 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
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

1. OPENING: The Prayer was read.

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

One Minutes Silence was observed for those who have lost their lives from the COVID-19 virus.

3. APOLOGIES

Councillor Kokkolis.

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Hall declared an interest as she lives close to an item included in the Traffic Committee Minutes which is included in the Agenda.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

91/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 5 May 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 Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign such minutes.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 National Reconciliation Week 2020

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That Council acknowledge National Reconciliation Week 2020.

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

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 19 May 2020

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Vaccari)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 19 May 2020 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Suspension of Standing Orders

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Vaccari)

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

CS1 Investment Report as at 30 April 2020

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

CS1 Investment Report as at 30 April 2020

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Vaccari)

That the record of cash investments as at 30 April 2020 be noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Resumption of Standing Orders

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RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Pensabene)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.1 Pedestrian Safety Water Street, Belfield – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED:

That a report be prepared for the next Traffic Committee in relation to improving the ability for pedestrians to safely cross Water Street, Belfield.

The report to specifically consider the section of Water Street between The Cooks River and Chatfield Avenue, Belfield.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.2 Crossing Ramps Improved Accessibility for Prams, Wheelchairs etc. – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED:

That Council conduct an audit of all pedestrian crossing ramps across the entire LGA to assess if they are safe for prams, wheelchairs etc. for crossing.

That a report be prepared with required works, budgetary impacts and possible RMS funding opportunities for the September 2020 Council Meeting or earlier.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council conduct an audit of all pedestrian crossing ramps across the entire LGA to assess if they are safe for prams, wheelchairs etc. for crossing.
2. That a report be prepared with required works, budgetary impacts and possible RMS funding opportunities for the September 2020 Council Meeting or earlier.
3. That the audit count nominate those ramps that are flush and those that are slightly elevated.
4. That Council's Access Committee be consulted regarding the audit processes and provided with information as the audit progresses.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

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4. That Council's Access Committee be consulted regarding the audit and provided with information as the audit progresses.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.3 State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 - Boarding Houses – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

MOVED:

That Strathfield Council write to the NSW Premier, the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the NSW Leader of the Opposition, and the Shadow Minister for Planning and Better Living, the Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness to request a review of the affordable housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) to ensure that:

- Councils can exclude boarding house in R2 conservation and heritage zones in the new Local Environment Plan (2021),
- The standards used to refuse consent for boarding house include loss of streetscape amenity, incongruity with conservation and heritage areas, inappropriate bulk and scale for the site, negative noise and privacy impact on neighbouring properties, a loss of solar access, a loss of tree canopy and greenspace.
- Appropriate changes are made to ensure that the legislation delivers a genuine affordable housing option for low income earners.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.4 Reopening of Strathfield Sporting Grounds – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

MOVED:

That Strathfield Council urgently provide a clear timetable for local sporting organisations seeking to recommence training.

Councillor Nella Hall left the meeting, the time being 07:42pm.

Councillor Nella Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 07:45pm.

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That clubs are able to resume training once materials required by Council are provided and the fields are ready.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.5 Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) – Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED:

That Strathfield Council report to the July 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting on the strategic advantage and associated budget implications of re-joining the Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG).

MOTION: (Pensabene / Duggan)

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AMENDMENT: (Hall / Vaccari)

That a report be provided to the next Councillor Workshop on:

1. The reason why Council left the PRCG.
2. The budget implication of re-joining the PRCG.
3. What strategic advantages are there of membership to PRCG.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore and Duggan

The Amendment was put and the Mayor declared the Amendment **carried**.

The **Amendment** became the **Motion**.

MOTION: (Hall / Vaccari)

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore

12.6 Communication to Business Owners and Property Owners – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

That the business owners and the property owners in each shopping precinct of the Strathfield LGA receive all Council correspondence such as community consultations, surveys and general information as it relates to their particular shopping precinct.

MOTION: (Hall / Vaccari)

1. That the business owners and the property owners in each shopping precinct of the Strathfield LGA receive all Council correspondence such as community consultations, surveys and general information as it relates to their particular shopping precinct.
2. That Council's Consultation Policy be amended to ensure all business owners in each shopping precinct of Strathfield LGA receive all Council correspondence such as community consultations, surveys and general information as it relates to their particular shopping precinct.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Vaccari)

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2. That Council's Consultation Policy be amended to ensure all business owners in each

shopping precinct of Strathfield LGA receive all Council correspondence such as community consultations, surveys and general information as it relates to their particular shopping precinct.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.7 Streetscape Upgrade Plans Prepared for the South Strathfield Shopping and Residential Precinct (East and West from the Corner of Liverpool and Homebush Roads) – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

1. That the streetscape plans prepared for the South Strathfield Shopping and Residential Precinct (east and west from the corner of Liverpool and Homebush Roads) prepared for a recent Councillors Workshop be exhibited and traders, shop owners and residents living in the precinct be given an opportunity to provide comments and suggestions to Council on the plans after a one month exhibition period.
2. That the works to implement the finalised Streetscape plans mentioned above be referred to Council 2020/2021 budget and capital expenditure program for implementation in that financial year.

MOTION: (Hall / Vaccari)

1. That the streetscape plans prepared for the South Strathfield Shopping and Residential Precinct (east and west from the corner of Liverpool and Homebush Roads) prepared for a recent Councillors Workshop be exhibited and traders, shop owners and residents living in the precinct be given an opportunity to provide comments and suggestions to Council on the plans after a one month exhibition period.
2. That the works to implement the finalised Streetscape plans mentioned above be referred to the Council 2020/2021 budget and capital expenditure program for consideration of implementation in that financial year.
3. That the exhibition period commence and end prior to the July 2020 school holidays.

AMENDMENT: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That the streetscape plans prepared for the South Strathfield Shopping and Residential Precinct (east and west from the corner of Liverpool and Homebush Roads) prepared for a recent Councillors Workshop be exhibited and traders, shop owners and residents living in the precinct be given an opportunity to provide comments and suggestions to Council on the plans after a one month exhibition period.
2. That the works to implement the finalised Streetscape plans mentioned above be referred to Council 2020/2021 budget and capital expenditure program for consideration of implementation in that financial year.

3. That Council clarify the budget and capital works expenditure program given the changes to Council's 2020/2021 budgetary position as a result of the impacts from COVID-19 and this be presented to a Councillor Workshop.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The Amendment was put and the Mayor declared the Amendment **carried**.

The **Amendment** became the **Motion**.

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

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2. That the works to implement the finalised Streetscape plans mentioned above be referred to Council 2020/2021 budget and capital expenditure program considered for implementation in that financial year.
3. That Council clarify the budget and capital works expenditure program given the changes to Council's 2020/2021 budgetary position as a result of the impacts from COVID-19 and this be presented to a Councillor Workshop.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

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2. That the works to implement the finalised Streetscape plans mentioned above be referred to Council 2020/2021 budget and capital expenditure program considered for implementation in that financial year.
3. That Council clarify the budget and capital works expenditure program given the changes to Council's 2020/2021 budgetary position as a result of the impacts from COVID-19 and this be presented to a Councillor Workshop.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

CS2 Current Status of Council Resolutions

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

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

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, 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 Vaccari requested that the following matter be dealt with as it is considered to be of great urgency.

14.1 COVID-19 Correspondence to the Prime Minister and Premier of NSW

MOVED:

That Council write to the Prime Minister and Premier of NSW:

1. Expressing the condolences of the residents and rate payers of the Strathfield LGA to the families of the people who have lost their lives to the Covid virus.
2. Congratulating the Prime Minister, Premier of NSW and the senior health officers on the outstanding work in keeping Australia safe.

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RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

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

MOTION: (Vaccari / Hall)

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RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

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2. Congratulating the Prime Minister, Premier of NSW and the senior health officers on the outstanding work in keeping Australia safe.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

15. CLOSED SESSION

Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:01pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 7 July 2020.

Chairman _____

CEO _____