

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Strathfield Municipal Council

Tuesday 2 August 2022

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 2 August 2022, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Benjamin Cai
Councillor Raj Datta
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
Councillor Sandy Reddy

STAFF: Brian Barrett, Acting General Manager
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director, Corporate and Financial Services
Mary Rawlings, Director, Office of the CEO
Francis Mangru, Executive Manager, Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer
Chris Nascimento, Executive Manager, Administration
Kandace Lindeberg, Executive Manager, Landuse Planning
Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance
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. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Dr Hari Kapila, resident of Strathfield Council presented to the meeting a Covid-19 logo to promote Covid-19 safety measures.

6. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

151/22

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 5 July 2022, 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

152/22

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Datta)

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 8 July 2022, 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

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

8.1 Recognition of Acting General Manager, Mr Brian Barrett – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

The Mayor, Councillor Blackmore, on behalf of Strathfield Council, thanked and paid tribute to the outgoing Acting General Manager, Mr Brian Barrett.

Mr Barrett had been appointed Acting General Manager on 21 March 2022 and has overseen the successful recruitment process of the new General Manager – Mr Michael Mamo, due to start on 15 August 2022 and an organisational structure review.

Mr Barrett has gone above and beyond what had been expected of him in the role of Acting General Manager. Consultation has been conducted with staff and Councillors throughout the review process and there have been many improvements to working practices and communication with the community.

The work done over the past months has put Council in a much better position and is now a more open, transparent and accountable Council. The biggest change has been that Council now consults with the community and ask what they need.

8.2 Indian Independence Day – Councillor Sandy Reddy and Councillor Raj Datta

That Council acknowledge the celebration of Indian Independence Day to be held on 15 August 2022. This year's celebration marks the 75th anniversary and will be celebrated under the name Azad Ka Mahotsav. India has seen remarkable improvements to technological developments and literacy rates and should be celebrated.

India is one of the shining examples of democracy in the world and should be celebrated. One of its most fundamental democratic principles is the belief in Pluralism. The philosophies and teachings of Pluralism should be acknowledged and embraced around the world.

8.3 Ms Aruna Charidrala - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

That Council acknowledge the 40th anniversary of Ms Aruna Charidrala's tireless contributions to the community.

We take for granted that we live in a community that is based around respect and recognition and that this is a multicultural and accepting community where there are no real limitations placed on bases of race, religion and belief.

The Indian High Commission has often consulted with Ms Aruna Charidrala to seek her advice and assistance on matters of great importance including times when there were tremendous acts of violence against Indian students and at times when Indian families have required assistance with unfortunate incidents that have occurred.

8.4 31 August 1991 – 31st Anniversary of the Strathfield Plaza Tragic Shooting 31/08/91 — Councillor Karen Pensabene

On behalf of Strathfield Council we acknowledge the 31st anniversary of the tragic shooting in Strathfield that took place on 31 August 1991. We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the families, friends and victims of these heinous crimes. Rest in peace Robert Armstrong, Robertson Kan Hock Voon, Patricia Rowe, Carole Dickinson, Joyce Nixon, Rachelle Milburn and George Mavris.

Gregory Read, now president of the Cumberland RSL was awarded the Star of Courage for his conspicuous bravery. This year's ceremony will be held at 12pm on 17 August 2022. Strathfield Council will be laying a wreath.

To all families, friends and members of our community who remember that day, we will never forget either.

Items by Exception - Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice

MOTION: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

I move that in accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice:

1. Council alters the Order of Business in accordance with Clause 8.1, and
2. The items listed below be dealt with by exception and that they be adopted as recommended by a single Motion:
 - 10.1 Mayoral Minute 13/22 - Accounting Treatment of Rural Fire Service ('Red Fleet') Assets
 - 13.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 19 July 2022
 - 14.3 Basketball Half Courts – Councillor Nella Hall
 - 14.4 Parking in Strathfield Local Government Area – Councillor Karen Pensabene
 - 14.5 Community Garden in Strathfield South – Councillor Sandy Reddy
 - 14.6 Controlling Insurance Costs and Risk – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
 - CEO1 Draft Community Gardens Policy
 - CEO3 Draft Policy Development and Review Policy
 - CEO5 NSW Public Spaces Charter Signatory
 - CEO6 Four Sites Off Ismay Avenue
 - CEO7 Strathfield Park Café
 - CEO8 Councils Tenders Advertised and Awarded
 - CEO9 Delegation for General Manager
 - CS1 Investment Report – June 2022
 - CS2 Draft Child Protection Policy
 - CS3 Draft Investment Policy
 - CS4 Councillor Workshop 19 July 2022
 - DEU1 Ibis Birds and Species
 - PPC1 Strathfield Land Care Program and National Tree Day
 - PPC2 Hudson Park Golf Driving Range Operation

153/22

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PPC1	Strathfield Land Care Program and National Tree Day
PPC2	Hudson Park Golf Driving Range Operation

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10.1 Mayoral Minute 13/22 - Accounting Treatment of Rural Fire Service ('Red Fleet') Assets

154/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council:

1. Writes to the local State Member for Strathfield Mr Jason Li, MP, the Treasurer The Hon. Matt Kean MP, Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience The Hon. Stephanie Cook MP and the Minister for Local Government The Hon. Wendy Tuckerman MP:
 - a) Expressing Council's objection to the NSW Government's determination on ownership of Rural Fire Service assets;
 - b) Advising of the impact of the Government's position on Council finances of this accounting treatment;
 - c) Informing that Council will not carry out RFS assets stocktakes on behalf of the NSW Government and will not record RFS assets in Strathfield Council's Financial Statements;
 - d) Calling on the NSW Government to take immediate action to permanently clear up inequities and inconsistencies around the accounting treatment of Rural Fire Service (RFS) assets by acknowledging that rural firefighting equipment is vested in, under the control of and the property of the RFS; and
 - e) Amending s119 of the Rural Fires Act 1997 so that the effect is to make it clear that RFS assets are not the property of councils.
2. Writes to the Shadow Treasurer Mr Daniel Mookhey MLC, the Shadow Minister for Emergency Services Mr Jihad Dib MP, the Shadow Minister for Local Government Mr Greg Warren MP, the Greens Spokesperson for Local Government Mr Jamie Parker MP and the leaders of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers, Animal Justice and One Nation parties Mr Robert Borsak MLC, Ms Emma Hurst MLC and Mr Mark Latham MLC:
 - a) Advising Members of Strathfield Council's position, including providing copies of correspondence to NSW Government Ministers; and
 - b) Seeking Members' commitments to support NSW Councils' call to amend the *Rural Fires Act*

1997 as set out in correspondence.

3. Writes to the Auditor-General advising that notwithstanding any overtures of future qualified audits, it will not carry out RFS stocktakes on behalf of the NSW Government and will not record RFS assets in Strathfield Council's Financial Statements, noting that the State Government's own *Local Government Accounting Code of Practice and Financial Reporting* provides for councils to determine whether or not they record the RFS assets as council assets.
4. Promotes these messages via its digital and social media channels and via its networks.
5. Re-affirms its complete support of and commitment to local RFS brigades noting that Strathfield Council's action is entirely directed towards the NSW Government's nonsensical position that rather than being owned and controlled by local brigades, RFS assets are somehow controlled by councils, which councils consider to be a cynical financial sleight of hand abdicating the NSW Government's responsibilities at the cost of local communities.
6. Affirms its support to Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and requests LGNSW continue advocating on Council's behalf to get clarification finally from the State Government about the accounting treatment of RFS assets.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

13.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 19 July 2022

155/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 19 July 2022 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

14.3 Basketball Half Courts – Councillor Nella Hall

156/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HALL

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That Council conduct community consultation with regard to placing a half basketball courts at Wentworth Reserve and one in the vicinity of Cooke Park.
2. That a report be provided to Council inclusive of the budget implications for the September 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

14.4 Parking in Strathfield Local Government Area – Councillor Karen Pensabene

157/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KAREN PENSABENE

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That a review and report be submitted to the October 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting of all Council owned and operated parking meters, and all Council owned and controlled paid parking areas in Strathfield Local Government Area.
2. That the above report include consideration of the NSW State Government's 'Park'n'Pay' app.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

14.5 Community Garden in Strathfield South – Councillor Sandy Reddy

158/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SANDY REDDY

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That Council provide a report to the September 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting for starting a community garden in Strathfield South.
2. That the report should include but not be limited to details suitable place (preferably Dean Park), approximate time frame to lay the garden beds, cost and any other information helpful in the establishment of community garden.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

14.6 Controlling Insurance Costs and Risk – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

159/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SHARANGAN MAHESWARAN

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That Council prepares a report specifying Strathfield Council's insurance claims lodged over the past 24 months categorised under each policy of insurance held by Council,
2. That as part of the above mentioned report, Strathfield Council prepare a summary of insurance premiums paid by Council over the past 3 years for each insurance policy mentioned in the report, and

3. That the above mentioned report will be confidential and presented to councillors in the August workshop.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CEO1 Draft Community Gardens Policy

160/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That the draft Community Gardens Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. That a concessional rate for annual membership of the Community Garden be established at 50% of the full rate.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CEO3 Draft Policy Development and Review Policy

161/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the draft Policy Development and Review Policy be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CEO5 NSW Public Spaces Charter Signatory

162/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council applies to become a signatory to the NSW Public Spaces Charter.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CEO6 Four Sites Off Ismay Avenue

163/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council confirm it wishes sites 1–4 off Ismay Avenue as shown on the attached plan be transferred to

Council for community parkland.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CEO7 Strathfield Park Café

164/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council proceeds to effect a Licence Agreement with the successful tenderer from the original Expression Of Interest (EOI) for the café at Strathfield Park.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CEO8 Councils Tenders Advertised and Awarded

165/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the monthly report of Council tenders advertised and awarded in July 2022 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CEO9 Delegation for General Manager

166/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council, pursuant to the powers of delegation conferred upon Council by sections 377 and 381 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), and pursuant to every other power it hereunto enabling, hereby delegate to the General Manager of the Council (and to the person acting in the position of General Manager during any period of vacancy in the office or absence from duty of the General Manager), the power to exercise all the functions, powers, duties and authorities conferred or imposed upon the Council ("functions") pursuant to:

1. The *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW); and
2. The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW); and
3. All other Acts, whatsoever under which Council has functions, powers, duties and authorities; and
4. All regulations, ordinances, by-laws, rules and the like made by or under any Act or other Act referred to in 1, 2 or 3 above,

Always subject to the limitations, restrictions and conditions specified in the following schedule, as well as those otherwise relevantly applicable as a matter of law, to which this delegation is at all times subject:

SCHEDULE

1. The matters expressly reserved to the Council under section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).
2. The role of the Mayor as provided for in and determined under section 226 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).
3. Adoption of local environmental plans, development control plans and section 7.11 contribution plans pursuant to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW).
4. That all major projects contained within the Community Strategic Plan be referred to the body politic before commencement and for ongoing review.
5. That the terms of any lease or license be reported to the body politic before the execution of any such agreement. All leases and licenses must be executed by both the General Manager and the Mayor (or their delegates).
6. That the body politic be informed of all tenders before any agreement is executed.
7. That the amount of \$10,000 be fixed as the amount above which any rate, charge or debt owed to the Council may be written off only by resolution of the Council pursuant to sections 131(1) and 213(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CS1 Investment Report - June 2022

167/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the record of cash investments as at 30 Jun 2022 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CS2 Draft Child Protection Policy

168/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council adopt the draft Child Protection Policy.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CS3 Draft Investment Policy

169/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council adopt the draft Investment Policy.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CS4 Councillor Workshop 19 July 2022

170/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

DEU1 Ibis Birds and Pest Species

171/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That Council note and receive the report.
2. That Council run an education campaign through social media and eNews educating the public on what they can do to reduce the impact of the Australian White Ibis.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PPC1 Strathfield Land Care Program and National Tree Day

172/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council:

1. Note the Report and endorse the Strathfield Land Care program;
2. Request a report on future funding of the program and National Tree Day initiatives.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PPC2 Hudson Park Golf Driving Range Operation

173/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council continue to operate the Hudson Park Driving Range in-house and review operations annually in keeping with best practice.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

10. MAYORAL MINUTE(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

10.2 Mayoral Minute 14/22 - Developer Contributions Reform

174/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

That Council writes to all Members of the Upper House of the NSW State Parliament to:

- a) Express Council's objection to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) bill;
- b) Advising them of the negative impact this bill would have on Council's finances, infrastructure development and the unfair burden it would place on existing ratepayers; and
- c) Calling on the NSW Government to reject the bill.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10.3 Mayoral Minute 15/22 - DCP Environmental Changes

175/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

1. Undertake a review, including outlining potential cost impacts on new builds versus long-term energy cost savings and the projected city-wide carbon emissions reduction figures of the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan (DC) 2005, to give consideration to the following factors:

- a. Implementation of a requirement for all new residential, commercial and industrial properties to maintain a nationally recognized Star Rating (e.g. NABERS, NatHERS, Green Star, WELL Building Standards, Living Building Challenge, etc.)
- b. Adopt requirements to advise and regulate installation of modern technologies on Heritage listed buildings, or those in a heritage conservation area.
- c. Require that all Development Applications are referred to the Environmental Services team for evaluation of environmental performance measures
- d. Adopt the amendments to the DCP relating to Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) requiring large residential, commercial and industrial developments to submit a WSUD Strategy
- e. Amend the DCP so all development types consider Sustainability
- f. Inclusion of a new Part to the DCP that targets Contaminated Land
- g. Inclusion of a new Part to the DCP that targets Flood Prone Land
- h. Inclusion of a new Part to the DCP that provides minimum requirements for the implementation of Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) measures on demolition and construction sites
- i. Provide firmer Landscaping requirements for every kind of development
- j. Require Rooftop Solar Electricity and Rooftop Solar Electricity Panels (photovoltaic electricity) as a requirement on all new buildings and substantial alterations and additions built within the Strathfield Municipal Council Local Government Area to further reduce our Areas carbon footprint;
- k. Information on any current rebate program or incentive programs available to assist with the costs of installation of solar panels.

2. A report be brought back to a future Councillor Workshop prior to a report going to Council.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10.4 Mayoral Minute 16/22 - ANZAC Day Service 2023

MOVED:

That the following changes be made to the Strathfield Council Anzac Day Service:

- The 2023 service be held at the War Memorial located on Homebush Road in front of Council
- That Council investigate the possibility of a historical exhibition in the Town Hall to be hosted on Anzac Day which could also include memorabilia and video
- That Homebush Road between Redmyre Road and Oxford Road be closed for the event and the closure be listed for a relevant Traffic Committee Meeting
- That the RSL be informed as part of the organisation of the event
- That local schools be invited to participate in the day more actively such as speaking, performing or laying wreaths
- That the program be approved by the Mayor and the Cumberland Sub Branch RSL at least three weeks prior to the event

MOTION: (Blackmore)

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 - That the program be approved by the Mayor and the Cumberland Sub Branch RSL at least three weeks prior to the event
2. That at this celebration all Councillors have the opportunity to participate equitably.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10.5 Mayoral Minute 17/22 - Invitation to be a Strathfield Golf Club Patron

177/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

That Council formally accept the Strathfield Golf Club's invitation for the Mayor to become permanent Patron of the Strathfield Golf Club and thank them for bestowing such an honour on the Mayor of

Strathfield.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Cai and Hall

10.6 Mayoral Minute 19/22 - Strathfield Council Town Hall Renovation

MOVED:

1. That Council prepare a report on the cost of:
 - a) Undertaking the total replacement of the Town Hall slate roof and metal roof sections.
 - b) Undertaking the total repainting of the Town Hall (Supper Room, Council Chambers, Foyers and Town Hall Space).
 - c) Undertaking the replacement of the timber floor of the Town Hall multi-purpose community space.
 - d) Undertaking the reinstatement of the main entry foyer to its original form to provide a more serviceable entry area.
2. That Council look at any Federal or State Government grants available for assistance with funding.

MOTION: (Blackmore)

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 - a) Undertaking the total replacement of the Town Hall slate roof and metal roof sections.
 - b) Undertaking the total repainting of the Town Hall (Supper Room, Council Chambers, Foyers and Town Hall Space).
 - c) Undertaking the replacement of the timber floor of the Town Hall multi-purpose community space.
 - d) Undertaking the reinstatement of the main entry foyer to its original form to provide a more serviceable entry area.
 - e) All interior and exterior colours to be determined in consultation with a Heritage Expert.
2. That Council look at any Federal or State Government grants available for assistance with funding.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

1. That Council prepare a report on the cost of:
 - a) Undertaking the total replacement of the Town Hall slate roof and metal roof sections.
 - b) Undertaking the total repainting of the Town Hall (Supper Room, Council Chambers, Foyers and Town Hall Space).
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e) All interior and exterior colours to be determined in consultation with a Heritage Expert.

2. That Council look at any Federal or State Government grants available for assistance with funding.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

11. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE)

Nil.

12. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil.

14. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

14.1 Traffic Committee Inclusion by all Councillors – Councillor Nella Hall

179/22

RESOLVED: (Hall / Reddy)

That the Traffic Committee Charter be amended to include the following:

1. Any Councillor be permitted to attend the Traffic Committee by either a video link or in person as an observer.
2. That any decision with regard to amending the Traffic Committee Charter being made by the Traffic Committee and endorsed by the members of the committee be ratified at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

14.2 Indian Independence Day – Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED:

1. That the Indian flag be raised in front of Strathfield Council from 11 August 2022 to 18 August 2022 to celebrate Indian Independence Day which falls on 15 August 2022.
2. That the Indian coloured lights be turned on at Council Chambers for the same period of time.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Datta)

1. That the Indian flag be raised in front of Strathfield Council from 11 August 2022 to 18 August 2022 to celebrate Indian Independence Day which falls on 15 August 2022.
2. That the Indian coloured lights be turned on at Council Chambers for the same period of time.
3. That community members will be invited and light refreshments provided.

AMENDMENT (Reddy / Hall)

1. That the Indian flag be raised at an appropriate place in the Local Government Area from 11 August 2022 to 18 August 2022 to celebrate Indian Independence Day which falls on 15 August 2022.
2. That the Indian coloured lights be turned on at Council Chambers for the same period of time.
3. That community members will be invited and light refreshments provided.

The Amendment was put.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Cai, Datta and Maheswaran

The Mayor declared the Amendment **Lost**. The Motion was put.

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 7:53pm.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Datta)

1. That the Indian flag be raised in front of Strathfield Council from 11 August 2022 to 18 August 2022 to celebrate Indian Independence Day which falls on 15 August 2022.
2. That the Indian coloured lights be turned on at Council Chambers for the same period of time.
3. That community members will be invited and light refreshments provided.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:54pm.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

CEO2 Draft Small Grants Policy

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting during discussion of this item, the time being 7:55pm.

RECOMMENDATION

That the draft Small Grants Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days and a further report be prepared for community consultation.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

1. That the draft Small Grants Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days and a further report be prepared following community consultation.
2. That the grants have a limit of \$2,500 per organisation per year.

181/22

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

1. That the draft Small Grants Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days and a further report be prepared following community consultation.
2. That the grants have a limit of \$2,500 per organisation per year.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 7:57pm.

CEO4 Event Calendar FY2022/2023

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses this event calendar.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Datta)

That this item be discussed at an appropriate Councillor Workshop and be reported back to the next Council Meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Datta)

That this item be discussed at an appropriate Councillor Workshop and be reported back to the next Council Meeting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS5 Current Status of Council Resolutions

183/22

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU2 Sydney Eastern Planning Panel - Membership

RECOMMENDATION

That the Acting General Manager take the necessary steps to review and renew the community representation for Strathfield Council for the Sydney Eastern Planning Panel.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the Acting General Manager take the necessary steps to review and the new General Manager renew the community representation for Strathfield Council for the Sydney Eastern Planning Panel.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

That the Acting General Manager take the necessary steps to review and the new General Manager renew the community representation for Strathfield Council for the Sydney Eastern Planning Panel.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

Nil.

17. CLOSED SESSION

17.1 Mayoral Minute 18/22 - Possible Land Purchase

185/22

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d(ii)) of the *Local Government Act 1993* the following matter be considered in Closed Session for the reason stated:

17.1 Mayoral Minute 18/22 – Possible Land Purchase

This matter is being considered in Closed Session as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting commenced Closed Session at 8:05pm.

The meeting commenced Open Session at 8:14pm.

OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED

17.1 Mayoral Minute 18/22 - Possible Land Purchase

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

That Council proceed as resolved in Closed Session.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That Council proceed as resolved in Closed Session.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:15pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 6 September 2022.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____