

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday 2 March 2023

6pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 2 March 2023, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:27pm

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

STAFF: Michael Mamo, General Manager
Kristy Watts, Director Corporate and Community
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director Engineering and Operations
Clare Harley, Director Planning and Environment
Don Johnston, Chief Financial Officer
Ayla Karabulut, Manager Communications and Events
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

1. OPEN:

Adjournment of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the time being 6pm, the General Manager, Mr Michael Mamo addressed the gallery to adjourn the meeting for 30 minutes due to a lack of quorum.

The Mayor opened the meeting, the time being 6:27pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was read.

3. OPENING PRAYER:

The Prayer was read.

4. APOLOGIES

Nil.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS (NATURE OF INTEREST TO BE DISCLOSED.)

Nil.

Mayor and Deputy Mayor Vacated

The Mayor announced that the Mayor, Councillor Blackmore and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Pensabene have vacated their positions as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Blackmore vacated the Chair.

The General Manager stated that, in accordance with the provisions of Clause of Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, he will Chair the meeting and act as Returning Officer for the election of the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The elected Mayor will then assume the Chair for the remainder of business.

The Returning Officer being the General Manager, Mr Michael Mamo assumed the Chair to conduct the Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

6. INTRODUCTION TO PROCEEDINGS**CCS1 Election of the Mayor - Method of voting**

49/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

That the method of voting for the election of Mayor be by way of open voting (show of hands).

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS2 Election of the Deputy Mayor - Method of voting

50/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

That the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor be by way of open voting (show of hands).

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS3 Election of Mayor

51/23

RESOLVED:

Council elects the Mayor for the remaining term of Council being for the period from March 2023 until September 2023 in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Schedule 7, *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and by the method of voting previously determined by the Council at this meeting.

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

Councillor Pensabene – nominated by Councillors Pensabene and Blackmore

The Returning Officer then confirmed that the nominee accepted the nomination.

The Returning Officer asked if there were any further nominations. There were no further nominations.

As there is only one nominee for the role of Mayor, the Returning Officer declared Councillor Pensabene Mayor for the period March 2023 – September 2023.

CCS4 Election of the Deputy Mayor

52/23

RESOLVED:

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

Councillor Blackmore – nominated by Councillors Blackmore and Pensabene

The Returning Officer then confirmed that the nominee accepted the nomination.

The Returning Officer asked if there were any further nominations. There were no further nominations.

As there is only one nominee for the role of Deputy Mayor, the Returning Officer declared Councillor Blackmore Deputy Mayor for the period March 2023 – September 2023.

The General Manager, Mr Michael Mamo vacated the Chair.

The Mayor, Councillor Pensabene assumed the Chair.

The Mayor addressed the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor addressed the meeting.

5. CLOSE

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6:47pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 7 March 2023.

Chairman



General Manager

