

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 4 April 2023

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 4 April 2023, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
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
Clare Harley, Director Planning and Environment
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director Engineering and Operations
Don Johnston, Chief Financial Officer
Melissa Mallos, General Counsel
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

1. **PRAYER:** The Prayer was read.

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

4. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (NATURE OF INTEREST TO BE DISCLOSED)**

Councillor Blackmore declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *EO4 Confidential – Expression of Interest – 1/29-35 Burlington Road, Homebush* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Blackmore declared that he is a contractor for the company who advertised this property, although this was well after the fact.

Councillor Cai declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE2 North Homebush (Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy) Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme and Infrastructure Needs Study* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Cai declared that he leases a property in the Sydney Markets which is in the PRCUTS zone.

Councillor Hall declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE2 North Homebush (Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy) Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme and Infrastructure Needs Study* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Hall declared an association with persons with a lease on property on Parramatta Road.

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary, Significant conflict of interest for item *PE2 North Homebush (Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy) Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme and Infrastructure Needs Study* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared that he acted for the charity and companies associated with land nearby to the corner of Underwood Road and Olympic Drive.

Councillor Pensabene declared a Non-Pecuniary/Non-Significant conflict of interest for item *EO3 Leases and Licences – Land property Strategy* and managed the conflict of interest by remaining in the meeting during discussion and voting on the item. Councillor Pensabene had chaired an Annual General Meeting for the Strathfield One Stop Child Care Service (SOCCS).

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 Community After Care – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

The greatest challenge that society faces is the lack of civic participation and any challenge can be faced by a community that works together. We've seen that today outside the Council Chambers where members of the community have come to make their position very clear, that they support community care and Council's ongoing and continued support for that system.

The first time I dealt with community after care was when my sister pointed out the bus near the public school and stated that it's for the kids whose parents don't love them and realised after that she knew I was going to community after care later that afternoon for the first time. Since that time I've seen it first hand and seen what it does in the community and we acknowledge their achievements.

5.2 Mr Qinghui Huang, Strathfield Council Resident – Councillor Benjamin Cai

I would like to acknowledge Mr Qinghui Huang, who resides at 50 Noble Avenue, Strathfield. He is 100 years old and contributes a lot to our multicultural local community.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Cai)

That Council send a card and fruit bowl to Mr Huang to congratulate him on his 100th birthday.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Cai)

That Council send a card and fruit bowl to Mr Huang to congratulate him on his 100th birthday.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

76/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 7 March 2023, 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 Chairperson and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

Voting on this item was unanimous

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

7.1 Mayoral Minute 12-23 - Strathfield Cricket Club

MOVED: (Pensabene)

That the Strathfield Cricket Club be congratulated for their achievement on winning the First Grade Grand Final and to be recognised at the next Council Meeting. The winning team will be presented with certificates from Council as an acknowledgement of this achievement, for this local club.

77/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That the Strathfield Cricket Club be congratulated for their achievement on winning the First Grade Grand Final and to be recognised at the next Council Meeting. The winning team will be presented with certificates from Council as an acknowledgement of this achievement, for this local club.

1st Grade Cricket Final – Team Members

1. Paul Donovan (Captain)
2. Cosikan Beadle
3. Jake Fawcett
4. Sibghat Khan
5. Daniel Scheinflug
6. Sean Reynolds
7. Aaron Sylvester
8. Ariful Hasan Sobuj
9. Ben Walkden
10. Sam Wotton
11. Lachlan Bennetts-Inkster

Mr Daryl Chappelow – President

Mr Sutha Siva – Committee Member

Mr David Spears - Volunteer

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.2 Mayoral Minute 13-23 - NSW State Election 2023 Results - Congratulations to the Australian Labor Party

MOVED: (Pensabene)

That the Mayor of Strathfield Council send a congratulations acknowledgement letter on behalf of Strathfield Council, to the new NSW Premier, The Hon. Chris Minns, MP and Member for Strathfield, Mr Jason Yat-Sen Li, MP on the successful NSW State Election 2023 result for the Australian Labor Party.

MOTION: (Pensabene)

That the Mayor of Strathfield Council send a congratulations acknowledgement letter on behalf of Strathfield Council, to the new NSW Premier, The Hon. Chris Minns, MP and Member for Strathfield, Mr Jason Yat-Sen Li, MP on their successful NSW State Election 2023.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That the Mayor of Strathfield Council send a congratulations acknowledgement letter on behalf of Strathfield Council, to the new NSW Premier, The Hon. Chris Minns, MP and Member for Strathfield, Mr Jason Yat-Sen Li, MP on their successful NSW State Election 2023.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall and Reddy

7.3 Mayoral Minute 14-23 - Mr and Mrs Bell Retirement, Owners of Bar Cortona, Homebush - Acknowledgement

Councillor Pensabene withdrew the Mayoral Minute.

7.4 Mayoral Minute 15-23 - Maintenance on State Rail Infrastructure

79/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That Council write to Transport for NSW and request that they increase their maintenance on rail infrastructure land, including graffiti removal, weed management and litter collection. If Transport for NSW is unable to increase their maintenance on their infrastructure, that they grant Council permission to undertake graffiti removal, weed management and litter collection on their infrastructure and property.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.5 Mayoral Minute 16/23 - Acknowledgement Ms Cheryl Brown

80/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That Council send flowers and a card to Cheryl Brown's daughter Rosemary in memory and thanks for her mother's service to the Strathfield Community.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

8. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

81/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

I move that that in accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice the items below be dealt with by exception and that they be adopted as recommended by a single Motion:

- CCS1 Investment Report as at 28 February 2023
- CCS3 Current Status of Council Resolutions
- CCS4 Tenders Advertised and Awarded February and March 2023
- CCS5 Library Strategy 2023-2028
- CCS6 Small Grant Application - Strathfield Junior Rugby League Football Club
- EO1 Investigation into Possible Speed Bumps and Safety Cameras for Courallie Avenue
(Resolution 276/22)
- 11.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 21 March 2023
- 11.2 Report from Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting on 8 February 2023

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS1 Investment Report as at 28 February 2023

82/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the record of cash investments as at 28 February 2023 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS3 Current Status of Council Resolutions

83/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

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

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS4 Tenders Advertised and Awarded February and March 2023

84/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council tenders advertised and awarded in February and March 2023 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS5 Library Strategy 2023-2028

85/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That the draft Library Strategy be adopted by Council.
2. That the draft Library Strategy to be placed on public exhibition for 4 weeks (28 days).

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS6 Small Grant Application - Strathfield Junior Rugby League Football Club

86/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council approves the Small Grant Application from Strathfield Junior Rugby League Football Club to support the sporting activities for children and youth development in the Strathfield Local Government Area.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO1 Investigation into Possible Speed Bumps and Safety Cameras for Courallie Avenue (Resolution 276/22)

87/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council does not install speed humps or cameras in the private or public road sections of Courallie Avenue, based on the traffic speed and volume results in the report.
2. That Council undertake follow-up traffic surveys in 12-months' time to monitor any changes in traffic behaviour.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

11.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 21 March 2023

88/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2023 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

11.2 Report from Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting on 8 February 2023

89/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That the Minutes of the Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 February 2023 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.
2. That Council amend Part 7 Quorum of the Terms of Reference for the Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee so that quorum is two (2) Councillors and three (3) Community Members.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

Adjournment of Meeting

90/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes, the time being 7:01pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:10pm.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Tina Webster, Homebush Out-of-School Hours Care (HOOSH) addressed the meeting to discuss item *EO3 Leases and Licences – Land and Property Strategy*. HOOSH is a not-for-profit organisation that provides childcare services and has been a tenant at 25 Broughton Road for over 35 years and wish to remain a tenant at the property.

Mr Luke Symonds, Strathfield One Stop Child Care Service (SOCCS) addressed the meeting to discuss item *EO3 Leases and Licences – Land and Property Strategy*. SOCCS is a not-for-profit early learning centre and has been a tenant at Upper Level, 2A Fraser Street for over 24 years and want to negotiate a new lease to remain at the property.

Mr Nasser Matta, St Johns Eagles Junior Rugby League Football Club addressed the meeting to discuss item *12.4 Sports Field Policy – Councillor Matthew Blackmore*. Mr Matta provided a history of the club and opportunities the club offers for children wishing to participate in sport.

Mr George Agha, St Johns Eagles Junior Rugby League Football Club addressed the meeting to discuss item *12.4 Sports Field Policy – Councillor Matthew Blackmore*. Mr Agha raised concerns for the need to develop a policy to prioritise local clubs.

Mr Carl Karam, Strathfield Raiders addressed the meeting to discuss item *12.4 Sports Field Policy – Councillor Matthew Blackmore*. Mr Karam provided a history of the club and is in support of Council developing a policy to prioritise local clubs using parks and fields in the Strathfield Local Government Area.

Suspension of Standing Orders

91/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Maheswaran)

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

EO3 Leases and Licences – Land and Property Strategy
12.4 Sports Field Policy – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

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

Against the Motion: Nil

EO3 Leases and Licences - Land and Property Strategy

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council staff prepare a draft Land and Property Strategy and report this to Council with the intention to place the Strategy on public exhibition.
2. That Council gives public notice, in accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government Act, that it proposes to grant a lease for the following properties: 25 Broughton Road, Strathfield; Upper Level, 2A Fraser Street, Homebush; and 1A Bates Street, Strathfield.

3. That Council advertise a Tender, in accordance with Section 46A and Division 1 of Part 3 of the Local Government Act, calling for Expressions of Interest for a lease for the following properties: 25 Broughton Road, Strathfield; Upper Level, 2A Fraser Street, Homebush; and 1A Bates Street, Strathfield.
4. That Council note and endorse the proposed arrangements for 28 Pomeroy Street, Homebush and Airey Park as contained within the report.

MOTION: (Hall / Maheswaran)

1. That Council staff prepare a draft Land and Property Strategy and report this to Council with the intention to place the Strategy on public exhibition.
2. That Council note and endorse the proposed arrangements for 28 Pomeroy Street, Homebush and Airey Park as contained within the report.
3. That Council gives public notice, in accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government Act, that it proposes to grant a lease for the following properties: 25 Broughton Road, Strathfield; Upper Level, 2A Fraser Street, Homebush; and 1A Bates Street, Strathfield.
4. That Council give consideration to any submissions received as part of the public notice process in relation to the proposal to grant a lease and should the submissions provide negative feedback, a further report will be provided back to Council.
5. That Council give consideration to any submissions received as part of the public notice process in relation to the proposal to grant a lease and should the submissions provide negligible negative feedback, that Council delegate for the General Manager to enter into negotiations with the current tenants, in accordance with the negotiation parameters (as a minimum) outlined in the report, for the following properties: 25 Broughton Road, Strathfield; Upper Level, 2A Fraser Street, Homebush; and 1A Bates Street, Strathfield.
6. Should negotiations with the current operators be unsuccessful in achieving the minimum negotiation parameters, Council is to advertise a Tender, in accordance with Section 46A and Division 1 of Part 3 of the Local Government Act, calling for Expressions of Interest for a lease for the following properties: 25 Broughton Road, Strathfield; Upper Level, 2A Fraser Street, Homebush; and 1A Bates Street, Strathfield.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Maheswaran)

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2. That Council note and endorse the proposed arrangements for 28 Pomeroy Street, Homebush and Airey Park as contained within the report.
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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

12.4 Sports Fields Policy – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

93/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Maheswaran)

1. That Council develop a Sports Fields Policy that gives consideration to local clubs as a priority.
2. That the Draft Sports Fields Policy be prepared and reported to Council, prior to public exhibition.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Adjournment of Meeting

94/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes, the time being 8:24pm.

The meeting reconvened at 8:29pm.

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 8:29pm.

Resumption of Standing Orders

95/23

RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Reddy)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

GMU1 Victor Chang School Science Awards 2023

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 8:32pm.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Support the achievements of participating local schools by hosting the 2023 Victor Chang School Science Awards during National Science Week 12-20 August 2023
2. Host the 2023 Victor Chang School Science Awards in a suitable Council owned venue i.e. Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub or Community Centre
3. Approve funding of \$3,000 to be allocated in the draft 2023/24 budget for the hosting of the 2023 Victor Chang School Science Awards

MOTION: (Reddy / Blackmore)

That Council:

1. Support the achievements of participating local schools by hosting the 2023 Victor Chang School

- Science Awards during National Science Week 12-20 August 2023
2. Host the 2023 Victor Chang School Science Awards in a suitable Council owned venue i.e. Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub or Community Centre
 3. Approve funding of \$3,000 to be allocated in the draft 2023/24 budget for the hosting of the 2023 Victor Chang School Science Awards
 4. If the Council is being invited, that all Councillors be invited and included in the ceremony

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RESOLVED: (Reddy / Blackmore)

That Council:

1. Support the achievements of participating local schools by hosting the 2023 Victor Chang School Science Awards during National Science Week 12-20 August 2023
2. Host the 2023 Victor Chang School Science Awards in a suitable Council owned venue i.e. Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub or Community Centre
3. Approve funding of \$3,000 to be allocated in the draft 2023/24 budget for the hosting of the 2023 Victor Chang School Science Awards
4. If the Council is being invited, that all Councillors be invited and included in the ceremony

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS2 Councillor Workshop 21 March 2023

97/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the report be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

PE1 Update : Gateway Determination Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2021

98/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council:

1. Resolve, under the provisions of s3.35 (4) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, to request that the Minister determine that the draft Planning Proposal for the Strathfield Local

Environmental Plan 2021 not proceed; and

2. Be provided with a briefing, at a Councillor Workshop, to confirm next steps for progressing key components contained within the draft Local Environmental Plan 2021, in a new Planning Proposal to amend the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012.
3. Note that the process for progressing the draft Planning Proposal for Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2021 did not comply with the requirements of Ministerial Direction ('Local Planning Panels Direction – Planning Proposals') given under Section 9.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

PE2 North Homebush (Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy) Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme and Infrastructure Needs Study

Councillors Cai, Hall and Maheswaran declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting, the time being 8:36pm.

99/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council confirms endorsement of the preparation of an Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme and Infrastructure Needs Study in conjunction with the NSW Department Planning and Environment, who will fund and procure consultants.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillors Hall, Maheswaran and Cai returned to the meeting, the time being 8:37pm.

EO2 Coronation Parade War Memorial

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive and note the report.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Reddy)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That a briefing be presented to a future Councillor Workshop after the applications for grants has been determined with alternative options.
3. That Council write to State Member of Strathfield and Federal Member for Reid to seek the balance of any funding if available.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Reddy)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That a briefing be presented to a future Councillor Workshop after the applications for grants has been determined with alternative options.
3. That Council write to State Member of Strathfield and Federal Member for Reid to seek the balance of any funding if available.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Items *11.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 21 March 2023* and *11.2 Report from Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting on 8 February 2023* were dealt with by exception.

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

12.1 Strathfield Local Government Election 2024 - Constitutional Referendum for Popularly Elected Mayor – Councillor Nella Hall

101/23

RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

1. That on the day of the next Local Government Election a constitutional referendum be held to seek the approval of electors to change the basis on which the Mayor attains office so that the Mayor of Strathfield is elected to office by electors so that the Strathfield Council area becomes an area that section 227 and section 227(b) of the *Local Government Act, 1993* applies with 6 Councillors to represent the Strathfield Local Government Area, and that Council notify the NSW Electoral Commission within

the required timeframe.

2. That an appropriate budget be included in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 budgets for the one question referendum on this matter.
3. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager:
 - a) To execute any variation of contract with the NSW Electoral Commission for the conduct of a constitutional referendum; and
 - b) Approve any minor modifications to the referendum question on advice from the NSW Electoral Commission and/or Office of Local Government; and
 - c) Undertake the public awareness campaign including the preparation of a balanced case for the referendum question in accordance with any directives and guidelines provided by the NSW Electoral Commission and/or the Office of Local Government

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Cai and Datta

12.2 Parramatta Road Signs – Councillor Raj Datta

MOVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the Traffic Committee investigate and report back to Council raising the road sign on Parramatta Road to turn left into Courallie Avenue. It is highly unsafe for everyone. The sign needs to be located much higher so that it does not block the view of drivers.

MOTION: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the Traffic Committee investigate and the Traffic Committee Minutes be reported back to Council Meeting raising the road sign on Parramatta Road to turn left into Courallie Avenue. It is highly unsafe for everyone. The sign needs to be located much higher so that it does not block the view of drivers.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the Traffic Committee investigate and the Traffic Committee Minutes be reported back to Council Meeting raising the road sign on Parramatta Road to turn left into Courallie Avenue. It is highly unsafe for everyone. The sign needs to be located much higher so that it does not block the view of drivers.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.3 Pedestrian Crossings at Homebush West Public School – Councillor Raj Datta

MOVED: (Datta / Blackmore)

That the Traffic Committee investigate and report back to Council installing two pedestrian crossings around the Homebush West Public school as below on an urgent basis:

- i. Across the Exeter Road around the intersection of the Eastbourne Road and Exeter Road
- ii. Across the Eastbourne Road, near the small park built, at the other end of the Eastbourne Road

MOTION: (Datta / Blackmore)

That the Traffic Committee investigate and a briefing be prepared for the June 2023 Councillor Workshop considering the installation of two pedestrian crossings around the Homebush West Public school as below on an urgent basis:

- i. Across the Exeter Road around the intersection of the Eastbourne Road and Exeter Road
- ii. Across the Eastbourne Road, near the small park built, at the other end of the Eastbourne Road

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Blackmore)

That the Traffic Committee investigate and a briefing be prepared for the June 2023 Councillor Workshop considering the installation of two pedestrian crossings around the Homebush West Public school as below on an urgent basis:

- i. Across the Exeter Road around the intersection of the Eastbourne Road and Exeter Road
- ii. Across the Eastbourne Road, near the small park built, at the other end of the Eastbourne Road

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.5 Rates Aggregation Policy – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

104/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council amend its Revenue Policy in the Strathfield 2035 Delivery Program 2022-2026 and draft Operational Plan 2023-2024 so that the aggregation of rates in accordance with Section 548A of the *Local Government Act 1993* will only apply in the following circumstances:

For all lots categorised as Residential or Business for rating purposes, one separately titled car space and/or one separately titled utility lot that are in the same ownership as the residential or business lot and are within the same building or strata plan. All aggregations will only apply from the

commencement of the quarter following the lodgement of the application with Council. An application fee is applicable to all applications for aggregation.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.6 Code of Meeting Practice – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

105/23

RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Hall)

That the Code of Meeting Practice 2023 be reviewed and a report be presented to the next Ordinary Council Meeting to consider amending Clause 5.18 so that the word "emergency" be replaced with the word "extenuating or other".

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

14. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Councillor Blackmore declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting, the time being 9:09pm.

Closed Session

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

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

EO4 Confidential - Expression Of Interest - 1/29-35 Burlington Road, Homebush

In accordance with Section 10A (2) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this matter will be considered

in Closed Session as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting moved into Closed Session at 9:10pm.

The meeting commenced Open Session at 9:50pm.

OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED

15.1 EO4 Confidential - Expression Of Interest - 1/29-35 Burlington Road, Homebush

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council delegate the General Manager to finalise negotiations and execute a Licence with Innovative Surveying Associates Pty Ltd as set out in the report with the initial Licence being for a period of three years, with a two-year option.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Maheswaran)

That Council delegate the General Manager to finalise negotiations and execute a Licence with Innovative Surveying Associates Pty Ltd as set out in the report with the initial Licence being for a period of three years, with a two-year option.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Maheswaran / Reddy)

In accordance with Section 178(3) of the *Local Government General Regulation 2021*, Council reject all tenders and determines that Council go out to community providers for utilisation of the space.

The Motion was put.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Maheswaran)

That Council delegate the General Manager to finalise negotiations and execute a Licence with Innovative Surveying Associates Pty Ltd as set out in the report with the initial Licence being for a period of three years, with a two-year option.

For the Motion: Councillors Pensabene and Hall

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

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

The Foreshadowed Motion became the Motion.

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Hall)

That Council move into Closed Session to discuss matter further.

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RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Hall)

That Council move into Closed Session to discuss matter further.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting moved into Closed Session at 9:55pm.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

That the meeting commence Open Session.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That the meeting commence Open Session.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting commenced Open Session 9:58pm.

The Motion was put.

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Reddy)

In accordance with Section 178(3) of the *Local Government General Regulation 2021*, Council reject all tenders and determines that Council go out to community providers for utilisation of the space.

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RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Reddy)

In accordance with Section 178(3) of the *Local Government General Regulation 2021*, Council reject all tenders and determines that Council go out to community providers for utilisation of the space.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Pensabene

16. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 2 May 2023.

Chairperson 

General Manager 