

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 9 May 2023

5pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 9 May 2023, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 5.11pm

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
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director Engineering and Operations
Clare Harley, Director Planning and Environment
Melissa Mallos, General Counsel
Warwick Lawrence, Manager Governance and Risk
Jack Britton, Senior Coordinator Governance and Risk
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

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

2. **RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS**

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

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

Nil.

Deputy Mayor Vacated

The Mayor announced that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Blackmore has resigned from his position as Deputy Mayor effective from 2 May 2023. The Mayor thanked Councillor Blackmore for his time as Mayor and Deputy Mayor and is happy to advise Council that he will remain as part of our team and as a valued member as a Councillor.

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 position of Deputy Mayor.

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

5. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**CCS1 Election of the Deputy Mayor****RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council determine whether it wishes to elect a Councillor to the position of Deputy Mayor for the term of the Mayor (ie September 2023).
2. That should Council resolve to appoint a Deputy Mayor that it determines the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

1. That a Councillor be elected to the position of Deputy Mayor of Strathfield Municipal Council for the remainder of the current Mayoral term being till September 2023.
2. That the method of voting be by open voting show of hands.

185/23**RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)**

1. That a Councillor be elected to the position of Deputy Mayor of Strathfield Municipal Council for the remainder of the current Mayoral term being till September 2023.
2. That the method of voting be by open voting show of hands.

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

Election of Deputy Mayor

Council elects the Deputy Mayor for the remaining term of Council being for the period from May 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 Deputy Mayor, in the order listed below, had been received for:

Councillor Cai – nominated by Councillors Hall 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 Deputy Mayor, the Returning Officer declared Councillor Cai Deputy Mayor for the period May 2023 – September 2023.

The General Manager, Mr Michael Mamo vacated the Chair.

The Mayor, Councillor Pensabene assumed the Chair.

The Deputy Mayor addressed the meeting.

Matter of Urgency - Censure of Councillor

MOTION: (Maheswaran)

Councillor Maheswaran moved that pursuant to clause 3.27 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Council consider the following Motion as a Matter of Urgency:

That in accordance with section 440G of the Local Government Act 1993, a Councillor be censured for potential breaches of Council's Code of Conduct.

The Chair ruled the item not a matter of urgency as Council can consider the Motion at the next Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 June 2023.

6. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:32pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 6 June 2023.

Chairperson



General Manager

