

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 10 October 2023

6:30pm

Ironbark Room, Strathfield Council

Library and Innovation Hub

65-67 Rochester Street



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 10 October 2023, in the Ironbark Room, Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub, 65-67 Rochester Street.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

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

STAFF: Michael Mamo, General Manager
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director Engineering and Operations
Clare Harley, Director Planning and Environment
Kristy Watts, Director Corporate and Community
Rodney Sanjivi, Manager, Financial Service and Chief Financial Officer
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:** The Recognition was read.

3. **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

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

Nil.

5. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

5.1 100th Anniversary of the Strathfield Town Hall – Councillor Karen Pensabene

I wish to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of Strathfield Town Hall. This beautiful building has stood as a symbol of our community's strength, resilience, and unity for a century.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my thanks to our dedicated Council staff, Director Ms Cathy Edwards-Davis, Manager, Capital Works, Mr Ray Salem and Manager, Communications and Events, Ms Ayla Karabulut for the Town Hall refurbishment work and effort to make the 100th anniversary celebration a success. I also want to express our deep appreciation to the Strathfield Historical Society for their invaluable contribution and a special mention must be made for the past Mayors and Councillors who have joined us in celebrating this milestone.

Let us all take a moment to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a bright future for Strathfield. Together, we will continue to build on the legacy of our Town Hall, ensuring that Strathfield remains a place we are proud to call home.

Thank you once again and here's to the next 100 years of Strathfield's history!

5.2 Year 12 High School Certificate Students – Councillor Karen Pensabene

On behalf of Council, we wish all Year 12 High School Certificate students good luck in your exams that start tomorrow morning and their teachers the very, very best. You've done the work and are ready to sit the exams. We want you to stay focused, believe in yourselves and give it your best.

Wishing you all the success and confidence in your exams and all that you do in the future. Thank you very much.

5.3 International Moon Festival – Councillor Benjamin Cai

I would like to acknowledge our Director Engineering and Operations, Ms Cathy Edwards-Davis for her great help and support at last Saturday's International Moon Festival.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 September 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.

MOTION: (Hall / Datta)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 September 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, subject to the following correction under Item *CCS2 Code of Meeting Practice Review*.

6. That Item 12. Notices of Motions be moved to after 9. Public Forum in the Code of Meeting Practice Order of Business.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Datta)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 September 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, subject to the following correction under Item *CCS2 Code of Meeting Practice Review*.

6. That Item 12. Notices of Motions be moved to after 9. Public Forum in the Code of Meeting Practice Order of Business.

Voting on this item was unanimous

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

Nil.

8. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

8.1 Items by Exception

251/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

Councillors prior to considering items to be adopted by Exception, I would like to advise that Councillor Datta has withdrawn his Notice of Motion – 12.1 Voice Motion.

Moved 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 Public Interest Disclosure Policy
- CCS2 Data Breach Policy

- CCS3 Tabling of Annual Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Return - Clause 4.21 and Schedule 1 Code of Conduct
- CCS5 Code of Conduct incorporating Child Protection and Safety Provisions
- CCS6 Councillor Workshop 19 September 2023
- CCS7 Investment Report - August 2023
- CCS8 FY2022/23 Capital Budget Carryovers (Revotes)
- CCS9 Current Status of Council Resolutions
- CCS10 Tenders Advertised and Awarded September 2023
- PE1 Tidy Shopfronts Program
- EO1 Review Panel for Rejected Tree Applications - Part O of the Strathfield DCP
- 11.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 19 September 2023

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS1 Public Interest Disclosure Policy

252/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That the Draft Model Public Interest Disclosure Policy (PID) be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS2 Data Breach Policy

253/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That the Draft Data Breach Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 Days and should no submissions be received within the consultation period the policy be considered, adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS3 Tabling of Annual Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Return - Clause 4.21 and Schedule 1 Code of Conduct

254/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That Council receive and note the report concerning tabling of Annual Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Returns.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS5 Code of Conduct incorporating Child Protection and Safety Provisions

255/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That Council's Code of Conduct as amended to include a statement and an addendum to the Policy relating to child protection and safety, be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS6 Councillor Workshop 19 September 2023

256/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS7 Investment Report - August 2023

257/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 August 2023 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS8 FY2022/23 Capital Budget Carryovers (Revotes)

258/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That in accordance with Clauses 203 and 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, the proposed revotes of expenditure and related funding sources noted in Table 1 of this report, are adopted by Council, and are hereby voted into the 2023/24 adopted budget.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS9 Current Status of Council Resolutions

259/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

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

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS10 Tenders Advertised and Awarded September 2023

260/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

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

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE1 Tidy Shopfronts Program

261/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That:

1. as part of developing the 2024/25 budget that Council considers allocating funds for a program to incentivise 'tidy' shopfronts at locations to be nominated within the LGA.
2. a Tidy Shopfronts Program Policy is prepared, exhibited and adopted by Council prior to the establishment and implementation of the Program.
3. A review of Development Control Plan controls for shop and other signage in Councils centres is progressed.
4. Note that a briefing was provided to Councillors on 19 September 2023.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO1 Review Panel for Rejected Tree Applications - Part O of the Strathfield DCP

262/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That Council receive and note the report.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

11.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 19 September 2023

263/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 19 September 2023 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

CCS4 Financial Reporting Matters Pertaining to the Preparation of the Annual Financial Statements for the Year ended 30 June 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council declare Hudson Park Golf Driving Range as a Category one (1) Business under the National Competition Policy.
2. That Council undeclare the Domestic Waste Management (DWM) service as a Category one (1) business activity for the purposes of the National Competition Policy.
3. That an extraordinary Council meeting be held on the 24 of October 2023, for the purpose of considering the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 and the signing of the "Statement by Councillors and Management".

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

1. That Council declare Hudson Park Golf Driving Range as a Category one (1) Business under the National Competition Policy.
2. That Council undeclare the Domestic Waste Management (DWM) service as a Category one (1) business activity for the purposes of the National Competition Policy.

264/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

1. That Council declare Hudson Park Golf Driving Range as a Category one (1) Business under the National Competition Policy.
2. That Council undeclare the Domestic Waste Management (DWM) service as a Category one (1) business activity for the purposes of the National Competition Policy.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Note: Item *11.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 19 September 2023* dealt with by exception.

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

Note: Item *12.1 Voice Motion – Councillor Raj Datta* withdrawn.

13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

14. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil.

16. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6:46pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 14 November 2023.

Chairperson _____

General Manager _____