

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Friday 15 December 2023

10am

Ironbark Room, Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub,
65-67 Rochester Street



Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 15 December 2023, in the Ironbark Room, Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub, 65-67 Rochester Street.

COMMENCING: 10:00am

PRESENT: Councillor Karen Pensabene - Mayor
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Raj Datta
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran (Arrived 10:02 am)

STAFF: Michael Mamo, General Manager
Kristy Watts, Director Corporate and Community
Clare Harley, Director Planning and Environment
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director Engineering and Operations
Melissa Mallos, General Counsel
Amanda Rutherford, Manager Governance and Procurement
Quinton Kohler, Governance Officer

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

2. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

3. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Sandy Reddy
Councillor Benjamin Cai

4. **ITEMS BY EXCEPTION (SECTION 13 OF COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE)**

Items by Exception

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Blackmore)

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 Finance Related Policies

CCS3 Councillor Workshop 11 December 2023

PE1 15 – 17 Columbia Lane Affordable Housing Planning Assessment

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

Against the Motion: Nil

4. GENERAL BUSINESS**CCS1 Finance Related Policies**

333/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Blackmore)

1. That Council approves the Draft Pricing Policy and the Draft Financial Reserves Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.
2. That following the public exhibition period, feedback from the staff and public be considered and incorporated (where appropriate) into the Draft Pricing Policy and Draft Financial Reserves Policy, prior to being brought back to the February 2024 ordinary Council meeting to be recommended for adoption by Council.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**CCS2 Code of Meeting Practice Review****RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice with the recommended amendments from both the review and following feedback from consultation as outlined in this report.

That Council endorse the update of clauses / references, and formatting per adopted changes to the Code of Meeting Practice.

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

That Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice with the recommended amendments from both the review and following feedback from consultation as outlined in this report subject to the amendments to clauses 4.5, 5.13 and 5.19 as follows:.

Item 4.5 of the Code of Meeting Practice to be amended to read:

- A person may apply to speak on any items of business on the agenda of the Council meeting, and/or general items per their prior submission as outlined in clause 4.1 above.

Item 5.13 of the Code of Meeting Practice to be amended to read:

- Where, prior to the commencement of a meeting, it becomes apparent that a quorum may not be present at the meeting, or that the safety and welfare of Councillors, Council staff and members of the public may be put at risk by attending the meeting because of a natural disaster (such as, but not limited to flood or bushfire), or a public health emergency the General Manager may, in consultation with the Mayor and, as far as is practicable, with each Councillor, cancel the meeting. Where a

meeting is cancelled, notice of the cancellation must be published on the Council's website and in such other manner that the Council is satisfied is likely to bring notice of the cancellation to the attention of as many people as possible

Item 5.19 of the Code of Meeting Practice to be amended to read:

- A request by a Councillor for approval to attend a meeting by audio-visual link must be made by 12:00pm in writing on the day of the meeting to the General Manager prior to the meeting in question and must provide reasons why the Councillor will be prevented from attending the meeting in person.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS3 Councillor Workshop 11 December 2023

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE1 15-17 Columbia Lane Affordable Housing Planning Agreement

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That Council resolve to:

1. Place the draft Planning Agreement and draft Explanatory note for 15-17 Columbia Lane on public exhibition for 28 days.
2. Delegate to the General Manager to execute the Planning Agreement following public exhibition and consideration of any submissions received.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

5. CLOSE

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:24am

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 27 February 2024.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____