

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 26 March 2024

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 26 March 2024, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:32pm

PRESENT: Councillor Sandy Reddy (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Benjamin Cai
Councillor Raj Datta
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

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
Rodney Sanjivi, Chief Financial Officer
Dylan Porter, Manager Planning, Place and Development
Amanda Rutherford, Governance and Procurement Manager
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer
Quinton Kohler, Governance and Corporate Support Officer

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

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

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Councillor Karen Pensabene (Mayor).
- Councillor Hall arrived at the meeting, the time being 6:32pm.
- Councillor Blackmore left the meeting, the time being 6:36pm, noting his intention to apply to Council for a leave of absence at the next Council Meeting.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST (NATURE OF INTEREST TO BE DISCLOSED)

Councillor Cai declared a Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *10.4 Special Conflict of Interest Disclosure Regarding 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5, 9-11 Knight Street and 88-92 Parramatta Road Homebush* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Cai declared that he is a resident in the subject area.

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Councillor Datta declared a Pecuniary/Non-Significant conflict of interest for item *PEI Draft Submission to the NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into the Development of the Transport Oriented Development Program (TOD)* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Datta declared that he is unsure if his place of residence falls within the TOD Program.

Councillor Hall declared a Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PEI Draft Submission to the NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into the Development of the Transport Oriented Development Program (TOD)* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Hall declared she has a relationship with lessee of property in Parramatta Road.

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Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PEI Draft Submission to the NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into the Development of the Transport Oriented Development Program (TOD)* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared that he currently acts for a charity whose director owns land potentially within the proposed TOD – located nearby Underwood Road.

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Audit* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared that the Council report identifies a private provider as a potential service delivery agent(JOLT). Councillor Maheswaran declared that while the initial reports only referred to deals with an operator, he has a personal friendship with a person employed at JOLT.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 Holi Celebrations - Councillor Raj Datta

1. Holi celebration by SAISH:

- This was the celebration of Holi by SAISH for the tenth Year
- The colour represent the platonic love and affection between Lord Krishna and Shri Radha ji
- Various colours represent the different various forms of love/respect/affinity possible between various people and nature
- Congratulations to all Councillors and Mayor, and the community members for supporting the celebration tenth consecutive year
- Congratulations to all SAISH members and the SAISH executive committee for celebrating it in Strathfield for ten years and for organising such a successful celebration in 2024.

Also celebrated by another community group in Homebush:

2. Holi celebration by the Hindu Council:

- Was attended by the Premier and many other VIPs representing the broader Australian community
- There have been many other Holi celebrations in other places that I am aware of
- These celebrations testify that Holi has been adopted as an Australian celebration not a celebration of the people of Indian sub-continental heritage only, and is being attended now by many dignitaries
- Unique feature of the Holi is: People of all walks of life celebrate Holi with each other and apply gulal on each other, regardless of their wealth or caste and creed; reflecting the core traditional values of the sanatana dharma of the people of Indian sub-continental heritage such as:
 - We all are created in the image of the same God – promoting equality among all human beings
 - We all can achieve the divinity if we put our efforts to it – message of Social equity
 - The essences of all religions are in agreement – message of universal brotherhood
- These messages will help contribute to transforming Australia into a nation of one people, pulling the country in the same direction for building an increasingly more integrated, more prosperous and more harmonious nation for all Australians
- Building a more integrated and prosperous Australia
- Congratulations to Hindu Council for organising such a wonderful celebration.

5.2 Seniors Event - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

I'd like to acknowledge the seniors event that was held last week and in particular the assistance of Ms Agatha Yin Lan Ge. In certain circumstances we have very large Chinese only speaking groups within the Council area and on occasions Agatha assists in translating as she assisted me and I'd like to acknowledge her contribution to the community.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

38/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Cai)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 February 2024, 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

Note: The recording of Conflicts of Interest declared at the Ordinary Council Meeting 27 February 2024 in the Minutes to be reviewed for accuracy and amend if required.

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

Nil.

8. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

Items by Exception

39/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

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:

- 10.1 Light Rail Extension to Strathfield - Councillor Raj Datta
- 10.2 Infrastructure Considerations for Future Development in the Strathfield LGA - Letter to Minister for Planning and Public Spaces - Councillor Raj Datta
- 10.3 Council Protocol - Councillor Sandy Reddy
- 10.5 Report to Amend the Council Code of Meeting Practice/Code of Conduct and Associated Documents to Provide for Special Disclosures - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
- 10.6 Invitation to the Information and Privacy Commission NSW to Review Processes/Conduct at Strathfield Municipal Council - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
- 10.7 Letter to the Minister for Local Government Regarding the Prohibition of Property Developers, Real Estate Agents and Liquor and Gambling, and Third-Party Lobbyists from Serving as Councillors - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

- 10.8 Protecting Children Online - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
- CCS1 Investment Report - February 2024
- CCS2 Tenders Advertised and Awarded February 2024
- CCS3 Current Status of Council Resolutions
- CCS4 Councillor Workshop 12 March 2024
- 12.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 20 February 2024
- 12.2 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting on 22 February 2024
- 12.3 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting on 7 March 2024
- 12.4 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 19 March 2024
- EO6 Confidential – Sydney Local Health District – Child and Family Service – Licence Negotiation

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10.1 Light Rail Extension to Strathfield – Councillor Raj Datta

40/24

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RAJ DATTA

Moved by: (Datta / Maheswaran)

1. Strathfield Council writes to the State Government, to provide budget for building the extension of the Light Rail to Strathfield, as Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 is built to create a vital transport link that will connect the Parramatta CBD to Sydney Olympic Park.
2. Copies of the letter be sent to the State and Federal Members of Strathfield and Reid.
3. Strathfield Council keeps the Councillors updated with any progress to this effect at least on a quarterly basis or more frequently as appropriate.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.2 Infrastructure Considerations for Future Development in the Strathfield LGA - Letter to Minister for Planning and Public Spaces – Councillor Raj Datta

41/24

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RAJ DATTA

Moved by: (Datta / Maheswaran)

1. Strathfield Council writes to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces that, as planning progresses for building additional dwellings in Strathfield LGA, adequate and objective planning measures are taken in collaboration with the Strathfield Council to ensure the needs for open space, parks, schools, hospital beds, traffic flow of the growing Strathfield Community are addressed.
2. Copies of the communication be sent to the State and Federal Members of Strathfield and Reid.
3. Strathfield Council keeps the Councillors updated with any progress on this matter at least on a quarterly basis or more frequently as appropriate.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.3 Council Protocol – Councillor Sandy Reddy

42/24

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SANDY REDDY

Moved by: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council Officers develop a draft Council protocol for dealing with Council public activities, and Council matters, and provide the draft protocol to a future Councillor workshop for discussion.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.5 Report to Amend the Council Code of Meeting Practice/Code of Conduct and Associated Documents to Provide for Special Disclosures – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

43/24

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SHARANGAN MAHESWARAN

Moved by: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council provide a report to Council along with draft amendments to the Council Code of Meeting Practice/Conduct of Conduct and any other necessary Council policy document for the purpose of implementing:

- a) Applying a special disclosure regime for any person with current disclosure obligations within Council that is classed as a “prohibited donor” within the meaning of s51 of the *Electoral Funding Act 2018* in addition to real estate agents (prohibited donor),

- b) That the special disclosure regime requires the real time identification of persons or entities that the person does business with (that would cause them to be classed as a prohibited donor) that owns property or has a commercial interest which they have engaged the prohibited donor within the local government area or affecting Strathfield Municipal Council.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.6 Invitation to the Information and Privacy Commission NSW to Review Processes/Conduct at Strathfield Municipal Council – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

44/24

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SHARANGAN MAHESWARAN

Moved by: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council write to Information and Privacy Commission NSW to invite the commission to generally review Council's processes and make recommendations to improve Council's approach to privacy.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.7 Letter to the Minister for Local Government Regarding the Prohibition of Property Developers, Real Estate Agents and Liquor and Gambling, and Third-Party Lobbyists from Serving as Councillors – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

45/24

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SHARANGAN MAHESWARAN

Moved by: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council write to the Minister of Local Government noting:

- a) Local Government NSW (the peak body for local government in NSW) has resolved to support a ban on certain classes of people serving on Council,
- b) It is the policy of the NSW Labor Party to implement a ban on property developers and real estate agents from serving on Council, and
- c) Calling for the Minister for Local Government to introduce new legislation for the prohibition of the aforementioned classes of individuals from serving on Council.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.8 Protecting Children Online – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

46/24

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SHARANGAN MAHESWARAN

Moved by: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council produce a report on how Council can use its publications and reach to promote awareness of protecting children online with reference to:

1. Recommendation 6.12 of the Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse which makes specific recommendations for local government,
2. The City of Sydney's "Child Safety Online – a guide for parents and caregivers of children under 12", and
3. Any other material that the Council's officers deem relevant to responding to the menace of child abuse and grooming online.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS1 Investment Report - February 2024

47/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the record of cash investments as at 29 February 2024 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS2 Tenders Advertised and Awarded February 2024

48/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council tenders advertised and awarded in February 2024 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS3 Current Status of Council Resolutions

49/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

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

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS4 Councillor Workshop 12 March 2024

50/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 20 February 2024

51/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2024 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.2 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting on 22 February 2024

52/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 22 February 2022 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.3 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting on 7 March 2024

53/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 7 March 2024 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.4 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 19 March 2024

54/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 19 March 2024 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO6 Confidential - Sydney Local Heath District - Child and Family Service - Licence Negotiation

55/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council adopt the recommendation as outlined in the Confidential Attachment.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9. PUBLIC FORUM

9.1 Mr Colandavelu Narayanasuwani, Strathfield Council Resident – Junction of Albert Road and Heyde Avenue – Various Matters

Mr Colandavelu Narayanasuwani (known as Nam) addressed Council to discuss various matters including tree pruning, street sweeping and nature strip maintenance at the junction of Albert Road and Heyde Avenue.

Under clause 14.17 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the meeting agreed to extend the speaker's time by two minutes.

A further two minutes extension was granted by the meeting.

Suspension of Standing Orders

56/24

RESOLVED: (Reddy / Datta)

That Standing Orders be suspended so that Item *CCS8 Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023* be brought forward.

In attendance for this item were Mr Brian Hrnjak, Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chairperson and Renee Meimaroglou, Audit Office of NSW.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS8 Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Mr Brian Hrnjak, Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chairperson addressed the meeting.

Mr Brian Hrnjak outlined the following in relation to the Financial Statement for year ended 30 June 2023: Thank you for this opportunity to connect, this has been the first invitation for ARIC members to attend a Council meeting for the adoption of the accounts. Ten years ago, when Dennis Vaccher and I were first invited to become members of Strathfield's ARIC, it was a very different operating environment.

When we arrived in 2014, elements of Council's operations were under review via a s430 investigation being undertaken by the Office of Local Government. Also, from about that time until mid 2017, Council faced an existential threat from a state government policy of forced amalgamation. Over the period of our tenure, Dennis and I have known around six General Managers and five CFO's to occupy these critical positions in either a fulltime, acting or consulting capacity.

Our fellow member Catherine O'Mallon's term coincided with the arrival of the current management team. Instability is a difficult environment to foster the growth and betterment of corporate culture. It would be the ARIC's view that Council's current operating environment is the most stable that we have witnessed in the past ten years. It is also therefore timely and of critical importance for the future that Council's senior management team are leading a program of financial improvement.

This program of restructuring the rating base, improving revenues and reducing expenditures is the first such policy initiative in a decade and positions the organisation for stability in light of material population changes that have now been fully telegraphed. ARIC would also strongly recommend that Council maintain a strong

commitment to systems development and integration to deliver service and efficiency gains to support the work of the financial improvement program and to protect the Council from external threats. Turning to these accounts. We commend the work and cooperation of management and the external audit team to deliver an unqualified set of accounts for approval. Rodney Sanjivi's team have worked diligently with Renee Meimaroglou's team from the NSW Audit Office to identify the issues affecting receivables, contract liabilities, grant income and the measurement of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment. The responsibility however remains solely with Rodney's team to resolve these issues and strengthen the underlying accounts and sub systems while maintaining business as usual.

As a legacy from this Council to the next, we have a high degree of confidence that you will be handing over an organisation that is in a substantially more robust operating position to how you found it following your election in 2021. ARIC would encourage you to stay the course and continue your support of management's efforts in this regard.

Brian Hrnjak

For and on behalf of Dennis Vaccher & Catherine O'Mallon and the Strathfield Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

57/24

RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Cai)

That the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 be approved and adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Resumption of Standing Orders

58/24

RESOLVED: (Hall / Maheswaran)

That standing orders resume.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.4 Special Conflict of Interest Disclosure Regarding 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5, 9-11 Knight Street and 88-92 Paramatta Road Homebush – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

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Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 7:23pm.

Councillor Cai left the meeting, the time being 7:23pm.

Due to a lack of quorum the item will be deferred to the next Ordinary Council Meeting 23 April 2024.

Councillor Cai returned to the meeting, the time being 7:25pm.

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:26pm.

11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

CCS5 Councillor Workshop 19 March 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

MOTION: (Cai / Hall)

That the report be received and noted subject to item *CCSI Technology Survey for Meeting Papers* be amended to list: Councillor Datta – Hybrid.

59/24

RESOLVED: (Cai / Hall)

That the report be received and noted subject to item *CCSI Technology Survey for Meeting Papers* be amended to list: Councillor Datta – Hybrid.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS6 2024 National General Assembly Conference Delegates and Motions

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Councillors determine the Councillors to attend the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government and for those Councillors to confirm their availability to attend with the General Manager by no later than 12 April 2024.
2. That Council determine the voting delegate for the 2024 National General Assembly.

MOTION: (Cai / Hall)

1. That Councillors who wish to attend the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government confirm their availability to attend with the General Manager by no later than 12 April 2024.
2. That the Mayor or her delegate be nominated the voting delegate for the 2024 National General Assembly.

60/24

RESOLVED: (Cai / Hall)

1. That Councillors who wish to attend the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government confirm their availability to attend with the General Manager by no later than 12 April 2024.
2. That the Mayor or her delegate be nominated the voting delegate for the 2024 National General Assembly.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS7 Symphonia Jubilate - Council Sponsored Prize

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council maintain its support for community organisations such as the Symphonia Jubilate by utilising the established Community Grants Program instead of offering a sponsored prize. This support should be provided through the standard application and evaluation process associated with the program.

MOTION: (Hall / Datta)

That the matter be referred to the next Councillor Workshop.

61/24

RESOLVED: (Hall / Datta)

That the matter be referred to the next Councillor Workshop.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS9 Draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy.

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

That the matter be deferred to a Councillor Workshop.

62/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That the matter be deferred to a Councillor Workshop.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

PE1 Draft Submission to the NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into the Development of the Transport Oriented Development Program

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Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE1 Draft Submission to the NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into the Development of the Transport Oriented Development Program* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared that he currently acts for a charity whose director owns land potentially within the proposed TOD – located nearby Underwood Road.

Councillor Cai left the meeting, the time being 7:45pm.

Councillor Datta left the meeting, the time being 7:45pm.

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 7:45pm.

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting, the time being 7:45pm.

Due to a lack of quorum the item was declared lapsed, due to the timing of the submission the item is unable to be considered at a future Council Meeting.

Councillor Cai returned to the meeting, the time being 7:46pm.

Councillor Datta returned to the meeting, the time being 7:46pm.

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:46pm.

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 7:46pm.

PE2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Audit

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Audit* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared that the Council report identifies a private provider as a potential service delivery agent (JOLT) while the initial reports on deals with Council as an operator, I have a personal friendship with a person employed there.

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting, the time being 7:47pm.

63/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Cai)

That:

1. The existing Electric Vehicle Charging Stations located at Bressington Park Car Park and Strathfield Town Centre Car Park be decommissioned for reasons set out in this report and funding be considered in the 2024/2025 budget for this purpose.
2. Council develops an Electric Vehicle Policy which addresses Councils strategic objectives, the use of public land for charging facilities and operational matters such as licence arrangements.
3. Subject to adoption of a supporting Electric Vehicle Policy Expressions of Interest (EOI) are sought for the provision of commercial EV charging infrastructure at suitable locations throughout the Local Government Area.

For the Motion: Councillors Cai, Datta and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillor Hall

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 7:47pm.

EOI Review of the Sporting Ground Fees and Charges for 2024/2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council endorse the proposed 2024/25 fees and charges outlined in the report, for putting on public exhibition with the other Council fees and charges in May 2024.
2. Council advise the seasonal sporting ground hirers when the fees and charges are on public exhibition and advise that they have the opportunity to make a submission.

MOTION: (Datta / Cai)

That this item and the previous item CCS7 Symphonia Jubilate be returned to a Councillor Workshop and be the only items on the Agenda.

64/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Cai)

That this item and the previous item CCS7 Symphonia Jubilate be returned to a Councillor Workshop and be the only items on the Agenda.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

EO2 Review of the Community Facilities Fees and Charges For 2024/2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council endorses the proposed 2024/2025 fees and charges outlined in the report, for public exhibition with the other Council fees and charges in May 2024.
2. Council places the draft Hire of Community Facilities and Community Discount Policy on public exhibition.
3. Council advises the regular community facilities hirers when the fees and charges are on public exhibition and advise that they have the opportunity to make a submission.
4. Council endorses the principles for the draft Memorandum of Understanding with Strathfield Symphony Orchestra and that the General Manager be delegated to finalise and sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

MOTION: (Datta / Cai)

That the matter be deferred to the next Councillor Workshop.

65/24

RESOLVED: (Cai / Datta)

That the matter be deferred to the next Councillor Workshop.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

EO3 Cooks River Upgrade

66/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That:

1. Council staff continue to actively work with the Cooks River Alliance and other Councils on the proposed Masterplan for the Cooks River and other improvement projects.
2. That Council staff continue to monitor for possible future grant opportunities for Cooks River upgrade projects.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

EO4 Potential Locations For the Gapyeong War Memorial

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Hudson Park be selected as the proposed location for a memorial structure, proposed to be gifted to Strathfield Council from the Sister City Gapyeong County in South Korea.
2. That Councillors be provided with a further presentation at a future Councillor Workshop detailing the options and specifications for the installation of a War Memorial as part of the Strathfield Korean War Memorial project plan.

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Datta)

That the item be deferred to the next Councillor Workshop.

67/24

RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Datta)

That the item be deferred to the next Councillor Workshop.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

EO5 Proposed Classification as Operational Land of 8 Affordable Housing Units at 15-17 Columbia Lane, Homebush

68/24

RESOLVED: (Reddy / Datta)

1. That in accordance with Section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Council undertakes public notification of its intention to classify eight (8) strata units as Operational Land in accordance with Section 31 (2) of the same Act:

Lot 12 Deposited Plan 1294820

- Unit 8 being a three-bedroom residential unit with one car parking space and one storage unit;
- Unit 10 being a one-bedroom residential unit with one car parking space and one storage unit;
- Unit 14 being a two-bedroom residential unit with one car parking space and one storage unit;
- Unit 16 being a one-bedroom residential unit with one storage unit;
- Unit 19 being a two-bedroom residential unit with one car parking space and one storage unit;
- Unit 32 being a two-bedroom residential unit with one car parking space and one storage unit;
- Unit 34 being a one-bedroom residential unit with one car parking space and one storage unit;
- Unit 42 being a two-bedroom residential unit with one car parking space and one storage unit.

2. That a further report is submitted to Council post the completion of the public notification period.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Note: Items *12.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 20 February 2024*, *12.2 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting on 22 February 2024*, *12.3 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting on 7 March 2024* and *12.4 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 19 March 2024* were dealt with by exception.

13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

14. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL REGULATION, 2021

Nil.

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Note: Item *EO6 Confidential – Sydney Local Health District – Child and Family Service – Licence Negotiation* was dealt with by exception.

16. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:07pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 23 April 2024.

Chairperson _____

General Manager _____