

# **MINUTES**

**Council Meeting**

**2 April 2019**

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 2 April 2019, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 6:28pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor Matthew Blackmore  
Councillor Antoine Doueih  
Councillor Maryanne Duggan  
Councillor Nella Hall  
Councillor Karen Pensabene  
Councillor Gulian Vaccari

**STAFF:** Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place & Civic Services  
Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment & Urban Services  
Jenny Nascimento, Executive Manager, Financial Service and Chief Financial Officer  
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director – Corporate and Financial Services  
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Kokkolis and Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Nil.

5. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

43/19

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Doueih)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 5 March 2019, 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 Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

*Voting on this item was unanimous*

**7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**7.1 Passing of Mr Anthony Bennett (Tony) Smith**

**44/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari)

That Council acknowledge the passing of Mr Anthony Bennett (Tony) Smith and a letter of sympathy be sent to his wife Mrs Esme Smith.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

Mrs Esme Smith addressed the meeting.

**8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT**

Nil.

**9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

Nil.

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

**10.1 Mayoral Minute No 02/19 Election Results**

I MOVE:

That Council write and congratulate:

1. Ms Gladys Berejiklian, the Premier Elect and re-elected member for the seat of Willoughby, on her party's successful campaign to form a majority coalition government in our State Parliament following the March General Election, and
2. Ms Jodi McKay on her successful re-election to the NSW State Legislative Assembly, as the member for Strathfield.

**45/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari)

That Council write and congratulate:

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

## **10.2 Mayoral Minute No 03/19 Strathfield Remembers the Victims of Terror**

I MOVE:

That:

1. The community of Strathfield and this Council stand as one with the people of New Zealand, and with all decent peoples everywhere, in defiant rejection of the abhorrent acts of terrorist violence that target the innocent, leaving families and communities shattered and grieving from their unspeakable loss.
2. We stand to represent humanity by observing a minute silence to remember the terror victims of Christchurch and elsewhere in this our global community.
3. Write to the Mayor of Christchurch and the Prime Minister of New Zealand, to offer our community's condolence to the people of Christchurch.

**46/19**

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

## **11. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE)**

Nil.

## **12. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil.

### **13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

#### **13.1 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting on 20 February 2019**

**47/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Duggan)

That the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 20 February 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

#### **13.2 Report from Youth Week Working Group meeting on 27 February 2019 and 20 March 2019**

**48/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Vaccari)

That the minutes of the Youth Week Working Group meeting held on 27 February 2019 and 20 March 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

#### **13.3 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 19 March 2019**

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 19 March 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

**MOTION:** (Blackmore / Hall)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 19 March 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted with the following amendments:

*Item 6.3 Carrington Avenue, Strathfield Parking Permit*

2. Encourage the applicant to apply for an on-street work zone for construction activities.

*Item 6.5 Station Street, Homebush Parking Restrictions*

The following signs to be installed on the existing posts at No. 40 Parramatta Road on the western side of Station Street, Homebush:

1. A "1/2 P, 6:30am - 6:30pm, R" timed parking zone on the existing post to be installed.
2. A "1/2 P 6:30am to 6:30pm, L" timed parking zone on the existing post to be installed.
3. Redundant "No Parking" signs to be removed.
4. All other signs on the eastern side of Station Street to implement a "2P 8:00am to 6:00pm" timed

Parking signage consistent with the rest signs of this area.

*Item 9.1 Wentworth Road, Greenacre Parking Restrictions*

*Item 9.2 Burlington Road, Homebush Change of Kiss & Ride Timing Period*

**49/19**

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

## **14. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

### **14.1 Strathfield Station Tunnel – Councillor Hall**

I MOVE:

That Council write to Sydney Trains/Rail Corp and request that:

1. The cleaning of the walkway tunnel at Strathfield Station be cleaned on a daily basis and that graffiti wall paper be removed
2. Sydney Trains/Rail Corp provide a plan as to the management of tunnel with regards to cleanliness, removal of graffiti and safety

**50/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Doueihi)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

#### **14.2 Climate Change – Councillor Duggan**

I have revised my original motion and now MOVE:

That Strathfield Council provide advice on how much it would cost to develop a climate change policy for our local government area.

I also move that a report be provided to the June Council meeting which outlines possible policy content and an estimate of the cost to draft a policy based on three potential options:

1. A policy drafted (in house) by the Council's Environmental Services Unit (ESU)
2. A policy drafted (in house) by the Council's ESU with some advice from a suitably qualified consultant, or
3. A policy drafted by an external provider/consultancy service company.

**MOTION:** (Duggan / Pensabene)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Duggan and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihy, Hall and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Motion Lost.

#### **14.3 Sound Issues - Marlene Crescent and Davidson Street – Councillor Blackmore**

I MOVE:

1. That Council write to NSW Ports Authority and relevant NSW Ministers in relation to residents' concerns of increased noise from the goods train line that runs behind resident's homes and Marlene Reserve, Greenacre.
2. That Council request the consideration of sound and dust monitoring.
3. That Council request if necessary that NSW Ports Authority consider the installation of a sound barrier to alleviate the noise and safety issues that our local residents are experiencing.

**51/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Duggan)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

## **15. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **GM1 Delivery Program Progress Report - July to December 2018**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Delivery Program six-monthly progress report for July to December 2018 be noted.

**52/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Hall)

That the Delivery Program six-monthly progress report for July to December 2018 be noted with an amendment to the Capital Works – Civic Services Project – Strathfield Park Kiosk and Amenities Building.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

### **GM2 Strathfield Council Community Strategic Plan 2019-2020**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That pursuant to section 402 (1-7) of the Local Government Act 1993, Strathfield Council has reviewed and updated its Community Strategic Plan, and places its' Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030' on public exhibition for 28 days.
2. That pursuant to sections 403 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Strathfield Council has reviewed its Resourcing Strategy including the ten year Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plans and three year Workforce Management Strategy, as required as part of its Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030, and is placing it on public exhibition for 28 days.
3. That pursuant to sections 404 (1-5) of the Local Government Act 1993, Strathfield Council has reviewed its Delivery Program that details the principal activities to be undertaken by Council to implement the strategies set out by the Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030', and is

placing this on public exhibition for 28 days.

4. That pursuant to sections 405(1-6), 532, 610B-610F, 706(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and clause 201(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2005, Strathfield Council has prepared its one year Operational Plan 2019-2020, which details financial resourcing for the forward periods, and placing this on public exhibition for 28 days.
5. That Council give notice of its intention to place upon public exhibition for 28 days:
  - i. Make and levy an Ordinary Rate to comprise a base rate and ad valorem rating structure for both Residential and Business categories of rates on all rateable land for 2019-2020, as set out in the Report; and
  - ii. Increase rates income by 2.7% in 2019-2020 in accordance with the permissible rate increase set by IPART.

**MOTION:** (Duggan / Hall)

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6. Councillors have a CSP specific workshop to be held prior to 23 April 2019 to discuss the CSP and fees and charges.

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

### **GM3 Code of Meeting Practice**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council place the draft Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition for a period 28 days.
2. That Council provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft Code of Meeting Practice.
3. That providing there are no submissions from the community, the draft Code of Meeting Practice be adopted by Council and any previous Code of Meeting Practice be revoked.

#### **MOTION:** (Duggan / Vaccari)

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2. That Council provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft Code of Meeting Practice.
3. That providing there are no submissions from the community, the draft Code of Meeting Practice be adopted by Council and any previous Code of Meeting Practice be revoked.
4. That under clause 4.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice the Chairperson may accept a request to speak from the floor.
5. That under clause 4.10 of the Code of Meeting Practice the Chairperson may accept a request to speak from the floor.

6. That clause 4.19 of the Code be removed – *A person may apply to speak on no more than two (2) items of business on the agenda of the council meeting.*
7. That under clause 3.9 of the Code of Meeting Practice the deadline to submit motions remain at 5pm.

**54/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Vaccari)

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3. That providing there are no submissions from the community, the draft Code of Meeting Practice be adopted by Council and any previous Code of Meeting Practice be revoked.
4. That under clause 4.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice the Chairperson may accept a request to speak from the floor.
5. That under clause 4.10 of the Code of Meeting Practice the Chairperson may accept a request to speak from the floor.
6. That clause 4.19 of the Code be removed – *A person may apply to speak on no more than two (2) items of business on the agenda of the council meeting.*
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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

## **CS1 Investment Report as at 28 February 2019**

**55/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Blackmore)

That the record of cash investments as at 28 February 2019 noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

## **CS2 Community Shelters**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the report be received and noted.

**MOTION:** (Vaccari / Blackmore)

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That council investigate current residential properties owned by Strathfield Council with the view of making one dwelling available to a local front line domestic violence organisation when a lease becomes available.

**56/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari / Blackmore)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

### **CS3 Current Status Council Resolutions**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

**MOTION:** (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That the report on the current status of Council resolutions be noted.
2. That the Mayoral Minute resolution on Westconnex residual land be added to the Council Resolutions report.

**57/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That the report on the current status of Council resolutions be noted.
2. That the Mayoral Minute resolution on Westconnex residual land be added to the Council Resolutions report.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

### **CS4 Improving Our Community Space**

**58/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council receives and notes the information contained in this report.

2. That Council commences an immediate program of promotion to ensure increased use of available space in its community facilities.
3. That Council reviews its hiring policy to allow greater access to local residents to meet their needs for space for private functions.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

#### **ID1 Electric Vehicles Report**

**59/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Council receive and note this briefing paper.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

#### **ID2 Report on Submissions - Amendment to Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005 - Part A - Dwelling Houses and Ancillary Structures**

**60/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari / Hall)

That Council note there were no submissions received during the exhibition period and the amendments to Part A – Dwelling Houses and Ancillary Structures of SCDP 2005 become effective from 19 February 2019 when the public notice appeared in the local newspaper.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

#### **16. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL REGULATION, 2005**

Nil.

#### **17. CLOSED SESSION**

Nil.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:05pm.**

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 7 May 2019.

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

General Manager\_\_\_\_\_