

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 5 September 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 5 September 2023, in the Ironbark Room, Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub, 65-67 Rochester Street, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:32pm

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

STAFF: Michael Mamo, General Manager
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director Engineering and Operations
Clare Harley, Director Planning and Environment
Melissa Mallos, General Counsel
Kathryn Fayle, Manager Library and Community Services
Kareen Watt, Acting Director Corporate and Community
Warwick Lawrence, Manager Governance and Risk
Ayla Karabulut, Manager Communications and Events
Jack Britton, Senior Coordinator Governance and Risk
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

1. **OPENING:** 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 OF INTEREST TO BE DISCLOSED)**
Nil.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Nil.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

215/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Reddy)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 1 August 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.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Hall arrived at the meeting, the time being 6:36pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**7.1 Mayoral Minute 20/23 - Acknowledgement of the Late Laurel O'Toole, Former Mayor and Councillor of Strathfield Council**

216/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Reddy)

1. That Council formally acknowledge the passing of Mrs Laurel O'Toole, former Mayor and Councillor of Strathfield Council.
2. That the family of the late Mrs O'Toole receive a letter from the Mayor passing on Council's sincere condolences.
3. That a donation of \$500 be made to the charity nominated by her family in lieu of flowers.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chair adjourned the meeting for five (5) minutes, the time being 6:41pm.

The meeting resumed, the time being at 6:44pm.

8. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

8.1 Items by Exception

217/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

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:

- GMU1 Review of Sister City Policy
- GMU2 Delivery Program Progress Report - January to June 2023
- CCS1 Tenders Advertised and Awarded August 2023
- CCS3 Returns Disclosing the Interest of Councillors and Designated Persons Policy
- CCS4 Investment Report - July 2023
- CCS5 Determination of the Number of Councillors for the 2028-2032 Term of Office
- CCS6 Councillor Workshop 22 August 2023
- CCS7 Motions for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference
- CCS8 Community Grants 2023 - Review and Recommendations
- CCS9 Current Status of Council Resolutions
- PE1 2-6 Hillcrest Avenue, Homebush
- EO1 Footpath Extension - Coronation Parade Update
- EO2 Events In Council Parks and Community Facilities Policy
- 11.1 Report from Traffic Committee meeting of 15 August 2023
- 11.3 Report from Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting on 9 August 2023
- 12.6 Council End Discretionary Grants - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
- 12.7 Report into Weekend Markets within the Local Government Area - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
- 16 CCS1 Closed Session – Small Grants – Quarterly Assessment – August 2023

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

Against the Motion: Nil

GMU1 Review of Sister City Policy

218/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

1. That the Sister City Policy be adopted.
2. That Council affirms its commitment to the Sister City agreement with Gapyeong County, Republic of South Korea.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**GMU2 Delivery Program Progress Report - January to June 2023**

219/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

That the Delivery Program Progress Report for 1 January to 30 June 2023 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**CCS1 Tenders Advertised and Awarded August 2023**

220/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

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

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**CCS3 Returns Disclosing the Interest of Councillors and Designated Persons Policy**

221/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

1. That Council adopt the 'Returns Disclosing the Interests of Councillors and Designated Persons Policy'.
2. That it be noted that the "public interest test" (as provided under GIPA) will be provided to each return and should there be any privacy concerns identified that Council will publish the Disclosure Returns on its website, subject to all information being redacted apart from the names and positions of Councillors,

senior staff and designated persons.

3. That the general nature of any information redacted from a return due to privacy concerns be provided on the Council's website.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS4 Investment Report - July 2023

222/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

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

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS5 Determination of the Number of Councillors for the 2028-2032 Term of Office

223/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

In accordance with Section 224 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* Council determine that the number of Councillors for the 2028 term of office remain at seven (7).

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS6 Councillor Workshop 22 August 2023

224/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS7 Motions for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference

225/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

That the motions attached to the report be endorsed and referred to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference for inclusion on the Annual Conference business paper.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS8 Community Grants 2023 - Review and Recommendations

226/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

That Council:

1. Note the listed applicants for Council's Community Grants 2023/2024 round and the approach that has been applied to determine the recommended beneficiaries of community grants for 2023/2024,
2. Note that the Community Grants Policy be brought back to a Councillor Workshop in the future to review the eligibility criteria and methodology for determining the allocation of grants to successful applicants for the next community grants program to be run in the 2024/2025 financial year,
3. Note that all successful applicants be listed on the Council website and be invited to attend a function with light refreshments to be presented with their grants by the Mayor and other Councillors at a Council venue, and
4. Delegate the decision making on the outcomes of the 2023/2024 applications to the General Manager, due to their being known conflicts of interest for several Councillors in relation to this program.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS9 Current Status of Council Resolutions

227/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

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

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE1 2-6 Hillcrest Avenue, Homebush

228/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

That:

1. The information contained in this report be received and noted.
2. Council issue a Notice of Intention to Issue an Order to the property owner.
3. Fire and Rescue NSW be advised of Council's decision.
4. On completion of the works, Council inspects the property to ensure rectification works have been completed and issue an Order for any outstanding works.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO1 Footpath Extension - Coronation Parade Update

229/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

1. That Council approve the construction of the footpath to connect the concrete path from the Coronation Parade slip road down to the existing Cooks River Cycleway, as per Figure 1 in this report.
2. That the estimated cost of the works, being approximately \$30,000, be funded from the 2023/2024 footpath Capital Works Budget.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO2 Events In Council Parks and Community Facilities Policy

230/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

1. That the draft Events in Council Parks and Community Facilities Policy be put on public exhibition.
2. That Council note the proposed Terms and Conditions for events in Council parks and community facilities.
3. That should Council receive negligible feedback, that Council delegate for the General Manager to finalise the Events in Council Parks and Community Facilities Policy.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

11.1 Report from Traffic Committee meeting of 15 August 2023

231/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 15 August 2023 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

Note: That item 7.2 is subject to Council's decision regarding the Notice of Motion (NOM) submitted by Councillor Cai on this Business Paper titled "International Moon Festival 2023". Council resolved as per resolution 240/23 that Council will organise and run an annual Moon Festival at Homebush West from 2024 so will be considered at the planning stage of next year's event.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**11.3 Report from Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting on 9 August 2023**

232/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

That the Minutes of the Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 August 2023 be noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**12.6 Council End Discretionary Grants – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran**

233/23

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MAHESWARAN**Moved by:** (Blackmore / Datta)

1. That Council produces a report summarising the cost of all discretionary grants disbursed by Council in the coming financial year.
2. That Council produces a report detailing the phasing out of all Council discretionary grants.
3. That Council halts the advertising or publication of any future discretionary grant programs that have not already been advertised.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.7 Report into Weekend Markets within the Local Government Area – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

234/23

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MAHESWARAN

Moved by: (Blackmore / Datta)

That a report be provided to a Councillor Workshop outlining the feasibility and options for weekend markets to be held within the Local Government Area.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

16 CCS1 Small Grants - Quarterly Assessment - August 2023

235/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

To approve the small grant payments recommended in this report for respective projects in relation to the first quarter 2023/24 small grants applications.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

Suspension of Standing Orders

236/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Standing Orders be suspended so that items *CCS10 Election of the Mayor - Method of Voting*, *CCS11 Election of the Deputy Mayor - Method of Voting*, *CCS12 Election of Mayor* and *CCS13 Election of the Deputy Mayor* be considered as the last items of the business paper (after Closed Session in Order of Business).

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

CCS2 Code of Meeting Practice Review

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Note the report.
2. Adopt the Draft Code of Meeting Practice with the recommended amendments as outlined in the attachments to this report.
3. Place the Draft Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
4. Report back to Council for adoption of the draft policy following the consideration of any submissions received during the consultation period. If no submissions the Policy be considered adopted.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Maheswaran)

That Council:

1. Note the report.
2. Adopt the Draft Code of Meeting Practice with the recommended amendments as outlined in the attachments to this report.
3. Place the Draft Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
4. Report back to Council for adoption of the draft policy following the consideration of any submissions received during the consultation period. If no submissions the Policy be considered adopted.
5. That clause 3.11 be removed
6. That item 12. Notices of motions be moved to after 9. Public Form in the Code of Meeting Practice.
7. That clause 8.2 be removed.

237/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Maheswaran)

That Council:

1. Note the report.
2. Adopt the Draft Code of Meeting Practice with the recommended amendments as outlined in the attachments to this report.
3. Place the Draft Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
4. Report back to Council for adoption of the draft policy following the consideration of any submissions received during the consultation period. If no submissions the Policy be considered adopted.

5. That clause 3.11 be removed
6. That item 12. Notices of motions be moved to after 9. Public Form in the Code of Meeting Practice.
7. That clause 8.2 be removed.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

EO3 Draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicle Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicle Policy be put on public exhibition.
2. Should Council receive negligible feedback, that Council delegate for the General Manager to finalise the Mobile Food Vending Vehicle Policy.

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Hall)

That the draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicle Policy be referred to a Councillor Workshop for further discussion.

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RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Hall)

That the draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicle Policy be referred to a Councillor Workshop for further discussion.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11.2 Report from Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting on 3 August 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2023 be noted and the recommendations be adopted, noting that one of the key recommendations is to dissolve Council's Wellbeing Advisory Committee, which if adopted by Council will take effect immediately.

MOTION: (Datta / Cai)

That the Minutes of the Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2023 be noted and the recommendation to dissolve Council's Wellbeing Advisory Committee not be adopted.

AMENDMENT: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Minutes of the Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2023 be noted and the recommendations be adopted, noting that one of the key recommendations is to dissolve Council's Wellbeing Advisory Committee, which if adopted by Council will take effect immediately.

For the Amendment: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Hall and Maheswaran

Against the Amendment: Councillors Datta and Reddy

The Amendment was put and **Carried**.

The Amendment became the Motion. The Motion was put.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Minutes of the Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2023 be noted and the recommendations be adopted, noting that one of the key recommendations is to dissolve Council's Wellbeing Advisory Committee, which if adopted by Council will take effect immediately.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Datta and Reddy

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

12.1 International Moon Festival 2023 – Councillor Benjamin Cai

MOTION: (Cai / Hall)

That Council:

1. Commencing from this year (2023), organise and run an annual Moon Festival at Homebush West, to celebrate one of the most significant cultural events in the lunar calendar;
2. Invite traders from across the Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA) of all cultural backgrounds to participate in the festival by setting up food, gifts and information stalls;
3. Invite the local chamber of commerce, community, and cultural groups, such as schools to participate at the annual event,
4. To prepare a traffic management plan to partially close Henley Road for a stage on the day of the festival;

5. Partially close Council owned carpark behind Hanley Road for the stalls and street performance;
6. Conduct this year's festival on 30 September 2023, and
7. Fund the 2023 event from budgetary savings in the 2023/2024 events allocations and make standing provisions for this festival in future year's budgets.

AMENDMENT: (Maheswaran / Hall)

That Council:

1. Commencing from next year (2024), organise and run an annual Moon Festival at Homebush West, to celebrate one of the most significant cultural events in the lunar calendar;
2. In 2023 Council work with the community to enhance future Moon Festival celebrations where possible.
3. Support this year's festival on 30 September 2023, and
4. Fund the 2023 events with up to \$2,500 from budgetary savings in the 2023/2024 events allocations and make standing provisions for this festival in future year's budgets.

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

Against the Amendment: Nil

The Amendment was put and **Carried**.

The Amendment became the Motion. The Motion was put.

240/23

RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Hall)

That Council:

1. Commencing from next year (2024), organise and run an annual Moon Festival at Homebush West, to celebrate one of the most significant cultural events in the lunar calendar;
2. In 2023 Council work with the community to enhance future Moon Festival celebrations where possible.
3. Support this year's festival on 30 September 2023, and
4. Fund the 2023 events with up to \$2,500 from budgetary savings in the 2023/2024 events allocations and make standing provisions for this festival in future year's budgets.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.2 Expression of Interest to Establish Refreshment Rooms – Councillor Benjamin Cai

MOVED:

The Council to immediately invite expressions of interest from the public to establish refreshment rooms at the following locations:

1. The "High Street" Community Centre, and
2. Freshwater Park, Strathfield.

MOTION: (Cai / Hall)

1. That a report be provided to Council assessing whether there is a need for refreshment rooms to be provided throughout the Local Government Area and options for suitable locations in order for Council to consider if an open expression of interest/tender should be issued for interested parties to submit proposals which are financially net positive for Council.
2. The following locations to be considered:
 - The "High Street" Community Centre, and
 - Freshwater Park, Strathfield.

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RESOLVED: (Cai / Hall)

1. That a report be provided to Council assessing whether there is a need for refreshment rooms to be provided throughout the Local Government Area and options for suitable locations in order for Council to consider if an open expression of interest/tender should be issued for interested parties to submit proposals which are financially net positive for Council.
2. The following locations to be considered:
 - The "High Street" Community Centre, and
 - Freshwater Park, Strathfield.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore and Maheswaran

12.3 Provision of Additional Bin – Henley Road – Councillor Benjamin Cai

MOVED:

That Council immediately install a public litter bin on the western side of Henley Road, at its intersection with The Crescent.

MOTION: (Cai / Reddy)

That Council install a public litter bin on the western side of Henley Road, at its intersection with The Crescent with funds to be provided from the December Quarterly Budget Review.

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 8:08pm.

Councillor Hall returned, the time being 8:14pm.

AMENDMENT: (Maheswaran / Blackmore)

That a report be provided to Council on the possible installation of a public litter bin on the western side of Henley Road, at its intersection with The Crescent.

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

Against the Amendment: Nil

The Amendment was put and **Carried**.

The Amendment became the Motion. The Motion was put.

242/23

RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Blackmore)

That a report be provided to Council on the possible installation of a public litter bin on the western side of Henley Road, at its intersection with The Crescent.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.4 Provision of Additional Bin - The Crescent – Councillor Benjamin Cai

MOVED:

That Council immediately install a public litter bin on the footpath at the northern alignment of The Crescent, opposite its intersection with Hornsey Road.

MOTION: (Cai / Reddy)

That a report be provided to Council to consider the installation a public litter bin on the footpath at the northern alignment of The Crescent, opposite its intersection with Hornsey.

243/23

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That a report be provided to Council to consider the installation a public litter bin on the footpath at the northern alignment of The Crescent, opposite its intersection with Hornsey.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.5 Report on Rezoning Industrial Land for R4 - High Density Residential Development at Water Street – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

Councillor Cai left the meeting, the time being 8:21pm.

Councillor Cai returned to the meeting, the time being 8:24pm.

MOVED:

A report be provided to the November 2023 Council meeting on the Water Street motion to Council which was passed at the 6 October 2020 Council meeting (For the motion: Councillors Duggan, Hall and Pensabene, and against the motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Kokkolis and Vaccari), explaining why:

- Council advanced the position that residents supported the rezoning of the industrial land there to R4 High Density Residential housing,
- Council advanced a proposal to move the Strathfield Council depot from its current local to Crown land for the purpose of creating new industrial land in the Strathfield area to offset the loss of industrial land at Water Street should the planning proposal have occurred, and
- Including in the report, as far as possible all emails, documents and other material held by Council that could be released under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2000 concerning the planning proposal and proposal to move the Strathfield Council depot.

244/23

RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Pensabene)

A report be provided to the November 2023 Council meeting on the Water Street motion to Council which was passed at the 6 October 2020 Council meeting (For the motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Kokkolis and Vaccari, and against the motion: Councillors Hall and Duggan), explaining why:

- Council advanced the position that residents supported the rezoning of the industrial land there to R4 High Density Residential housing,
- Council advanced a proposal to move the Strathfield Council depot from its current local to Crown land for the purpose of creating new industrial land in the Strathfield area to offset the loss of industrial land at Water Street should the planning proposal have occurred, and

- Including in the report, as far as possible all emails, documents and other material held by Council that could be released under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2000* concerning the planning proposal and proposal to move the Strathfield Council depot.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.8 Letter of Congratulations Regarding the Cooks River – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

MOVED:

That noting that the Federal Labor Government led by Prime Minister Albanese has committed \$10 million to revitalise the Cooks River with tree planting, riverbank stabilisation, installation of litter traps and restoration of waterways, Strathfield Council write to its Federal Members of Parliament welcoming the Government's decision and requesting funding for similar improvements to the Cooks River waterway through the Strathfield Golf Course and through Strathfield South.

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Hall)

That noting that the Federal Government has committed \$10 million to revitalise the Cooks River with tree planting, riverbank stabilisation, installation of litter traps and restoration of waterways, Strathfield Council write to its Federal Members of Parliament welcoming the Government's decision and requesting funding for similar improvements to the Cooks River waterway through the Strathfield Golf Course and through Strathfield South.

245/23

RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Hall)

That noting that the Federal Government has committed \$10 million to revitalise the Cooks River with tree planting, riverbank stabilisation, installation of litter traps and restoration of waterways, Strathfield Council write to its Federal Members of Parliament welcoming the Government's decision and requesting funding for similar improvements to the Cooks River waterway through the Strathfield Golf Course and through Strathfield South.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

14. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil.

16. CLOSED SESSION

Note: Item *CCS1 Small Grants - Quarterly Assessment - August 2023* dealt with by exception.

Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor announced that as the term of Mayor and Deputy Mayor expires September 2023, the *Local Government Act 1993* requires a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be elected for the remainder of the term office until September 2024.

Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, the General Manager is appointed Returning Officer and is responsible for conducting the process of the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor vacated the Chair.

The General Manager, Mr Michael Mamo assumed the Chair to conduct the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

CCS10 Election of the Mayor - Method of Voting

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council considers the method of voting for the Mayor.

MOTION: (Pensabene/Blackmore)

That the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor be by way of Open Voting (show of hands).

246/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor be by way of Open Voting (show of hands).

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS11 Election of the Deputy Mayor - Method of Voting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council considers the method of voting for the Deputy Mayor.

MOTION: (Pensabene/Datta)

That the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor be by way of Open Voting (show of hands).

247/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Datta)

That the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor be by way of Open Voting (show of hands).

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS12 Election of Mayor

RECOMMENDATION:

Council elects the Mayor for the remaining term of Council 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.

248/23

RESOLVED:

The Returning Officer, being the General Manager advised that nominations for the position of Mayor, in the order listed below, had been received for:

Councillor Hall - nominated by Councillor Cai and Councillor Reddy, and

Councillor Pensabene - nominated by Councillor Pensabene and Councillor Blackmore

The Returning Officer then confirmed that each nominee accepted the nomination.

The Returning Officer asked if there were any further nominations. There were no further nominations.

An election was carried out by way of open voting method with the following votes being recorded in order of nominee withdrawn from the ballot box:

For Councillor Pensabene

Councillor Pensabene
Councillor Maheswaran
Councillor Datta
Councillor Blackmore

For Councillor Hall

Councillor Reddy
Councillor Hall
Councillor Cai

The Returning Officer declared, given Councillor Pensabene received the majority vote from Councillors, she is elected Mayor for the period September 2023 – September 2024.

CCS13 Election of the Deputy Mayor

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council determines whether it wishes to elect a Councillor to the position of Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the Council term, being until September 2024 or a lesser term.

249/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Council elect a Councillor to the position of Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the Council term, being until September 2024.

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 Councillor Reddy and Councillor Hall, and
Councillor Reddy - nominated by Councillor Hall and Councillor Cai

Councillor Cai withdrew his nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor.

The Returning Officer then confirmed that Councillor Reddy accepted 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 Reddy the Deputy Mayor for the period September 2023 – September 2024.

The General Manager, Mr Michael Mamo vacated the Chair.

The Mayor, Councillor Pensabene assumed the Chair.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:01pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 10 October 2023.

Chairperson 

General Manager 