

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

# COUNCIL MEETING

# MINUTES

**Tuesday 23 April 2024**

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 23 April 2024, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 6:30pm

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Sandy Reddy  
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  
Amanda Rutherford, Governance and Procurement Manager  
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

**1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

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

**3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Leave of Absence - Councillor Karen Pensabene (Mayor)**

**69/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Reddy / Hall)

That Councillor Karen Pensabene (Mayor) be granted Leave of Absence for Council Meetings until July 2024.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

No leave of absence or apology was received by Councillor Blackmore and he did not attend the meeting.

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

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-pecuniary/Non-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 Paramatta Road Homebush* and he managed the conflict of interest by remaining in the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared that he was involved in two meetings of which the summaries were disclosed at the Council Meeting of 7 February 2023 (namely that he had received representations from the proponent on 6 December 2022 and 23 December 2022. Councillor Maheswaran has not received any benefit from the proponent). Councillor Maheswaran has no interest in the planning proposal property and the motion does not confer a substantive benefit on a person.

Councillor Hall declared a Non-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 Paramatta Road Homebush* and she managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Hall declared that a person in her family leases a property on Parramatta Road, Homebush.

#### 5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

##### 5.1 BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir (Sydney) - Councillor Sandy Reddy

BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir (Sydney) celebrated Shri Swaminarayan Jayanti and Shri Ram Jayanti at Whalan Sports Park on 14 April 2024. They conveyed the moral spiritual leadership by Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan and Shri Ram Bhagwan during their lifetimes has been continued to impact on our community and its people.

##### 5.2 Rongali Bihu (Assamese New Year Celebration) - Councillor Sandy Reddy

Rongali Bihu (Assamese New Year Celebration) by Assamese Association of Australia NSW and ACT. The event was a celebration of diversity and creativity in Australia. A special appreciation to the President of Association Ms Susmita Barooah.

##### 5.3 BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir (Sydney) - Councillor Raj Datta

That Council acknowledge the celebration at BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir Temple (Sydney) and the anniversary of Lord Rama. The impact that I saw from the event was that it was attended by over 10,000 people. The event celebrated Lord Rama, being the benchmark of Indian qualities. It aligned with Australian multiculturalism values and am very proud that the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir Temple (Sydney) through their practices and celebrations are putting their best efforts to develop good characters and prepare our citizens to be the ideal citizens of this country.

**5.4 Kalankan Dance Company - Councillor Raj Datta**

A play on the life of Droupadi. It was about reflection of the pains and gains throughout the life of the royal lady. There are many things to learn – respect for women. The play reflected how we should be treating women who are equal citizens. Another character building exercise and beautiful performance.

**5.5 Correspondence Received from Office of Local Government 14 February 2024 - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran**

I acknowledge receiving correspondence from the Office of Local Government NSW (OLG) on 14 February 2024 stating that they are examining whether I have breached part 9 of the Model Code of Meeting Practice by submitting as a matter of urgency a Notice of Motion to the Extraordinary Council Meeting held 9 May 2023. A response was demanded within 14 days in respect to whether I was to obtain legal advice or not. I replied to the OLG on 28 February 2024 within their timetable and received no acknowledgment or reply. I wrote again on 3 April 2024 and 8 April 2024 and received no acknowledgement or reply. Each letter sent puts why the position they have put to me is incorrect by law. On 22 April 2024 I attempted to call the OLG and was no response. My understanding is the concern from the OLG is the Notice of Motion I brought to the Extraordinary Council Meeting 9 May 2023 and encourage them to respond.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**70/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Datta)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 March 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.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

**7.1 Mayoral Minute 02/24 - The Bondi Junction Tragedy of 13 April 2024**

**71/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Reddy / Datta)

That our Council take a one (1) minute silence to:

1. Honour and remember those lives lost in the event that took place at Bondi Junction on Saturday 13 April 2024, where seven (7) people lost their lives, and a number of other people being injured, including a baby for who I would like for us to extend our best wishes for a full recovery.
2. Share our deep regret to the friends, families and colleagues of those who lost their lives.
3. Extend our gratitude to everyone who assisted in this devastating event, including police, emergency services and the public, and to the first responders who rushed to the scene without hesitation, risking their own safety to save lives.
4. Share our support to both Waverley and Woollahra Councils as they continue to support their communities who have been shaken by this event.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## **7.2 Mayoral Minute 03/24 - Local Government (General) Amendment (Tendering) Regulation (No 2) 2023**

**72/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Reddy / Datta)

That Council writes to the Minister for Industrial Relations (NSW), Minister for Local Government (NSW), and local Member of Parliament (NSW):

1. Expressing concerns about recent amendments to the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* made by the *Local Government (General) Amendment (Tendering) Regulation (No 2) 2023 (NSW)* on 15 December 2023 (attached), as highlighted in a legal opinion by Arthur Moses (Senior Counsel) dated 26 February 2024 (attached), and
2. Calling on the NSW Government to reconsider the amendments as a matter of urgency and to engage in genuine consultation with all relevant stakeholders on an appropriate way forward.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## **8. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**

### **Items by Exception**

**73/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / 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:

- 10.1 Multicultural and Diversity Committee - New Member - Councillor Sandy Reddy
- 10.2 Request for a Report to Establish new Friendship Cities with Strathfield Council - Councillor Nella Hall
- 10.3 Notice of Recission - Proposed Plan for A Strathfield Korean Memorial - Councillors Benjamin Cai, Sharangan Maheswaran and Sandy Reddy
- 10.5 Code of Meeting Practice - Misconduct - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
- GMU1 Draft Plans of Management for Mason Park and Hudson Park
- GMU2 Draft Sponsorship Policy
- CCS4 Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference and Internal Audit Charter
- CCS5 Tenders Advertised and Awarded March 2024
- CCS8 Community Energy Upgrades Grant
- CCS9 2024 National General Assembly Conference Motions
- CCS10 Symphonia Jubilate - Sponsored Prize
- CCS11 Investment Report - March 2024
- CCS12 Councillor Workshop 8 April 2024
- CCS13 Councillor Workshop 9 April 2024
- CCS14 Councillor Workshop 15 April 2024
- EO2 Strathfield Council Land and Property Strategy (LAPS) Tender T12-2023
- 12.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 16 April 2024
- EO2 (Confidential Matters) Strathfield Council Land and Property Strategy (LAPS) Tender T12-2023

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**10.1 Multicultural and Diversity Committee - New Member – Councillor Sandy Reddy**

**74/24**

**RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SANDY REDDY**

**Moved by: (Cai / Datta)**

That a new community member be appointed to the Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee by way of an Expression of Interest to fill the existing vacancy.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**10.2 Request for a Report to Establish new Friendship Cities with Strathfield Council – Councillor Nella Hall**

**75/24**

**RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NELLA HALL**

**Moved by: (Cai / Datta)**

Given our very diverse multicultural community, Council prepares a report which considers the selection of Friendship Cities for Italy e.g. Taormina, China, India, Lebanon with others to be considered as appropriate.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**10.3 Notice of Rescission - Proposed Plan for A Strathfield Korean Memorial – Councillors Benjamin Cai, Sharangan Maheswaran and Sandy Reddy**

**76/24**

**RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF RESCISSION BY COUNCILLORS BENJAMIN CAI, SHARANGAN MAHESWARAN AND SANDY REDDY**

**Moved by: (Cai / Datta)**

That the resolution for Item GMU3 Sister City Visit 2024 and Proposed Plan for a Strathfield Korean Memorial passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 27 February 2024 below be rescinded:

*"28/24*

*RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)*

- 1. That Council welcome and provide support for the Sister City visit by Gapyeong County officials in May 2024.*

2. *That Council endorse a proposal to erect the Strathfield Korean Memorial.*
3. *That Council prepare a Strathfield Korean Memorial project plan including consultation plan and budget for presentation at a future Councillor Workshop."*

If the Notice of Rescission carried, it is proposed to move the following alternative Motion:

1. That Council welcome and provide support for the Sister City visit by Gapyeong County officials in May 2024.
2. That Council writes to the Sister City Gapyeong County and acknowledge but respectfully decline their generous offer to donate a memorial stone.

**RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**

**10.5 Code of Meeting Practice – Misconduct – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran**

77/24

**RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SHARANGAN MAHESWARAN**

Moved by: (Cai / Datta)

That Council obtain external legal advice on whether an amendment to the Council Code of Meeting Practice inserting the following clause at 15.12 – "A councillor is entitled to bring a motion censuring another councillor for misconduct pursuant to s 440G of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Nothing in this Part or in this document shall be read to prevent a councillor from bringing a Proper motion to Council pursuant to section 440G of the *Local Government Act 1993*" would be lawful and table that legal advice at the next Councillor workshop after it is received.

**RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**

**GMU1 Draft Plans of Management for Mason Park and Hudson Park**

78/24

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Datta)

1. That the draft Plan of Managements for Hudson Park and Mason Park be placed on public exhibition for a 42 day period.
2. That the draft plans, submissions received and recommendations from the public hearing be presented



to Council for adoption following the public exhibition process.

3. In the event of proposed substantive amendments arising from the consultation process, the draft plans be submitted for Minister consent to adopt.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**GMU2 Draft Sponsorship Policy**

**79/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Datta)

1. That Council endorse the draft Sponsorship Policy and proceed to public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. That should Council receive negligible feedback during the public exhibition period, that Council delegate for the General Manager to finalise the policy.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CCS4 Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference and Internal Audit Charter**

**80/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Datta)

That Council:

1. Adopt the Draft Internal Audit Charter.
2. Adopt the Draft Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CCS5 Tenders Advertised and Awarded March 2024**

**81/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Datta)

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

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CCS8 Community Energy Upgrades Grant**

**82/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Datta)

That Council:

1. Endorse the proposed funding strategy predicated on the condition that Strathfield Council is successful in its' grant application to the Community Energy Upgrades Program.
2. Endorse the construction of an open-air canopy over the Strathfield Council depot to house solar panels should Council be successful in its grant application.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CCS9 2024 National General Assembly Conference Motions**

**83/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Datta)

That Council endorse the motions included in this report to be submitted to the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA).

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CCS10 Symphonia Jubilate - Sponsored Prize**

**84/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Datta)

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.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CCS11 Investment Report - March 2024**

85/24

RESOLVED: (Cai / Datta)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 March 2024 be received and noted.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION*****CCS12 Councillor Workshop 8 April 2024**

86/24

RESOLVED: (Cai / Datta)

That the report be received and noted.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION*****CCS13 Councillor Workshop 9 April 2024**

87/24

RESOLVED: (Cai / Datta)

That the report be received and noted.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION*****CCS14 Councillor Workshop 15 April 2024**

88/24

RESOLVED: (Cai / Datta)

That the report be received and noted.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**EO2 Strathfield Council Land and Property Strategy (LAPS) Tender T12-2023 – Confidential – Sydney Local Health District – Child and Family Service Licence Negotiation**

**89/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Datta)

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

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**12.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 16 April 2024**

**90/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Datta)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 16 April 2024 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

## **9. PUBLIC FORUM**

**9.1 DA2024/32 – 10 Augusta Street – Objection – Dr Srinivas Karkenhalli**

Dr Srinivas Karkenhalli addressed Council to raise several concerns regarding Development Application DA2024/32 – 10 Augusta Street including overhanging trees, health and safety risks from falling branch and damage to property.

**9.2 DA2024/32 – 10 Augusta Street – Objection – Mr Tony Bathos**

Mr Tony Bathos addressed Council to raise several concerns regarding Development Application DA2024/32 – 10 Augusta Street including overhanging trees, overshadowing and privacy issues.

**9.3 30 The Causeway, Strathfield – Overhanging Trees – Mr Sittambalam Sivaganasundaram**

Mr Sittambalam Sivaganasundaram addressed Council to raise concerns about a neighbour's tree that is overhanging onto his property and requires pruning.

**9.4 DA2024/26 – 67-69 The Boulevarde – Objection – Miss Alice Abraham**

Miss Alice Abraham addressed Council to raise several concerns on behalf of her family and neighbours regarding Development Application DA2024/26 – 67-69 The Boulevarde including detrimental impact to streetscape, noise pollution, traffic issues and risk to heritage preservation.

**9.5 DA2024/26 – 67-69 The Boulevarde – Objection – Mr Stephen Mitrovits**

Mr Stephen Mitrovits addressed Council to raise several concerns regarding Development Application DA2024/26 – 67-69 The Boulevarde including traffic issues, pedestrian safety and heritage preservation.

**Matter of Urgency – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran**

**MOTION:** (Maheswaran)

That Standing Orders be suspended to consider an urgent Notice of Motion for Council to report to a future Council Meeting the process for tree disputes. This is in light of the number of speakers that have addressed tree matters during Public Forum this evening.

The Chair ruled that the Notice of Motion is not a matter of urgency.

**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**

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-pecuniary/Non-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 Paramatta Road Homebush* and he managed the conflict of interest by remaining in the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared that he was involved in two meetings of which the summaries were disclosed at a Council Meeting. Councillor Maheswaran has no interest in the planning proposal property and the motion does not confer a substantive benefit on a person.

Councillor Hall declared a Non-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 Paramatta Road Homebush* and she managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Hall declared that a person in her family leases a property on Parramatta Road, Homebush.

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 7:34pm.

**91/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Maheswaran)

That Council publishes, alongside the explanatory note regarding the planning proposal at 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5, 9-11 Knight Street and 88-92 Paramatta Road Homebush, a table of conflicts of interest declared by councillors at meetings and workshops where this planning proposal has been tabled.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:38pm.

## **11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

### **CCS1 Review of the Sporting Ground Fees and Charges for 2024/2025**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

1. Council approve the proposed 2024/2025 fees and charges outlined in this report to be placed on public exhibition as part of the public exhibition of the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan and Budget and other associated documents which are also considered as part of this Council Meeting Agenda.
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)

1. That Council approve the proposed 2024/2025 fees and charges outlined in this report to be placed on public exhibition as part of the public exhibition of the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan and Budget and other associated documents which are also considered as part of this Council Meeting Agenda subject to amendments in point 2 and 3.
2. That the Casual Hire fees and charges be increased to a maximum 20% increase of current fees and charges (2023/2024) across Grass Field, Synthetic, Cricket Turf and Cricket Synthetic.
3. That the Commercial Hire fees and charges be increased to a maximum 20% increase of current fees and charges (2023/2024) for Synthetic Field Hire.
4. 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.

**92/24****RESOLVED:** (Datta / Cai)

1. That Council approve the proposed 2024/2025 fees and charges outlined in this report to be placed on public exhibition as part of the public exhibition of the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan and Budget and other associated documents which are also considered as part of this Council Meeting Agenda subject to amendments in point 2 and 3.
2. That the Casual Hire fees and charges be increased to a maximum 20% increase of current fees and charges (2023/2024) across Grass Field, Synthetic, Cricket Turf and Cricket Synthetic.
3. That the Commercial Hire fees and charges be increased to a maximum 20% increase of current fees and charges (2023/2024) for Synthetic Field Hire.
4. 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.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**CCS2 Review of the Community Facilities Fees and Charges For 2024/2025****RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

1. Council approve the proposed 2024/2025 fees and charges outlined in this report to be placed on public exhibition as part of the public exhibition of the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan and Budget and other associated documents which are also considered as part of this Council Meeting Agenda.
2. 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.

**MOTION:** (Datta / Cai)

That:

1. Council approve retaining the 2023/2024 Community Facilities fees and charges for the Draft 2024/2025 fees and charges and they be placed on public exhibition as part of the public exhibition of the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan and Budget and other associated documents which are also considered as part of this Council Meeting Agenda.

2. Council advises the regular community facilities hirers that when the fees and charges are on public exhibition and advise that they have the opportunity to make a submission.

**93/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Datta / Cai)

That:

1. Council approve retaining the 2023/2024 Community Facilities fees and charges for the Draft 2024/2025 fees and charges and they be placed on public exhibition as part of the public exhibition of the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan and Budget and other associated documents which are also considered as part of this Council Meeting Agenda.
2. Council advises the regular community facilities hirers that when the fees and charges are on public exhibition and advise that they have the opportunity to make a submission.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**CCS3 Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2024-2025, including Draft Annual Budget, Statement of Revenue Policy, Capital Program and Draft Fees & Charges for 2024-2025.**

**94/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Datta / Cai)

That:

- a. The draft Delivery Program 2022-2026, and draft Operational Plan, including the draft Statement of Revenue Policy incorporating the draft Budget and draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2024-2025, attached to the report be updated with changes passed by resolution that are associated with related reports on this Council meeting agenda and/or minor formatting or text adjustments as a result of the final document review.
- b. That this be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days in accordance with the requirements in the Local Government Act 1993.
- c. A further report be prepared and submitted to a meeting of Council to be held on 25 June 2024 following the exhibition period.

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

Against the Motion: Nil



**CCS6 Current Status of Council Resolutions****95/24****RESOLVED:** (Datta / Reddy)

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

**CCS7 Recreation and Wellness Strategy - Strathfield LGA****RECOMMENDATION:**

1. It is recommended that Council recognise and support the need for community consultation in the context of a Recreation and Wellness Strategy, prior to any future consideration for the development of a potential Health and Recreation Centre.
2. That funding for the preparation of a Recreation and Wellness Strategy be considered as part of the 2024/2025 budget.

**MOTION:** (Datta / Cai)

1. It is recommended that Council recognise and support the need for community consultation in the context of a Recreation and Wellness Strategy which would be inclusive of a needs analysis and capital investment strategy for the Local Government Area.
2. That funding for the preparation of a Recreation and Wellness Strategy be considered as part of the 2024/2025 budget.

**96/24****RESOLVED:** (Datta / Cai)

1. It is recommended that Council recognise and support the need for community consultation in the context of a Recreation and Wellness Strategy which would be inclusive of a needs analysis and capital investment strategy for the Local Government Area.
2. That funding for the preparation of a Recreation and Wellness Strategy be considered as part of the 2024/2025 budget.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Hall

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**EO1 Draft Hire of Community Facilities and Community Discount Policy**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

1. Council places the draft Hire of Community Facilities and Community Discount Policy on public exhibition.
2. Council advises the regular community facilities hirers that the draft Hire of Community Facilities and Community Discount Policy is on public exhibition and advise that they have the opportunity to make a submission.
3. That should Council receive negligible feedback, that Council delegate for the General Manager to finalise the Hire of Community Facilities and Community Discount Policy.
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.

Councillor Cai left the meeting, the time being 8:39pm.

Councillor Cai returned to the meeting, the time being 8:42pm.

**MOTION: (Datta / Maheswaran)**

That:

1. Council places the draft Hire of Community Facilities and Community Discount Policy on public exhibition, inclusive of updates per points 5 and 6.
2. Council advises the regular community facilities hirers that the draft Hire of Community Facilities and Community Discount Policy is on public exhibition and advise that they have the opportunity to make a submission.
3. That should Council receive negligible feedback, that Council delegate for the General Manager to finalise the Hire of Community Facilities and Community Discount Policy.
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.

5. That the Proposed Community Discount for Regular Hirers at Strathfield Category 1 at 50% fee waiver for not-for-profit - from outside Strathfield , for weekdays and weekends be included.
6. That the Proposed Community Discount for Regular Hirers at Strathfield Category 2 at 90% fee waiver during the week as well as weekends for not-for-profit based in Strathfield be included.

**97/24****RESOLVED:** (Datta / Maheswaran)

1. Council places the draft Hire of Community Facilities and Community Discount Policy on public exhibition, inclusive of updates per points 5 and 6.
2. Council advises the regular community facilities hirers that the draft Hire of Community Facilities and Community Discount Policy is on public exhibition and advise that they have the opportunity to make a submission.
3. That should Council receive negligible feedback, that Council delegate for the General Manager to finalise the Hire of Community Facilities and Community Discount Policy.
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.
5. That the Proposed Community Discount for Regular Hirers at Strathfield Category 1 at 50% fee waiver for not-for-profit - from outside Strathfield , for weekdays and weekends be included.
6. That the Proposed Community Discount for Regular Hirers at Strathfield Category 2 at 90% fee waiver during the week as well as weekends for not-for-profit based in Strathfield be included.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Reddy

### **Matter of Urgency – Councillor Raj Datta**

**MOTION:** (Datta)

Councillor Datta moved an urgent Notice of Motion:

1. That Council advertise Council services.
2. That Council prepare brochures to this affect and be distributed to various areas.

The Chair ruled the Notice of Motion not a matter of urgency.

**12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Note: Item 12.1 *Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 16 April 2024* was 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.

**Recommittal - Item EO2 Strathfield Council Land and Property Strategy (LAPS) Tender T12-2023**

**98/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Maheswaran / Hall)

That item EO2 Strathfield Council Land and Property Strategy (LAPS) Tender T12-2023 be recommitted to be discussed and voted on.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

**Closed Session**

**99/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Hall)

That in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d(i)) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this matter will be considered in Closed Session as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (the report contains tender information from Tenderers).

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting moved into Closed Session, the time being 8:57pm.

Councillor Reddy left the meeting, the time being 9:08pm.

Councillor Reddy returned to the meeting, the time being 9:09pm.

### **Open Session**

**100/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Maheswaran)

That Council move into Open Session.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting moved into Open Session, the time being 9:15pm.

### **EO2 Strathfield Council Land and Property Strategy (LAPS) Tender T12-2023 – Confidential – Sydney Local Health District – Child and Family Service Licence Negotiation**

**101/24**

**RESOLVED:** (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council:

1. In accordance with s178 (1) and (3)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation NSW 2021, decline to accept any of the tenders.
2. In accordance with s178 (1) and (3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation NSW 2021, Council delegate for the General Manager to enter into negotiations with HILLPDA Pty Ltd for the reduced scope tender as outlined in the report.
3. Note that its reasons for declining to invite fresh tender submissions or applications is that there is merit in the submissions from HILLPDAT Pty Ltd with a view to reduce the scope of the original tender.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:17pm.**

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The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 28 May 2024.

Chairperson



General Manager

