MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHFIELD HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2009

COMMENCING: 7.35pm

PRESENT:
Councillor K Kwon (Chairman)
Councillor P Barron
Councillor H Brett-Bowen
Councillor Eswaran
Councillor D Lim

Councillor Carney arrived later in the proceedings.

STAFF:
General Manager
Director Corporate Services
Director Operations
Director Technical Services
Manager Strategic Planning
Communications Officer
Governance Coordinator

1. OPENING: The prayer was read.

2. PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Mayor, Councillor Keith Kwon declared a potential conflict of interest in Motion Pursuant to Notice 4. Strathfield Chamber of Commerce and that his spouse was a former President and is a current member of the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce and he does not intend to participate in discussions regarding this matter. He further declared that General Business Item 16. Strathfield Business Representative Groups, makes reference to the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce, however he does not consider there is a conflict of interest as the report simply notes details of the organisation. He further declared that General Business Item 12. Overseas Delegations, refers to a visit from Friends of Comfort Women and that his spouse is a member of the Friends of Comfort Women Australia and he will not participate in discussions on this matter.

Councillor Barron declared a conflict of interest in Item 5. Regular users of Council Halls and Meeting Rooms as he is a member of a club which uses a meeting room and will not participate in discussions on this matter.

Councillor Carney entered the meeting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

275/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Carney)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 7 July 2009, 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.

4. APOLOGIES

An apology was tendered on behalf of Councillor Maroun for non attendance.

276/09
RESOLVED: (Carney/Barron)

That the apology tendered on behalf of Councillor Maroun be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

5. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

6. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Nil.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

1. Mayoral Minute 5/09 – Footwear at Official Council Events and Meetings

277/08
RESOLVED: (Kwon)

That Council supports the wearing of enclosed footwear by Councillors at official public Council events and meetings.

For the Motion:	Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron and Eswaran
Against the Motion:	Councillors Carney and Lim

2. Mayoral Minute 6/09 – Popularly Elected Mayor

278/08
RESOLVED: (Kwon)

That Council investigate the feasibility of calling a Popularly Elected Mayor at the next general election of Council scheduled for September 2012.

For the Motion: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Carney, Eswaran and Lim
Against the Motion: Councillor Barron

8. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

Questions submitted by Councillor Lim were ruled out of order by the Mayor.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Report of Strathfield Traffic Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2009

279/09
RESOLVED: (Kwon/Brett-Bowen)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 21 July 2009 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

10. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

Notices of Motion signed by Councillor Lim

1. 'Get Behind Bowel Screening' Cancer Council Australia Campaign

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to call on the Australian Commonwealth Government to extend bowel cancer screening to all Australians over fifty (50) years of age, AND THAT, consequently, Council resolves to make representations to the Prime Minister of Australia, the Honourable Kevin Michael Rudd MP, the Australian Commonwealth Government, and the Leader of the Federal Opposition, the Honourable Malcolm Bligh Turnbull MP, and the Federal Opposition, and the Federal Member for Lowe, the Honourable John Paul Murphy MP, the Federal Member for Reid, the Honourable Laurie Donald Thomas Ferguson MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services, the Federal Member for Blaxland, Mr Jason Dean Clare MP, and Senator Concetta Anne Fierravanti-Wells, Senator for New South Wales.

280/09
RESOLVED: (Lim/Carney)

That the Motion be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

2. Pedestrian Crossing – Homebush Road, Strathfield

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to refer to Council's Traffic Committee, for investigation, the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Homebush Road, Strathfield, at Strathfield Park.

281/09
RESOLVED: (Lim/Carney)

That the Motion be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

3. Distribution and Dissemination of Newsletters from the State Member for Strathfield

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to cease the distribution and dissemination of newsletters and other material from the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, from all Council facilities and, in particular, all customer service areas.

282/09
RESOLVED: (Kwon/Brett-Bowen)

That Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to continue to provide reliable and accurate information by distributing information provided by all Federal and State Government Members of Parliament provided such information is not inconsistent with current Council policy.

For the Motion:	Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron and Eswaran
Against the Motion:	Councillor Lim and Carney

The above Resolution was first moved as an Amendment to the following Motion:

MOTION: (Lim/Carney)

That the Motion be adopted.

4. Strathfield Chamber of Commerce

The Mayor, Councillor Kwon having declared a conflict of interest concerning this matter vacated the Chair and left the meeting room.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Brett-Bowen took the chair.

I MOVE:

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves, in respect of the 'Strathfield Chamber of Commerce', as follows:

   (a) Council notes with concern the partisan political activities of the 'Strathfield Chamber of Commerce' and a number of its members, and, in particular, the activities which have the potential to bring into disrepute the local business community of Strathfield; and

   (b) Council does not to recognise the 'Strathfield Chamber of Commerce' as a legitimate voice on behalf of the local business community of Strathfield; and

   (c) Council shall, under no circumstances, take part in any activities of the 'Strathfield Chamber of Commerce'; and

   (d) Council shall, under no circumstances, permit the 'Strathfield Chamber of Commerce' to take part in any Council activities; and

   (e) Council shall, under no circumstances, provide any funding or other support to the 'Strathfield Chamber of Commerce'.

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to call on the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and, in particular, in her capacity as the Minister for Fair Trading, to immediately withdraw consent for the 'Strathfield Chamber of Commerce' to exist as a registered entity utilising the name 'Chamber of Commerce'.

The Motion was ruled out of order by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Brett-Bowen.

The Mayor, Councillor Kwon returned to the meeting room and took the chair.

5. Tree Removal and Pruning under Council's TPO

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice Ms Jinah Lee, Mr Anthony Raiti, Mr Sivamoorthy Sugirthalingam and Ms Thi H Quach and Mrs Theresa Le Strange, addressed the meeting.

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to review the process of tree removal and pruning under Council's Tree Preservation Order, AND THAT the General Manager be authorised to prepare a report to Council accordingly.

283/09
RESOLVED: (Lim/Eswaran)

That the Motion be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

6. Section 149 Planning Certificates

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to review all the information contained on Council's Section 149 Planning Certificates, including, but not limited to, incorporating the new legislative requirements under the *Contaminated Lands Management Amendment Act 2008 (NSW)*, AND THAT the General Manager be authorised to prepare a report to Council accordingly.

284/09
RESOLVED: (Lim/Carney)

That the Motion be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

7. Commercial Developments within National Parks

I MOVE:

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to express Council's opposition to the permissibility of commercial developments within National Parks.

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to call on the Premier of New South Wales, the Honourable Nathan Rees MP, and the New South Wales State Government, and the Leader of the New South Wales Opposition, Mr Barry Robert O'Farrell MP, and the New South Wales Opposition, and the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, the State Member for Auburn, the Honourable Barbara Mazzel Perry MP, Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health), the State Member for Drummoyne, Ms Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police, the State Member for Bankstown, Mr Anthony Paul Stewart MP, and the Honourable Donald Thomas Harwin MLC, Opposition Whip in the Legislative Council, to oppose the proposal by the New South Wales State Government to amend the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW)* to permit commercial developments within National Parks.

3. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to express Council's support for Ashfield Municipal Council Resolution No 271/09.

285/09
RESOLVED: (Lim/Carney)

That the Motion be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

8. Local Government Election Expenditure

I MOVE:

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to express concern at the significant increase in expenditure to Council for conducting the Strathfield Municipal Council Elections – from $80,000 in March 2004 to $136,000 in September 2008 (conducted by the New South Wales Electoral Commission).

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to make representation to the Premier of New South Wales, the Honourable Nathan Rees MP, and the New South Wales State Government, and the Leader of the New South Wales Opposition, Mr Barry Robert O'Farrell MP, and the New South Wales Opposition, and the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, the State Member for Auburn, the Honourable Barbara Mazzel Perry MP, Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health), the State Member for Drummoyne, Ms Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police, the State Member for Bankstown, Mr Anthony Paul Stewart MP, and the Honourable Donald Thomas Harwin MLC, Opposition Whip in the Legislative Council, to express concern at the significant increase in expenditure for conducting the Strathfield Municipal Council Elections, AND THAT, additionally, a motion from Council to that effect be submitted to the 2009 Local Government Association Conference at Tamworth.

286/09
RESOLVED: (Kwon/Brett-Bowen)

1. That Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to once again express concern at the significant increase in expenditure to Council for conducting the Strathfield Municipal Council Elections – from $80,000 in March 2004 to $136,000 in September 2008 (conducted by the New South Wales Electoral Commission).

2. That a Motion from Council to that effect be submitted to the 2009 Local Government Association Conference at Tamworth.

For the Motion: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron and Eswaran
Against the Motion: Councillors Lim and Carney

The above Resolution was first moved as an Amendment to the following Motion:

MOTION: (Lim/Carney)

That the Motion be adopted.

9. Heritage Advisory Service

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to undertake an educational and informational campaign to promote Council's free Heritage Advisory Service, including, but not limited to, a message on Council's rates notice, as well as information in Council's press columns, newsletters and other publications.

287/09
RESOLVED: (Lim/Carney)

That the Motion be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

10. Federal Disability Discrimination Law Changes

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the federal disability discrimination law changes under the *Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Act 2009 (Cth)*, including, but not limited to, their impact on the Strathfield local government area.

288/09
RESOLVED: (Lim/Carney)

That the Motion be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

11. Cost of Ageing Study

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager, on behalf of Council, to take part in the cost of ageing study by the University of Western Sydney Urban Research Centre to investigate the cost of ageing on local councils, like Strathfield.

289/09
RESOLVED: (Lim/Carney)

That the Motion be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

12. Interim Construction Noise Guideline

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the new Interim Construction Noise Guideline, including, but not limited to, its impact on, applicability to, and use in, the Strathfield local government area.

290/09
RESOLVED: (Lim/Carney)

That the Motion be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. 2009 Strathfield Spring Fair

291/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Barron)

That the 2009 Strathfield Spring Fair be organised consistent with the 2008 Fair.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

2. Strathfield Council Cooks River Fun Run

292/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Eswaran)

That Council note the report and support the Strathfield Council Cooks River Fun Run.

For the Motion:	Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron, Carney and Eswaran
Against the Motion:	Councillor Lim

3. Arts Funding

293/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Eswaran)

That the report concerning Arts Funding Program be noted.

For the Motion:	Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron, Carney and Eswaran
Against the Motion:	Councillor Lim

The above Resolution was subject to the following Amendment which was Lost.

AMENDMENT: (Lim/Carney)

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to note the report on Arts Funding.

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves, as a matter of procedure:

   (a) to consider Council's annual programme of community events, festivals and functions together with Agenda Item 11, Item 4 – Flemington Chamber of Commerce Moon Festival; and

   (b) to consider the availability of Council halls and meeting rooms together with Agenda Item 11, Item 5 – Regular Users of Council Halls and Meeting Rooms.

3. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the opportunities for, and the costs and benefits of, upgrading the Strathfield Community Centre at Bates Street, Homebush, to incorporate additional community meeting rooms and programme space, as well as the available sources of funding, including, but not limited to, federal and state government grants, private sector sponsorship, Section 94 funds, and the like.

4. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the development of a *Strathfield Municipal Council Marketing Plan*, under the auspices of Council's existing *Strathfield Municipal Council Vision 2020* and current *Strathfield Municipal Council Management Plan 2009/2010 to 2011/2012*, including, but not limited to, the marketing, advertising and promotion of Council, Council's annual programme of community events, festivals and functions, and the availability of Council halls and meeting rooms.

5. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the opportunities for, and the costs and benefits of, enabling a commercially operated internet café to be established in, or near, the Strathfield Town Centre.

6. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves, subject to funding or alternative means of support being made available to Council, to give future consideration to the establishment of: (1) a local museum for the Strathfield local government area; (2) a local gallery for visual arts in the Strathfield local government area; and (3) a local youth centre for the Strathfield local government area.

For the Amendment:	Councillors Carney and Lim
Against the Amendment:	Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron and Eswaran

4. Flemington Chamber of Commerce Moon Festival

294/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Kwon)

1. That Council be a major sponsor for the Moon Festival by closing Henley Road and offering a monetary contribution of $5000.00 for stage, sound and lighting.

2. That the Special Event closure of Henley Road from The Crescent to Exeter Road from 12noon until 8pm on Saturday, 19 September 2009, be referred to the Traffic Committee for consideration.

3. That subject to the Traffic Committee's approval the Special Event Closure of Henley Road as detailed be approved.

4. That Council assist in promoting this event in local media via Our Strathfield, the Mayoral Column and on the website.

For the Motion: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron and Eswaran
Against the Motion: Councillors Lim and Carney

The above Resolution was subject to the following Amendment which was Lost.

AMENDMENT: (Lim/Carney)

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to note the report on the Flemington Chamber of Commerce Moon Festival.

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on all existing and proposed annual fairs and festivals in the Strathfield local government area and the costs and benefits to Council of staging, or assisting with the staging of, each event.

3. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to advise the Flemington Chamber of Commerce:

   (a) that Council currently provides significant and substantial monetary and in kind support to the staging of the annual Chinese New Year Celebrations at Homebush West; and

   (b) that Council is currently reviewing its financial commitments to all fairs and festivals in the Strathfield local government area; and

   (a) that, consequently, Council is not in a position to provide either monetary or in kind support to the proposed Moon Festival on Saturday, September 19th, 2009.

4. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to investigate incorporating a Moon Festival component to Council's Strathfield Spring Fair to be held on Sunday, September 27th, 2009.

5. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the costs and benefits, with a full disclosure of the financial implications, including, but not limited to, the staging of the following community fair and festival events in the Strathfield local government area:

   (a) an annual Summer Celebration to be held at the Homebush West Town Centre in January or February of each year (to be convened in conjunction with the annual Chinese New Year Celebrations); and

(b) an annual Autumn Carnival to be held at the Homebush Town Centre in April or May of each year (possibly, to be convened before or after the Easter period, or on the afternoon of the Sunday preceding Anzac Day, i.e. 'Anzac Sunday'); and

(c) an annual Winter Festival to be held at Strathfield South in June or July of each year; and

(d) alternative seasonal festivals incorporating the Strathfield Spring Fair, (a), (b) and (c), as outlined above, and/or incorporating a festival or fair around other Council events, including, but not limited to, Australian Day, Carols in the Park, and the like.

For the Amendment: Councillors Carney and Lim
Against the Amendment: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron and Eswaran

5. Regular Users of Council Halls and Meeting Rooms

Councillor Barron having declared a conflict of interest concerning this matter left the meeting room.

295/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Carney)

That Council note the information regarding the regular users of Council halls and meeting rooms.

For the Motion: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Carney, and Eswaran
Against the Motion: Councillor Lim

The above Resolution was subject to the following Amendment which was Lost.

AMENDMENT: (Lim/Carney)

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to note the report on the regular users of Council halls and meeting rooms.

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a further report to Council on the regular users of Council halls and meeting rooms, incorporating further and betters particulars, including, but not limited to, the hours the halls and meetings rooms are generally used by each group and the approximate number of attendees.

3. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a further report to Council on maximising opportunities for the use of Council halls and meeting rooms, including, but not limited to:

   (a) developing a strategy to ensure optimal use of all Council halls and meeting rooms; and

   (b) developing a strategy to ensure optimal revenue generation to Council for the use of all Council halls and meeting rooms, including, but not limited to, varying charges for high demand periods of time and the like, whilst ensuring the retention of community

benefit and subsidised (or free) use for local voluntary and community based organisations; and

(c) developing a venue support package for potential Council hall and meeting room users, including, but not limited to, the provision of additional services which may be undertaken by Council, or together with suitable business partners; and

(d) developing an educational and informational campaign to promote the availability of Council halls and meeting rooms to local residents and ratepayers, and other stakeholders, as well as to the wide community, and, in particular, prospective and potential users; and

(e) developing a venue support package for potential Council park and reserve hirers, including, but not limited to, the provision of additional services which may be undertaken by Council, or together with suitable business partners.

For the Amendment: Councillors Carney and Lim
Against the Amendment: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen and Eswaran

Councillor Barron returned to the meeting room.

6. Investment Report as at 30 June 2009

296/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Eswaran)

That the Record of Cash Investments as at 30 June 2009 be noted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

7. Request for Financial Assistance

Councillor Carney declared a conflict of interest concerning this matter and left the meeting room.

297/09
RESOLVED:(Brett-Bowen/Eswaran)

1. That financial assistance of $500 for the representation of Homebush local resident at the 9th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships in Prague be approved.

2. That Council endorse payment of $250 for The Rotary Club of Strathfield for presentation at their 2009 Police Officer of the Year Awards night.

3. That Council forward a letter of congratulations to the resident and Police officers.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

The above Resolution was subject to an Amendment by Councillor Lim which lapsed for want of a seconder.

Councillor Carney returned to the meeting room.

8. Code of Meeting Practice Review

298/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Barron)

That the amended Code of Meeting Practice be adopted subject to the commencement time for Planning Committee meetings remaining at the current time of 6pm.

For the Motion: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron, Carney and Eswaran
Against the Motion: Councillor Lim

The above Resolution was subject to the following Amendment which was Lost.

AMENDMENT: (Lim/Carney)

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to note the report on the review of the *Strathfield Municipal Council Code of Meeting Practice*, and, in particular, that no submissions were received from the public in respect of the proposed amendments to the *Code*.

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to endorse and to adopt the *Strathfield Municipal Council Code of Meeting Practice* as publicly exhibited, that is, with no further amendments.

For the Amendment: Councillors Carney and Lim
Against the Amendment: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron and Eswaran

9. Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy

299/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Barron)

That the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

10. Rates Payment Methods

300/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Barron)

That Council endorse acceptance of the Australia Post proposal for the payment of rates.

For the Motion: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron, Carney and Eswaran
Against the Motion: Councillor Lim

The above Resolution was subject to the following Amendment which was Lost.

AMENDMENT: (Lim/Carney)

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to note the report on Council's rate payment methods.

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to endorse in principle the acceptance of the Australia Post proposal for the payment of rates.

3. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a further report to Council on the costs and benefits of Council's rate payment methods, including, but not limited to:

   (a) the proportion of, or percentage of, ratepayers currently utilising each rate payment method; and

   (b) the benefits of each rate payment method to:

      (i) Council; and
      (ii) local ratepayers.

   (c) the feasibility of maintaining similar rate payment methods, such as, but not limited to, 'BPAY' and 'CardPay'; and

   (d) the costs of each rate payment method to:

      (i) Council; and
      (ii) local ratepayers,

   including, but not limited to, the charges applied by payment providers, and the possible means by which any charges to Council may be eliminated or reduced.

For the Amendment: Councillors Carney and Lim
Against the Amendment: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron and Eswaran

11. Bankstown Sanitary Depot

301/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Carney)

That the report concerning the Bankstown Sanitary Depot be noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron, Carney and Eswaran
Against the Motion: Councillor Lim
The above Resolution was subject to the following Amendment which was Lost.

AMENDMENT: (Lim/Carney)

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to note the report in respect of the former Bankstown Sanitary Depot.

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to make a preliminary and informal approach to Bankstown City Council to determine whether Bankstown City Council would be agreeable to a boundary adjustment in which the land occupied by the former Bankstown Sanitary Depot was transferred back into the Strathfield local government area from the Bankstown local government area so as to create an orderly division of boundaries between our two councils along Roberts Road, Greenacre.

For the Amendment: Councillor Lim
Against the Amendment: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron Carney and Eswaran

12. Overseas Delegations

The Mayor, Councillor Kwon having declared a conflict of interest concerning this matter vacated the chair and left the meeting room.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Brett-Bowen took the Chair.

302/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Eswaran)

That the request from the following delegations to visit Council be approved.

- Friends of Comfort Women
- Pajoo Cultural and Musical Group

Voting on this item was unanimous.

The Mayor, Councillor Kwon returned to the meeting room and took the chair.

13. Investment Policy Review

303/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Eswaran)

That the Draft Investment Policy be adopted.
For the Motion: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron, Carney and Eswaran
Against the Motion: Councillor Lim

The above Resolution was subject to the following Amendment which was Lost.

AMENDMENT: (Lim/Carney)

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to note the report on the review of Council's Investment Policy.

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to endorse and adopt the draft Investment Policy.

3. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a further report to Council, including, but not limited to:

   (a) providing further and better particulars detailing the extent to which the Guidelines and the Order have been incorporated into Council's Policy, including, but not limited to, whether the Guidelines and the Order have been implemented in full; and

   (b) providing further and better particulars detailing the extent to which the May 2009 Guidelines on asset allocation have been incorporated into Council's Policy, including, but not limited to, with respect to long term financial planning; and

   (c) providing further and better particulars detailing the extent to which the 2008 recommendation in regards to seeking independent financial advisers' recommendations via a tender process, or seeking assistance from independent financial advisers *per se*, have been incorporated into Council's Policy, including, but not limited to, what provision has been made with respect to independent financial advice.

For the Amendment: Councillors Carney and Lim
Against the Amendment: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron and Eswaran

14. Code of Conduct Review

304/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Carney)

That Council endorse the Code of Conduct.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

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15. Delegations Register

305/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Barron)

That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Delegations to the General Manager as detailed in the report.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

16. Strathfield Business Representative Groups

306/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Eswaran)

That the report in regard to business representative groups operating in Strathfield Local Government Area be noted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

The above Resolution was subject to an Amendment by Councillor Lim which was ruled out of order by the Mayor.

RECOMMITTAL OF ITEM 16 - Strathfield Business Representative Groups

307/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Eswaran)

That the report in regard to business representative groups operating in Strathfield Local Government Area be noted.

For the Motion:	Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron, Carney and Eswaran
Against the Motion:	Councillor Lim

17. Draft Strathfield Economic Development Plan

308/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Barron)

That Council endorse the Strathfield Economic Development Plan subject to the recommended amendments as set out in Attachment 1 to the report.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

18. Street Name Signs in Commercial and Industrial Zones

309/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Barron)

That Council note the agreement with Claude Outdoor Pty Ltd for the supply and maintenance of illuminated signs in the Strathfield Municipality.

For the Motion:	Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron, Carney and Eswaran
Against the Motion:	Councillor Lim

The above Resolution was subject to the following Amendment which was Lost.

AMENDMENT: (Lim/Carney)

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to note the report on street name signs in commercial and industrial zones.

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to enter into a new agreement with Claude Outdoor Pty Ltd for the supply and maintenance of illuminated signs in the Strathfield local government area, as stipulated at page 18.1 of the report, which provides for:

   (a) a payment to $1,000 per sign per annum, increasing in accordance with the CPI; and

   (b) Claude Outdoor Pty Ltd remaining responsible for all maintenance and running costs of the signs; and

   (c) Claude Outdoor Pty Ltd increasing the number of signs in the Strathfield local government area, subject to:

      (i) an additional per sign per annum payment; and
      (ii) the locations of all new signs being approved by resolution of Council.

3. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a further report to Council on the opportunities for, and the costs and benefits of, the establishment of additional advertising signage in the Strathfield local government area, including, but not limited to:

   (a) Council's existing arrangements with Adshell for the provision of bus shelters in the Strathfield local government area; and

   (b) the location of all bus and taxi stops in the Strathfield local government area without shelters, and the opportunities for, and the costs and benefits of, erecting shelters at each of these locations, including, but not limited to, the proposed shelters being either advertiser or Council funded; and

   (c) the opportunities for, and the costs and benefits of, erecting billboard advertising at appropriate locations in the Strathfield Council area, as well as street advertising in commercial and industrial zones (similar in nature to that currently utilised by neighbouring Burwood Council) as a source for the generation of additional revenue to Council.

For the Amendment: Councillors Carney and Lim
Against the Amendment: Councillors Kwon, Brett-Bowen, Barron and Eswaran

19. Alcohol Free Zones

310/09
RESOLVED: (Eswaran/Brett-Bowen)

1. That Council note the report on Alcohol Free Zones and the process of establishing a proposal for Alcohol Free Zones.

2. That Council consult with the Police Local Area Commander regarding the need for Alcohol Free Zones within the Strathfield Municipality, in particular in Strathfield Town Centre precinct and Coronation Parade.

3. That a further report be submitted to Council upon consultation with the Police.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

Councillor Kwon ruled that a member of the public be expelled for disorder.

Councillor Lim left the meeting during discussion of the following item.

20. Naming of Public Road, Greenacre

311/09
RESOLVED: (Lim/Carney)

1. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to note the report on the naming of the new public road within the subdivision located at 1-7 Juno Parade, Greenacre.

2. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to undertake a public competition for the naming of the new public road within the subdivision located at 1-7 Juno Parade, Greenacre, and, in particular, that an emphasis be placed on the historical, cultural, geographical or environmental significance of the proposed name to the Strathfield local government area.

3. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to undertake a promotional and educational campaign to publicise the public competition for the naming of the new public road within the subdivision located at 1-7 Juno Parade, Greenacre, and, in particular, that local educational and religious institutions, and voluntary and community based organisations be made aware of the public competition.

4. THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a further report to Council in order to consider the public competition entries for the naming of the new public road within the subdivision located at 1-7 Juno Parade, Greenacre.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

The above Resolution was first moved as an Amendment to the following Motion.

MOTION: (Brett-Bowen/Barron)

1. That the report be noted.

2. That Council call for the submission of names for the new public road within the subdivision located in 1-7 Juno Parade, Greenacre.

3. That a further report be tabled at Council in order to consider submissions for the naming of the new public road.

21. Roads and Traffic Authority Delegation to Council for the Regulation of Traffic

312/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Barron)

That the report concerning the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) Delegation to Councils for the Regulation of Traffic be noted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

12. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION, 2005.

313/09
RESOLVED: (Kwon/Brett-Bowen)

That pursuant to Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the following matters be dealt with as they are considered to be of great urgency.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

The Chairman ruled that the following matters were of great urgency.

Centenary Drive Homebush RTA Works
Licence for Management of Southend Tennis Centre

Councillor Eswaran left the meeting.

Centenary Drive Homebush RTA Works

314/09
RESOLVED: (Kwon/Brett-Bowen)

1. That Council note the report.

2. That Council note that legal advice has been sought in relation to the information outlined within this report.

3. That Council resolves to call on the State Minister for Roads, the Honourable Michael Daley to investigate and provide Strathfield Council and the residents of with an adequate response as to why such drastic works were undertaken without appropriate consultation.

4. That a further report be tabled to Council informing Council of the Minister's response and advice obtained from Councils solicitor.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

13. CLOSED SESSION

315/09
RESOLVED: (Kwon/Brett-Bowen)

In accordance with Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 the following matters will be considered in Closed Session for the reason stated:

Licence for Management of Southend Tennis Centre

The above matter is being considered in Closed Session as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

The meeting proceeded into Closed Session with the press and public excluded.

Licence for Management of Southend Tennis Centre

316/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Barron)

1. That Council note the results of the Expression of Interest process for redevelopment of Southend Tennis Centre, close the process and thank organisations that provided a submission.

2. That Council enter a public tender process for the management of Southend Tennis Centre with the aims to: -

   - realise a market rental,
   - retain community use and access to the centre,
   - ensure the centre is managed satisfactorily and remains viable over the term of the licence.

3. That Council advise the current licensee Strathfield Hardcourt Junior Tennis Club that the management of the facility will be placed out to public tender.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

Open Council resumed and details of the resolutions made in Closed Session were provided.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.53PM.

The foregoing minutes were confirmed at the ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield held on 1 September 2009.

Chairman_____General Manager_____