



**CITY OF  
PARRAMATTA**

# **MINUTES**

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**Extraordinary Council Meeting  
Monday, 14 October 2024  
6.30pm**

## **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillors Charles Chen, Kellie Darley, Anthony Ellard, Hayley French, Judy Greenwood, Steven Issa, Manning Jeffrey, Cameron MacLean, Michael Ng, Sameer Pandey, Sreeni Pillamarri, Patricia Prociv, Tanya Raffoul, Georgina Valjak and Martin Zaiter

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer - Gail Connolly, Executive Director City Engagement and Experience - Angela Jones-Blayney, Executive Director City Assets & Operations - George Bounassif, Executive Director Finance and Information - John Angilley, Executive Director City Planning and Design – Jennifer Concato, Executive Director Community & Culture, Jonathan Greig, Chief People Culture & Performance Officer - Brendan Clifton, Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO - Roxanne Thornton, Chief Information Officer and Acting Chief Governance and Risk Officer - John Crawford, ICT Service and Delivery Manager - Ian Vong, Coordinator Secretariat Services – Marina Cavar, Business Support Coordinator - Heidi Wenham, Business Manager - Michelle Samuel, Senior Policy and Advocacy Adviser - Renee Attard, Civic Advisor - Georgia Luk, Lord Mayor, Senior Councillor Support Officer - Bronwyn Pullen and Executive Officer Councillor Support - Kim Aquilina.

### **1. OPENING MEETING**

The CEO, Gail Connolly, opened the meeting at 6.33PM.

### **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF LAND**

Uncle Bruce acknowledged the Burramattagal people of The Darug Nation as the traditional owners of this land, and paid respect to their ancient culture and to their elders past, present and emerging.

### **3. WEBCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The CEO advised that this public meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet. The recording will also be archived and made available on Council's website.

The CEO further advised that all care will be taken to maintain privacy, however as a visitor in the public gallery, the public should be aware that their presence may be recorded.

### **4. GENERAL RECORDING OF MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

As per Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the recording of the Council Meeting by the public using any device, audio or video, is only permitted with Council permission. Recording a Council Meeting without permission may result in the individual being expelled from the Meeting.

## 5. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

There were no apologies or requests for audio-visual attendance.

## 6. BUSINESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF WHICH THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING WAS CALLED

### 12.1 Oath or Affirmation of Office

(Report of Chief Executive Officer)

4886 At this point of the meeting, all Councillors were called to take their Oath or Affirmation of Office.

- Councillor Charles Chen
- Councillor Kellie Darley
- Councillor Anthony Ellard
- Councillor Hayley French
- Councillor Judy Greenwood
- Councillor Steven Issa
- Councillor Manning Jeffrey
- Councillor Cameron MacLean
- Councillor Michael Ng
- Councillor Sameer Pandey
- Councillor Sreeni Pillamarri
- Councillor Patricia Proxiv
- Councillor Tanya Raffoul
- Councillor Georgina Valjak
- Councillor Martin Zaiter

### 13.1 Election of the Lord Mayor

(Report of Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO)

4887 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor Ellard

- (a) That in accordance with Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the Chief Executive Officer, as the Returning Officer, conduct the Election of the Lord Mayor.
- (b) That in the event that there be more than one nomination, Council determine the method of voting, as a show of hands.
- (c) That the Office of Local Government and Local Government NSW be advised of the result of the election.
- (d) That Local Members, surrounding councils and other key stakeholders be informed of the result of the election.

### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, confirmed receipt of two (2) nominations for the Office of Lord Mayor.

#### **Councillor Prociv**

Nominated by Councillor Ellard and Councillor French. Councillor Prociv accepted the Nomination.

#### **Councillor Zaiter**

Nominated by Councillor Issa and Councillor Valjak Councillor Zaiter accepted the Nomination.

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, called for any other nominations and there were none.

Voting on the election of the Lord Mayor was conducted by show of hands and the results were as follows:

#### **Voting for Councillor Prociv**

Councillors Ellard, French, Greenwood, MacLean, Ng, Pandey and Prociv. There were seven (7) votes FOR Councillor Prociv.

#### **Voting for Councillor Zaiter**

Councillors Chen, Darley, Issa, Jeffrey, Pillamarri, Raffoul, Valjak and Zaiter. There were eight (8) votes FOR Councillor Zaiter.

As a result of the vote, the Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Martin Zaiter as Lord Mayor until September 2026.

### **13.2 Election of the Deputy Lord Mayor**

(Report of Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO)

#### **4888 RESOLVED:** Councillor Prociv and Councillor MacLean

- (a) That in accordance with Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the Chief Executive Officer, as the Returning Officer, conduct the Election of the Deputy Lord Mayor.
- (b) That Council determine the term for the Deputy Lord Mayor to be a one year term.

- (c) That in the event that there be more than one nomination, Council determine the method of voting, as a show of hands.
- (d) That the Office of Local Government and Local Government NSW be informed of the result of the election.
- (e) That Local Members, surrounding councils and other key stakeholders be informed of the result of the election.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, confirmed receipt of two (2) nominations for the Office of Deputy Lord Mayor.

**Councillor MacLean**

Nominated by Councillor Ellard and Councillor French. Councillor MacLean accepted the Nomination.

**Councillor Issa**

Nominated by Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Pillamarri. Councillor Issa accepted the Nomination.

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, called for any other nominations and there were none.

Voting on the election of the Deputy Lord Mayor was conducted by show of hands as follows:

**Voting for Councillor MacLean**

Councillors Darley, Ellard, French, Greenwood, MacLean, Ng, Pandey and Prociv. There were eight (8) votes FOR Councillor MacLean.

**Voting for Councillor Issa**

Councillors Chen, Issa, Jeffrey, Pillamarri, Raffoul, Valjak and Zaiter. There were seven (7) votes FOR Councillor Issa.

As a result of the vote, the Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Cameron MacLean as Deputy Lord Mayor until September 2025.

Note: Newly elected Lord Mayor Councillor Martin Zaiter was given an opportunity to address Council.

13.3 **Filling Casual Vacancies in Civic Office**

(Report of Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO)

4889 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor Ellard

- (a) That pursuant to Section 291A(1) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), the City of Parramatta declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a Councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of Councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with Section 291A of the Act.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer notify the NSW Electoral Commission of the Council's decision within seven days of the decision.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**7. CONCLUSION OF MEETING**

The meeting concluded at 7.50 pm.

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Chairperson