



**CITY OF
PARRAMATTA**

MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Monday, 28 October 2024
6.30pm**

**Council Chamber
Level 4, PHIVE
Parramatta Square, Parramatta**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter, Councillor Charles Chen, Councillor Kellie Darley, Councillor Anthony Ellard, Councillor Dr Hayley French, Councillor Dr Judy Greenwood, Councillor Steven Issa, Councillor Manning Jeffrey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Cameron MacLean, Councillor Michael Ng, Councillor Sameer Pandey, Councillor Sreeni Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Patricia Prociw, Councillor Tanya Raffoul, and Councillor Georgina Valjak.

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 Manager - Michelle Samuel, Manager Office of the Lord Mayor - Renee Attard, Senior Advisor - Georgia Luk, and Secretariat Support Officer - Adrianna Hokin.

1. OPENING MEETING

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, opened the meeting at 6.35PM.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF LAND

The Lord Mayor 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 Lord Mayor 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 Lord Mayor 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.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 September 2024

4890 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Prociv and Councillor Valjak

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6.2 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 14 October 2024

4891 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor Ellard

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosures of Interest made at this meeting.

8. MINUTES OF THE LORD MAYOR

8.1 Welcoming His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla to Parramatta

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

4892 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council acknowledge the presence of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla during their royal visit to the City of Parramatta on Tuesday 22 October 2024.
- (b) That Council note that the Lord Mayor met with Their Majesties on behalf of the City of Parramatta at the Community BBQ, hosted by the Hon. Chris Minns MP, Premier of NSW, at Parramatta Park on 22 October 2024.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.2 Advocating for High Speed Rail

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

4893 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Procriv

- (a) That Council notes public comments by officials of the Australian Government's High Speed Rail Authority that indicate Stage 1 of East Coast High Speed Rail (HSR) is being planned to connect Newcastle through the Central Coast to Sydney Central Station and that stations at Parramatta and Western Sydney Airport are only being considered as part of a future stage.
- (b) That Council notes that Sydney Central Station is no longer central to the growing population of Greater Sydney and that Parramatta is better positioned in terms of both geography and population spread to become the future 'Grand Central Station' of Sydney's transport network.
- (c) That Council reiterates its long-held position that any alignment of east coast HSR must have a station in the City of Parramatta to support equitable access to HSR to ensure a more equitable distribution of jobs and activity across Greater Sydney.
- (d) That Council advocates publicly and with all levels of government the need for stations in Parramatta and at the Western Sydney Airport to be included in the first stage of the HSR project.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.3 Record-breaking Parramatta Lanes!

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

4894 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Pandey

- (a) That Council celebrate the success of the record-breaking 2024 Parramatta Lanes festival, with over 200,000 people attending throughout four nights of incredible local food, music, art and culture.
- (b) That Council recognise the significant efforts of all staff involved in creating such a successful event, particularly the Manager Events, the Events and Festivals team and also the Waste and Cleansing teams who provided invaluable support with short notice in response to the unprecedented attendance.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.4 Celebrating the 10 Year Anniversary of the Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club 2014 AFC Asian Champions League Triumph

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

4895 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council notes the 10-year anniversary of the Western Sydney Wanderers FC 2014 AFC Asian Champions League triumph, when the Wanderers made history as the first Australian football club to win the prestigious Asian Champions League trophy.
- (b) That Council celebrates the passion and resilience of the Wanderers, whose victory remains one of the biggest moments in Australian football history.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.5 Congratulations to the Award-Winning City of Parramatta

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

4896 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Ellard

- (a) That Council congratulate City of Parramatta staff on winning the following 2024 international, national and local government awards:
- a. Parramatta Lanes and Riverside Theatres: Platinum (Winner) for Best Events Campaign Award – Councils (Parramatta Lanes) and Gold (Second-Place) for Best Music and Arts Venue (Riverside Theatres) at the 2024 Western Sydney Tourism Awards.
 - b. PHIVE: Best Designed Buildings and Landscapes Civic Centre award at the 2024 International Architecture Awards by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design, The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies and Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd.
 - c. Parramatta Aquatic Centre (PAC): A.H Pierce Memorial Facility of the Year Award, Marketing & Communications Award and Lifeguard of the Year Award at the 2024 NSW ARI Awards.
 - d. City of Parramatta’s Environmental and Sustainability team: Biodiversity Conservation Award (Artificial Hollows – a novel approach) at the 2024 Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Sustainable Cities Sustainability Awards.
 - e. City of Parramatta’s People, Culture and Performance team: Best Use of Technology Award and Best Health and Wellbeing Program Award at the 2024 Australian HR Awards.
- (b) That Council commend the Council officers involved in these excellent projects on their outstanding efforts.
- (c) That all awards received by Council this term be displayed at PHIVE.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

10. PETITIONS

There were no petitions tabled at this meeting.

11. RESCISSION MOTIONS

There were no Rescission Motions.

Note: Councillor Prociv asked that the evacuation plan be returned to future agendas.

12. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR NOTATION

12.1 Investment Report for 31 August 2024

(Report of Tax and Treasury Accountant)

4897 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

That Council receive and note the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

12.2 Investment Report for 30 September 2024

(Report of Tax and Treasury Accountant)

4898 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

That Council receive and note the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Questions on Notice on Item 12.2 (Investment Report for 30 September 2024) by Councillor Issa:

- How do we treat the excess interest earned? Answered by ED Finance and Information
- Have we reinvested the interest?
- Can the CEO provide a copy of the relevant policy or Council resolution on this matter to all Councillors?

Questions on Notice on Item 12.2 (Investment Report for 30 September 2024) by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean:

- Does Council have a policy position in regards to the treatment of interest earned and returning those funds to General Reserve? Answered by ED Finance and Information.
- Can the CEO provide a copy of the relevant policy or Council resolution on this matter to all Councillors?

12.3 **Statutory Report: Tabling of State of our City Report (formerly 'End of Term Report')**

(Report of Corporate Strategy Manager; Group Manager, Strategic Land Use Planning)

4899 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor Ellard

That Council receive and note the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

13.1 **2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference**

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

4900 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor MacLean

(a) That Council nominate the Councillors listed below to be voting delegates for the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference;

1. Lord Mayor, Clr Martin Zaiter
2. Deputy Lord Mayor, Clr Cameron MacLean
3. Clr Kellie Darley
4. Clr Hayley French
5. Clr Steven Issa
6. Clr Manning Jeffrey
7. Clr Tanya Raffoul
8. Clr Georgina Valjak.

(b) That Council note all voting delegates must be registered to attend the Conference.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13.2 Councillor Representation on Statutory Committees and External Bodies and Panels

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

4901 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor MacLean

(a) That Council appoint Councillors to the following statutory committees and external bodies/panels for the current term of Council:

Statutory Committees – Councillor Representation Required	
CEO Performance Review Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord Mayor, of the day • Deputy Lord Mayor of the day • 2 Councillors nominated by Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councillor Issa ○ Councillor Darley • 1 Councillor nominated by the CEO
Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee	Councillor Prociv Alternate: Councillor Greenwood
Parramatta Traffic Committee	Councillor Valjak
External Panels and Bodies – Discretionary Councillor Representation	
Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee	Councillor Darley (non-voting member)
CivicRisk Mutual	Councillor Ellard
NSW Public Libraries Association	Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor MacLean
Parramatta River Catchment Group	Councillor Greenwood Alternate: Councillor Darley
Sydney Central City Planning Panel	Councillor Pandey Councillor Issa Alternate: Councillor Raffoul Alternate: Councillor Ng The CEO to be delegated the appointment of the external members
Western Sydney Academy of Sport	Councillor Ellard

(b) That Councillor membership of the CEO performance review panel be subject to external Legal advice in respect to Panel composition and membership (Clr Darley).

(c) That the respective bodies be advised of these appointments.

- (d) That Council receive an update, including a copy of the Terms of Reference, on the Parramatta Legal and Justice Expansion Coalition and
- (e) That Council receive an update, including a copy of the Terms of Reference, on the Parramatta Light Rail Business Reference Group.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13.3 Classification of Lot 5 DP1298239 Uhrig Rd, Lidcombe (AKA Carter Street Community Centre)

(Report of Property Officer)

4902 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor Prociv

- (a) That Council classify the land identified being Lot 5 in DP1298239, 10 Uhrig Road, Lidcombe, 2141 as operational land.
- (b) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute all associated documents to complete this matter.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13.4 LATE REPORT: Presentation of the Audited 2023-2024 Annual Financial Statements

(Report of Financial Controller)

4903 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor Pandey

- (a) That Council authorise the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the following:
 - i. 2023-24 General Purpose Financial Statements – Statement by Councillors and Management; and
 - ii. 2023-24 Special Purpose Financial Statements – Statement by Councillors and Management.
- (b) That Council receive and note the confidential NSW Audit Office Engagement Closing Report for the 2023-24 Annual Financial Statements

- (c) That Council note the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee's recommendation that Council approve the 2023-24 Financial Statements.
- (d) That Council authorise the release of the audited 2023-24 Annual Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government and for public exhibition.
- (e) That the CEO arrange a Councillor Briefing session to provide a comprehensive breakdown of this matter.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

15. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

15.1 LATE REPORT - Questions taken on Notice at the 9 September 2024 Council Meeting

(Report of Coordinator Secretariat Services)

4904 QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Councillor Noack asked a question in relation to Item 15.2 within the Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2024

- Has Council received a reply to the second letter sent to Minister Scully on the Little India matter? If not has anyone picked up the phone to contact the Minister?

Manager, Office of the Lord Mayor response:

Council is yet to receive a reply – the Office of the Lord Mayor has followed up with the Minister’s Office but is yet to receive a response.

Councillor Noack asked a question regarding his previous urgency motion on the Success of Greater Western Sydney Giants AFL Team in the Minutes of the 26 August 2024 Council Meeting.

- What days and how often will the Giants colours be lit up on the PHIVE building?

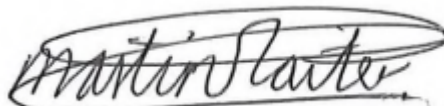
Executive Director Community and Culture Response:

The roof lighting of PHIVE to mark the successful season of the GWS Giants occurred from 1-8 September 2024 (rotating nightly with the Paralympics green and gold) and exclusively for GWS Giants from 9 to 28 September 2024.

16. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting concluded at 7:41 pm.

This page and the preceding 11 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 28 October 2024 and confirmed on Monday, 11 November 2024.



Chairperson