



**CITY OF
PARRAMATTA**

MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Monday, 25 November 2024
6.30pm**

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

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter, Councillor Charles Chen, Councillor Kellie Darley, Councillor Anthony Ellard (online), 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 Proxiv, Councillor Tanya Raffoul, and Councillor Georgina Valjak.

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer - Gail Connolly PSM, Executive Director City Engagement & Experience - Angela Jones-Blayney, Executive Director City Assets & Operations - George Bounassif, Acting Executive Director Finance and Information - Amit Sharma, Executive Director City Planning and Design - Jennifer Concato, Executive Director Community & Culture, Jonathan Greig, Chief People Culture & Performance Officer - Brendan Clifton, Group Manager - Boz Lukin, Acting Chief Governance and Risk Officer - John Crawford, ICT Service and Delivery Manager - Ian Vong, Facilities and Contracts Coordinator - Zarena Walker, Group Manager Roads and Infrastructure - John Lac, Coordinator Secretariat Services - Marina Cavar, Business Manager - Michelle Samuel, Chief Property and Assets Officer - Graham Brown, Manager Programming and Venue Services - Rachael White, Manager Office of the Lord Mayor - Renee Attard, Secretariat Officer - Christine Treadgold and Secretariat Officer - Bianca Portelli.

1. OPENING MEETING

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, opened the meeting at 6:39pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 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

RESOLVED: Councillor MacLean and Councillor Pillamarri

That Councillor Ellard be permitted to attend tonight's meeting via Audio Visual Link.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 November 2024

4934 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor Pillamarri

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 Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

8. MINUTES OF THE LORD MAYOR

8.1 **Celebrating Diwali**
(Report of Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

4935 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council wish the City of Parramatta community a Happy Diwali following recent celebrations of the festival of lights, including the City of Parramatta's Diwali in the Hall: Tapestry of Lights event held on Sunday 24 November 2024 at Parramatta Town Hall.
- (b) That the Lord Mayor write to Multicultural NSW and other relevant stakeholders to explore options for enhancing future Diwali celebrations and festivals in the City of Parramatta, including a potential destination event, sponsorships and/or strategic partnerships.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.2 HMAS Parramatta II Memorial Service

(Report of Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

4936 RESOLVED: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Ng

- (a) That Council notes the annual memorial service for HMAS Parramatta II organised by the Naval Association of Australia, Parramatta Memorial Sub-section, held on 24 November 2024 at the Parramatta Naval Memorial, Queens Wharf Reserve, George Street, Parramatta.
- (b) That Council work with the Naval Association of Australia, Parramatta Memorial Sub-Section to plant a gumtree and improve signage.
- (c) That Council observes one minute's silence to pay our respects to the crew who served the HMAS Parramatta II, particularly the 138 crew who died and 24 crew who survived when the ship was lost in 1941.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous.

8.3 Award-Winning City of Parramatta

(Report of Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

4937 RESOLVED: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter and Councillor MacLean

That Council congratulate City of Parramatta staff on winning the following 2024 international, national and local government awards:

- i. PHIVE – Highly Commended Award for Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance – Institutional Projects at the 2024 Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards in India.
- ii. Healthy Higher Density for Families with Children: An Advocacy, Planning and Design Guide – Community Wellbeing and Diversity Award Winner at the Planning Institute of Australia 2024 NSW Awards for Planning Excellence.
- iii. Parramatta 2050 – Strategic Planning Project Award Commendation at the Planning Institute of Australia 2024 NSW Awards for Planning Excellence.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.4 **16 Days of Activism**
(Report of Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

4938 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter and Councillor French

- (a) That Council acknowledge the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign from 25 November-10 December 2024, a global movement beginning on the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 November) and ending on International Human Rights Day (10 December).
- (b) That Council note the following 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign activities, including:
- i. 'Invest in Her' Social Media Campaign from 10 November – 10 December 2024.
 - ii. Rotary Club of Parramatta's Street March on 4 December 2024 from 11.30am-1.30pm, starting in Parramatta Park and finishing in Parramatta Square.
 - iii. Shelter Her Strength: A Leadership Forum on Women's Housing and Safety at PHIVE on 5 December 2024 from 9.15am-12.30pm. Hosted by City of Parramatta in partnership with Western Sydney Community Forum, Cumberland-Parramatta Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee, the leadership dialogue features Jodie Harrison MP, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and representatives from Older Women's Network, Birribee Housing, Democracy in Colour, Jesuit Refugee Services, Settlement Services International and Immigrant Women's SpeakOut.
 - iv. City of Parramatta's Women @ CoP Employee Reference Group Staff Event.
- (d) That Council commend Council officers and community organisations involved in these important efforts to raise awareness of gender-based violence.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Question Taken on Notice (Councillor Pandey) regarding Item 8.4 16 Days of Activism:

- Do we have a purple bench in the LGA?

8.5 **Riverside Theatres Redevelopment Advocacy**
(Report of Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

4939 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter and Councillor MacLean

- (a) That Council approve the Lord Mayor and CEO advocating for all available grant funding opportunities to support the redevelopment of the Riverside Theatres into a world-class performing arts centre that will welcome more than 400,000 visitors a year.
- (b) That the CEO prepare a report to the meeting of Council on 10 March 2025, that investigates future funding approaches and best-practice operating and governance models, including:
- i. Development of a high-level philanthropy, donor and fundraising strategy, including the consideration of a philanthropy target;
 - ii. Options analysis on best practice venue operating and governance models, including the consideration of a special purpose vehicle; and
 - iii. Potential timeframes for consultation, development and delivery.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

PROCEDURAL MOTION ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION: Councillor Greenwood and Councillor Darley

That in accordance with Clause 8.2 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council amend the Order of Business for this meeting, to allow for Item 16.3 to be considered as the next item of business and in open session.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion : Councillors Darley and Greenwood.

Against the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillors Chen, Ellard, French, Issa, Jeffrey, MacLean, Ng, Pandey, Pillamarri, Prociv, Raffoul and Valjak.

On being put to the Meeting, voting on the Motion was two (2) votes FOR and thirteen (13) votes AGAINST. The Motion was LOST.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR NOTATION

12.1 **Investment Report for 31 October 2024** (Report of Tax and Treasury Accountant)

4940 **RESOLVED:** Councillor MacLean and Councillor Issa

That Council receive and note the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

12.2 **Public Presentation of the 2023-2024 Annual Financial Statements** (Report of Financial Controller)

4941 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor MacLean

That the public presentation of the 2023-2024 Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

12.3 **Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes (30 May 2024 and 29 August 2024)** (Report of Coordinator Internal Audit)

4942 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Pandey and Councillor MacLean

That Council receive and note the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

12.4 **Annual Return - Code of Conduct Complaint Statistics for City of Parramatta Council (September 2023 to August 2024)**
(Report of Internal Ombudsman)

4943 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Pandey and Councillor Pillamarri

That the report be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

12.5 **Tabling of the City of Parramatta Annual Report 2023-2024**
(Report of Project Officer; Corporate Strategy Manager)

4944 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Prociv and Councillor Darley

(a) That Council receive and note the tabling of the City of Parramatta Annual Report 2023-2024.

(b) That consultation be undertaken with Councillors during the preparation of the next draft Annual Report prior to its tabling at Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

12.6 **LATE REPORT - Quarterly Report: Status of Council Resolutions**
(Report of Coordinator Secretariat Services)

4945 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Darley and Councillor Greenwood

That the report be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

13.1 **Quarterly Budget Review - September 2024**
(Report of Chief Financial Officer)

4946 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor Darley

That the item be deferred to the next Council Meeting on 9 December 2024, to allow for a Councillor Briefing to take place on 2 December 2024.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13.2 **Councillor Conduct and Meeting Practices - Discussion Paper 2024**
(Office of Local Government)
(Report of Chief Technology Officer)

4947 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Prociv and Councillor Ng

- (a) That Council endorse the submission as a draft and submit it by the extended deadline provided by the OLG; and
- (b) Given the significance of the proposed changes, Council write to the Minister for Office of Local Government and OLG and requests that the OLG undertake workshops and further consultation with councillors and the sector prior to finalising the legislation and that no further action be taken until such consultation occurs.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13.3 **Parramatta CBD Footpath Audit**
(Report of Group Manager Roads Infrastructure)

4948 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Pandey and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council notes the findings and recommendations of the CBD Footpath Audit Peer Review (confidential Attachment 2).
- (b) That Council note the CBD footpath restoration work is being undertaken in accordance with the priority order identified in the Peer Review (following receipt of the relevant restoration order from the applicant).
- (c) That Council note the annual footpath maintenance budget has been allocated generally consistent with the recommendations of the Peer Review, with the exception of the timeframe (over a 4 year period).

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13.4 **Planning Proposal, Planning Agreement and Site-Specific Development Control Plan at 19 Hope Street, Melrose Park and 69-77 Hughes Avenue, Ermington**
(Report of Project Officer Land Use)

4949 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor Prociv

- (a) That Council approve for finalisation the Planning Proposal (provided at Attachment 1) for land at 19 Hope Street, Melrose Park and 69-77 Hughes Avenue, Ermington (the site), which seeks to amend Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 as follows:
 - (i) Rezoning 19 Hope Street from E4 General Industrial to part MU1 Mixed Use and part RE1 Public Recreation.
 - (ii) Rezoning 69, 71, 73 and 75 Hughes Avenue from R2 Low Density Residential to MU1 Mixed Use.
 - (iii) Rezoning 77 Hughes Avenue from R2 Low Density Residential to part MU1 Mixed Use and part RE1 Public Recreation.
 - (iv) Amending the maximum building height across the site from part 9m and part 12m to a range between 13m and 48m (approximately 4 – 14 storeys).
 - (v) Amending the Floor Space Ratio (FSR) from part 1:1 and part 0.5:1 to 2.67:1 (for MU1 Mixed Use land only).
 - (vi) Inserting a site-specific provision in Part 6 Additional local provisions of PLEP 2023 and amending the Additional Local Provisions map to include the site to ensure a minimum of 1,400m² of non-residential floor space is to be provided to serve the local retail and commercial needs of the incoming population.

- (b) That Council approve the site-specific Development Control Plan (DCP) at Attachment 2 for finalisation and insertion into the Parramatta Development Control Plan (PDCP) 2023.
- (c) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the draft Planning Agreement at Attachment 3, and to sign the Planning Agreement on Council's behalf.
- (d) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments and corrections of a non-policy and administrative nature that may arise during the finalisation process relating to the Planning Proposal, DCP and Planning Agreement.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillors Ellard, French, Greenwood, Issa, Jeffrey, MacLean, Ng, Pandey, Pillamarri, Prociv, Raffoul and Valjak.

Against the Motion: Councillors Chen and Darley

On being put to the Meeting, voting on the Motion was thirteen (13) votes FOR two (2) votes and AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED

Question taken on Notice (Councillor Prociv) in relation to Item 13.4 Planning Proposal, Planning Agreement and Site-Specific Development Control Plan at 19 Hope Street, Melrose Park and 69-77 Hughes Avenue, Ermington:

- Why are pages 300-314 blank in the attachment to the report?

13.5 **LATE REPORT - Draft Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan 2050
(Council Submission)**

(Report of Project Officer Land Use)

4950 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Issa and Councillor Prociv

- (a) That Council endorse the submission on the draft Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan 2050 Plan 2050 provided at Attachment 1, subject to it being amended to oppose the reduction in event parking and the increase in residential development.
- (b) That Council write to Sydney Olympic Park Authority to invite the Authority to partner with Council on an economic and planning analysis that identifies how 150,000 jobs for Parramatta will be best achieved and delivered by 2050.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 **Proposed Reduction in Parramatta Station Carpark Fees**

(Councillor Kellie Darley)

4951 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Darley and Councillor Greenwood

That the matter be deferred until February 2025 to allow for answers to the following;

- Monthly utilisation rates from May to October?
- The revenue implications?
- What proportion of the carpark is issued at a corporate rate?
- Why the reduction in usage in this quarter?

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillors Chen, Darley, Ellard, French, Issa, Jeffrey, MacLean, Ng, Pandey, Pillamarri, Prociv, Raffoul and Valjak

Against the Motion: Councillor Greenwood

On being put to the Meeting, voting on the Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR one (1) vote and AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

Question taken on Notice (Councillor Chen) in relation to Item 14.1 Proposed Reduction in Parramatta Station Carpark Fees:

- I would like to further understand the allocations of the carpark revenue?
- With the reduction in the revenue, was there an impact for the community?

14.2 **Telopea Urban Renewal Project**
(Councillor Kellie Darley)

4952 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Darley and Councillor Raffoul

- (a) That Council note the announcement made during the Council's caretaker period by the Minister for Housing, the Hon Rose Jackson, that Homes NSW and Frasers Property Australia have agreed to dissolve their partnership for the Telopea Urban Renewal project.
- (b) That Council take advantage of the opportunity this presents to improve on what was previously approved or being considered by the NSW Government for the Telopea Precinct by seeking to have Council's and the community's previous concerns addressed, including, but not limited to:
 - a. increasing the proportion of social and affordable housing within the redevelopment site.
 - b. satisfying the Design Excellence provisions in the Parramatta LEP 2011;
 - c. meeting the parking, tree retention, setbacks, deep soil zones and infrastructure requirements specified in the Telopea DCP;
 - d. limiting the FSR and height to what is permitted under the Parramatta LEP 2011 and relevant State Planning Policies; and
 - e. complying with Telopea Masterplan, such as the road network.
- (c) That Council assess the impact of this announcement, and subsequent delay in progressing Stage 1A, on the continued use of Dundas Library and Community Centre and report back to Dundas Ward Councillors by March 2025 on the likely renewal and maintenance program now required.
- (d) That the CEO continue to progress securing a Planning Agreement to support the local infrastructure needs generated by future residents in the precinct, including a new library and community facility, road upgrades and open space.
- (e) That Council request that Homes NSW provide an update to the local community on the project at least twice a year.
- (f) That the Lord Mayor request a meeting with the Minister for Housing, the Hon. Rose Jackson and the Member for Epping,

Monica Tudehope to discuss the redevelopment of the Telopea Precinct, and that Dundas Ward Councillors be invited to the meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

15. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

15.1 Council Submissions (August to November 2024) (Councillor Kellie Darley)

4953 STAFF RESPONSE

Council officers made submissions on the following:

- i. Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Essential Worker Housing; and
- ii. Draft NSW Special Entertainment Precinct Guidelines and Acoustic Toolkit.

15.2 Questions Taken on Notice at 11 November 2024 Council Meeting (Report of Secretariat Officer)

4954 QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Councillor Darley asked a question in relation to Item 14.1 (Traffic on North Rocks Road, Northmead):

- Can Council and the community be updated on the upgrade works of Hunts Creek Bridge and the impact on road closures and traffic?

Executive Director, City Assets and Operations Response:

Council officers created a dedicated project website in February 2024 that the community can access at any time for regular updates: <https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/hunts-creek-bridge>.

The website continues to be the best source of information for ongoing updates and the November update is shown below:

November project update

Following formal approval from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) work on Hunts Creek Bridge is now expected to begin in early 2025.

The new program will reduce the northbound closure of North Rocks Road from five months to one month and will see a series of night work and weekend work programs.

The work program in early 2025 will include installation of construction signage and Variable Message Signs, minor saw-cutting of the road pavement at the piling

locations on North Rocks Road, as well as pre-programming of the existing traffic signal controllers in preparation for the works.

The main works at the site are expected to commence in February 2025.

Due to the scale and complexity of the work, regrettably noise and disruption will be unavoidable. However, we will keep the community informed of the work schedule, and will work closely with our contractors and TfNSW to minimise the impact to residents, businesses and motorists as best we can.

Please direct any enquiries to HuntsCreekBridge@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

The project team is currently working on the full suite of communications with a view to having these distributed late November/early December 2024.

Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Pandey and Councillor Prociw asked questions in relation to Confidential Item 16.1 (LATE REPORT: Exemption to Tender - Q7037 Engagement of B1 Registered Certifier Services for 11 November 2024).

See Confidential Attachment.

PROCEDURAL MOTION MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Pillamarri

That at this time of the meeting, being 9.22pm, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter advised that the meeting would move into Closed Confidential Session to allow consideration of matters in Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Accordingly, members of the press and public were excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session will be withheld. This action was taken to discuss:

- **Item 16.1 - Tender ITT/09/2024: Trades Services Panel (Contracts) (Report of Coordinator Facilities & Contracts)**
This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- **Item 16.2 Tender - ITT/03/2024: Epping Aquatic Centre Upgrade - Head Contractor (Report of Group Manager Project Delivery)**

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- **Item 16.3 - Strategic Partnership - Request for Council to Enter into a Confidentiality Deed (Group Manager Communications & Customer Engagement)**

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (g) of the Local

Government Act 1993 as the report contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Darley requested it be noted that she did not agree that Item 16.3 should be discussed in closed session.

Note: Council moved into Closed Session at 9.27pm.

16.1 **Tender ITT/09/2024: Trades Services Panel (Contracts)**
(Report of Coordinator Facilities & Contracts)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor MacLean and Councillor Issa

- (a) That the tender submitted by Noppen Air Pty Ltd be accepted at their proposed rates for Air Conditioning Services.
- (c) That the tender submitted by Platinum Electricians be accepted at their proposed rates for Electrical Services.
- (d) That the tender submitted by Avant Construction Pty Ltd be accepted at their proposed rates for Building Services.
- (d) That the tender submitted by Independent Locksmith & Security Pty Ltd be accepted at their proposed rates for Locksmith Services.
- (e) That the tender submitted by PJC Plumbing Services Pty Ltd be accepted at their proposed rates for Plumbing Services.
- (f) That, in the event that any of the successful tenderers are unable to meet the requirements of the contract, the CEO is authorised to engage the tenderer who ranked second in the tender assessment (as outlined in this report) to ensure continuity of service.
- (g) That all unsuccessful tenderers be advised of Council's decision in this matter.
- (h) That the period of each contract be for three years with the option to extend each contract for two additional one-year periods.
- (i) That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute all necessary documents associated with the award of each contract.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

16.2 **Tender ITT/03/2024: Epping Aquatic Centre Upgrade - Head Contractor**

(Report of Group Manager Project Delivery)

RECOMMENDATION : Councillor MacLean and Councillor Pillamarri

- (a) That Council note the outcome of the Tender Evaluation Report for the Epping Aquatic Centre Tender ITT/03/2024.
- (b) That Council decline to accept any tenders.
- (c) That all tenderers be advised of Council's decision on this matter.
- (d) That Council provides a report on staging the delivery of the endorsed concept design for the upgrade of Epping Aquatic Centre at Dence Park and what can be provided within the current allocated funding by March/April 2025.
- (e) That Council authorise the CEO to negotiate the retention of the Office of Local Government Stronger Communities grant funding.
- (f) That the CEO prepare a report to Council outlining the feasibility and options for re-opening and operating the Epping Aquatic Centre.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

16.3 **Strategic Partnership - Request for Council to Enter into a Confidentiality Deed**

(Group Manager Communications & Customer Engagement)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Issa and Councillor Pillamarri

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into the Confidentiality Deed on behalf of Council for the purpose of progressing discussions regarding the proposed strategic partnership to the Council but not to enter any strategic partnership.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Darley and Councillor Greenwood

That Council defer the matter until such time as an updated Strategic Relationships Policy (replacing Sponsorships Policy and Productive Partnership Policy) is submitted to Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Darley, Greenwood, Jeffrey, MacLean and Pandey.

Against the Amendment: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillors Chen, Ellard, French, Issa, Ng, Pillamarri, Prociv, Raffoul and Valjak.

On being PUT to the Meeting, voting on the AMENDMENT was five (5) votes FOR and ten (10) votes against. The Amendment was LOST

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Issa and Councillor Pillamarri

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into the Confidentiality Deed on behalf of Council for the purpose of progressing discussions regarding the proposed strategic partnership to the Council but not to enter any strategic partnership.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillors Chen, Ellard, French, Issa, Ng, Pillamarri, Prociv, Raffoul and Valjak.

Against the Motion: Councillors Darley, Greenwood, Jeffrey, MacLean and Pandey.

On being PUT to the Meeting, voting on the Motion was ten (10) votes FOR and five (5) votes against. The Motion was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Ng and Councillor Valjak

That Council move into Open Session.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Council moved into Open Session at 10:42pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Procriv

That the recommendations in relation to the following items 16.1, 16.2 and 16.3 be received and noted as resolutions of Council without any alteration and amendment thereto:

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

16.1 **Tender ITT/09/2024: Trades Services Panel (Contracts)** (Report of Coordinator Facilities & Contracts)

4955 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Procriv

- (b) That the tender submitted by Noppen Air Pty Ltd be accepted at their proposed rates for Air Conditioning Services.
- (e) That the tender submitted by Platinum Electricians be accepted at their proposed rates for Electrical Services.
- (f) That the tender submitted by Avant Construction Pty Ltd be accepted at their proposed rates for Building Services.
- (j) That the tender submitted by Independent Locksmith & Security Pty Ltd be accepted at their proposed rates for Locksmith Services.
- (k) That the tender submitted by PJC Plumbing Services Pty Ltd be accepted at their proposed rates for Plumbing Services.
- (l) That, in the event that any of the successful tenderers are unable to meet the requirements of the contract, the CEO is authorised to engage the tenderer who ranked second in the tender assessment (as outlined in this report) to ensure continuity of service.
- (m) That all unsuccessful tenderers be advised of Council's decision in this matter.
- (n) That the period of each contract be for three years with the option to extend each contract for two additional one-year periods.
- (o) That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute all necessary documents associated with the award of each contract.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

16.2 **Tender ITT/03/2024: Epping Aquatic Centre Upgrade - Head Contractor**

(Report of Group Manager Project Delivery)

4956 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Procriv

- (a) That Council note the outcome of the Tender Evaluation Report for the Epping Aquatic Centre Tender ITT/03/2024.
- (b) That Council decline to accept any tenders.
- (c) That all tenderers be advised of Council's decision on this matter.
- (d) That Council provides a report on staging the delivery of the endorsed concept design for the upgrade of Epping Aquatic Centre at Dence Park and what can be provided within the current allocated funding by March/April 2025.
- (e) That Council authorise the CEO to negotiate the retention of the Office of Local Government Stronger Communities grant funding.
- (f) That the CEO prepare a report to Council outlining the feasibility and options for re-opening and operating the Epping Aquatic Centre.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

16.3 **Strategic Partnership - Request for Council to Enter into a Confidentiality Deed**

(Group Manager Communications & Customer Engagement)

4957 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Procriv

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into the Confidentiality Deed on behalf of Council for the purpose of progressing discussions regarding the proposed strategic partnership to the Council but not to enter any strategic partnership.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillors Chen, Ellard, French, Issa, Ng, Pillamarri, Procriv, Raffoul and Valjak.

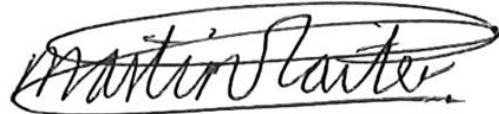
Against the Motion: Councillors Darley, Greenwood, Jeffrey, MacLean and Pandey.

On being PUT to the Meeting. Voting on the MOTION was ten (10) votes FOR and five (5) votes against. The Motion was CARRIED.

17. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting concluded at 10:46 pm.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Martin Slater", enclosed within a large, horizontal oval scribble.

Chairperson