



CITY OF PARRAMATTA

MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Monday, 13 May 2024
6.30pm**

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

PRESENT - COUNCILLORS

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber and Councillors Phil Bradley, Kellie Darley, Michelle Garrard, Cameron MacLean, Paul Noack, Sameer Pandey, Deputy Lord Mayor, Dr Patricia Prociv, Dan Siviero, Georgina Valjak (online), Donna Wang (online) and Lorraine Wearne.

PRESENT – STAFF

Chief Executive Officer - Gail Connolly, Executive Director City Engagement and Experience - Angela Jones-Blayney, Executive Director Finance and Information - John Angilley, Director City Planning and Design - Jennifer Concato, Acting Executive Director Community and Culture - David Moutou, Executive Director City Assets & Operations - George Bounassif, Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO - Roxanne Thornton, Chief of Staff - Justin Mulder, Chief People, Culture and Performance Officer - Brendan Clifton, Acting Chief Information Officer - Ian Vong, Chief Financial Officer - Amit Sharma, Group Manager City Strategic Planning - Robert Cologna, Acting Group Manager Regulatory Services - Adrian Mihalia, Transport Planning Manager - Michael Jollon, Council Secretariat and Policy Officer - Marina Cavar, Corporate Strategy Manager - Dayne Glinkowski, Strategy Manager - Sarah Baker, Project Team Lead - Katie Papagiannis, Graduate Project Officer - Emilia Hallstroem, Business Manager - Michelle Samuel, ICT Service Desk Team Leader - Alex Piccone and ICT Service Desk Officer - Blandon Lee.

1. OPENING MEETING

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber, opened the meeting at 6.35pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF LAND

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the Burramattagal people of The Dharug 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 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 Noack

- (a) That an apology be accepted on behalf of Councillors Green and Humphries and a leave of absence be granted.
- (b) That Councillors Valjak and Wang be permitted to attend the meeting via Audio Visual Link.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 April 2024

4682 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Noack and Councillor MacLean

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting, with the exception of the following required update;

- Amendment to be made in the Disclosure of Interest Item, relating to Councillor Noack. The reference to Councillor Noack being a land owner in the LGA is incorrect.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Noack

In Accordance with Clause 8.2 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, That Council amend the Order of Business for this meeting to allow for the consideration of the following items prior to any other business on the agenda.

- Public Forum.

- Item 8.1: Lord Mayoral Minute 'PARRAMATTA 2050' - A Long Term Strategic Vision for Our City.
- Item 13.3: Late Report: Public Exhibition 'PARRAMATTA 2050' - A Long Term Strategic Vision for Our City.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

PUBLIC FORUM

	Speaker	Report No.	Report Title
1.	Greg Monaghan	Item 13.3	Late Report: Public Exhibition 'PARRAMATTA 2050' - A Long Term Strategic Vision for Our City
2.	Kerri Glassock	Item 13.3	Late Report: Public Exhibition 'PARRAMATTA 2050' - A Long Term Strategic Vision for Our City
3.	Aunty Ros	Item 13.3	Late Report: Public Exhibition 'PARRAMATTA 2050' - A Long Term Strategic Vision for Our City

8. MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR

8.1 'PARRAMATTA 2050' - A Long Term Strategic Vision for Our City

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber)

4683 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Noack

- That Council note that the City of Parramatta's *Parramatta 2050* vision is on tonight's agenda, and that it proposes a long-term strategic vision that guides our City's future and secures Parramatta's position as a global city;
- That Council note that with the Chamber's endorsement, Parramatta 2050 will now go on public exhibition to seek feedback from our business and residential communities and other stakeholders; and
- That Council acknowledge the extraordinary enthusiasm and hard work of the Council officers during the research and preparation stage of the vision document and thank them for their commitment to helping make the City of Parramatta a successful global city for current and future generations.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A video was broadcast to all present in the Chamber and online promoting 'Parramatta 2050'.

13.3 **LATE REPORT: Public Exhibition: 'Parramatta 2050' - A Long Term Strategic Vision for the City**

(Report of Project Team Lead; Change Manager)

4684 **MOTION:** Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Noack

- (a) That Council exhibits the draft *Parramatta 2050* strategic vision for the City for 60 days and conduct community pop up sessions and surveys
- (b) That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make editorial amendments of a minor and/or non-policy nature to the draft *Parramatta 2050*.
- (c) That Council receives an update via a Councillor Workshop prior to a further report detailing the outcomes of the public exhibition.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Wearne and Councillor Darley

- (a) That Council exhibits the first draft *Parramatta 2050* strategic vision for the City for 60 days and conduct community pop up sessions and surveys.
- (b) That Council receives an update via a Councillor Workshop prior to a further report detailing the outcomes of the public exhibition of the first draft.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Bradley, Darley, Garrard, Wearne, Siviero and Wang

Against the Amendment: Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Prociv, Councillors MacLean, Noack, Pandey and Valjak,

On being PUT to the meeting Voting on the Amendment was six (6) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber exercised his Casting Vote resulting in a result of six (6) votes FOR and seven (7) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Noack

- (a) That Council exhibits the draft *Parramatta 2050* strategic vision for the City for 60 days and conduct community pop up sessions and surveys
- (b) That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make editorial amendments of a minor and/or non-policy nature to the draft *Parramatta 2050*.
- (c) That Council receives a detailed presentation at a Councillor Workshop prior to any further report detailing the outcomes of the public exhibition to Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Question Taken on Notice (Clr Garrard) relating to Item 13.3 – LATE REPORT: Public Exhibition: 'Parramatta 2050' - A Long Term Strategic Vision for the City;

- How much has the work that has already been undertaken cost to date?
- There is no mention of consultation with youth?

PROCEDURAL MOTION

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Noack sought a Suspension of Standing Orders to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding 'Decision of Cumberland City Council' and 'Parramatta Goannas AFL Academy'.

The Lord Mayor Councillor Esber denied the matter 'Decision of Cumberland City Council' was a Matter of Urgency, and the matter was not considered by Council.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber agreed that the matter for 'Parramatta Goannas AFL Academy' was a Matter of Urgency, and allowed the matter to be considered by Council.

URGENCY MOTION: Parramatta Goannas

4685 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Noack and Councillor Bradley

- (a) That Council congratulates the Parramatta Goannas in their recent victory in Melbourne over Melbourne's Werribee under 14s in a convincing 134-0 victory.
- (b) Council further congratulates Club President Michael Bright and all at the club for their tireless work, and the Lord Mayor contact the club to convey the motion of council".

Record of Voting:

For The Motion: Unanimous

Councillor Garrard raised a Matter of Urgency regarding Parramatta Cricket Club.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber agreed that the matter was a Matter of Urgency, and allowed the matter to be considered by Council.

URGENCY MOTION: Congratulations Parramatta Cricket Club

4686 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Noack

That the Lord Mayor write to the Parramatta Cricket Club congratulating them on a successful season, noting the U16's Greens Shields who were victorious in their final against Manly and the success of the female teams.

Record of Voting:

For The Motion: Unanimous

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Note: Standing Orders were resumed at 8.28pm.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 8.28pm, The Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber adjourned the meeting and the following Councillors were present:

Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Prociv and Councillors Bradley, Darley, Garrard, MacLean, Noack, Pandey, Siviero, Valjak (online), Wang (online) and Wearne.

RECONVENED MEETING

At 8.39pm, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber reconvened the meeting and the following Councillors were present:

Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Prociv and Councillors Bradley, Darley, Garrard, MacLean, Noack, Pandey, Siviero, Valjak (online), Wang (online) and Wearne.

PROCEDURAL MOTION DEALING WITH ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Bradley

That in accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council resolve to adopt the following items in accordance with the recommendations as printed, without debate:

- Item 8.2 Parramatta Welcomes the ABC to its new home
- Item 8.3: One Minute of Silence Against Violence
- Item 8.4: Warami Program
- Item 8.5: Vale John Minns, Father of the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Chris Minns MP
- Item 8.6: Vale Councillor Tony Bleasdale OAM, Mayor of Blacktown City Council
- Item 8.7: Vale Beryl Engel, Former Parramatta City Councillor

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.2 **Parramatta Welcomes the ABC to its new home**
(Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber)

4687 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Bradley

- (a) That Council welcome the ABC to Parramatta, where it will broadcast local news and radio from its new state-of-the-art hub in Parramatta Square; and
- (b) That Council note that the move to Parramatta will enhance the ABC's presence in the nation's fastest growing residential region, boosting its effectiveness in Greater Western Sydney.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.3 **One Minute of Silence Against Violence**
(Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber)

4688 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Bradley

- (a) That Council note the 'One Minute of Silence Against Violence' candlelight vigil on Thursday 23 May 2024 to be held in honour of victims and survivors of DFV, organised by Cumberland Women's Health Centre (CWHC) and Cumberland Parramatta DFV Interagency.

- (b) That Council acknowledge its multifaceted efforts to combat domestic and family violence in partnership with local services, including City of Parramatta's 2022-2025 Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan.
- (c) That Council acknowledge recent landmark legislative reform DFV funding increases of \$230 million in State government funding and more than \$900 million in Federal government funding.
- (d) That the Lord Mayor advocate for local DFV service providers serving the Parramatta LGA to receive their fair share of this funding by writing to:
 - a. The Hon. Jodie Harrison MP, State Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault,
 - b. Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher, Federal Minister for Women; and
 - c. The Hon. Amanda Rishworth MP, Minister for Social Services.
- (e) That Council observes one minute of silence to mourn those tragically killed by domestic and family violence.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.4 Warami Program
(Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber)

4689 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Bradley

- (a) That Council recognise City of Parramatta's Warami program from 26 May-13 July 2024, featuring First Nations focused events and activities held during National Sorry Day (26 May 2024), National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June 2024) and NAIDOC Week (7-14 July 2024).
- (b) That Council acknowledge the Stolen Generations on National Sorry Day (26 May 2024) from 10am-2pm at Old Government House, an opportunity to reflect on the stories of the Stolen Generations and acknowledge the complexities of Parramatta's historical interactions with First Nations people.
- (c) That Council celebrate Stories Under the Stars, a new family-friendly event from 3-7pm on 1 June 2024 by the Parramatta River, featuring an outdoor cinema showing a First Nations-

produced film, a glow-in-the-dark artwork installation, storytelling, markets, music and more.

- (d) That Council acknowledge Burrumatta NAIDOC Day, a major outdoor concert and celebration in Parramatta Park on 13 July 2024 from 10am-4pm.
- (e) That Council note City of Parramatta's First Nations Strategy was recently launched on 2 May 2024 at Parramatta Town Hall, a demonstration of Council's commitment to Dharug and other First Nations peoples and its ongoing partnerships to work to achieve meaningful and sustainable outcomes.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.5 Vale John Minns, Father of the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Chris Minns MP

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber)

4690 RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Bradley

- (a) That Council acknowledge the death of John Minns, former public school teacher of 45 years and father of the Premier of NSW the Hon. Chris Minns MP, on 1 May 2024.
- (b) That Council express its sincere condolences to John Minns' family and friends at this sad time by writing to his son, the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Chris Minns MP.
- (c) That Council observe one minute of silence in recognition of John Minns.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.6 **Vale Councillor Tony Bleasdale OAM, Mayor of Blacktown City Council**

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber)

4691 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Bradley

- (a) That Council acknowledge the death of Cr Tony Bleasdale OAM, Mayor of Blacktown City Council from 1996-2024 and lifelong advocate for Western Sydney, on 3 May 2024.
- (b) That Council express its sincere condolences to Mayor Bleasdale's family and friends at this sad time.
- (c) That Council note the Lord Mayor's correspondence dated 3 May 2024 conveying Council's deep condolences to Mayor Bleasdale's family.
- (d) That Council observe one minute of silence in recognition of Mayor Bleasdale OAM.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8.7 **Vale Beryl Engel, Former Parramatta City Councillor**

(Lord Mayor, Councillor Pierre Esber)

4692 **RESOLVED:** Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber and Councillor Bradley

- (a) That Council acknowledge the recent death of Beryl Engel, former Parramatta City Councillor from 1983-1995.
- (b) That Council express its sincere condolences to Beryl Engel's family and friends at this sad time.
- (c) That Council observe one minute of silence in recognition of Beryl Engel.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A minute's silence was observed by all those present, in recognition of Items 8.3, 8.5, 8.6 and 8.7.

PROCEDURAL MOTION DEALING WITH ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

RESOLVED: Councillor Garrard and Councillor Noack

That in accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council resolve to adopt the following items in accordance with the recommendations as printed, without debate:

Item 12.1: Dog Owners Education Campaign – 'Off Leash Dog Park'

Item 13.1: Adoption of Regulatory Enforcement Policy and Rescission of Superseded Regulatory Services Policies

Item 13.5: Preparation of an Integrated Transport Strategy for City of Parramatta

Item 15.1: Questions Taken on Notice at the 22 April 2024 Council Meeting

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

12.1 **Dog Owners Education Campaign - Off Leash Dog Parks** (Report of Service Manager Ranger and Parking Services)

4693 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Noack

That Council:

- (a) Note that the number of reported dog attacks in off leash dog parks has decreased from three in 2022, one in 2023 to nil in 2024.
- (b) Note the current process for reporting and responding to dog attacks in the LGA.
- (c) Note current (and future) work undertaken by Council staff to educate the community regarding dog attacks including the installation of signage.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13.1 **Adoption of Regulatory Enforcement Policy and Rescission of Superseded Regulatory Services Policies**

(Report of Policy Officer)

4694 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Noack

- (a) That Council adopt the Regulatory Enforcement Policy 2024 (Policy 306), as attached to this report.
- (b) That Council endorse the immediate rescission of the following Council Policies:
 - i. Policy 316 – Building Compliance Enforcement Policy; and
 - ii. Policy 323 – Restricted Premises Enforcement Policy.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13.5 **Preparation of an Integrated Transport Strategy for City of Parramatta**

(Report of Transport Planning Manager)

4695 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Noack

That Council approves the preparation of an Integrated Transport Strategy for the City of Parramatta, subject to the adoption of the proposed funding in Council's 2024/25 Operational Plan (budget).

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

15.1 **Questions Taken on Notice at the 22 April 2024 Council Meeting**

(Report of Council Secretariat & Policy Officer)

4696 **QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:**

Councillor Garrard asked a question in relation to Item 8.1 Condolence – Bondi Junction Westfield Tragedy.

- [Could Councillors please be provided with the balance of the Lord Mayor's Grants and Donations Budget?](#)

Chief of Staff Response:

The balance of this budget as at 1 May 2024 is \$8,000.

Councillor Garrard asked a question in relation to Item 8.4
Congratulations to Parramatta and District Historical Society for the
Hambledon Cottage Bicentenary Event.

- Can Council promote and advertise significant events in the primary community language newspapers?

**Executive Director City Engagement and Experience
Response:**

Council currently promotes certain events and campaigns, where appropriate, in languages other than English. Council staff can include the cost of advertising in our signature events (Parramatta Lanes, Lunar New Year, New Years Eve and Australia Day) for in-language advertising and promotion in newspapers and other channels for the 2024/25 program if required. However, research indicates that it is more cost effective, and better reach into the local community can be achieved, by promoting on local social media pages with direct connections to the Parramatta community. The most appropriate languages will be selected for each campaign but generally include Hindi, Simplified Chinese, Mandarin, Korean and Arabic.

Councillor Darley asked a question in relation to Item 13.1 DEFERRED
REPORT FROM OCM 8 APRIL 2024: Public Exhibition of Draft
Sportsground Allocation Policy 2024.

- There's been two rounds of funding both at a State and Federal level in regard to improving female teams having access to sports fields and amenities, I'm wondering if we have applied for them? One was a Level the Playing Field in NSW for \$31 million and the other is Play our Way which is a Federal program for \$200 million?

Executive Director City Assets and Operations Response:

NSW Office of Sport's Level the Playing Field Program:
applications submitted for Doyle Ground Sports Facility
Improvements Stage 2 (\$2m) and Belmore Park Sports Field and
Cricket Facility Upgrade Stage 1 (\$2m).

Federal Dept of Health and Aged Care – Play Our Way Program:
applications were submitted to Facilities Stream – Parks & Open
Space (Doyle Ground Sports Facility Improvements Stage 2
(\$1.5m) and Participation & Equipment Stream – Recreation and
Facilities Team (The Daughters and Dads Active and Empower
Program (\$123,000).

The outcomes of the grant applications are not yet known.

10. PETITIONS

Petition: 'Dundas Valley Needs a Leads-off Dog Park'

(Report of Council Secretariat & Policy Officer)

4697 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Noack

That Council:

- i. notes the petition requesting Council install a leads-off dog park in the suburb of Dundas Valley; and
- ii. refers the petition to the Executive Director, City Assets and Operations.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

11. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR NOTATION

12.1 **Dog Owners Education Campaign - Off Leash Dog Parks**

(Report of Service Manager Ranger and Parking Services)

This matter was considered earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - FOR COUNCIL DECISION

13.1 **Adoption of Regulatory Enforcement Policy and Rescission of Superseded Regulatory Services Policies**

(Report of Policy Officer)

This matter was considered earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

13.2 **Adoption of Councillor Workshops Policy 2024**
(Report of Policy Officer)

4698 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Wearne

- (a) That Council notes that no submissions were received following re-exhibition of the Councillor Workshops Policy.
- (b) That Council adopts the Councillor Workshops Policy, as attached to this report, with the wording within Clause 5.13 to be reflective of the Resolution of 8 August 2022:

Workshop/briefing session presentations be provided to Councillors a minimum of two (2) days prior to the Workshop/briefing session other than in exceptional circumstances that are approved by the LM.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13.4 **Public Exhibition: Draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor Study**
(Report of Senior Project Officer Transport Planning)

4699 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Valjak

- (a) That Council approve the draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor Study at Attachment 1 for public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
- (b) That the outcomes of public exhibition be reported to Parramatta Traffic Committee and Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Question Taken on Notice (Clr Bradley) relating to Item 13.4: Public Exhibition: Draft Kleins Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Corridor Study;

- The location of the bridge, is there a reason why the bridge could not be designed to be a little further upstream?

13.5 **Preparation of an Integrated Transport Strategy for City of Parramatta**

(Report of Transport Planning Manager)

This matter was considered earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

13.6 **Compulsory Acquisition (by Agreement) of Part of Toongabbie East Public School for a Cycleway**

(Report of Asset Planning Manager)

4700 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Garrard and Councillor Noack

- (a) That Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the land described as Lot 121 in DP1305387 for the purpose of road widening in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
- (b) That Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire Lot 121 in DP1305387 by compulsory process under 177(2)(b) of the Roads Act 1993.
- (c) That Council request the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Finance, Services and Property to approve a reduction in the notification period from 90 days to 7 days.
- (d) That following gazettal of the compulsory acquisition, Lot 121 in DP1305387 be dedicated as public road.
- (e) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents in connection with the acquisition and completion of the project.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 **Procurement of Australian Goods** (Councillor Ange Humphries)

4701 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Noack and Councillor MacLean

That, noting the absence of Councillor Humphries, this item be deferred to the next meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

14.2 **Proposed Epping Town Centre Master Plan** (Councillor Cameron MacLean)

4702 **MOTION:** Councillor MacLean and Councillor Darley

- (a) That Council note the draft DPOP 2024/25 identifies a project to review the Epping Town Centre laneways.
- (b) That Council note the Epping Town Centre has undergone significant change since the introduction of new planning controls by the NSW Government in 2014.
- (c) That the CEO develop a high-level scope for the preparation of a master plan for the Epping Town Centre that considers the following:
 - a. laneways, access, and circulation within the precinct, including between Beecroft Road and Rawson Street and consideration of broader connections to public open space and amenity.
 - b. opportunities to address common issues, such as traffic and accessibility and the interplay with built form and public domain interfaces.
 - c. the potential future role of Council's Rawson Street car park site in achieving Council's objectives and requirements for Epping, such as the provision of affordable housing, commercial uses, community facilities and/or public car parking, and how this sits within the broader town centre context.
- (d) That the high-level scope, including cost and timeframe, be provided to Council for its consideration by the end of August 2024.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Wearne and Councillor Garrard

- (a) That Council note the draft DPOP 2024/25 identifies a project to review the Epping Town Centre laneways.
- (b) That Council review the planning controls related to the Epping Town Centre in light of the new planning controls by the NSW Government in 2014.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Garrard, Siviero, Valjak, Wang and Wearne.

Against the Amendment: Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Proxiv, Councillors Bradley, Darley, MacLean, Noack and Pandey

On being PUT to the Meeting, Voting on this Amendment was five (5) votes FOR and seven (7) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

RESOLVED: Councillor MacLean and Councillor Darley

- (a) That Council note the draft DPOP 2024/25 identifies a project to review the Epping Town Centre laneways.
- (b) That Council note the Epping Town Centre has undergone significant change since the introduction of new planning controls by the NSW Government in 2014.
- (c) That the CEO develop a high-level scope for the preparation of a master plan for the Epping Town Centre that considers the following:
 - a. laneways, access, and circulation within the precinct, including between Beecroft Road and Rawson Street and consideration of broader connections to public open space and amenity.
 - b. opportunities to address common issues, such as traffic and accessibility and the interplay with built form and public domain interfaces.
 - c. the potential future role of Council's Rawson Street car park site in achieving Council's objectives and requirements for Epping, such as the provision of affordable housing, commercial uses, community facilities and/or public car parking, and how this sits within the broader town centre context.
 - d. That Officers investigate the potential for the Masterplan to inform a review of the existing planning controls with a view

to the scope including costs and programming of the planning controls.

- (d) That the high-level scope, including cost and timeframe, be provided to Council for its consideration by the end of August 2024.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Prociv, Councillors Bradley, Darley, MacLean, Noack and Pandey

Against the Motion: Councillors Garrard, Siviero, Valjak, Wang and Wearne.

On being PUT to the meeting Voting on the Motion was seven (7) votes FOR and five (5) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

14.3 **Future Strategic Direction for 38-40 Marion Street, Parramatta**
(Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Patricia Prociv)

4703 **RESOLVED:** Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Prociv and Councillor Noack

(a) That Council note:

- i. 38-40 Marion Street, Parramatta is currently owned by the City of Parramatta Council.
- ii. It is currently an at-grade commuter car park with approximately 120 spaces, generating a gross income of approximately \$76,000 per annum.
- iii. The site is 5,425 square metres, zoned MU1 Mixed Use. This permits high rise residential development that could potentially be managed by a Community Housing Provider to provide affordable housing units, consistent with Council's Affordable Housing Action Plan. The site is suitable for affordable housing (including for key workers) given it is 160m walk to Harris Park railway station and 900m walk to Parramatta Interchange.
- iv. If developed, the site could address community infrastructure needs for Catchment 4, as identified in Council's adopted Community Infrastructure Strategy 2020, as it is an ideal site for a neighbourhood community and

cultural hub that would serve the southern end of the Parramatta CBD.

- v. The site's proximity to Harris Park railway station (160m walk) and CBD (900m walk to the transport interchange) also makes it potentially suitable for a multi-level public car park.

- (b) That the preparation of Council's Property Strategy and the future strategic direction proposed for this site at 38-40 Marion Street, Harris Park be informed by, but not limited to the elements noted above and consideration be given to the provision of affordable housing, community and cultural uses, and public car parking on the site.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber vacated the Chair at 10.25pm and the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Prociv assumed the role of Chair.

Note: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Esber resumed the role of Chair at 10.33pm.

14.4 **Investigation - Provision of a Multi-purpose Indoor Sport and Recreation Centre in the Parramatta LGA**

(Councillor Sameer Pandey)

4704 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Pandey and Councillor Noack

- (a) That the CEO investigate the possibility of building a large, multi-purpose indoor sport and recreation centre within the LGA that could cater for a multitude of indoor sports and recreational activities, with the potential to include community meeting / conference spaces.
- (b) That the CEO prepare a report to Council detailing the demand for such a facility, the existing provisions for indoor sporting centres in Council's contributions plans and community strategies, and possible funding sources, operating costs and construction costs for the facility.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

14.5 **NSW Environment Protection Legislation Amendment (Stronger Regulation and Penalties) Bill 2024**

(Councillor Phil Bradley)

4705 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Bradley and Councillor MacLean

- (a) That Council note the NSW Environment Protection Legislation Amendment (Stronger Regulation and Penalties) Bill 2024 has passed in the NSW Parliament on 21 March 2024.
- (b) That Council note the new environmental reforms involve: doubling maximum penalties; raising on-the-spot fines; environmental recall powers; public transparency provisions; strengthened investigations; and environmental protection licence application bans.
- (c) That the CEO prepare a report for a July 2024 Council meeting on how Council can best utilise the new provisions with community environmental education and improved enforcement to assist in reducing littering and dumping, and promoting raised public awareness of the increased penalties for offences in a manner which discourages poor environmental practice and rewards good environmental practice.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

15. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

15.1 **Questions taken on Notice at the 22 April 2024 Council Meeting**

(Council Secretariat and Policy Officer)

This matter was considered earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

Note: Councillor Garrard left the meeting at 10.45pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION DEALING WITH ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

RESOLVED: Councillor Noack and Councillor MacLean

That in accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council resolve to adopt the following items in accordance with the recommendations as printed, without debate:

- Item 16.1: Tender ITT 25/2023 - Supply, Installation and Maintenance of New Tech/Software for On-Street Parking
- Item 16.2: LATE REPORT: Status Update on MyWorkplace Project (9 Wentworth Street, Parramatta)

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

16.1 **Tender ITT 25/2023 - Supply, Installation and Maintenance of New Tech/Software for On-Street Parking**
(Report of Project Officer)

4706 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Noack and Councillor MacLean

- (a) That Council reject tender submissions for ITT 25/2023 as they exceed the project budget and do not meet the total cost of the project budget estimate of \$2,997,750 (GST excluded) and did not demonstrate a fit for purpose solution in response to the tender;
- (b) That Council does not invite fresh tenders for the tender referred to in (a) above because it is considered that re-tendering will not attract additional suitably qualified service providers over and above those who have submitted to this tender;
- (c) That Council enter into direct negotiations with tenderers who submitted a conforming bid, with a view to potentially entering into multiple contracts based on the tenderers' areas of expertise across the five requirements for this tender set out below:
 1. On-street Ticket Machine Upgrade to Pay by Plate
 2. Enforcement Platform Upgrade (By Plate)
 3. ePermit System for Customer Service (By Plate)
 4. Fixed CCTV Monitoring/ Roaming Mobile Licence Plate Recognition (MLPR) Vehicle and/or Inground Sensors (PODS)
 5. Pay by Phone Upgrade and Connected Vehicle Roadmap (Optional)
- (d) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to conduct negotiations referred to in (c) above and enter into

relevant contracts where the proposed prices comply with the project budget and suitability to perform the work is demonstrated; and

- (e) That Council be informed of the outcomes of the negotiations and the execution of any contracts resulting from a successful negotiation process referred to in (c) and (d) above.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

16.2 **LATE REPORT: Status Update on MyWorkplace Project (9 Wentworth Street, Parramatta)**
(Report Of Chief Financial Officer)

4707 **RESOLVED:** Councillor Noack and Councillor MacLean

That the report be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Garrard returned to the meeting at 10.46pm.

17. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting concluded at 10.46pm.

This page and the preceding 23 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 13 May 2024 and confirmed on Monday, 27 May 2024.



Chairperson