

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held remotely and livestreamed on Council's website on 28 July 2020

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Lucille McKenna OAM	Councillor
Colin Hesse	Councillor
Tom Kiat	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Julie Passas	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Louise Steer	Councillor
Anna York	Councillor
Michael Deegan	Chief Executive Officer
Elizabeth Richardson	Chief Operating Officer, Director Development and Recreation
Cathy Edwards-Davis	Director Infrastructure
Melodie Whiting	Director Corporate
Daryl Jackson	Chief Financial Officer
Ian Naylor	Manager Governance
Katherine Paixao	Governance Coordinator

APOLOGIES:

Motion: (Byrne/Lockie)

THAT apologies from Councillors Iskandar, Porteous and Raciti be accepted and leave of absence granted for Councillor Porteous for the month of August 2020 due to personal reasons.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Stamolis and York

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS: Nil

Councillor Steer entered the meeting at 6:33pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Drury/Stamolis)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 23 June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

PUBLIC FORUM

The registered speakers were asked to address the meeting. The list of speakers is available on the last page of these minutes.

C0720(1) Item 1 Mayoral Minute: Callan Park and the Greater Sydney Parklands Agency

Motion: (Byrne)

THAT Council:

- 1. Notes the announcement by the NSW Planning and Public Spaces Minister Rob Stokes of a new Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) government agency that brings together the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, Parramatta Park Trust, and Western Sydney Parklands Trusts, as well as the parklands of Callan Park and Fernhill Estate;**
- 2. Welcomes the NSW Government’s \$10 million investment in repairing Callan Park;**
- 3. Write to Minister Stokes and Michael Rose, Chair of the GSP, restating Council’s longstanding proposal for the establishment of a Callan Park Trust and seeking, at a minimum for the creation of a Callan Park Board to include representatives of Council, local community organisations and local residents to ensure a local role in the governance of Callan Park; and**
- 4. Letterbox residents in Rozelle, Lilyfield, Balmain, Annandale and Leichhardt informing them of the Government’s funding commitment and surveying their priorities for the \$10million in expenditure and the new governance arrangements in Callan Park. Convene a zoom meeting for all interested residents in the Inner West to survey their views. This it to be funded from the funds quarantined from saving following the loss of local newspaper advertising.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

C0720(1) Item 21 Mayoral Minute: Anthony Hassett

Motion: (Byrne)

THAT Council Commends Council bus driver Anthony Hassett, Community Facilities Services Officer - Community Bus, for his service to Council and wish him all the best on his retirement.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

C0720(1) Item 2 Adoption of the combined Delivery Program 18-22, Operational Plan 2020/21 and Budget 2020/21. Fees and Charges 2020/21 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2020-30.

Motion: (Drury/Byrne)

THAT Council:

- 1. Adopts the combined IWC *Delivery Program 2018-22, Operational Plan 2020/21 and Budget 2020/21, the IWC Fees and Charges 2020/21, and IWC Long Term Financial Plan 2020-30;***
- 2. Make and levy the Rates and Charges for 2020/21 from August 2020, as contained in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan;**
- 3. Continue to develop a consistent Inner West Council rating structure by July 2021, as required by the NSW Government;**
- 4. Adopt the rates of interest as the interest rate to apply on outstanding rates, in accordance with section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993:-**
 - 1 July to 31 December 2020 - 0.0%; and**
 - 1 January to 30 June 2021 - 7.0%.**
- 5. Quarantine the savings from the cancelled Dulwich Hill, Summer Hill and Marrickville Festivals, totalling \$138,000, notionally to be used for economic development;**
- 6. Write to Transport for NSW seeking a matching contribution towards this economic development fund in order to support local economies affected by Transport for NSW construction projects. This would include suburbs across the Inner West LGA including Haberfield, Tempe, St Peters, Marrickville, Newtown, Leichhardt and the Balmain peninsula;**
- 7. Pending the agreement of Transport for NSW, consult with the Chambers of Commerce and the Economic Recovery Taskforce on how the combined funds can be used immediately to support local businesses;**
- 8. Write to the relevant state MPs, including the Members for Balmain, Heffron, Newtown, Strathfield and Summer Hill asking for their support, inviting their participation in any subsequent meetings and request they lobby the government to back this proposal; and**
- 9. Notes the supplementary report (Item 20) providing particular advice requested in relation to the budget, and that with respect 'Initiatives' identified by staff to correspond with 'Strategies' 1.1.4 and 2.4.1, that these be included in the adopted budget.**

Motion Carried

For Motion:

Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna
OAM, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion:

Cr Passas

C0720(1) Item 3 Planning Proposal - 13-55 Edinburgh Road, Marrickville

Motion: (Macri/Da Cruz)

THAT Council:

1. Endorse and forward the planning proposal prepared by Council Officers for 13-55 Edinburgh Road Marrickville (Attachment 1) to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for a Gateway Determination in accordance with Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979;
2. Request delegation of the plan-making functions for this planning proposal; and
3. Following receipt of a favourable Gateway determination, place the planning proposal on public exhibition and receive a post exhibition report for its consideration.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna
OAM, Passas, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

**C0720(1) Item 4 Public Exhibition of Planning Proposal – 466-480 New
Canterbury Road and 26-38 Hercules Street, Dulwich Hill**

Motion: (Drury/Passas)

THAT Council note the outcomes of community consultation and recommends to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces that the planning proposal should not proceed for reasons outlined in Attachment 1.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna
OAM, Passas, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

**C0720(1) Item 5 Post Exhibition Report - Draft Section 7.12 Development
Contributions Plan for the Former Leichhardt Council Area**

Motion: (Passas/Da Cruz)

THAT Council adopt the amended draft *Former Leichhardt Local Government Area Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2020* shown as Attachment 1 and publish the document on Council’s website.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna
OAM, Passas, Steer and York

Against Motion: Cr Stamolis

C0720(1) Item 6 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - July 2020**Motion: (Macri/McKenna OAM)****THAT the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meetings held in July 2020 be received and the recommendations be adopted.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Stamolis, Steer and York**Against Motion:** Nil**C0720(1) Item 7 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2020****Motion: (Drury/Lockie)****THAT the Mayor and Councillor Fees for 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 be set at the maximum level for a Metropolitan Large Council.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Stamolis, Steer and York**Against Motion:** Nil**C0720(1) Item 8 Council Membership to Resilient Sydney****Motion: (Passas/Macri)****THAT Council not join Resilient Sydney.****Motion Lost****For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Macri and Passas**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Stamolis, Steer and York**Foreshadowed Motion (Hesse/Lockie)****THAT Council take up a membership of Resilient Sydney, being \$20,000 a year for the next 4 financial years.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Drury, Hesse, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Stamolis, Steer and York**Against Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Kiat, Macri and Passas**Amendment (Kiat/Da Cruz)****THAT Council defer this item for further information.****Motion Lost****For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Kiat and Stamolis**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, Drury, Hesse, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Steer and York

C0720(1) Item 20 Supplementary Report - Adoption of the combined Delivery Program 18-22, Operational Plan 2020/21 and Budget 2020/21. Fees and Charges 2020/21 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2020-30.

Council noted this report in point 9 of Item 2 Adoption of the combined Delivery Program 18-22, Operational Plan 2020/21 and Budget 2020/21. Fees and Charges 2020/21 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2020- 30.

Motion: (Byrne/Kiat)

THAT Council defer this item to the next Ordinary Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

C0720(1) Item 9 Rebate on Domestic Waste Charges for Jobseeker and Jobkeeper Recipients

Motion: (Passas/Drury)

THAT Council receive and note report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

C0720(1) Item 10 Ashfield Aquatic Centre - Project Update

Motion: (Drury/Steer)

THAT Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

C0720(1) Item 11 Investment Report as at 30 June 2020

Motion: (Lockie/Stamolis)

THAT the report be received and noted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

C0720(1) Item 12 Notice of Motion: Investments Policies**Motion: (Da Cruz/Kiat)**

THAT a report be brought back to Council clearly stating the policies being applied to each of the “Socially Responsible Investments” Instruments in our Portfolio in which we invested \$137.6 million and that the information be published on our website alongside the monthly investment reports.

Motion Tied**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, Drury, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas and York

The Chairperson used his Casting Vote against the **MOTION** and the **MOTION** was lost.

C0720(1) Item 13 Notice of Motion: Keep the Rate**Motion: (Kiat/Byrne)****THAT Council:**

- 1. Notes the supplemented rate of JobSeeker and Youth Allowance has pulled 1.85 million people out of poverty, and that no permanent raise, in real terms, occurred since 1994. The pre-COVID-19 rate of \$40 a day caused immense hardship for unemployed people and students, with recipients struggling to keep a roof over their head, pay bills, put food on the table, and cover the cost of medicines and other essential expenses;**
- 2. Notes the Australian Bureau of Statistics data from May 2020 show roughly 11,000 in the LGA are either on JobSeeker or Youth Allowance rising from 4671 in December 2019, that to national unemployment rose to 7.1% and the underutilisation rate rise to 20.2%;**
- 3. Notes that the Disability Support Pension and Carers Payment were not supplemented despite COVID-19 having significant financial strain on recipients;**
- 4. Notes that the government have begun reintroduced mutual obligations despite the job vacancy rate dropping 43.2% since February 2020, and acknowledges reports that note the stress that these obligations place on Inner West residents and businesses;**
- 5. Notes a reduction in Newstart and YA rates on the 24th of September will plunge thousands into poverty, and that the 24th of September is being referred to as ‘Poverty Day’;**
- 6. Notes that on the 23rd of July the Federal Government has the opportunity to confirm a permanent raise to welfare payments in line with the supplemented JobSeeker and Youth Allowance rates And keep 1.8m unwaged, underemployed, insecure workers and students above the poverty line;**
- 7. To call upon the Federal Government to commit to retaining the supplemented rates to JobSeeker and Youth Allowance, permanently increase the Disability Support Pension and Carers Payment;**

8. To campaign with AUWU, Addison Rd Community Centre, and Inner West Raise the Rate activists to Keep the Rate. Council will write to the AUWU, Addison Rd Community Centre, ACTU, ACOS and Unions NSW to further explore mutual aid and campaign options; and
9. Write to the Prime Minister, Federal Opposition Leader, relevant ministers, and shadow ministers to share this motion.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Crs Macri and Passas

C0720(1) Item 14 Notice of Motion: Covid-19 Racism

Motion: (Drury/Kiat)

THAT Council:

1. Expresses its opposition to all forms of racism and the growing anti-Asian racism that has occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic and stands in solidarity with the Asian Australian community;
2. Endorses the work done by the Asian Australian Alliance to collect information on incidents of anti-Asian racism and encourages Inner West residents to fill out the COVID-19 Coronavirus Racism Incident Report Survey; and
3. Endorses the Chinese Australian Forum's #UnityOverFear campaign and agrees to add its logo to a Letter of Support.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Cr Passas

Councillor Passas left the Meeting at 9:16 pm.

C0720(1) Item 15 Notice of Motion: Greater Sydney Parklands Agency: Callan Park

Motion: (Stamolis/Byrne)

THAT:

1. Council make a submission to the DPIE consultation *50 Year Vision for Sydney's Open Space and Parklands*; with a specific focus on Callan Park, in particular:
 - its history and heritage significance
 - the exceptional beauty of its landscape
 - the need for funding
 - summarise the uses of Callan Park which makes this place so important for our community
 - recognition that the Callan Park Act will remain in place to protect this site from privatisation or commercialisation.
2. The submission should refer to the proposed Greater Sydney Parklands agency and how this agency will need to carefully manage the unique and diverse areas under its governance; and

3. The submission be provided to Councillors for comment.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Passas

Councillor Passas returned to the Meeting at 9:17 pm.

C0720(1) Item 16 Notice of Motion: Food Recycling

Motion: (McKenna OAM/York)

THAT Council:

1. Notes that the roll out of weekly Food Organics Only (FOO) collection service to multi-unit apartments in the former Marrickville LGA will now begin in September rather than July as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. Develops a comprehensive communications plan to inform residents in the former Marrickville LGA of the roll out and availability of the new FOO service; and
3. Writes to the NSW Environment Minister noting his refusal since September 2019 to meet with interested Councils to discuss the establishment of a metropolitan-wide food recycling scheme and requesting an urgent meeting with Councils now to progress planning for the expansion of food recycling in Sydney.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

Meeting closed at 9.23pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 4:	Mark Skelsey	Dulwich Hill
	Jud Agius	Dulwich Hill