

**Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting remotely and livestreamed on Council's website  
on 22 September 2020**

**Meeting commenced at 6.30pm**

**Present:**

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| Darcy Byrne          | Mayor  |
| Victor Macri         | Deputy Mayor   |
| Marghanita Da Cruz   | Councillor   |
| Mark Drury           | Councillor   |
| Lucille McKenna OAM  | Councillor   |
| Colin Hesse          | Councillor   |
| Sam Iskandar         | Councillor   |
| Tom Kiat             | Councillor   |
| Pauline Lockie       | Councillor   |
| Julie Passas         | Councillor   |
| Rochelle Porteous    | Councillor   |
| Vittoria Raciti      | Councillor   |
| John Stamolis        | Councillor   |
| Louise Steer         | Councillor (6.34pm)  |
| Anna York            | Councillor   |
| Michael Deegan       | Chief Executive Officer                                      |
| Elizabeth Richardson | Chief Operating Officer, Director Development and Recreation |
| Michael Daly         | Acting Director City Living                                  |
| Stuart Hull          | Senior Manager Capital Works                                 |
| Ian Naylor           | Manager Governance   |
| Katherine Paixao     | Governance Coordinator                                       |

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

**Motion: (Byrne/Drury)**

**THAT Council Suspend Standing Orders to deal with Item 1 Election of Deputy Mayor at this time.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor Steer entered the meeting at 6.34pm.

**C0920(2) Item 1 Election of Deputy Mayor****Motion: (Byrne/Drury)**

**THAT Council conduct the election of Deputy Mayor by open voting.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the election of Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act and Regulations.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he has received two (2) nominations for the Position of Deputy Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he has received nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for Councillor Macri and Councillor Kiat

The Chief Executive Officer asked all Councillors who support Councillor Macri being the first nomination received, for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Macri received 9 votes from Councillors Byrne, Drury, Iskandar, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis and York.

The Chief Executive Officer asked all Councillors who support Councillor Kiat being the second nomination received, for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Kiat received 5 votes from Councillors Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie and Steer.

**The Chief Executive Officer declared that Councillor Macri to be elected Deputy Mayor.**

**Resumption of Standing Orders****Motion: (Byrne/Drury)**

THAT Standing Orders be resumed.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:**

Councillor Passas declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 Part Elizabeth Street, Road Closure & Sale as her relative owns property in College Street Croydon.

Councillor Steer declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 Part Elizabeth Street, Road Closure & Sale as her daughter attended PLC 10 years ago.

**Motion: (Byrne/Lockie)**

**THAT Council note the disclosures of interest.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Motion: (York/Macri)**

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 8 September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record subject to:

- Correcting the minutes as Councillor Passas wasn't in attendance.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, 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.

Councillor Iskandar retired from the meeting at 7.35pm.

**C0920(2) Item 2      Marrickville Parklands and Golf Course Plan of Management**

**Motion: (Drury/Macri)**

**THAT:**

- 1. Council maintain an 18 hole golf course and revise the Draft Plan of Management accordingly prior to referring its Crown land components (generally the area described as Riverside Park) to the Minister for Water, Housing and Property for owners consent;**
- 2. The revised Plan of Management highlight the environment, safety and community benefits that can be achieved while maintaining an 18 hole golf course;**
- 3. Council commit to working with the Marrickville Golf, Sporting and Community Club on grant opportunities which will assist the club with environmentally sustainable water supply for greens and fairway watering;**
- 4. Council note that on receipt of owner's consent by the Minister the Draft Plan will be exhibited for 28 days and brought back to Council for adoption;**

5. Council investigate the potential benefits of a bridge to Gough Whitlam Park;
6. Council give in principle support for a 21 year lease; and
7. Council to conduct a safety audit as part of the Plan of Management of the public walking paths through the golf course to determine if safety treatments are needed.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Drury, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis and York

**Against Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie and Steer

**Absent:** Cr Iskandar

**Foreshadowed Motion (Hesse/Da Cruz)**

**THAT Council:**

1. Endorse the Draft Plan of Management for the Marrickville Parklands and Golf Course and refer its Crown land components (generally the area described as Riverside Park) to the to the Minister for Water, Housing and Property for owner's consent;
2. Note that on receipt of owner's consent by the Minister the Draft Plan will be exhibited for 28 days and brought back to Council for adoption;
3. Conduct a safety audit as part of the Plan of Management of the public walking paths through the golf course to determine if safety treatments are needed;
4. Investigate the potential benefits of a bridge to Gough Whitlam park;
5. Endorse the Draft Plan of Management for the Marrickville Parklands and Golf Course and its Crown land components (generally the area described as Riverside Park), with the following amendment:
  - a) Update the Plan of Management and Master Plan to incorporate the option to design a 9 hole golf course as a reversible golf course which offers variety and the option for participants to play a full 18 hole course.
6. Refer the Draft Plan with this amendment to the to the Minister for Water, Housing and Property for owner's consent.

This Foreshadowed Motion lapsed.

Councillor Passas left the Meeting at 8:43 pm.

**C0920(2) Item 3      Pride Centre Expression of Interest**

**Motion: (York/Byrne)**

**THAT Council:**

1. Undertakes an Expression of Interest from LGBTIQ or LGBTIQ friendly organisations to manage a Pride Centre to operate out of Newtown Town Hall;
2. Convene a representative panel consisting of suitable individuals from the community to provide input and feedback into the Expression of Interest criteria and Pride Centre model to ensure it meets the community’s needs to provide input and feedback into the EOI criteria, the Pride Centre model and its future directions including on the further development of its:
  - governance structure, mission and values statements, constitution and strategic plan, space use policy that balances the needs of the LGBTIQ+, Newtown and Inner West communities, community engagement strategies and other strategic and operational policies as required ... reporting to Council as needed;
3. Recognises the long-term presence and custodianship of Newtown Neighbourhood Centre (NNC) at the Newtown Town Hall since 1981 and the significant contribution the NNC has made to the Inner West community through its work at 1 Bedford St; and further recognises NNC’s preference to work with Council to maintain some form of presence at Bedford St; for example through its annual “Newtopian Sleepout” event;
4. Re-states its commitment to continuing close consultation with the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre on the planned relocation to the Tom Foster Community Centre to ensure the relocation best serves the changing needs of NCC and the community at large, and commits to working collaboratively with the NNC in the project planning and design for the re-fit of the Tom Foster Centre on the basis of agreed project timeframes;
5. Includes two members of the Inner West Council LGBTIQ Working Group in the representative panel;
6. Refers to examples of similar advisory panels in Pride and community centres internationally in the development of the membership criteria and Terms of Reference for the Inner West Pride Centre representative panel, including the 519 Centre in Toronto as a co-hosted Council and community centre;
7. Seeks guidance on the criteria for selection of representative panel members from the Diversity Council of Australia (DCA); and
8. Require that EOI respondents address in their submissions the expectation that community access to spaces in line with current practice will continue.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**              Cr Macri

**Absent:**                              Crs Iskandar and Passas

**Amendment (Steer/Hesse)**

**THAT the upstairs area of Newtown Town Hall, including the hall and meeting room, be retained for full public access, and operated by a new tenant in accordance with the past practice of the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre.**

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Macri, Stamolis and Steer

**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, Drury, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti and York

**Absent:** Crs Iskandar and Passas

**C0920(2) Item 4 NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program - Council Submission**

**Motion: (Drury/McKenna OAM)**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Participates in the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program;**
- 2. Endorses the actions required in order to meet the program eligibility criteria; and**
- 3. Submit list of proposed projects.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Iskandar and Passas

Councillor Passas returned to the Meeting at 8:56 pm.

**C0920(2) Item 5 Part Elizabeth Street, Road Closure & Sale**

**Motion: (McKenna OAM/Da Cruz)**

**THAT Council does not support the partial road closure of Elizabeth St Croydon, and does not support the Subsequent sale to PLC.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Iskandar

**C0920(2) Item 6 Inner West Public Toilet Strategy**

**Motion: (Macri/Passas)**

**THAT Council adopt the Inner West Public Toilet Strategy shown as Attachment 1.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Iskandar

**C0920(2) Item 7 Neighbourhood Centre Policy**

**Motion: (Kiat/Steer)**

**THAT:**

1. Council endorse the updated Land and Property Strategy and Policy which includes the new category of ‘Neighbourhood Centres’;
2. Council notes the intent for Newtown Neighbourhood Centre to relocate to the Council owned building currently known as “Tom Foster Community Centre” under a new lease and service level agreement;
3. Council does not enter into a new lease with Summer Hill Community Centre Inc;
4. Council undertakes community consultation in relation to the Neighbourhood Centre at Summer Hill;
5. Following community consultation, Council proceed to an Expressions of Interest (EOI) for a suitably qualified and experienced community-based tenant to operate the Neighbourhood Centre; and
6. Outcome of the EOI process to be reported back to Council for decision.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Crs Macri, Passas, Raciti and Stamolis

**Absent:** Cr Iskandar

**Amendment (Macri/Byrne)**

**THAT:**

1. Council invite representatives of the Summer Hill Community Centre to make representations to staff and Councillors with the organisation’s response to submissions during the 2 month period; and
2. Following resolution above, if no agreeance on terms can be reached, Council determines to put in place caretaker arrangements and conduct an Expression of Interest (EOI).

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Macri, Passas, Raciti and Stamolis

**Against Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Steer and York

**Absent:** Cr Iskandar

**Foreshadowed Motion (Passas/Raciti)**

**THAT this matter be deferred and a meeting be convened with the Mayor, interested Councillors and the Summer Hill Community Centre Inc.**

This Foreshadowed Motion lapsed.

**C0920(2) Item 8      Local Traffic Committee Meeting - September 2020****Motion: (Macri/Stamolis)**

**THAT the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meetings held in September 2020 be received and the recommendations be adopted.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**            Cr Passas

**Absent:**                        Cr Iskandar

Councillor Passas retired from the Meeting at 9:35 pm.

**C0920(2) Item 9      Councillor Representation on Committees****Motion: (Byrne/Hesse)**

**THAT Council adopt the existing representatives on Council and External Committees until August 2021 subject to the following changes:**

- **Councillor Hesse to replace Councillor Porteous on the General Manager's Performance Assessment panel.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**            Nil

**Absent:**                        Crs Iskandar and Passas

**C0920(2) Item 10      Inner West Go-solar EOI****Motion: (Byrne/York)**

**THAT Council receives and notes the Go Solar EOI update.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:**            Nil

**Absent:**                        Crs Iskandar and Passas



**C0920(2) Item 11 Investment Strategy & Portfolio Review 2019/20**

**Motion: (Stamolis/Kiat)**

**THAT the report be received and noted.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Iskandar and Passas

**C0920(2) Item 12 Notice of Motion: Buruwan Park proposed naming**

**Motion: (Stamolis/Byrne)**

**THAT Council to notify the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, as well as Westconnex management that it will conduct a consultation process for the naming of the new park in the rail yards and that the word ‘Buruwan’ will be considered as part of this process.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Iskandar and Passas

Councillor Raciti left the Meeting at 9:53 pm.

Councillor Macri left the Meeting at 9:53 pm.

**C0920(2) Item 13 Notice of Motion: Uranium mining ban in NSW must stay**

**Motion: (Da Cruz/Steer)**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Affirms its opposition to any move to lift the 33-year-old ban on uranium mining in NSW;**
- 2. Writes to the NSW Premier and all MPs urging them to support renewable clean energy and jobs solutions;**
- 3. Informs residents of its resolution via a media release and information in the next newsletter; and**
- 4. Puts forward the following motion to the LGNSW Conference:**
  - a) NSW Councils oppose any move to lift the ban on uranium mining in NSW; and**
  - b) That LGNSW Councils writes to the NSW Premier and all MPs urging them to support sustainable and clean energy and jobs solutions.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Iskandar and Passas

**Amendment (Byrne/Stamolis)**

**THAT the following wording be removed from the primary motion ‘That Council notes the ‘nuclear free zone’ signs throughout the LGA; and receives a report on providing additional ‘nuclear free zone’ signs incorporating the Inner West Logo.’**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Drury, Macri, McKenna OAM, Stamolis and York

**Against Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie and Steer

**Absent:** Crs Iskandar and Passas

As the Amendment was carried, this wording was removed from the primary motion.

**C0920(2) Item 16 Investment Report as at 31 August 2020.****Motion: (Byrne/Hesse)**

**THAT this matter be deferred to the next Ordinary Council meeting.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Iskandar and Passas

**ADJOURNMENT**

9.55pm - The Mayor, Clr Byrne adjourned the meeting for a short recess.

9.57pm– The Mayor, Clr Byrne resumed the meeting.

Councillor Raciti returned to the Meeting at 9:57 pm.

Councillor Macri returned to the Meeting at 9:57 pm.

**Confidential Session**

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne, asked the Chief Executive Officer if any representations had been received from the public on any of the items Council will be discussing in Closed Session as per the Agenda.

The Chief Executive Officer replied that no representations had been received to talk to the items in Closed Session.

**Motion: (Byrne/McKenna OAM)**

THAT Council enter into Confidential session.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Iskandar and Passas

That in accordance with Section 10A(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the following matter be considered in Closed Session of Council for the reasons provided:

**C0920(2) Item 15 Henson Park Upgrade Tender Report** (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**Motion: (Byrne/Macri)**

THAT Council move back into the Open Session of the Council Meeting.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Iskandar and Passas

**REPORTS WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**C0920(2) Item 15 Henson Park Upgrade Tender Report**

**Motion: (Stamolis)**

**THAT Council to see if the AFL (State) Grand Final could take place at Henson Oval on the weekend of Saturday, 10th October and to advise the AFL of this outcome.**

The Mayor ruled this Out of Order as the motion does not relate to the subject of the report.

**Motion: (Drury/Hesse)**

**THAT Council:**

1. **Accept the tender submitted by Landscape Solutions Australia Pty Ltd, 16 Distribution Place, Seven Hills NSW 2147, for the Henson Park Upgrade for the lump sum price of \$2,366,816.44 including GST; and**
2. **Allocate a 15% contingency for the Henson Park Upgrade project for a total approved value of \$2,721,838.90.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Iskandar and Passas

Meeting closed at 10.00pm.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

| Item #          | Speaker          | Suburb                                |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Item 2:</b>  | Andrew Tighe     | Marrickville (President of Golf Club) |
|                 | Edward Ryan      | Marrickville                          |
|                 | Justine Langford | Marrickville                          |
|                 | Bridget Cleaver  | Dulwich Hill                          |
|                 | Peter Munro      | Canterbury (Mudcrabs)                 |
| <b>Item 3:</b>  | Carly Stanley    | St Peters                             |
|                 | William Trewlynn | Redfern                               |
|                 | Scott Brunelle   | Alexandria                            |
| <b>Item 5:</b>  | Stephen Earp     | Thornleigh (DFP Planning)             |
|                 | Paul Burgis      | Croydon (PLC Principal)               |
| <b>Item 7:</b>  | Gail Philpott    | Dulwich Hill                          |
|                 | David Rollinson  | Summer Hill                           |
|                 | Colin Jones      | Summer Hill                           |
| <b>Item 13:</b> | Nick Deane       | Marrickville                          |
|                 | Pip Hinman       | Newtown                               |

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2020 were confirmed as a correct record on this 13th day of October, 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON