

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8 June 2021 and livestreamed on Council's website.

Meeting commenced at 6.32pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Victor Macri	Deputy Mayor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Lucille McKenna OAM	Councillor
Colin Hesse	Councillor
Sam Iskandar	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Julie Passas	Councillor
Rochelle Porteous	Councillor (Attended remotely)
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Louise Steer	Councillor
Anna York	Councillor (6:12pm)
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simon Duck	Acting Director Development and Recreation
Ian McCann	Acting Director Infrastructure
Caroline McLeod	Acting Director City Living
Peter Livanes	Acting Director Corporate
Katherine Paixao	Acting Manager Governance
Carmelina Giannini	Acting Governance Coordinator
Harjeet Atwal	Senior Manager Planning
Manod Wickramasinghe	Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
Simon Watts	Social and Cultural Planning Manager
Con Vafeas	Strategic Investments and Property Manager

ADJOURNMENT

6.32pm - The Mayor, Cllr Byrne adjourned the meeting until the conclusion of the 6.00pm Extraordinary meeting.

6.54pm– The Mayor, Cllr Byrne resumed the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Motion: (Byrne/York)

THAT apologies from Councillor Kiat be accepted.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Councillor Macri declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 16 Notice of Motion: Mayor Stand Down and will leave the meeting during discussion and voting.

Councillor Byrne declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 16 Notice of Motion: Mayor to Stand Down due to its material impact on him and he will leave the meeting during discussion and voting for all items.

Motion: (Drury/McKenna OAM)

THAT Council note the disclosures of interest.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Byrne/Drury)

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 11 May 2021, Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 24 May 2021 and Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 24 May 2021 be confirmed.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, 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 Passas left the Meeting at 6:57 pm.

Councillor Byrne left the Meeting and vacated the chair at 7:01 pm and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Macri assumed the chair.

Councillor Passas returned to the Meeting at 7:06 pm.

Councillor Steer left the Meeting at 7:08 pm.

Councillor Steer returned to the Meeting at 7:10 pm.

Councillor Byrne returned to the Meeting at 7:18 pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Macri left the meeting and vacated the chair at 7.18pm and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the chair.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Macri returned to the Meeting at 7:27 pm.

Councillor Hesse left the Meeting at 7:28 pm.

Councillor Hesse returned to the Meeting at 7:29 pm.

Councillor Iskandar left the Meeting at 7:38 pm.

Councillor Iskandar returned to the Meeting at 7:47 pm.

C0621(1) Item 28 Mayoral Minute: De-amalgamation and the NSW Electoral Commission

Motion: (Byrne)

THAT Council:

- 1. Requests that the NSW Electoral Commission draft the question on whether the Inner West local government area should be de-amalgamated, so as to restore the former local government areas of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville as resolved at the 24 May 2021 meeting, which will then be used in the poll of electors for the 2021 NSW local government elections;**
- 2. Seeks advice from the NSW Electoral Commission and the Australian Electoral Commission on best practice on conducting a poll and requests to the Commission and prepare unbiased, non-partisan information for local citizens regarding the poll question, which is to be provided to residents prior to the commencement of voting; and**
- 3. Receive a report back on the advice from the NSW Electoral Commission and the costs identified a funding source to the first available Ordinary Council meeting.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Macri, Passas and Raciti

C0621(1) Item 29 Mayoral Minute: Changes to administration of Callan Park

Motion: (Byrne)

THAT Council:

- 1. Notes the correspondence from Friends of Callan Park in regards to the changes to the ownership and administration of Callan Park;**
- 2. Seeks legal advice on whether the recent governance changes adhere to the Callan Park Act, and what development and commercial activities could be conducted under the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act that are not allowed under the Callan Park Act; and**
- 3. Reports this legal advice to the next Ordinary Council meeting.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Hesse)

THAT Council deal with Item 17 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Safety at St Peters and Item 30 Mayoral Minute: Pedestrian safety at Campbell St Peters together as they relate.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0621(1) Item 30 Mayoral Minute: Pedestrian safety at Campbell St Peters

C0621(1) Item 17 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Safety at St Peters

Motion: (Byrne/Hesse)

THAT Council:

1. **Notes the letter from Ron Hoenig, MP, Member for Heffron, in regards to pedestrian safety on Campbell Street, St Peters. Notes the serious concerns of parents for the safety of their children as they cross Campbell Street St Peters to attend St Peters Public School;**
2. **Writes to the Minister for Transport requesting that a school zone be installed along Campbell Street, St Peters as a matter of urgency;**
3. **Places the issue of pedestrian safety on Campbell Street, St Peters, on the agenda of Council's next Local Traffic Committee;**
4. **Notes the advice of parents that there have been a number of near misses of children by vehicles;**
5. **Writes to the Minister for Transport, the Hon Andrew Constance, asking him to direct Transport for NSW to upgrade pedestrian safety on Campbell Street St Peters by the installation of rumble strips, flashing lights and implantation of a 40km zone; and**
6. **Investigates any remedial action Council can take to alert drivers that they are driving in a residential area.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0621(1) Item 31 Mayoral Minute: Farewell to Elizabeth Richardson**Motion: (Byrne)**

THAT Council notes the contributions of Elizabeth Richardson, Chief Operating Officer, Director of Development and Recreation, during a challenging period in the history and formation of the Inner West Council and thank Liz for her guidance and support during the past five years of Inner West Council and 12 years of Leichhardt Council.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor McKenna OAM left the Meeting at 8:35 pm.

Councillor Drury left the Meeting at 8:38 pm.

Councillor McKenna OAM returned to the Meeting at 8:38 pm.

Councillor Drury returned to the Meeting at 8:41 pm.

C0621(1) Item 1 Revised Operational Plan Arlington Recreation Reserve**Motion: (Hesse/Steer)****THAT Council:**

- 1. Note the additional community engagement outcomes and the key recommended changes to the revised “Operational Plan for Arlington Recreation Reserve”; and**
- 2. Commence work on establishing a community liaison committee with the view to adopting a revised operational plan.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Crs Raciti and Stamolis

Amendment (Passas/Macri)**THAT Council:**

- 1. Reduce Saturday games to 5pm;**
- 2. Don’t allow Sunday games at all; and**
- 3. Reduce all training on one day through the week to end at 7.30pm.**

Motion Lost

For Motion: Cr Passas

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Amendment (Macri/Passas)

THAT Council receive a further report with detailed cost analysis on the provision on the sound barrier wall.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Macri, Passas and Porteous

Against Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Foreshadowed Motion (Stamolis)

THAT Council receive a report back on the proposed changes by the local residents:

- a) **Saturday - 9am to 5pm;**
- b) **Sunday - no soccer clubs use; and**
- c) **Weekdays - at least one night to be reduced to 7.30pm.**

This Foreshadowed Motion lapsed.

Councillor Porteous left the Meeting at 9:01 pm.

C0621(1) Item 2 Creative Inner West: Cultural Strategy - Public Exhibition

Motion: (McKenna OAM/Da Cruz)

THAT Council endorse the Draft *Creative Inner West: Cultural Strategy and Action Plan (2021 – 2025)* for Public Exhibition.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Porteous

Amendment (Porteous/Hesse)

THAT the Creative Inner West: Cultural Strategy and Action Plan (2021-2025) go on exhibition with the following additions:

1. **The exhibition funding of the strategy is to be achieved through the “realignment of existing resources”. Detail regarding how existing resources will be “realigned” needs to be included with the strategy and action plan and exhibited concurrently;**
2. **Where it is proposed to reduce or suspend funding for any program run by council. This should be made clear as part of the exhibition of this plan and alternative funding sources should be proposed for such programs;**
3. **As part of the community consultation, all residents should receive written notification, seeking submissions, about the exhibition of both the Cultural Strategy and Action Plan and the Healthy Ageing Strategy and Plan;**

4. The exhibition period should be for a minimum of 40 days; and
5. Following exhibition the Cultural Strategy and Action Plan (2021-2025) should be reported back to Council for final endorsement or other actions.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

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

Councillor Raciti retired from the Meeting at 9:03 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

9.03pm - The Mayor, Clr Byrne adjourned the meeting for a short recess.

9.15pm – The Mayor, Clr Byrne resumed the meeting.

Councillor Porteous returned to the Meeting at 9:25 pm.

Councillor Lockie left the Meeting at 9:29 pm.

Councillor Lockie returned to the Meeting at 9:30 pm.

**C0621(1) Item 3 Inner West Healthy Ageing Strategy and Action Plan (2021-2025)
- Public Exhibition**

Motion: (McKenna OAM/Lockie)

THAT:

1. Council endorse the Draft *Inner West Healthy Ageing Strategy and Action Plan (2021- 2025)* for Public Exhibition with the following additions:
 - a) The exhibition funding of the strategy is to be achieved through the “realignment of existing resources”. Detail regarding how existing resources will be “realigned” needs to be included with the strategy and action plan and exhibited concurrently;
 - b) Where it is proposed to reduce or suspend funding for any program run by council. This should be made clear as part of the exhibition of this plan and alternative funding sources should be proposed for such programs;
 - c) As part of the community consultation, all residents should receive written notification, seeking submissions, about the exhibition of both the Cultural Strategy and Action Plan and the Healthy Ageing Strategy and Plan;
 - d) The exhibition period should be for a minimum of 40 days; and
 - e) Following exhibition the Healthy Ageing Strategy and Action Plan (2021-2025) should be reported back to council for final endorsement or other actions.
2. The following be added to the Healthy Ageing Action Plan as short term actions prior to exhibition:
 - a) That an expansion of funding for participation support for older people be explored and reported back to Council.

- b. That Council’s Affordable Housing Policy be revised to deliver housing support for older people, and particularly older women.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis, Steer and York
Against Motion: Nil
Absent: Cr Raciti

Amendment (Da Cruz/Passas)

THAT the Inner West Healthy Ageing Strategy and Plan (2021-2025) go on exhibition:

- a) The exhibition funding of the strategy is to be achieved through the “realignment of existing resources”. Detail regarding how existing resources will be “realigned” needs to be included with the strategy and action plan and exhibited concurrently;**
- b) Where it is proposed to reduce or suspend funding for any program run by council. This should be made clear as part of the exhibition of this plan and alternative funding sources should be proposed for such programs;**
- c) As part of the community consultation, all residents should receive written notification, seeking submissions, about the exhibition of both the Cultural Strategy and Action Plan and the Healthy Ageing Strategy and Plan;**
- d) The exhibition period should be for a minimum of 40 days; and**
- e) Following exhibition the Healthy Ageing Strategy and Action Plan (2021-2025) should be reported back to council for final endorsement or other actions.**

Motion Carried

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

As the amendment was carried, it was incorporated into the Primary motion.

C0621(1) Item 4 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 May 2021

Motion: (Lockie/Steer)

THAT the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 17 May 2021 be received and the recommendations be adopted subject to the following amendments:

- a) That point 5 of Item 7 Review- Detailed Works (Traffic & Parking) in Trafalgar Street, Petersham-RSL Petersham Development- DA201800173 & Implementation of Regional Bicycle Route 7 (RR7).(Stanmore Ward- Damun/Newtown Electorate/Inner West PAC) in the Traffic Committee Minutes of 17 May 2021 be deferred to enable Council to seek information from Transport for NSW in relation to contingency plans for access from New Canterbury Road to Regent Street, given that the alternative right turns from New Canterbury Road into Crystal Street and West Street are heavily congested by traffic and difficult to access.; and**

- b) That Council writes to Transport for NSW requesting further leafleting of residents affected by the shutdown of the Sydenham to Bankstown Rail Line in regards to Item 2 Garnet Street and Dudley Street, Dulwich Hill; Illawarra Road and Marrickville Road, Marrickville; and (Lower) Railway Parade, Sydenham - Bus Replacements During Major Rail Shutdown - Temporary Parking Changes During T3 Line Upgrade For Sydney Metro - (Midjuburi -Marrickville Ward / Summer Hill Electorate / Inner West PAC)

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Cr Passas

Absent: Cr Raciti

Councillor York left the Meeting at 10:00 pm.

Councillor York returned to the Meeting at 10:13 pm.

Act of disorder

The Mayor, Clr Byrne issued a warning at 10:29pm to Clr Stamolis for repeatedly interjecting.

C0621(1) Item 5 Marrickville Town Hall - Live Music EOI

Motion: (Byrne/York)

THAT Council:

1. Seeks to amend Schedule 1 (Additional permitted uses) of the LEP to permit entertainment facilities at Marrickville Town Hall without rezoning the land;
2. Notes the \$2.3 million allocated in the Budget for the upgrade of Marrickville Town Hall, which could be used as Council's co-investment in the site's renovation along with the successful EOI Proponent, and include reference to this in the Expression of Interest (EOI);
3. Amends the EOI to require applicants to demonstrate how ethnic community organisations and multicultural activity will be incorporated into their proposal;
4. Ensures a member(s) of Council's Living Arts team as well as a representative of Multicultural NSW are part of the EOI Evaluation Panel;
5. Places a stronger weighting on cultural and live entertainment outcomes rather than commercial rental returns when assessing EOI criteria for selection of submissions;
6. Approves the draft Expression of Interest documentation for Marrickville Town Hall (Live Music Venue);
7. Commences the Expression of Interest Campaign and report back to Council on the outcomes;
8. Maintain all existing Community users and this be stipulated in the EOI; and

- 9. Amend Item 6.3 to read ‘Council will undertake a planning proposal for the site to change the zoning and/or amend the LEP and DCP to allow the operation of live music.’**

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury, Iskandar, Lockie, McKenna OAM and York
Against Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Macri, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer
Absent: Cr Raciti

Foreshadowed Motion (Hesse/Stamolis)

THAT the future use of Marrickville Town Hall be referred to the relevant local democracy committee looking at entertainment for advice back to Council.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Lockie, Macri, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer
Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury, Iskandar, McKenna OAM and York
Absent: Cr Raciti

Councillor Iskandar retired from the Meeting at 10:34 pm.

Extension of Time

Motion: (Byrne/Hesse)

THAT the meeting be extended until 11.15pm.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Stamolis, Steer and York
Against Motion: Nil
Absent: Crs Iskandar and Raciti

C0621(1) Item 6 Real Estate Investment Strategy

Motion: (Drury/Byrne)

THAT Council:

- 1. Adopts the Real Estate Investment Strategy report as prepared by Ernst & Young (EY);**
- 2. Endorses the Inner West Council Investment Preferences, Investment Criteria and Recommendations for new acquisitions as outlined in the ‘Real Estate Investment Strategy’ prepared by EY;**
- 3. Approves the ‘Investment funds proceeds’ received from the acquisition of Council’s Tempe Lands; and**
- 4. Notes that all decisions for the purchase of land rests with Council and that a report will be brought back to Council for a decision prior to any purchases being finalised.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Crs Hesse and Porteous

Absent: Crs Iskandar and Raciti

Amendment (Porteous/Hesse)

THAT the Inner West Real Estate Investment Strategy be amended such that:

a) Any property purchased by the Inner West Council must be located within the geographical boundaries of the Inner West Council Local Government Area: and

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

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

Absent: Crs Iskandar and Raciti

b) Any property purchase should not just be in order to generate income. The investments must be ethical, sustainable, achieve social justice outcomes in line with the council's Community Strategic Plan.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Porteous and Steer

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Stamolis and York

Absent: Crs Iskandar and Raciti

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Lockie)

THAT Council defer items 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 to the next Ordinary Council meeting on 29 June 2021.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Iskandar and Raciti

As Item 11 Notice of Motion to Rescind: C0521(3) Item 1 Notice of Motion: Local Government Act Amendment Bill (Demerger) - 24 May 2021 was dealt with in the Extraordinary Council meeting on 8 June 2021, 6pm, it is now redundant.

Meeting closed at 11.08pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 1:	Paul Kougias	Stanmore
Item 18:	Simon Wilkes	Mackey Park
Item 19:	Marilyn Hadfield Jeni Pattision	Lilyfield Summer Hill
Item 20:	Michele Hacking Brian Simmons	Rozelle Chiswick
Item 21:	Richard Lie Ryan Harris Helen Hughes	Summer Hill Summer Hill Summer Hill

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 8th day of June, 2021 were confirmed as a correct record on this 29th day of June, 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON