

Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting held remotely and livestreamed on Council's website on 2 November 2021**Meeting commenced at 6.35pm****Present:**

Rochelle Porteous	Mayor
Pauline Lockie	Deputy Mayor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Colin Hesse	Councillor
Sam Iskandar	Councillor
Tom Kiat	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Lucille McKenna OAM	Councillor
Julie Passas	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Louise Steer	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Graeme Palmer	Acting Director Planning
Stuart Hull	Acting Director Infrastructure
Caroline McLeod	Acting Director Community
Peter Livanes	Acting Director Corporate
Beau-Jane De Costa	Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Simon Turner	Acting General Counsel
Daryl Jackson	Chief Financial Officer
Katherine Paixao	Governance Coordinator

APOLOGIES:**Motion: (Drury/Hesse)**

THAT apologies from Councillors Byrne and York be accepted.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Councillor Lockie declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 21 Notice of Motion: Implementing the NSW Government's Outdoor Dining Initiatives in the Inner West as it mentions the City of Sydney and she works there.

Motion: (McKenna OAM/Steer)

THAT Council note the disclosure of interest.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil**C1121(3) Item 1 Simpson Park - Update on Toilets****Motion: (Hesse/Drury)****THAT the report be received and noted.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil**C1121(3) Item 2 Investment Report at 30 September 2021****Motion: (Stamolis/Steer)****THAT the report be received and noted.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil**C1121(3) Item 3 Notice of Motion: Management of Disability Parking Spaces****Motion: (Stamolis/Steer)****THAT Council receive a report back on its management of disability parking spaces:**

- a) number of disability parking spaces in the Inner West, new applications and closed permits (over time);
- b) how people can apply for these spaces;
- c) renewal processes for disability parking spaces;
- d) what process is in place when these spaces are no longer needed;
- e) whether there is a process to open up use of these spaces if the permit holder is away for extended times; and
- f) Has the disabled parking policy been harmonised

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil

C1121(3) Item 4 Notice of Motion: Street Tree Planting update**Motion: (Stamolis/Da Cruz)****THAT Council receive a report on:**

- a) on its street tree planting over 2020 and 2021;
- b) where this activity has taken place (by suburb or ward);
- c) how streets are selected for tree planting;
- d) how consultation with residents takes place;
- e) how narrow footpaths and pedestrian access are managed; and
- f) the latest information on Canopy; the Audit of Public Trees; and a Delivery program on reaching the Inner West targets set out in the Tree DCP including additional planting in the roadways and the current unused budget funds for tree planting including money from WestConnex, Metro, 5million trees and Council.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor Passas left the Meeting at 6:50 pm.

C1121(3) Item 5 Notice of Motion: Code Red for Humanity**Motion: (Da Cruz/Hesse)****THAT Council:**

1. Note the United Nations (UN) has issued a code Red for Humanity advising that only with immediate, deep and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, including methane gas, is it possible to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees celsius and avoid the consequences of greater global warming including intense and frequent hot extremes, heatwaves, and heavy precipitation and, in some regions, agricultural and ecological droughts;
2. Note that if other countries were to adopt emissions targets similar to our own, it is very likely that global temperatures would increase by at least 2 degrees, and possibly by as much as 3 degrees;
3. Write to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Energy and Emission Reductions asking the Government commit to a 2030 target for at least a 75% reduction in emissions;
4. Call on our local Federal Members for Grayndler, Barton, Reid and Sydney to take the Community Protection Pledge;
5. Note the “NSW Audit Report: Managing climate risks to assets and services” and call on the Premier, the Treasurer and Minister of Planning to urgently adopt the

recommendations; and

6. While preparing Council’s next Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Short and Long Term Financial Plans, Planning Instruments consideration will be given to the *Climate Risk Ready NSW Guide and Course* and the improvement of council’s overall and interim net zero targets, in line with the “Race to Zero Starting Line” criteria, and other initiatives for keeping global warming to 1.5 degrees.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Passas

Councillor Passas returned to the Meeting at 6:55 pm.

C1121(3) Item 6 Notice of Motion: Establishment of Residents’ Precinct Committees for the Inner West Council

Motion: (Porteous/Stamolis)

THAT Council:

1. Notes that Resident Precinct Committees are committees of residents run by residents in a defined geographical area of the LGA with the support and assistance of Council;
2. Notes that they enable people to become involved in council issues and their community in area the area they live in and meetings are open to all local residents;
3. Notes that Resident Precinct Committees are an effective way of involving the community in planning and decision making;
4. Notes that Resident Precinct Committees need to supported by a council officer; should ensure Ward Councillors are regularly invited to attend meetings and be resourced with no cost for venue hire and assistance with costs for circulating minutes and agendas to the local area; and
5. Brings a report on Residents’ Precinct Committees and how they can be established and implemented in the Inner West Council to the November 23 Ordinary meeting including proposed consultation on introducing Resident Precinct Committees, costings, additional staffing required and potential relationship between advisory committees and resident committees.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Crs Drury, Iskandar, McKenna OAM, Passas and Raciti

C1121(3) Item 7 Notice of Motion: Ending Period Poverty in the Inner West**Motion: (McKenna OAM/Steer)****THAT Council:**

- 1. Receive a report from Council Officers on a pilot program of supplying free period products in Council-run libraries, pools, community centres, sporting ground change rooms, and highly utilised public toilets. The report include an assessment of the need for the service and the costs; and**
- 2. Consult with relevant community organisations, health services, schools and sports clubs about the pilot in developing the report.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil**C1121(3) Item 8 Notice of Motion: Easton Park Sporting Field Surface****Motion: (Drury/Iskandar)****THAT Council:**

- 1. Undertake a resurfacing of the Easton Park sporting field surface during the current offseason to allow the ground to be playable for the 2022 winter season; and**
- 2. Write to the Government seeking consideration of extension and connection of the proposed Rozelle Parklands into Easton Park to create one continuous green space and request again that the Government commence the development of the Master Plan for the Rozelle Parklands, including the transparent disclosure of costings, as a precondition for Council accepting care, control and management of the Parklands.**

Motion Lost**For Motion:** Crs Drury, Iskandar, McKenna OAM, Raciti and Stamolis**Against Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, Passas, Porteous and Steer**Foreshadowed Motion (Kiat/Lockie)****THAT Council receive a report on the officers' reassessment of the prioritisation of resurfacing of major parks that require this work in the coming years.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer**Against Motion:** Nil

C1121(3) Item 9 Notice of Motion: Closure of Path through Leichhardt Secondary**Motion: (Da Cruz/Steer)**

THAT Council write to the department of education requesting that the path opposite Hill Street Leichhardt, connecting Balmain Road to Derbyshire Street be kept open to the public.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Crs Macri and Passas

Foreshadowed Motion (Passas/Macri)

THAT this item is deferred to get further detail on the reasoning for the closure.

This foreshadowed motion lapsed.

C1121(3) Item 10 Notice of Motion: Inquiry Investigation**Motion: (Passas)****THAT Council:**

- 1. Wants an Inquiry Investigation by the NSW Auditor General to ascertain whether improvements are required on the culture and performance of this Council; and**
- 2. Notes the leadership turmoil on the first Inner West Council.**

This motion lapsed for want of seconder.

C1121(3) Item 11 Notice of Motion: Cost Benefits**Motion: (Passas/Macri)**

THAT a full report come back to Council detailing the benefits and costs and why the Inner West Council should remain a member of SSROC, Local Government NSW and other such groups.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Macri, Passas, Raciti and Stamolis

Against Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Porteous and Steer

C1121(3) Item 12 Notice of Motion: Meals on Wheels**Motion: (Passas/Raciti)**

THAT Council widely advertises the availability on the Meals On Wheels to residents in the Local Government Area.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Iskandar, Kiat, Macri, Passas, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Crs Drury, Lockie and McKenna OAM

C1121(3) Item 13 Notice of Motion: Thrive By Five

Motion: (Drury/Lockie)

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the Thrive by Five campaign to support high-quality, universally accessible and affordable early learning and childcare;
2. Formally advise Local Government NSW and Australian Local Government Association, that Council has endorsed the Thrive by Five campaign and supports the Associations in their involvement in the campaign;
3. Write to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, the Leader of the Opposition Anthony Albanese, the Minister for Education and Youth Alan Tudge, the Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education and Youth Amanda Rishworth & our local Federal Member(s) of Parliament, seeking bipartisan support for the campaigns objectives; and
4. Endorse the distribution and display of the Thrive by Five information on Council premises, primarily in childcare centres, as well as involvement in any relevant actions arising from the initiative.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Cr Passas

Councillor Passas left the Meeting at 8:17 pm.

C1121(3) Item 14 Notice of Motion: Progress Pride Flag

Motion: (Lockie/McKenna OAM)

THAT Council:

1. Flies the Progress Pride Flag instead of the Rainbow Flag during Mardi Gras Festival (February/March) and Pride Month (June) each year, and at other times significant to the LGBTIQ+ community as required or requested;
2. Allocates funding for this initiative, which staff have estimated will cost around \$600, from the Wellbeing materials budget;
3. Ensures the existing Rainbow Flags are reused or recycled; and
4. Notes that Council's LGBTIQ Working Group has expressed its support for this change.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Passas

Councillor Passas returned to the Meeting at 8:20 pm.

C1121(3) Item 15 Notice of Motion: Mental Health

Motion: (Drury/McKenna OAM)

THAT:

1. Council notes that October is Mental Health Month and we congratulate staff for putting together a program to mark this with a video competition, collaborative art projects, inclusive story time, online dance class, and social connection opportunities. We note the tone of the activities is to provide opportunities to get involved and improve mental health; and
2. Noting the impact of COVID and the lockdowns on our mental health and that some people may not recognise the first signs of mental ill health we determine to set aside \$5K to engage a reputable organisation to offer to local non-government staff, volunteers, residents and such as mental health first aid so they are better equipped to spot the early signs of ill health and help link residents in need to appropriate services.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Abstained: Cr Passas

Councillor Raciti retired from the Meeting at 8:35 pm.

C1121(3) Item 16 Notice of Motion: Implement Inner West Council Public Toilet Strategy

Motion: (Steer/Lockie)

THAT Council:

1. Prioritise the first annual review of the public toilet strategy resolved by Council on 13 October 2020;
2. Prioritise for construction the projects identified in the public toilet strategy, with Camperdown Memorial Rest Park toilet given first priority;
3. Update Councillors at the meeting on 23 November 2021 with a progress report on the schedule for construction of projects identified in the public toilet strategy;
4. Staff review whether funding for the public toilet strategy in the 2021-2022 budget is adequate and if found to be inadequate, devise appropriate solutions and report findings to Council;
5. Note that the Council website information about the public toilet strategy has not been updated since 4 September 2020; and

- 6. Update the Council website with accurate and up to date information about the projects identified in the public toilet strategy.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Raciti

C1121(3) Item 17 Notice of Motion: Gladstone Park Repairs

Motion: (Porteous/Drury)

THAT Council urgently complete the repairs to Gladstone Park entrance and the Darling Street roundabout.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Raciti

C1121(3) Item 18 Notice of Motion: LEP - Inner West Open Space

Motion: (Macri/Stamolis)

THAT Council prepare a report for the LEP:

- 1. Which suburbs in or Local Government Area are the most deficient in open space;**
- 2. What mechanisms and tools council can use to increase open space;**
- 3. Is it more achievable adding to existing open space or creating new ones;**
- 4. Where does the creation of open space sit in councils list of priorities;**
- 5. What funding is available for the creation of open space;**
- 6. Is there a strategic plan for the creation of open space; and**
- 7. With a strategic plan can we go to the State government for grant funding to help us achieve this goal.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Raciti

Councillor Passas left the Meeting at 8:47 pm.

C1121(3) Item 19 Notice of Motion: Inner West Council Land and Property Register

Motion: (Stamolis/Macri)

THAT Council to report on:

- 1. A plan to update the Land and Property Register;**
- 2. Provide summary financial and statistical detail about the status of the register;**
- 3. Publish the register in a format that can be copied and pasted;**
- 4. Identify how the register can be kept up-to-date; and**
- 5. Identify how changes to the register can be reported to Councillors**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Passas and Raciti

Councillor Passas returned to the Meeting at 8:51 pm.

C1121(3) Item 20 Notice of Motion: Council Commits to Newtown Breakaways and Improvements at H J Mahoney Oval

Motion: (Porteous/Hesse)

THAT:

- 1. Council commits to the immediate rectification of a safe playing surface for Mahoney Oval in preparation for the 2022 AFL season;**
- 2. A report be brought to the next Council meeting outlining how remedial action can be undertaken by Council as soon as possible to provide improvements to the amenities building including player toilets and change facilities to accommodate women, storage, umpires room, canteen, adequate power and external lighting and improved public toilets; and**
- 3. Council brings a further report to Council on the proposal to develop a comprehensive plan to completely upgrade the amenities building and undertake appropriate works. The upgrade to provide player change facilities (with special emphasis on women), adequate club and equipment storage, umpires facilities, medical/first aid room, canteen and patrons' facilities, indoor training and social gathering space.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Raciti

C1121(3) Item 21 Notice of Motion: Implementing the NSW Government's Outdoor Dining Initiatives in the Inner West

Motion: (Drury/Lockie)

THAT Council:

- 1. Welcome the NSW Government's alfresco dining policy announcement including;**
- 2. Endorse the use of private land for outdoor dining as provided for in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) Further Amendment (Outdoor Dining) 2021* and encourage use of the provisions by Inner West businesses;**
- 3. Immediately identify sections of Council controlled land to made available for outdoor dining. Locations are to be identified and tabled for endorsement at the next ordinary Council meeting;**
- 4. Make an application for the full \$500 000 in grant funding available for main street improvements under the policy with the objective of creating new spaces for outdoor dining around main streets that have an ongoing use beyond the period of the emergency measures; and**
- 5. Create a portal for outdoor dining applications based on that of the City of Sydney.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Cr Passas

Absent: Cr Raciti

C1121(3) Item 22 Notice of Motion: Expediting Live Performance Grants

Motion: (Lockie/Hesse)

THAT Council:

- 1. Expedite the expression of interest process for grants for live performers at outdoor dining locations; and**
- 2. Require that performers must be residents of the Inner West Local Government Area to be eligible to participate in the program, to ensure that the benefit of the program is gained by local artists.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Cr Passas

Absent: Cr Raciti

Confidential Session

Motion: (Porteous/Lockie)

THAT Council enter into Confidential session.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Raciti

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

C1121(3) Item 23 Mayoral Minute: RFT14-21 Bay Run Path and Lighting Upgrade (Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (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: (Porteous/Lockie)

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

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Raciti

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C1121(3) Item 23 Mayoral Minute: RFT14-21 Bay Run Path and Lighting Upgrade

Motion: (Porteous/Drury)

THAT:

1. In accordance with Clause 178(1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, Council decline to accept any of the tenders due to the tendered prices being above the allocated budget;
2. In accordance with Clause 178(3)(e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, enter into negotiations with one or more of the tenderers with a view to entering into a contract with one or more of these parties for the staged delivery of the Bay Run Path and Lighting Upgrade construction works; and
3. Pending completion of negotiations with the tenderers under resolution 2 above on terms satisfactory to Council, Council delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into a Contract (or Contracts) no earlier than 5 January 2022 for the Bay Run Path and Lighting Upgrade construction works.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Cr Passas

Absent: Cr Raciti

Meeting closed at 9.19 pm.