

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 April 2022 at Ashfield Service Centre

Meeting commenced at 6.33pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Deputy Mayor
Liz Atkins	Councillor (Attended Remotely)
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Dylan Griffiths	Councillor
Mathew Howard	Councillor
Justine Langford	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Kobi Shetty	Councillor
Chloe Smith	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Timothy Stephens	Councillor
Zoi Tsardoulis	Councillor (Attended Remotely)
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Cathy Edwards-Davis	Director Infrastructure
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Beau-Jane De Costa	Acting Director Corporate
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Daryl Jackson	Chief Financial Officer
Scott Mullen	Manager Strategic Investments and Property
Simon Duck	Senior Manager Sport and Recreation
Katherine Paixao	Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk

APOLOGIES: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Clr Da Cruz declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 Local Traffic Committee Meeting – 21 March 2022 as she lives near the crossing which is subject of Item 11 in the Local Traffic Committee recommendation and made a submission. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting of the item.

Clr Scott declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 Local Traffic Committee Meeting – 21 March 2022 as her house is in the affected area she will remain in the chamber during discussion and voting on this item.

Clr Scott declared a significant interest in Item 25 Notice of Motion Leichhardt Tramsheds as she is the President of the Sydney Secondary College P&C, which would be a beneficiary if the Tramsheds area was developed. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting of the item.

Clr Scott declared a significant interest in Item 27 Notice of Motion Tempe Bunnings – Traffic Light Study as she is a member of the Sydney Eastern Planning Panel which is currently considering a DA and related matters for the proposed Bunnings at Tempe. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting of the item.

Clr Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 Local Traffic Committee Meeting – 21 March 2022 as he works in the Office of the State Member who has a representative on the Local Traffic Committee. He will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting as the vote of the State Member is exercised through a representative.

Motion: (Stephens/Drury)

That Council note the disclosures of interest.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Lockie/Scott)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 8 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the Meeting vacated the chair at 6:47 pm and the Deputy Mayor Councillor D'Arienzo assumed the Chair.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the Meeting at 6:55 pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor D'Arienzo vacated the Chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the Chair.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne noted the death of Billy Hilliard and advised the meeting of his intention to bring a condolence motion at the next Ordinary Council meeting.

Condolence Motion - Nancy Yang

Motion: (Da Cruz/Scott)

That Council writes a letter of condolence to Nancy Yang and her family on the tragic death of her Grandfather Arthur on the Pedestrian Crossing on Frederick St, Ashfield.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 39 **Mayoral Minute: Public Forum on Uluru Statement from the Heart**

Motion: (Byrne)

That Council:

- 1. Convene a Public Forum on the Uluru Statement from the Heart, inviting representatives of the From the Heart campaign to attend and help inform the Inner West community about the Statement and the proposed Referendum on incorporating a Voice to Parliament for First Nations people into the Australian constitution;**
- 2. Congratulate Cheree Toka on her campaign to have the Aboriginal Flag fly permanently over the Harbour Bridge and calls on the NSW Government to act immediately to implement this overdue act of recognition and respect.; and**
- 3. Seek to adopt a new protocol for flags raised over Council buildings in which the Aboriginal Flag takes precedence over the NSW Flag.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Amendment (Griffiths/Shetty)

That point 3 be amended to read 'Seek to adopt a new protocol for flags raised over Council buildings in which the Aboriginal Flag takes precedence over the NSW Flag and Australian Flag.'

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Langford and Shetty

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Lockie, Scott, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

C0422(1) Item 40 Mayoral Minute: Local Matters public forums in every suburb of the Inner West

Motion: (Byrne/Scott)

That:

1. Council note the resolution of the March Ordinary meeting:

That Council:

- a) *Commits to community consultation and will develop consultation plans to encourage engagement and participation across our broad and diverse community; and*
 - b) *Develops a consultation plan for projects of significant community interest, inclusive of public community forums attended by the Executive team, to provide whole of council approach to the project, discuss local issues, encourage open community dialogue and identify preferred solutions;*
- 2. Council hold a rotating series of Local Matters public forums (Forum) with the General Manager, relevant Directors and Managers in attendance, in order to listen to the ideas and concerns of local residents about how their communities can be improved, the Forums:**
- a) **Will be held each month alternating fortnightly on Tuesday evenings with Council meetings while Council sits, starting in May;**
 - b) **Will invite all ward councillors to attend the forums specific to their ward and offer ward Councillors a role in the forums; and**
 - c) **Will be promoted widely, including via letterbox drop to the entire ward that each forum is being held in, as well as through all of Council's other communications channels'**
- 3. Council delegate to the General Manger to establish a method for determining the focus topic for the Forums, outlined in Clause 2 above, with the Mayor and Ward Councillors facilitating the forums, including recording the issues raised by residents and ensuring that a response is provided to the resident following the meeting;**
- 4. Council note that the high-visibility Customer Service Stalls, referenced in the resolution of the February meeting initiating the customer service review, will also be commenced by Council's engagement team immediately.**
- a) **Customer Service Stalls will be held on weekends and alternate fortnightly with the public forums;**
 - b) **Customer Service Stalls will be held in prominent, public, outdoor locations in main streets and places where the community gathers. This can and should include at Inner West events and festivals;**
 - c) **Stalls do not have to be organised on a ward-basis but should be focused around place-based hubs within the LGA;**
 - d) **Customer Service Stalls will be staffed by the community engagement and customer service teams, and in addition taking queries and feedback, will log**

and follow up requests;

- e) Material resourcing should include banners and information flyers to hand out;
 - f) Ward Councillors are to be notified and given the opportunity to attend customer service stalls in their suburbs and wards;
 - g) Council’s communication channels are to be used to promote the stalls, including the Council Newsletter, website and neighbourhood letterbox drops when appropriate; and
 - h) Customer Service Stalls do not have to be focused around a particular issue and should prioritise visibility engaging on citizen concerns and taking feedback.
5. A report be brought back in December 2022 detailing the outcomes of the public forums and stalls and outlining the coming years potential dates; and
 6. Funding required to implement the above recommendations be built into the 2022/23 draft budget.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 1 Community Strategic Plan 2036, Delivery Program 2022-26, Operational Plan and Budget 2022-23, and Long-Term Financial Plan 2022-32 – drafts for public exhibition

Motion: (Drury/D'Arienzo)

That Council:

1. Endorse for public exhibition of 28 days the:
 - a) Draft Community Strategic Plan – Our Inner West 2036, subject to amending the ‘Councillor Priorities for the term’ to include the following:

Inclusion Policy

Supporting First Nations People and multiculturalism:

- ***Develop a local Inner West Council Anti-Racism Strategy and support International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;***
- ***Provide free early education places to children whose parents are awaiting asylum seeker declaration;***
- ***Provide business support for local small businesses in community languages; and***
- ***Support the improved representation of cultural diversity in arts and***

culture.

Serving our diverse communities:

- *Trial free period and sanitary products in Council-run facilities*
- *Drive the Inner West Pride Centre and coordinate activities for World Pride 2023*
- *Mark IDAHOBIT, Transgender Day of Visibility and Transgender Day of Remembrance*
- *Build a Rainbow Crossing in Newtown*
- *Deliver exceptional Council-run early childhood education*

b) Draft Delivery Program 2022-26, Operational Plan and Budget 2022-2023 (including fees and charges 2022-2023); and

c) Draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2022-2032.

2. Apply for a permanent additional special variation under section 508(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* noting that:

- **the additional income that Council will receive if the additional special variation is approved is \$879k;**
- **the additional special variation is required to meet Council's obligations as identified in the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2032 and resource the commitments of the draft Delivery Program;**
- **Council has considered the impact on ratepayers and the community in 2022-23 and in future years and considers that it is reasonable; and**
- **Note that the IPART rate peg of 1.3% created significant financial stress for several councils and the additional special variation process allows Council to collect rates in line with last year's long term financial plan.**

3. Receive a report of the public exhibition outcomes at the June Council meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Cr Stamolis

***The below two procedural motions were recommitted later in the meeting. ***

Procedural Motion (D'Arienzo/Howard)

That Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring Items 2, 4, 8, 14, 15 and 25 forward to be dealt with at this time.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (D'Arienzo/Howard)

That Items 2, 4, 8, 14, 15 and 25 be moved in globo and the recommendations contained within the report adopted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 3 Social Media Policy**Motion: (Stephens/Lockie)**

That the matter be deferred to a future Council meeting, for further consideration.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 5 Draft Term Sheet for Western Harbour Tunnel**Motion: (Stamolis/Byrne)**

That this matter be deferred for a Councillor briefing.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 6 Westconnex Rozelle Interchange Air Quality Monitoring Stations**Motion: (Scott/Da Cruz)****That Council:**

- 1. Writes to Transport for NSW to confirm that it will not consent to the loss of scarce public open space for the purposes of State Government infrastructure; and**
- 2. Informs the WestConnex Rozelle Interchange Air Quality Community Consultative Committee (AQCCC) of its resolution on this matter.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**C0422(1) Item 7 Draft Electric Vehicle Encouragement Strategy & Action Plan****Motion: (Smith/Shetty)**

That Council approve the draft Inner West Electric Vehicle Encouragement Strategy & Action Plan to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days to seek community and industry stakeholder feedback.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor Da Cruz left the Meeting at 8:28 pm as she declared a significant interest in Item 9. She did not participate in discussion or voting of the item.

C0422(1) Item 9 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 21 March 2022**Motion: (Lockie/Stamolis)****That:**

- 1. The Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 21 March 2022 be received and the recommendations be adopted; and**
- 2. Council conduct further investigation of the expansion of the RPS in the Taverners Hill Precinct bounded by Hawthorne Canal, Parramatta Road, Elswick Street, Myrtle Street, Lords Road and Lambert Park and Leichhardt Marketplace Precinct bounded by Foster Street, Lords Road, Elswick Street and Regent Street.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Da Cruz

Councillor Da Cruz returned to the Meeting at 8:32 pm.

C0422(1) Item 10 Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meetings Held on 20 October and 17 November 2021**Motion: (Scott/Howard)****That Council notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meetings held on 20 October and 17 November 2021.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**C0422(1) Item 11 Transition for the commencement of operation by Inner West Council of Annette Kellerman and Fanny Durack Aquatic Centres****Motion: (Griffiths/Smith)****That Council:**

- 1. Receive and note the report; and**
- 2. Note the 'Inner West Council Lifestyle Membership' will be renamed the 'Inner West Fitness Pass' as determined by Council resolution on 28 September 2021.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**Procedural Motion: (Byrne)**

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne moved a procedural motion to recommit the vote on the in globo vote to correct an error.

Councillor Scott left the Meeting at 8:35 pm as she declared a significant interest in Item 25. She did not participate in discussion or voting on the item.

Procedural Motion (D'Arienzo/Howard)**That Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring Items 2, 4, 8, 14, 15 and 25 forward to be dealt with at this time.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Scott

Procedural Motion (D'Arienzo/Howard)

That Items 2, 4, 8, 14, 15 and 25 be moved in globo and the recommendations contained within the report adopted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Scott

C0422(1) Item 2 Dawn Fraser Baths Winter Swimming

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Howard)

That Council notes the improvements made to safety protocols and resolves to continue the program of 'Winter Swimming' at Dawn Fraser Baths.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Scott

C0422(1) Item 4 Marrickville Town Hall - Lease to Sydney Fringe

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Howard)

That Council:

1. Resolves to grant a three (3) year Lease of the First Floor, Marrickville Town Hall (excluding the gallery balcony overlooking the hall) to The Sydney Fringe Incorporated (Tenant) for use as an *Office for Not for Profit Community Organisation*;
2. Approves a 50% Accommodation Grant to be applied to the rent;
3. Notes that Fringe will be required to provide access to the first floor balcony and that further works will be undertaken to separate the lift from the leased area to provide access to shared kitchen for all tenants; and
4. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to negotiate, finalise terms and execute the Lease documentation.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Scott

C0422(1) Item 8 Major Capital Projects Committee - Terms of Reference

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Howard)

That Council:

- 1. Approves the draft Terms of Reference for the Major Capital Projects Committee; and**
- 2. The draft Major Capital Projects Committee's Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2022, as detailed in the report be endorsed and included in the adopted Terms of Reference.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulas

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Scott

C0422(1) Item 14 Investment Report At 28 February 2022

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Howard)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulas

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Scott

C0422(1) Item 15 Designated Person Disclosure (Pecuniary Interest) Returns - Post Election

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Howard)

That Council notes the primary returns of new Councillors and designated staff, noting that primary returns are lodged within three months after becoming a Councillor or designated person.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulas

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Scott

C0422(1) Item 25 Notice of Motion: Leichhardt Tramsheds**Motion: (D'Arienzo/Howard)****That:**

- 1. Council notes the wasted land between Sydney Secondary College and the Leichhardt Bus Depot, and that it would be better used for the benefit of the school, in partnership with a community organisation, or as public open green space connecting Pioneers Park and the publicly-used Sydney Secondary College Sportsfield; and**
- 2. The Mayor invites the Planning Minister, Anthony Roberts, and the Police Minister, Paul Toole, to meet with the Mayor, Councillors and the Principals of Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt to discuss and plan for the future of the land.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulas**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Scott

Councillor Scott returned to the Meeting at 8:35 pm.

C0422(1) Item 12 Update - Open and Creative Inner West Planning Proposal**Motion: (Smith/Byrne)****That Council:**

- 1. Receives and notes the report and the Department Planning and Environment correspondence received on 14 March 2022; and**
- 2. Writes to the NSW Minister for Planning and Homes Anthony Roberts and asks him to personally review and implement the policy we have proposed for several years.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulas**Against Motion:** Nil**C0422(1) Item 13 Henson Park Update****Motion: (Drury/Scott)****That Council:**

- 1. Receive and note the report;**
- 2. Refer Henson Park to the first Major Projects Committee meeting for further consideration of the issue of the advice on a Public Private Partnership;**
- 3. Urgently establish an FAQ page on the Inner West Council website designed to answer key questions about the proposed redevelopment of the Park Grandstand and supporting amenities at Henson Park; and**

4. Hold a community forum on the proposed redevelopment involving the executive.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 16 Notice of Motion: Ashfield Station Rail Tunnel

Motion: (Griffiths/Drury)

That Council:

1. Notes concern that the Ashfield station rail tunnel fails to provide a safe and welcoming space for the community due to factors such as dilapidation, poor lighting, lack of maintenance and flooding;
2. Notes that the Underline Project, a partnership between the previous Ashfield Council and RailCorp saw the revitalisation of the tunnel as an innovative public art gallery featuring 114 artistic and colourful panels exploring the theme "Community: past, present and future" with artworks created by local students and community members - a terrific outcome for the Ashfield community. Unfortunately, the tunnel has since fallen into disrepair;
3. Undertakes to write to Transport for NSW outlining community concerns about the tunnel, including lack of maintenance and dilapidation; and
4. Undertakes to explore a partnership with Transport for NSW to revitalise the tunnel focusing on creating a welcoming and safe space for commuters, similar to the partnership between the previous Ashfield Council and Cityrail.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 17 Notice of Motion: Helping Residents Reduce Energy Use

Motion: (Shetty/Stephens)

That Council:

1. Supports residents in reducing energy costs and improving the energy efficiency of their homes, by purchasing a thermal imaging camera for loan to residents alongside the Power Saving Kits currently available through Council's Green Living Centre program; and
2. Promotes the availability of the Power Saving Kits and thermal imaging camera via Council's website, social media, and with relevant community organisations, to help residents reduce their energy bills.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 18 Notice of Motion: Inner West Pride History and Heritage

Motion: (Da Cruz/D'Arienzo)

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note background to this Notice of Motion;**
- 2. Acknowledges and thanks the LGBTQ working group for their ongoing work and support; and**
- 3. Requests that the World Pride Committee which was resolved at the last Council Meeting, and the LGBTQ Working Group consider, support and promote accessible initiatives and events, to celebrate and share our Inner West LGBTQ pride history, heritage and communities.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 19 Notice of Motion: Response to Newtown Boarding House Fire

Motion: (Smith/Lockie)

That Council:

- 1. Work with Newtown Neighbourhood Centre to provide all necessary support to the displaced former residents of the boarding house at 117 Probert St Newtown, including:**
 - a) Provision of additional financial support of \$5,000 to Newtown Neighbourhood Centre boarding house outreach team;**
 - b) Ongoing discussions with Newtown Neighbourhood Centre regarding *potential* appropriate commemorative events or actions, and**
 - c) Promotes the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre's upcoming fundraising event, the Newtopian Sleepout on 10 May 2022, via Council's internal and external communications channels.**
- 2. Noting the primary role of the NSW Government in managing boarding houses, undertakes a review of Council's role in regulating and providing support to boarding house residents, including health and well-being;**
- 3. Notes the mayoral taskforce, to be held on 4 May 2022 will include discussion with NGOs on boarding house management;**

4. Write to the NSW Premier and NSW Minister for Housing to:
 - a) Urgently request a joint state and local government review of the management and regulation of boarding houses in NSW; and
 - b) Reiterate the urgent need for more investment in social and affordable housing in NSW, including here in the Inner West.
5. Provide a report back to Council at the May 2022 Ordinary Meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 20 Notice of Motion: Frederick Street, Ashfield Pedestrian Fatality

Motion: (Scott/Da Cruz)

That Council:

1. Notes with sadness the pedestrian fatality on Frederick St, Ashfield on the afternoon of 13 March 2022 and expresses our condolences to the family and friends of the deceased;
2. Notes that there have been a number of alterations to the pedestrian crossing at Frederick and John St, which have been unsuccessful at providing a adequate level of pedestrian safety;
3. Notes that a petition of 1,700 local residents calling for upgrades to the intersection has been received by Council and is provided as Attachment 1 to this motion;
4. Notes that the Inner West Council warned the NSW Government four years ago that WestConnex traffic impacts were having dangerous consequences for some residential streets – especially this very intersection. Council's WestConnex Local Area Improvement Strategy final report, released in May 2018, reads in part:
 - a) *Of particular note is the presence of three pedestrian related crashes that occurred at the Frederick Street/John Street Intersection, with an additional two occurring adjacent to the nearby Hammond Park. With traffic volumes expected to increase along this route, this could increase the exposure to crash risk for vulnerable road users.*
5. Reiterates its demand that the NSW Government commit \$30 million to mitigate the dangerous traffic nightmare on Inner West streets caused by WestConnex, with a priority for dangerous areas such as Frederick St identified in Council's WestConnex Local Area Improvement Strategy; and
6. The Mayor write to Natalie Ward MP, Minister for Metropolitan Roads requesting urgent pedestrian safety upgrades to the crossing and requesting Minister Ward attend the site, with our local Members of Parliament and meet with residents to explain what she will do to improve safety on Frederick Street.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Scott/Stephens)

That the meeting be adjourned for a five (5) minute recess.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

The meeting was adjourned at 8.59pm

The meeting resumed at 9.08pm

C0422(1) Item 21 Notice of Motion: Marrickville Town Hall

Motion: (Howard/Tsardoulis)

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledges and thanks staff for their efforts to mark the 100th anniversary of the opening of Marrickville Town Hall in February;**
- 2. Recommences work to convert Marrickville Town Hall and former Marrickville Library into a hub for multicultural performance and live music by:**
 - a) Establishing a steering committee to drive engagement and planning for the project, chaired by Clr Howard and consisting of Clr Langford as alternate chair, Clr Smith, the Chair (or representative) of the Inner West Council Multicultural Advisory Committee and Inner West Council Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, community representatives, and relevant staff;**
 - b) Working towards the re-initiation of an EOI process for future operations of the space to meet the objective of converting the Town Hall into a space for live music and multicultural performance, whilst preserving existing bookings, supporting regular hirers from local community groups and ensuring the ongoing use of the Town Hall for civic purposes; and**
 - c) Providing short-term residencies at the Town Hall for local artists, not-for-profit creative organisations and organisations from local CALD communities. Residencies may take the form of:**
 - i. Rehearsal or exhibition space at minimal or no cost;**
 - ii. Use of the main hall or spaces for performances by local musicians, choirs;**
 - iii. dance companies and community theatre productions, provided at minimal or no cost; and**

iv. Space for administration, meetings or storage.

- 3. Consults with the Inner West Council Multicultural Advisory Committee and Arts and Culture Committee, engage Diversity Arts Australia to conduct an audit of arts and cultural programming, and report on ways council can support the improved representation of cultural diversity in local arts and culture, including by actively widening talent pools and diversifying decision-making teams within council.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 22 Notice of Motion: Main Streets Strategy

Motion: (Scott/Drury)

That Council:

- 1. Develop a Main Streets Strategy to revitalise and support main streets in every suburb in the local government area, with localised options for each main street area, and offering an operational plan and timeline for each suburb, including at a minimum:

 - a) auditing all activities and programs Council currently offers;**
 - b) working with Chambers of Commerce;**
 - c) improving public transport, cycling and pedestrian links;**
 - d) taking action to make streets safer and more pleasant for pedestrians and cyclists, including footpath widening and decluttering, removing clearways and introducing safer traffic speeds;**
 - e) identifying a series of beautification "quick wins" or short term improvements such as plantings, painting, flags and lights that can be committed to and rolled out at short notice in each suburban area;**
 - f) in consultation with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, the investigation of avenues to promote Aboriginal culture and history in our main streets and villages. This should be conducted as a priority; and****
- 2. Expand the Perfect Match program to improve the facade of eligible local businesses, publicly owned buildings and infrastructure**
- 3. Develop a Laneways Strategy to promote activations, events and opportunities for outdoor dinings, pedestrian access and beautification works;**
- 4. Investigate making permanent the following elements of the COVID-recovery outdoor dining and live performance plan:

 - a) Use of Council car parks and parking spaces in front of hospitality premises for outdoor dining on application;****

- b) **Expediting applications by businesses for footpath dining and / or Council undertaking the approval process for outdoor dining and live performance in newly identified areas so that individual applications from businesses aren't required;**
- c) **Temporary closure of main streets and / or adjoining side streets, and use of Council parks near main streets by Council for activations and events; and**
- d) **A small grants program to allow hospitality businesses to hire local musicians and performers to provide entertainment at outdoor dining locations**

5. Notes that the 2022/23 draft budget has \$1m allocated to deliver placed based planning for Mainstreet improvements.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 23 Notice of Motion: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Pilot

Motion: (Langford/Smith)

That Council:

- 1. Notes the importance of increasing electric vehicle (EV) uptake in Australia, to reduce emissions which contribute to climate change and pollute our neighbourhoods;**
- 2. Notes that despite sales of EVs increasing year-on-year, uptake in Australia lags behind other developed countries, in part due to the lack of EV infrastructure such as public charging stations;**
- 3. Commits to doing our fair share to combat the climate crisis and increase uptake of EVs by:**
 - a) Initiating a pilot of at least two electric vehicle (EV) charging stations located in appropriate council managed public parking areas, in partnership with providers of EV charging infrastructure within the next six months;**
 - b) That these pilot charging stations ideally be located within areas of the LGA with the highest uptake of electric vehicles and high demand for electric charging stations;**
 - c) That one pilot be conducted in a council car parking station and the other pilot be conducted on a kerbside location;**
 - d) Works with potential charging providers to shortlist a series of sites for EV public charging stations in each ward of the LGA;**
 - e) Investigates the feasibility, including cost, of a 12-month trial installation of one EV public charging station per ward;**

- f) Works to transition the Council’s heavy and fleet vehicles to electric;
- g) Holds an Electric Vehicle Summit in partnership with the Electric Vehicle Council, bringing together residents, businesses, and environmental groups to understand the community’s challenges with uptake of EVs and what more Council can do to support uptake.
- h) Facilitates the installation of private charging stations where possible.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 24 Notice of Motion: Asylum Seekers Early Childhood Education

Motion: (Howard/Shetty)

That Council:

1. Notes that whilst their cases are being assessed, asylum seekers are unable to access early childhood subsidies that Australian families depend upon for access to early childhood education;
2. Notes that according to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre and Sydney Alliance, there are 400 children of asylum seekers in NSW in need of child care; and
3. Agrees to join Canterbury-Bankstown Council and others in providing free early education / preschool to children whose parents are awaiting asylum seeker determination, by allocating any unused places for this purpose.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 26 Notice of Motion: Balmain Town Hall Precinct

Motion: (Byrne/Stamolis)

That Council:

1. Note that there is \$1.4 million allocated to the upgrade of Balmain Town Hall in the 2022/23 Budget;
2. Commence community engagement on this upgrade and expand the scope of the consultation to include the revitalisation of the whole Balmain Town Hall precinct, from Balmain PCYC to the new Balmain Square;
3. Convene a public meeting at Balmain Town Hall to discuss the revitalisation of the precinct and invite the following participants:

- a) local artists and volunteers involved in recent activations of the precinct and maintenance of the glasshouse;
 - b) the Member for Balmain;
 - c) the Friends of Balmain Library;
 - d) the Balmain Association;
 - e) representatives of the NSW Government (owner of the Balmain Courthouse) as well as private land owners within the precinct;
 - f) business owners within the precinct; and
 - g) the Balmain / Rozelle Chamber of Commerce.
4. Receive a report on the cost estimates of a main street upgrade of the precinct including improvements to the footpaths, tree planting, public art and new street furniture and enhancement of heritage.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Scott left the Meeting at 9:31pm as she declared a significant interest in Item 27. She did not participate in discussion or voting of the item.

C0422(1) Item 27 Notice of Motion: Tempe Bunnings - Traffic Light Feasibility Review

Motion: (Howard/Langford)

That Council:

1. Acknowledges that Transport for NSW has recently written to Tempe residents indicating they are:
 - a) *“taking community concerns seriously and will continue working with Inner West Council and Bunnings to investigate alternative options to satisfy the concerns raised by local stakeholders including residents, the local Public School and the community;”* and
 - b) *“would support further risk assessment being undertaken by either Bunnings or Council of the Princes Hwy access and a feasibility review of the traffic lights to determine if the safety and network impacts could be effectively mitigated”*
2. Urgently conducts a new and independent risk assessment and feasibility review of proposed traffic lights on the Princes Hwy to determine if safety and network impacts previously raised by Transport for NSW could be effectively mitigated, funded from the next Quarterly Budget Review; and
3. Urgently report the outcome of this resolution to the Chair of the Sydney Eastern City Regional Panel and Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Scott

Councillor Scott returned to the Meeting at 9:36 pm.

C0422(1) Item 28 Notice of Motion: Planning Principles

Motion: (Da Cruz/Shetty)

That Council as requested by the Total Environment Centre, write to the Premier regarding the outrageous behaviour of his Minister and demand that the Minister:

1. Continue the development of the Design and Place State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) with its crucial environmental safeguards for present and future urban populations with gazettal by mid-2022;
2. Ensure that best practice is achieved (and is not discretionary) for cooler suburbs and buildings, green space, net zero, BASIX, tree canopy retention and expansion with deep soil needs, electric vehicle ready apartments, and resilience to killer urban heat, fire and floods;
3. Factor community health, sustainability and biodiversity protection into economic reviews of new policies, taking account of the long term impacts and benefits;
4. Require net zero emission statements and objective and credible data (not greenwash from developer consultants);
5. Achieve waste minimisation and water efficiency; and
6. Increase our canopy cover the Inner West to address the heat island effect, reduce the emissions from our dwellings into the future and ensure the safety of life and property, the assistance of sympathetic State Planning Instruments is vital.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Langford, Shetty and Stamolis

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Lockie, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Foreshadowed Motion: (D'Arienzo/Drury)

That Council records its opposition to the announcement by the NSW Minister for Planning and Homes Anthony Roberts to abandon the Design and Place State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) and refers the matter to the Minister through the Mayor.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 29 Notice of Motion: Loving Our Lanes

Clr Da Cruz withdrew her motion.

C0422(1) Item 30 Notice of Motion: Demerger Posters**Motion: (Stamolis/Langford)****That Council:**

- 1. To produce 50 posters/corflutes for each ward which recognises the public result of the demerger poll; and**
- 2. Includes an update about the demerger process in the next edition of the Inner West News, including an explanation of the project milestones and opportunities for community engagement.**

Motion Lost**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis**C0422(1) Item 31 Notice of Motion: Inclusion of Website and Enquiry System in the Customer Service Review**

Clr Griffiths withdrew his motion.

Councillor Shetty left the Meeting at 10:00 pm.

Councillor Lockie left the Meeting at 10:00 pm.

C0422(1) Item 32 Notice of Motion: Removal of Trees and Green Space by Inner West Council**Motion: (Stamolis/Langford)****That:**

- 1. Council proposals for development or works which require significant removal of trees and/or removal of green open space be brought to Council for open debate and decision; and**
- 2. Those aspects of the Leichhardt Skate Park DA which relate to the removal of trees and the removal of green open space be publicly reported to the May 2021 Council meeting before a decision on the DA is made.**

Motion Lost**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Langford and Stamolis**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Absent:** Crs Lockie and Shetty

Councillor Lockie returned to the Meeting at 10:02 pm.

Councillor Shetty returned to the Meeting at 10:02 pm.

Confidential Session

Motion: (Drury/Scott)

That Council enter into Confidential session.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

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:

C0422(1) Item 36 Tender for the Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Parking Meters (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

C0422(1) Item 37 Council Advertising RFQ and Inner West Council News (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

C0422(1) Item 38 Request for contract variation from Belgravia Leisure for the operation of the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre (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: (Scott/Lockie)

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

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

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C0422(1) Item 36 Tender for the Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Parking Meters

Motion: (Drury/Scott)

That Council:

1. That Council enter into a Contract (7-years with a 3-year extension option) with Duncan Solutions Australia for the supply, installation and maintenance of the pay-by-plate parking meter solution (RFT T02-21) for the amount of \$6,174,183 (including GST) over the 7-year contract term.
2. The upgrade of the existing physical permit system to incorporate electronic permits be supported for investigation and implementation.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 37 Council Advertising RFQ and Inner West Council News

Motion: (Drury/Griffiths)

That Council:

- 1. Commence a weekly news page in Inner West Review and the City Hub for a trial period of one year; and**
- 2. Use existing allocated funding to produce an extra four versions of the official Inner West Council newsletter, which is designed to inform and engage with community and to promote Council's priorities as adopted by the elected Council.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0422(1) Item 38 Request for contract variation from Belgravia Leisure for the operation of the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre

Motion: (Drury/Scott)

That Council:

- 1. Note the extended impact of the Covid 19 disruption and the request by Belgravia Leisure to seek an adjustment to the current contract;**
- 2. Reduce the service fee to 22% of total income ensuring that Belgravia Leisure continues to operate the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre until June 30; and**
- 3. Negotiate a minimum service fee payment of approx. \$440k with Belgravia Leisure that ensures Council has a known minimum rental return.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Meeting closed at 10.11pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 1:	Garnet Brownhill	Tempe
Item 4:	Greg Khoury	Newtown
Item 5:	Rochelle Porteous	Balmain East
Item 6:	Ben Prag Ashley Douglas	Balmain Lilyfield
Item 7:	Roger Cohen	Balmain East
Item 9:	Angela White Martin Bowles	Leichhardt Leichhardt
Item 11:	Adam Tanazefi Mary-Eve Zamagias	Croydon Unknown
Item 18:	Norrie	Waterloo
Item 20:	Max Phillips Anna Harvey Eva Chiang	Ashfield Croydon Ashfield
Item 21:	Irene Tsenkas Kane Wheatley	Marrickville Marrickville
Item 22:	Angelo Korsanos Neil Tonkin	Summer Hill Lilyfield
Item 24:	Elisabeth Kramer Ruth Moraes Maryam	Dulwich Hill Sydney Kellyville
Item 26:	Michele Hacking Lisa Tatman	Rozelle Balmain
Item 30:	Michele Hacking	Rozelle