

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 May 2022 at Ashfield Service Centre

Meeting commenced at 6.33pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Deputy Mayor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
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
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
Harjeet Atwal	Senior Manager Planning
Daniel East	Manager Strategic Planning
Daryl Jackson	Chief Financial Officer
Katherine Paixao	Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk

APOLOGIES: Nil

A request from Channel 9 to film the meeting was granted by Council.

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Clr Scott declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 Parramatta Road Corridor Stage 1 Planning Proposal and supporting Development Control Plan amendments (Inner West LEP Phase 2A) as her house is within the Taverner's Hill development precinct that is the subject of the proposal. This will not affect her ability to consider the matter impartially and she will remain for the debate and vote.

Clr Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 19 April 2022 as he works in the Office of the State Member who has a representative on the Local Traffic Committee. He will leave the meeting during discussion and voting as the member participated directly in the meeting.

Motion: (Smith/Stephens)

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 Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**Motion: (Drury/Scott)**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 12 April 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 Tsardoulias

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 Drury left the Meeting at 6:56 pm.

Councillor Drury returned to the Meeting at 6:58 pm.

C0522(1) Item 21 Notice of Motion: Vale Betty Mason**Motion: (Da Cruz/Stamolis)**

That Council work with Betty Mason's family and friends to install a Historical Marker, in an appropriate location, acknowledging Betty's contribution to Annandale.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0522(1) Item 1 Condolence Motion: Nectarios (Necta) Papanicolaou**Motion: (D'Arienzo/Howard)**

That Council write a letter of condolence to the family of Necta Papanicolaou, expressing our sadness at his sudden passing and acknowledging his service and contribution to the Dulwich Hill community.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0522(1) Item 34 Mayoral Minute: Old Balmain Leagues Club Fire**Motion: (Byrne)****That Council:**

- 1. Notes that responsibility for the Balmain Leagues Club site rests with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) who have failed the residents of the Inner West in their duty to ensure the site is safe, resulting in the fire of the afternoon of 7 May 2022;**
- 2. Calls upon TfNSW to step up to its responsibility, secure the site, manage the ongoing aftermath of the fire and demolish the derelict building;**
- 3. Calls upon the NSW Government to declare their intentions for the use of the site one way or another; and**
- 4. Pending staff advice, proceed with issuing a demolition order for the derelict building if the Government fails to act.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias**Against Motion:** Nil**C0522(1) Item 35 Mayoral Minute: Master Plan for the Upgrade of Leichhardt Oval****Motion: (Byrne)****That:**

- 1. Council begins work on formulating a new Master Plan for the upgrading and renovation of facilities at Leichhardt Oval in anticipation of an expected significant NSW Government financial contribution;**
- 2. The Master Plan preserve and protect the heritage of the ground, including the Wayne Pearce Hill and Keith Barnes Stand, while providing the modern seating and facilities the ground desperately needs; and**
- 3. The Master Plan is to include consideration of the following:**
 - The ground hosts a minimum of six Wests Tigers home games a year;**
 - A major new grandstand providing modern seating for professional sport;**
 - A Museum of Inner West Rugby League;**
 - Modern amenities including new change rooms, toilets, food outlets and screens;**
 - New function facilities;**
 - Improved parking;**

- **Opening the ground up to the public as a community centre during the week; and**
- **An upgrade of the adjoining Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre providing improved gym, rehabilitation and aquatic facilities for users of Leichhardt Oval and the community.**

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 Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring Items 10, 15, 16 and 19 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 (Scott/Stephens)

That Items 10, 15, 16 and 19 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

C0522(1) Item 10 Healthy Ageing Strategy And Action Plan 2022-2025**Motion: (Scott/Stephens)**

That Council adopt the Draft Inner West Healthy Ageing Strategy 2022-2025 and note the Action Plan 2022-2025.

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

C0522(1) Item 15 Superannuation Contribution Payment for Councillors

Motion: (Scott/Stephens)

That Council resolves for the Mayor and Councillors to receive superannuation contribution payments from 1 July 2022, in accordance with Section 254B of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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

C0522(1) Item 16 Creative Inner West Cultural Strategy 2022-2025

Motion: (Scott/Stephens)

THAT Council adopt *Creative Inner West: Cultural Strategy 2022 – 2025* and note the *Creative Inner West: Action Plan 2022 – 2025*.

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

C0522(1) Item 19 Food and Garden Organics Service to all Inner West Council households

Motion: (Scott/Stephens)

That Council:

- 1. Notes the project outline in this report to deliver a Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) service to all Inner West Households by 2024**
- 2. Notes the uptake and success of the Food Organics Service available to all apartments in the Inner West**
- 3. Writes a letter of appreciation to Randwick Council for providing Inner West with a FOGO briefing**
- 4. Receive a report at the August 2022 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

C0522(1) Item 2 Tree Management DCP review 2022**Motion: (Smith/Scott)****That:**

- 1. Council note that a record 3,200 mature street trees have been planted in the Inner West in the last two years:**
- 2. Council note that no less than \$2 million is committed to towards tree planting - per year, every year - and another 800 trees are due to be planted by the end of 2022;**
- 3. Council place the attached draft Tree Management component of the Development Control Plan (TREE DCP 2022) on public exhibition;**
- 4. The draft Tree DCP 2022 be reported back to Council with the community feedback results;**
- 5. Given the very high and increasing number of flats, units and other multi-dwelling developments in the Inner West, Councils Tree DCP should not only refer to dwelling houses it should also cover flats, units and multi-dwelling developments. Council should make appropriate modifications to the Tree DCP to account for flats, units and other multi-dwelling developments; and**
- 6. Council to review the advice from the briefing of February 2020 which recommended that the DCP be amended to refer any building being lawfully used for occupation as a residential dwelling.**

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 (Stamolis/Da Cruz)****That:**

- 1. Given the very high and increasing number of flats, units and other multi-dwelling developments in the Inner West, Councils Tree DCP should not only refer to dwelling houses it should also cover flats, units and multi-dwelling developments. Council should make appropriate modifications to the Tree DCP to account for flats, units and other multi-dwelling developments; and**
- 2. Council to review the advice from the briefing of February 2020 which recommended that the DCP be amended to refer any building being lawfully used for occupation as a residential dwelling.**

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

As the Amendment was carried, it has been incorporated into the Primary motion.

C0522(1) Item 3 Review of Affordable Housing Policy

Motion: (Griffiths/Smith)

That Council endorse the revised Affordable Housing Policy with amendment to appendix 2 that ensures council affordable housing residents, in mixed developments, have equal access to services as all other private residents of the accommodation.

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

C0522(1) Item 4 Parramatta Road Corridor Stage 1 Planning Proposal and supporting Development Control Plan amendments (Inner West LEP Phase 2A)

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Stamolis)

That:

1. Council supports the Planning Proposal for Parramatta Road Corridor - Stage 1 LEP Phase 2A and the associated draft amendments to Development Control Plans (DCPs) (Leichhardt, Marrickville and Comprehensive Inner West Development Control Plan 2016 (former Ashfield);
2. The Planning Proposal is forwarded to the Minister for Planning for a Gateway Determination in accordance with Section 3.33 and 3.34 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979;
3. Council request delegation from Minister for Planning to manage the plan making functions of the Planning Proposal;
4. Should the Planning Proposal receive a favourable Gateway Determination, place the Planning Proposal and draft DCP amendments on public exhibition in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Framework to meet the requirements of the Gateway Determination, Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021;
5. Council write to the Minister for Planning that commitments be put in place by the NSW Government for provision of on-street rapid transit system along Parramatta Road;
6. Council authorise the General Manager to make any minor/ technical modifications

to the Planning Proposal and supporting draft Development Control Plan amendments; and

7. Council receive a post exhibition report for its 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

C0522(1) Item 5 Community Consultation - Draft Inner West Development Contribution Plan 2022 and supporting infrastructure needs studies

Motion: (Drury/Lockie)

That Council:

1. Supports the Inner West Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2022 and its supporting studies to be placed on community consultation in accordance with the Community Engagement Framework, subject to the following specific amendments to the Framework:

a) At least one of the 'meet the planner' drop-in sessions to be held on the weekend; and

b) A public meeting to be held on the Contribution Plan.

2. Authorise the General Manager to make minor/ technical modifications to the draft Inner West Local Infrastructure Contribution Plan prior to it being placed on public exhibition; and

3. Receives a post exhibition report for its 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

C0522(1) Item 6 Customer Service Review Update and Committee Representation

Motion: (Scott/Shetty)

That Council:

1. Determines the 3 Councillor representatives for the Customer Service sub-committee are Clr Scott (Chair), Clr Tsardoulis and Clr Shetty;

2. Notes the customer service improvements already undertaken, as outlined in the

report, and requests that with regard to the inclusion of a Senior Manager’s name as the sign-off on customer service letters, that a direct phone number is also added; and

3. Approve the Terms of Reference as detailed in Attachment 1, subject to the following amendments:

a) Sub-Committee Composition

5.1 Voting Members

- **Three Councillor Representatives (one to be the Chair), as determined by Council**
- **Four Community Representatives, as determined by an Expression of Interest to be overseen by the Chair and General Manager**
- **General Manager**

b) 5.3. Chairperson

Sub-committee meetings will be chaired by a Councillor as determined by Council, in the absence of the Chair the sub-committee will elect a Chair by the majority of voting members.

c) 7 Meetings

7.1 Agenda Meetings and Webcasting

The agenda shall be determined by the Chair and the General Manager.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0522(1) Item 7 Draft term sheet for Western Harbour Tunnel

Motion: (Scott/Drury)

That Council grants authority to the General Manager to negotiate with Transport for New South Wales with a view to finalising and signing an Interface Agreement.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Lockie, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulias

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

C0522(1) Item 8 Streetscape Maintenance Service Standard

Motion: (Scott/Drury)

That Council:

1. **Endorse the inhouse service delivery of the parks and verge mowing programs within the former Ashfield Council area; and**
2. **Increase the service standard for verge maintenance to a 20 working day cycle**

from October to March and a 40 day working cycle from April to September.

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 (Stamolis)

That Council investigates the increase of the service standard on the verge mowing to a 20 day cycle to all year.

This amendment lapsed for want of seconder

Councillor Howard left the Meeting at 8:34 pm as he declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 19 April 2022 as he works in the Office of the State Member who has a representative on the Local Traffic Committee.

Councillor D'Arienzo left the Meeting at 8:35 pm.

C0522(1) Item 9 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 19 April 2022

Motion: (Scott/Da Cruz)

THAT the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 19 April 2022 be received and the recommendations be adopted.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Crs D'Arienzo and Howard

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

Councillor D'Arienzo returned to the Meeting at 8:37 pm.

C0522(1) Item 11 Reconciliation Action Plan

Motion: (Howard/Drury)

That the draft Reconciliation Action Plan be endorsed for Public Exhibition.

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

C0522(1) Item 12 Ending Period Poverty in the Inner West

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

THAT Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0522(1) Item 13 2021/22 Third Quarter Budget Review

Motion: (Drury/Stamolis)

That the Third Quarter Budget Review for 2021/22 be adopted.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0522(1) Item 14 Adoption of Code of Meeting Practice

Motion: (Scott/Stephens)

That Council adopts the Code of Meeting Practice, shown in Attachment 1.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulias

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

Amendment (Da Cruz/Lockie)

That clause 10.22 is amended to allow speakers 3 minutes.

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 Tsardoulias

Amendment (Griffiths/Stamolis)

That clause 9.19 be removed 'A Councillor may ask up to 3 questions per item on the agenda', with sequent renumbering.

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 Tsardoulias

Procedural motion (Smith/Byrne)

That the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

The meeting was adjourned at 8.55pm

The meeting recommenced at 9.08pm

C0522(1) Item 17 Review of the Regulatory Framework for Boarding House Inspections**Motion: (Smith/Atkins)**

That:

- 1. Noting the inadequacy of the response received from the NSW Minister for Planning and Homes, organise a petition campaign calling on the NSW Government to commit to a joint state and local government review of boarding house regulation and management and sufficient resourcing of local councils for inspection;**
- 2. Council write to the respective Minister for Planning and the Minister for Small Business and Fair Trading seeking a more proactive approach to ensuring that boarding houses applying for registration with Fair Trading have the appropriate development consent. This includes:**
 - a) relevant fire safety standards,**
 - b) appropriate kitchen and bathroom facilities for the number of residents,**
 - c) annual review of fire safety for the protection of residents.**
- 3. Council endorse the boarding house inspection regime outlined in this report;**
- 4. Council continue to advocate for a partnership approach from NSW Government State Agencies in order to assist boarding house residents in securing safe and healthy accommodation;**
- 5. Council write letters to all 4 State MPs seeking better funding for Council inspections and enforcement;**
- 6. Council notes that:**
 - a) boarding houses provide low cost accommodation to low income and vulnerable people;**

- b) IWC LGA has largest number of boarding houses of any LGA in NSW and therefore needs State funding assistance to carry out Council obligations under the Boarding House Act; and
- c) currently Council receives no assistance from State in relation to boarding houses

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 (Shetty/Da Cruz)

That an extension of time of one (1) minute for Councillor Stamolis to speak on the motion in item 16 be granted.

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

C0522(1) Item 18 Lilyfield Skate Plaza Part 5 Approval

Motion: (Scott/Byrne)

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Note that in addition to the 10 trees to be planted around the perimeter of the skate plaza that 32 additional trees will be planted within Leichhardt Park to offset the proposed tree removal;
3. Commit to, in addition to replacing the "not well-maintained" trees at the skate park site one for one per the report, planting the first new microforest in the Inner West as committed at the February 2022 Meeting of Council in proximity to the skate park; and
4. Note that the Leichhardt Park Plan of Management proposes to reduce Link Road between LPAC and Leichhardt No3 to one way traffic and to establish a designated pedestrian and cycle paths between the LPAC forecourt and the skate plaza and lower foreshore level, on the water side of the Link Road.

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

Councillor Griffiths left the Meeting at 9:55 pm.

C0522(1) Item 20 Investment Report at 31 March 2022

Motion: (Stamolis/Shetty)

That Council:

1. **Notes the strong fall in investment performance through 2022 to date;**
2. **Explain this fall in performance and its impact on Council finances by way of a report to Council in June 2022; and**
3. **Councils investment report shows that it has invested \$253 million but total restrictions & working funds are recorded as \$358 million. Can Council explain the differences and report back in June 2022.**

Motion Lost

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

Foreshadowed Motion (Drury/Scott)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

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

Councillor Griffiths returned to the Meeting at 9:56 pm.

C0522(1) Item 22 Notice of Motion: Encouraging Verge Gardens

Motion: (Griffith/D'Arienzo)

That:

1. **The draft Verge Garden Policy will encourage residents to garden on the verge; and**
2. **Upon finalisation of the Verge Garden Policy Council will initiate a verge gardening competition across the Local Government Area, the competition will:**
 - a) **be detailed in a future report to Council;**
 - b) **offer interested residents with a limited number of free native and appropriate plants to be planted on the verge and used in the competition;**
 - c) **offer prizes; and**
 - d) **advertise winning verges through the council newsletter and on the Council website.**

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

C0522(1) Item 23 Notice of Motion: Reusable Sanitary Product Rebate

Motion: (Scott/Shetty)

That Council:

1. Acknowledges many sanitary and hygiene products, including disposable nappies, tampons and pads cannot be recycled, contributing to landfill;
2. Commits to a 12-month trial of a rebate program on 50% of the purchase price for \$100 rebate on the purchase of reusable sanitary products and a \$150 rebate on the purchase of reusable nappies in the 2022-2023 Budget, capped at \$30,000;
3. Notes the trial will be funded through the remainder of an existing grant from the *Better Waste Recycling Fund* provided to Council by the Environmental Protection Agency; and
4. Notes similar Council programs that have been successfully run in other local government areas including Parramatta, Hornsby, Blacktown and Penrith councils.

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

C0522(1) Item 24 Notice of Motion: Illegal Dumping on Residential Streets

Motion: (Howard/Langford)

That Council:

1. Notes an increase in reports of illegal dumping on residential streets across the Inner West, particularly following recent wet weather, and the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on council services;
2. Acknowledges Council's free booked clean up service provides a flexible, efficient and environmentally beneficial service for residents;
3. As soon as possible, undertakes a comprehensive and targeted education campaign to tackle illegal dumping of rubbish on streets across the Inner West - with information on a prominent page in the Inner West News, local media, social media and on the Council website, stickers and decals on Council trucks and vehicles - focused on;
 - a) How to use the booked clean up service;
 - b) How to report illegal dumping;

- c) **Local opportunities to reuse, swap and share, including online groups, resale platforms and local reuse organisations; and**
- d) **The financial, social and environmental cost to the community of illegal dumping.**
- 4. **As part of its education campaign, engages with real estate agents to provide information to tenants or owners who are relocating about the booked clean up service and engages with strata committees to better manage collections;**
- 5. **Increases patrols of dumping hotspots; and**
- 6. **Increases and employs Council’s social media budget for the purpose of promoting core services that benefit the local community.**

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 (Stamolis/Da Cruz)

That Council:

- 1. **Notes the widespread community concern about Council’s booked clean-up service and how this makes streets and suburbs continually look untidy;**
- 2. **Note community concern about the significantly lower rates of reuse and recycling as a result of moving to booked Council services; and**
- 3. **Note that residents are concerned that the Council booked service has led to greater levels of illegal dumping.**

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Shetty and Stamolis

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

C0522(1) Item 25 Notice of Motion: Inclusive Playgrounds

Motion: (Howard/Tsardoulis)

That Council:

- 1. **Acknowledges all children in our community have a right to play, but that a lack of accessibility in local playgrounds prohibit many children living with disability from doing so;**
- 2. **Notes that children with disability can be better engaged in designing play spaces and thanks the Social Strategy Advisory Committee for developing co-design principles that aim to engage the community in the design and development of infrastructure, services and policies to ensure projects better responds to and meets the needs of the community;**

3. Commit to establishing an inclusive playground in each ward by:

- a) Identifying a planned playground upgrade in each ward that could be appropriately developed as an inclusive play space, including King Georges Park, Rozelle;
- b) Working with a reputable third party to better engage children with disability and their families in the codesign of these play spaces, incorporating the co-design principles developed by the Social Strategy Advisory Committee;
- c) Allocating \$50,000 in the 2022-2023 Budget for consultation, planning and design and \$2 million for construction in 2023-2024 Budget;
- d) Directing staff to investigate further grant and funding opportunities; and
- e) Incorporating this approach into either or both of council’s draft Recreation Study and upcoming draft Playground Strategy, as appropriate.

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

C0522(1) Item 26 Notice of Motion: Local Democracy

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Scott)

That Council:

- 1. Notes our Local Democracy Groups include 9 Advisory Committees and 4 Working Groups:

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- 1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee
- 2. Access Advisory Committee
- 3. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
- 4. Environment Advisory Committee
- 5. Housing and Affordability Advisory Committee
- 6. Multicultural Advisory Committee
- 7. Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee
- 8. Social Strategy Advisory Committee
- 9. Transport Advisory Committee

WORKING GROUPS

- 1. Bicycle Working Group
 - 2. LGBTIQ+ Working Group
 - 3. Seniors Working Group
 - 4. Young Leaders Working Group
- 2. Notes the Inner West community has a strong desire for greater participation in Council’s decision-making. Council recognises that local knowledge, ideas and feedback from the community are essential to ensure Council’s decision-making improves community wellbeing and long-term sustainability;

3. Thank the members of the Local Democracy Groups for their service and commitment to our community.
4. Request a councillor briefing on Local Democracy Groups prior to the June Council meeting, with a view to review the Terms of Reference prior to the commencement of the new groups.'
5. Review and strengthen the Terms of Reference for the Local Democracy Groups:
 - a) To align with CSP Strategic Direction 5, outcome 5.3 - people are well informed and actively engaged in local decision making and problem solving;
 - b) To focus on priorities outlined in the Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program; and
 - c) To be a purposeful forum to deliberate and problem solve on policy matters.
6. In consultation with staff, determine 1-2 appropriate policy challenges to allocate to the newly constituted Local Democracy Groups for deliberation. Quarterly progress reports on deliberations to be submitted to Council;
7. Prepare Expressions of Interest for all new Local Democracy Groups for a new term commencing July 2022 until September 2024, with the recruitment panel to include relevant Council Officers and three Councillors (Deputy Mayor D'Arienzo, Councillor Scott and Councillor tbc);
8. Note our commitment is to engage and hear from a wide and diverse range of people in our community;
9. Establish an additional Inner West Local Community Panel to operate as a community sounding board. Engagement is fit for purpose and by invitation to a random selection of registered participants to deliberate and provide input through various consultation methods:
 - a) Invite all residents and local businesses to opt-in to register for the Local Community Panel;
 - b) Advertise the Local Community Panel through regular Inner West communication channels providing information in community languages; and
 - c) Consult with New Democracy Foundation on Local Community Panel design and function.

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 10:23 pm.

C0522(1) Item 27 Notice of Motion: Trans and Gender Diverse swim night**Motion: (Atkins/D'Arienzo)****That Council:**

- 1. Congratulates staff and the LGBTQ Working Group on the success of the Trans and Gender Diverse Swim Night at Ashfield Aquatic Centre on 29 April 2022; and**
- 2. Requests that staff investigate the feasibility of future Trans and Gender Diverse Swim Nights and swim nights for other communities, such as people with disabilities, and refugee families, at Inner West Council Aquatic Centres and bring a report back to Council, including an estimate of costs and whether an entry fee should be charged.**

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 returned to the Meeting at 10:25 pm.

C0522(1) Item 28 Notice of Motion: Ausgrid Excessive Tree Pruning**Motion: (Atkins/Smith)****That Council:**

- 1. Notes excessive pruning of street trees by Ausgrid in the Inner West Council Local Government Area;**
- 2. Notes that Ausgrid is no longer applying the agreed reduced clearance of 0.5m when trimming trees in the Inner West; and**
- 3. Agree that the Mayor write to Ausgrid:**
 - a) aseeking adherence to the previously agreed 0.5m clearance when trimming trees; and**
 - b) An estimate of costs of implementing an aerial bundled cabling program at the very least around heritage trees and in heritage conservation areas, with costs to be shared between Council and Ausgrid.**
- 4. Works with neighbouring Councils, SSROC and Local Government NSW to advocate jointly to Ausgrid for:**
 - a) A review of clearance pruning guidelines and practices, with a maximum clearance of 0.5m around overhead wires to be adopted; and**
 - b) Reforms to minimise canopy loss from pruning works and improve cost-sharing for undergrounding and aerial bundled cabling works to be incorporated into Ausgrid's upcoming proposal for its next five-year regulatory control period, which commences 1 July 2024.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural motion (Scott/Byrne)

That Council adjourn the meeting to open the Extraordinary meeting at 10.30pm and return to the Ordinary meeting at the conclusion of the Extraordinary Meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Meeting was adjourned at 10.28pm

Meeting resumed at 10.55pm

Procedural motion (Scott/Howard)

That the meeting be extended until 11.10pm

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural motion (Scott/Smith)

That the meeting be extended until 11.20pm

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural motion (Scott/Smith)

That the motion be put.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulias

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

C0522(1) Item 29 Notice of Motion: Makarrata – Voice, Treaty, Truth**Motion: (Langford/Stamolis)****That Council:**

1. Notes that the Uluru Statement From the Heart is addressed to the Australian people and invites the nation to create a better future via a proposal of key reforms;
2. Notes that ‘Makarrata’, as outlined in the Uluru Statement, is a Yolgnu word for “coming together after a struggle to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history”;
3. Acknowledges the notions of ‘Voice, Treaty, Truth’ as outlined in the Uluru Statement From the Heart;
4. Commits to Truth-Telling to achieve Historical Acceptance and Reconciliation;
5. Delivers the Reconciliation Action Plan in this term of Council;
6. Notes the request from Council’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee to establish a Community Hub:
7. Prioritises identifying an appropriate location for the Community Hub as soon as possible;
8. Notes that the role of the Hub continues to be scoped and could include:
 - exhibition space for First Nations artists;
 - cultural centre;
 - employment opportunities for First Nations people.
9. Continues to actively seek opportunities to rename parks, streets, buildings and other sites with Gadigal and Wangal words and install interpretive signage that recognises Gadigal and Wangal places of significance; and
10. Briefs Councillors about current projects, including the Wayfinding Path, the Survival Memorial in Yeo Park, the Community Hub, current status of the Reconciliation in Action Plan (RAP), update on negotiations with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council towards a Principles of Co-operation Agreement with Inner West Council and any other related initiatives that give voice to Truth-Telling, Historical Acceptance, Reconciliation, Recognition of Sovereignty and Self-Determination towards a better future.

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**Confidential Session****Motion: (Byrne/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:

C0522(1) Item 32 Marrickville and St Peters Town Halls External Works Tender T16-21 (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.

C0522(1) Item 33 Licence of Leichhardt Oval to Wests Tigers Rugby League Football Pty Ltd (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.

Motion: (Byrne/D'Arienzo)

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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C0522(1) Item 32 Marrickville and St Peters Town Halls External Works Tender T16-21

Motion: (Scott/Drury)

That Council:

1. **Accept the revised tender submission from Rapid Construction Pty Ltd valued at \$1,904,147 (Exc. GST);**
2. **Include a 20% contingency sum of \$380,829 (Exc. GST) due to the unknown extent of the remedial facade works;**
3. **Re-allocate funds to the value of \$894,289 (Exc. GST) from existing budgets to make-up the shortfall in funding for the project; and**
4. **Provide the General Manager with delegated authority to execute any associated documents.**

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

C0522(1) Item 33 Licence of Leichhardt Oval to Wests Tigers Rugby League Football Pty Ltd

Motion: (Scott/Drury)

That Council as the Crown land manager of Leichhardt Park (D500207):

- 1. Resolves to grant a licence of Leichhardt Park Oval No.1 to Wests Tigers Rugby League Football Pty Ltd (the Wests Tigers) for rugby league matches and training; and**

- 2. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to negotiate terms and execute the Licence.**

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 Drury retired from the Meeting at 11:17 pm.

Meeting closed at 11.18pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 2:	Michael McNamara	Balmain
Item 10:	Sandra Robin Triutzi	Stanmore
Item 16:	Tamara Winkoff	Lewisham
Item 18:	Giovannino Navarra	Birchwood
	Stefan Wernik	Dulwich Hill
	Glen Apps	Blaxland
	Andrew Alcorn	Rozelle
	David Sheffield	North Balgowlah
Item 21:	Tom Cochrane	West End Queensland
Item 23:	Anna Harvey	Croydon
Item 25:	Kim Becherand	Drummoyne
	Sylvania Mahmic	Marrickville
Item 27:	Warner Ward	Marrickville
Item 28:	Chris O'Dell	Newtown
	Mahala McLindin	Lewisham
Item 29:	Allan Barnes	Petersham
	Uncle Jimmy Smith	Glebe
	Thomas Mayor	Moil Point
Item 32:	Brian Halstead	Mosman

Unconfirmed minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 10 May 2022.