

**Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 24 February 2026 at
Ashfield Service Centre**

Meeting commenced at 5:30pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Chloe Smith	Deputy Mayor
Izabella Antoniou	Councillor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Andrew Blake	Councillor
Jo Carlisle	Councillor
Vicki Clay	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Kerrie Fergusson	Councillor
Mat Howard	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Ismet Tastan	Councillor
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Joan Murphy	Senior Manager People and Culture
George Georgakis	Administration Manager
Tia Camelin	Acting Business Paper Coordinator

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Atkins)

That leave of absence for Councillor Barlow be granted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Nil.

C0226(3) Item 1 Mayoral Minute: Personnel Matter Relating to the General Manager's Contract of Employment.**Procedural Motion: (Clay/Scott)**

That Council move into confidential session to deal with the Mayoral Minute: Personnel Matter Relating to the General Manager's Contract of Employment, as the information is confidential under section 10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil

Council entered into Closed Session at 5.44pm.

RESOLUTION PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION**C0226(3) Item 2 Mayoral Minute: Personnel Matter Relating to the General Manager's Contract of Employment.****Motion: (Byrne/Clay)**

- 1. That Council resolves to offer Mr Peter Gainsford a new contract of employment and salary package as General Manager of the Council on the terms set out as 1(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Mayor's Recommendation included in the Mayoral Minute as Item 2 of the agenda for the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 24 February 2026.**
- 2. The Mayor be authorised to sign the new contract on behalf of the Council and take such other action as may be necessary to give effect to resolution 1 above.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Procedural Motion: (Clay/Scott)**

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

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil

Meeting closed at 6.51pm.