

Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting held remotely and livestreamed on Council's website on 24 August 2021

Meeting commenced at 5.30pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Victor Macri	Deputy Mayor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor (5:32pm)
Mark Drury	Councillor
Lucille McKenna OAM	Councillor
Colin Hesse	Councillor
Sam Iskandar	Councillor
Tom Kiat	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Julie Passas	Councillor
Rochelle Porteous	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Louise Steer	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Graeme Palmer	Acting Director Development and Recreation
Cathy Edwards-Davis	Director Infrastructure
Caroline McLeod	Acting Director City Living
Peter Livanos	Acting Director Corporate
Katherine Paixao	Acting Manager Governance
Carmelina Giannini	Acting Governance Coordinator

APOLOGIES: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS: Nil

Councillor Da Cruz entered the meeting at 5.32pm

Councillor Kiat left the Meeting at 5:50 pm.

Councillor Iskandar retired from the Meeting at 5:50 pm.

C0821(2) Item 1 Mayoral Minute: Vaccinating Council Staff and Opening Walk-In Vaccination Clinics

Motion: (Byrne)

THAT Council:

- Note the increase in COVID-19 infections in the Inner West local government area and the NSW Government's public health advice that urgently increasing vaccination rates is necessary to combat the spread of the virus;**
- Seek to open a vaccination clinic immediately for Council staff, to be administer on Council premises, making use of local pharmacists and / or general practitioners who have been approved to administer vaccinations in workplaces;**

3. Reissue our urgent request to the NSW Government to open walk-in vaccination clinics in the Inner West Local Government Area;
4. Seek the guidance and approval of NSW Health in making Council's town halls and depots available immediately to local pharmacists and general practitioners to administer walk-in vaccination clinics for the community; and
5. Request that the Federal Government make the Australian Defence Force available to administer vaccination hubs in the Inner West rather than being deployed to police citizens in relation to compliance with health orders.

Motion Carried

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

APOLOGIES:

Motion: (Byrne/Drury)

THAT apologies from Councillor York be accepted.

Motion Carried

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

Councillor Kiat returned to the Meeting at 5:56 pm.

C0821(2) Item 2 Notice of Motion: Disruption Caused by Election Delay

Motion: (McKenna OAM/Drury)

THAT Council notes the concerns reported in the Sydney Morning Herald on August 3 that the requirement for Councils to conduct Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections in September, for terms concluding at the December 4 local government elections, risks disrupting Councils services and distracting Councillors from the crucial tasks of supporting residents to get through the lockdown and promoting vaccination in the community.

Motion Lost

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

Meeting closed at 5.57pm.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on the 24th day of August, 2021 were confirmed as a correct record on this 14th day of September, 2021.

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 CHAIRPERSON