

**Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held remotely and livestreamed on Council's website on 9 November 2021****Meeting commenced at 6.31pm****Present:**

Rochelle Porteous	Mayor
Pauline Lockie	Deputy Mayor
Darcy Byrne	Councillor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Colin Hesse	Councillor
Tom Kiat	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Lucille McKenna OAM	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Louise Steer	Councillor
Anna York	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Graeme Palmer	Acting Director Planning
Cathy Edwards-Davis	Director Infrastructure
Caroline McLeod	Acting Director Community
Peter Livanes	Director Corporate
Beau-Jane De Costa	Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Simon Turner	Acting General Counsel
Ken Welsh	Team Leader Transport Planning
Aaron Callaghan	Parks and Recreation Planning Manager
Simon Watts	Social and Cultural Planning Manager
Simon Duck	Senior Manager Sport and Recreation
Katherine Paixao	Governance Coordinator

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

THAT apologies from Councillors Iskandar and Passas be accepted.

**Motion Carried****For Motion:**

Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****Motion: (Hesse/Stamolis)**

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 October 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

**Motion Carried**

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

**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.

**Procedural Motion - Suspension of Standing Orders****Motion: (Porteous/Hesse)**

**THAT Council suspend standing orders to deal with disclosures of interests at this time.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:**

Councillor Raciti declared a non-significant, pecuniary interest in Item 1 Fee Waivers For Sporting Grounds-Winter 2022 as her husband and son are on the board of Apia Leichhardt and she will leave the meeting during discussion and voting.

**Motion: (Macri/Hesse)**

**THAT Council note the disclosure of interest.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C1121(1) Item 8      Mayoral Minute: Condolences and Tribute to the life of Max Stahl**

**Motion:****THAT Council:**

- 1. Celebrates and pays tribute to the life of Max Stahl and the role he has played in the path to independence for Timor Leste;**
- 2. Send its sincere condolences to the family of Max Stahl; and**
- 3. Organises an exhibition and event to celebrate and pay tribute to the work of Max**

**Stahl in consultation with the NSW Australian Timor Leste Friendship Network, Tekee Media and the Inner West Friends of Maliana.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C1121(1) Item 9      Mayoral Minute: Inner West Light Rail closed for up to 18 months**

**Motion: (Porteous)**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Writes to the NSW Minister for Transport requesting an urgent meeting to seek ways to work together to minimise the disruption that will be caused to our community by the closure of the Inner West Light Rail for up to 18 months;**
- 2. Calls on the Minister for Transport to do everything possible to safely get the Inner West Light Rail back up and running as soon as possible;**
- 3. Notes with concern that the type of carriage purchased for the Inner West Light Rail line by the NSW Government is incompatible with the CBD and south-east light rail meaning they are not inter-operable;**
- 4. Confirms the Inner West Council's opposition to the privatising of public transport;**
- 5. Calls for a standardised, publicly owned and run network of trams for Sydney. The Sydney trams system needs to be fully integrated, safe, reliable and accessible;**
- 6. Calls on the Minister to ensure that the same level of accessibility as on the light rail is provided with all replacement buses which should be 100% accessible with low floors;**
- 7. Notes that light rail users have been severely inconvenienced by this decommissioning of the light rail service and that therefore the replacement buses must be provided free of charge to users;**
- 8. Immediately investigate opportunities to bring forward planned in-corridor Greenway works, and the City West Cycle line between the Greenway and the Anzac Bridge;**
- 9. Convene an Inner West Light Rail consultative group to ensure that all organisations and sectors in our community affected by the disruption of the service can liaise with Transport for NSW and the Government;**
- 10. Write to all school principals and P&C's along the Inner West Light Rail Corridor offering assistance in proposing to Transport for NSW, school specific replacement services for their students;**
- 11. Seek urgent advice from Transport for NSW about the use of accessible mini buses instead of coaches as replacement services, allowing greater accessibility and less impact on the local traffic network; and**

**12. Seek advice from the Government about options being explored to expedite the recommencement of the Inner West Light Rail.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Cr Macri

**C1121(1) Item 10      Mayoral Minute: Opposition to The Western Harbour Tunnel and Assistance to Residents**

**Motion: (Porteous)**

**THAT Council:**

1. Opposes the Western Harbour Tunnel;
2. Writes to the Minister for Transport seeking a meeting to discuss the urgent need for a comprehensive health study on the documented impacts of WestConnex and the predicted impacts of the Western Harbour Tunnel, including the health impacts resulting from the cumulative impact of Western Harbour Tunnel with other major construction projects;
3. Urgently seek an update on the planned compulsory acquisition of the Balmain Tigers site in Rozelle by Transport for NSW;
4. Bring a report back to the first February 2022 Council meeting providing a project proposal and costings for a comprehensive assessment on the cumulative impacts on the Inner West from the multiple infrastructure projects planned and underway – particularly in the Rozelle, Lilyfield and Balmain areas and in White Bay and Glebe Island;
5. Notes the concerns of many residents that their homes and businesses will be damaged through the tunneling and works that the Western Harbour Tunnel proposes to undertake;
6. Writes to the CEO of Sat-Scan Pty Ltd requesting written confirmation that the ground movement data be provided which would apply to properties affected by the Western Harbour Tunnel as well as those affected by WestConnex within the Inner West Council area. While the general ground movement data will be provided at no cost to Council, that Council also seeks costings from Sat-Scan on providing individual data to impacted local residents and brings this information in a report to the first Council meeting in February 2022;
7. Notes that an online Inner West Council Public meeting on the Western Harbour Tunnel will be held this Thursday 11 November at 6pm on Zoom; and
8. Send this Mayoral Minute to the Mayor and CEO of North Sydney Council.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor Macri left the Meeting at 7:47 pm.

**C1121(1) Item 11      Mayoral Minute: Callan Park and the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill- funding a SMH ad**

**Motion: (Porteous)**

**THAT:**

- 1. Council fund a full page advertisement in the Sydney Morning Herald when it is confirmed that the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill is going to be introduced to Parliament. The advertisement should call for all MPs to reject the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill and to protect Callan Park from development and commercialisation by voting that there be no changes to the *Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002*;**
- 2. The wording of the advertisement to be in line with the resolutions passed by Council on Callan Park and the Greater Sydney Parkland Trust Exposure Bill and Council’s submission. Funding for this advertisement has been identified and will come from the Communications budget; and**
- 3. Council be provided with written advice from the New South Wales Electoral Commission and the Office of Local Government regarding advertising during the regulated period.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Macri

Councillor Raciti left the Meeting at 7:48 pm as she declared a non-significant, pecuniary interest in item 1.

Councillor Macri returned to the Meeting at 7:49 pm.

**C1121(1) Item 1      Fee Waivers For Sporting Grounds-Winter 2022**

**Motion: (Hesse/McKenna OAM)**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Provide ground hire credits (*as opposed to a refund*) to community-based sporting clubs for unutilised bookings, and that these credits be applied to the 2022 season only; and**
- 2. Note that a number of winter sporting clubs will incur a free season in 2022 as the credit amount is based on the 2020/21 financial year, and**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Porteous, Stamolis, Steer and York

**Against Motion:** Cr Macri

**Absent:** Cr Raciti

**Foreshadowed Motion (Macri)**

**THAT Council credit the winter community sporting clubs for next season due to their ability to complete their season in the COVID crisis.**

This foreshadowed motion lapsed.

Councillor Raciti returned to the Meeting at 7:55 pm.

**C1121(1) Item 2 Summer Opening Hours for the Ashfield Aquatic Centre****Motion: (Kiat/Da Cruz)****THAT Council:**

- 1. Endorse an increase in opening hours for the Ashfield Aquatic Centre (AAC) for Sat/Sun/Public Holidays from 6pm to 8pm for daylight savings period; and**
- 2. Endorse an increase in opening hours for the AAC for Sat/Sun/Public Holidays from 6pm to 7pm for non-daylight savings period.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C1121(1) Item 3 2021 Inner West Council Annual Grants****Motion: (Porteous/Lockie)****THAT:**

- 1. Council approve the funding recommendations for the Inner West Council 2021 Annual Grant Program contained in Attachments 1-4; and**
- 2. A report be brought back to the first Council meeting in February 2022 on the development of a grants program which provides grants to local main street businesses to improve the accessibility in and to their premises.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C1121(1) Item 4 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - October 2021****Motion: (McKenna OAM/Macri)****THAT:**

- 1. The Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 18 October 2021 be received and the recommendations be adopted; and**
- 2. Delegation be given to the General Manager to approve urgent items supported by the Traffic Committee, in discussion with the Mayor until Ordinary Council**

**Meetings resume in February 2022.****Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

Councillor Byrne left the Meeting at 8:28 pm.

Councillor Macri left the Meeting at 8:28 pm.

**C1121(1) Item 5 Management of Fishing in Council Foreshore Reserves**

**Motion: (McKenna OAM/Porteous)**

**THAT:**

1. An onsite meeting be convened with local residents and the General Manager and ward councillors be asked to attend to consider the issues that have been raised by speakers and in the report to Council; and
2. Defer this item until the onsite meeting takes place early in the next term of Council. This item be reconsidered at that time.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Byrne and Macri

Councillor Macri returned to the Meeting at 8:39 pm.

**C1121(1) Item 6 Gladstone Park Toilets, Footpaths and Waste Bins**

**Motion: (Porteous/Stamolis)**

**THAT Council receive and note the report.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Byrne

**C1121(1) Item 7 Statistical Report of Code on Conduct Complaints**

**Motion: (Hesse/McKenna OAM)**

**THAT Council note the Statistical Report on Code of Conduct Complaints relating to Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer for the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Byrne

Councillor Byrne returned to the Meeting at 8:40 pm.

**Urgency motion - Banners for election and prepoll**

Councillor Byrne requested that an Urgency Motion be considered regarding banners for election and prepoll.

**Motion: (Byrne/McKenna OAM)**

**THAT the matter be considered urgently.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

The Chairperson ruled this matter urgent.

**Motion: (Byrne/McKenna OAM)**

**THAT Council install banners notifying the community of the dates for Election Day, Prepoll and information about voting. The banners should be installed on town halls and other highly visible locations (including on or adjacent to all prepoll locations). The cost is to be allocated to election costs.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
<b>Item 2:</b>	Dylan Griffiths	Ashfield
<b>Item 4:</b>	Ollie (Olivia) Hand	Marrickville
<b>Item 5:</b>	Annette Hartmann	Balmain East
	Margaret Bond	Balmain East
<b>Item 8:</b>	Marie Sheehan	Annandale