

## MINUTES

of the **Ordinary Meeting** of  
**Bayside Council**  
held in the Rockdale Town Hall Auditorium  
448 Princes Highway, Rockdale  
on **Wednesday 10 February 2021** at **7:17 pm**.

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### Present

Councillor Joe Awada, Mayor  
Councillor James Macdonald, Deputy Mayor  
Councillor Liz Barlow  
Councillor Ron Bezic  
Councillor Christina Curry  
Councillor Petros Kalligas  
Councillor Ed McDougall  
Councillor Scott Morrissey  
Councillor Michael Nagi  
Councillor Vicki Poulos  
Councillor Dorothy Rapisardi  
Councillor Bill Saravinovski  
Councillor Paul Sedrak  
Councillor Andrew Tsounis

### Also Present

Meredith Wallace, General Manager  
Peter Barber, Director City Futures  
Michael Mamo, Director City Performance  
Colin Clissold, Director City Presentation  
Debra Dawson, Director City Life  
Jourdan DiLeo, Manager Property  
Matthew Walker, Chief Financial Officer  
Christine Stamper, Communications & Events Lead  
Bruce Cooke, Coordinator Governance & Risk  
Suhradham Patel, IT Technical Support Officer  
Lauren Thomas, Governance Officer

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:17 pm.

The Mayor informed the meeting, including members of the public, that the meeting is being video recorded and live streamed to the community via Council's Facebook page, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

That the matter be deferred until after the public school has re-opened.

The Amendment was lost.

## RESOLUTION

Minute 2021/014

Resolved on the motion of Councillors McDougall and Poulos

That speed humps be installed in Jacobson Avenue, between Bestic Street and Beehag Street.

Councillor Barlow asked that it be recorded in the Minutes that she was against the Motion.

## 8 Reports

### 8.1 Rates Harmonisation - Outcomes of Community Engagement, Approval to Submit an Application to Set the Minimum Rates and Gradual Harmonisation of Rates

#### RESOLUTION

Minute 2021/015

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Tsounis and Barlow

- 1 That Council receives and notes the report including the feedback received from the community engagement process around rate harmonisation.
- 2 That Bayside Council does not agree with the mandatory rate harmonisation, imposed by the State Government, that will result in a rate increase for some of our residents. However, given the current legislative requirements, Council resolves the following:
  - a. That Council submits an application immediately to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under section 548 of the Local Government Act 1993 for IPART to consider approving an instrument to be issued to set a transitional minimum ordinary rate from 1 July 2021 for all rating categories which is equivalent to the current minimum ordinary rate for ratepayers in the former Rockdale City Council side of the Bayside Local Government Area (LGA) at \$768.52 (plus the approved IPART rate peg limit in all years during the 4 year transition period). The transitional path to be applied for is to be based on a straight lined 4-year transition as set out in TABLE 1 of this report.
  - b. That Council also submits an application in accordance with current legislation to the Office of Local Government (OLG), before 26 February 2021, under section 548 of the Local Government Act 1993 for The Deputy Secretary to consider approving an instrument to be issued to set a new

minimum ordinary rate for all rating categories which is equivalent to the current minimum rate for ratepayers in the former Rockdale City Council side of the Bayside Local Government Area (LGA) at \$768.52 (plus approved IPART rate peg limit of 2%) effective from 1 July 2021, subject to the following:

- i. The implementation of this application is dependent on the provisions included in the NSW State Government Draft Local Government Amendment (Rates) Bill 2021 for gradual rate harmonisation being legislated by the NSW Parliament before 1 July 2021 and on this basis Council only implement the new minimum rate on a transitional basis as set out in TABLE 1 of this report.
  - ii. That as part of the application to be submitted (for reasons outlined in this report) Council request that The Deputy Secretary of the Office of Local Government only issue a decision on Councils application after the outcome of the IPART minimum application (as per recommendation 2 of this report) is known, and only if that is unsuccessful.
- c. That Council notes that the draft 2021/22 Operational Plan and budget (including the revenue policy) to be considered by Council in April 2021 for Public Exhibition will, to meet the legislative uncertainty and ratepayer equity, reflect 2 draft rating structures based on:
- i. a multi-year rate harmonisation path based on provisions included in the NSW State Government Draft Local Government Amendment (Rates) Bill 2021 (Draft Rates Bill 2021) utilising the straight lined approach shown in TABLE 2 of this report; and
  - ii. a single-year rate harmonisation path as per the current legislation.

## DIVISION

Division called by Councillors Tsounis and Barlow

For: Councillors Sedrak, Nagi, Kalligas, Tsounis, Barlow, Bezic, Macdonald and Poulos

Against: Councillors Curry, Morrissey, Rapisardi, Saravinovski, McDougall and Awada

The division was declared carried

## **8.2 Post Exhibition Report - Minor Amendments to Development Control Plans**

### RESOLUTION

Minute 2021/016

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Barlow and Bezic

- 1 That Council acknowledges the submissions received during the Public Exhibition of the amendments to the Rockdale Development Control Plan 2011