

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 7 February 2023

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 7 February 2023, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Benjamin Cai
Councillor Raj Datta
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
Councillor Sandy Reddy

STAFF: Michael Mamo, General Manager
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director Engineering and Operations
Clare Harley, Director Planning and Environment
Kristy Watts, Director Corporate and Community
Chris Nascimento, Manager Corporate Services
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

1. **OPENING:** The Prayer was read.

2. **RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS:** The Recognition was read.

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Nil.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST (NATURE OF INTEREST TO BE DISCLOSED)**

Councillor Blackmore declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest for Item *PE4 Planning Proposal - 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush*

and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Blackmore was approached by the proponent of this project to a matter.

Councillor Cai declared a non-pecuniary, significant conflict of interest for *Item 13.4 Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy – Councillor Raj Datta* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Cai's office is leased from Sydney Markets that is located along the Parramatta Road.

Councillor Hall declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest for *Items 13.4 Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy – Councillor Raj Datta, PE3 Planning Proposal - PP 2018/2 - 125 Parramatta Road and 52 & 54 Powell Street Homebush, PE4 Planning Proposal - 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush, PE5 Planning Proposal - 17-20 Loftus Crescent, Homebush and PE6 Planning Proposal - PP 2019/12 - 200-206 Parramatta Road Homebush* and managed the conflict of interests by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on these items. Councillor Hall is associated with persons on Parramatta Road.

Councillor Maheswaran declared a non-pecuniary, significant conflict of interest for *Item 13.4 Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy – Councillor Raj Datta* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran acted for the Director of a charity who owns land nearby Underwood Road, free of charge, as provided advice to the corporate entity.

Councillor Maheswaran declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest for *Item PE4 Planning Proposal - 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush* and remained in the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran had received representations from the proponent on 6 December 2022 and 23 December 2022. Councillor Maheswaran has not received any benefit from the proponent.

Councillor Maheswaran declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest for *Item PE7 Hume Recycling Material Recovery Facility and its Implications for Strathfield Council* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran has previously dealt with the government relations engaged by the proponent.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/23

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 6 December 2022, a copy of which has been furnished to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

Voting on this item was unanimous

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 NSW Seniors Festival - Councillor Karen Pensabene

That Council acknowledge and support the NSW Seniors Festival. I hope all our seniors enjoy the events they attend in Strathfield.

7.2 Victims of Earthquake in Turkey and Syria - Councillor Matthew Blackmore

We have a lot of residents from these communities and we send our condolences and sympathies to the families of these people.

7.3 Pongal, Lohri and Makar Sankranti Celebrations - Councillor Raj Datta

I wish to acknowledge the celebrations of Pongal, Lohri and Makar Sankranti. By all accounts the events held in Strathfield were a major success and I wish to congratulate all the organisers, community and Council for supporting these celebrations.

7.4 Flemington Chamber of Commerce - Technology Celebration – Councillor Raj Datta

That Council acknowledge the Technology Celebration hosted by the Flemington Chamber of Commerce.

7.5 Lunar New Year - Councillor Raj Datta

I wish to acknowledge the celebration of Lunar New Year by the Australian Culture and Promotional Relations organisation in Burwood. These are wonderful events that give us the opportunity to learn from different people and cultures despite speaking different languages and looking different. I thank the organisers, Councillor Cai and the broader Chinese community.

7.6 Lantern Festival at Strathfield Square – 5 February 2023 – Councillor Benjamin Cai

That Council acknowledge the Lantern Festival event held in Strathfield Square on Sunday 5 February 2023. It was a lovely event and most of Councillors were there. The festival marks the end of the Chinese New Year

celebrations.

7.7 Direct Factory Outlet, Homebush - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

I wish to acknowledge the Direct Factory Outlet in Homebush. The Direct Factory Outlet is where you can buy designer brands at low rate prices. The Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) brings a number of jobs and consumer confidence in the area. I have never met anyone from the vicinity group and have no commercial interaction with them. I do regularly visit DFO, like to shop there and think they are a valuable part of this community.

Items by Exception - Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice

2/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

I move that in accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice:

1. Council alters the Order of Business in accordance with Clause 8.1, and
2. The items listed below be dealt with by exception and that they be adopted as recommended by a single Motion:
 - 9.2 Mayoral Minute 02-23 Partnership with Community Corrections
 - 9.4 Mayoral Minute 04-23 - Coronation Parade War Memorial Arch
 - 9.5 Mayoral Minute 05-23 Cricket Pitch Maintenance
 - 9.6 Mayoral Minute 06-23 Affordable Housing Tenancy Policy
 - 13.1 Local Economic Development and Partnership Advisory Committee and Wellbeing Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference - Councillor Nella Hall
 - 13.3 Community Garden Rear of Bates Street Community Centre - Councillor Karen Pensabene
 - GMU1 2023-2024 Stronger Together Major Festival Local Council Grants Program
 - CCS2 Matters Dealt with Under Delegated Authority (Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993)
 - CCS3 Code of Meeting Practice Review
 - CCS4 Councillor Workshop 24 January 2023
 - CCS5 Councillor Workshop 31 January 2023
 - CCS6 Current Status of Council Resolutions
 - CCS7 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Return
 - CCS8 Tenders Awarded and Advertised December 2022 & January 2023
 - CCS9 Updated 2022 – 2023 Operational Plan and 2022- 2026 Delivery Program
 - CCS10 Report - Federal Government Funding for Trove
 - CCS11 Investment Report as at 30 November 2022

CCS12 Investment Report as at 31 December 2022

PE1 Report of Submissions - Amendment to Part N - Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) - Strathfield Consolidated DCP 2005

PE2 Proposed change to Public Space Legacy Program Grant Milestone

EO1 Burwood Licence - Temporary Licence at Strathfield Depot

EO2 Room 3 - 52 Redmyre Road, Strathfield

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

9.2 Mayoral Minute 02-23 Partnership with Community Corrections

3/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Strathfield Council partner with Burwood Community Corrections to undertake streetscape maintenance services.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9.4 Mayoral Minute 04-23 - Coronation Parade War Memorial Arch

4/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. For Council to provide a Report to the March Workshop on the cost of repairing the plaques on the Coronation Parade War Memorial Arch.
2. Council beautify the Coronation Parade War Memorial Arch by removing the weeds and installing flowers in the ceramic bowls and including better lighting.
3. Council to seek grant funding to complete the required restoration works and its ongoing maintenance. If there is no grant funding available a report to go to Council to be provided.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9.5 Mayoral Minute 05-23 Cricket Pitch Maintenance

5/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. As part of considering the draft 2023/24 budget and other cost savings initiatives, a review be presented to on the maintenance costs associated with our cricket pitches.
2. The report includes alternative options available to save on annual maintenance costs in the long term.
3. Council to look into our Alan Davidson Oval, which is our premier cricket ground and have consultations with the Strathfield Cricket Club about this pitch.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9.6 Mayoral Minute 06-23 Affordable Housing Tenancy Policy

6/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council progress the preparation of an Affordable Housing Tenancy Policy to establish a governance framework for the management of Affordable Housing dwellings which are due to be dedicated to Council.
2. That a draft Community Housing Tenancy Policy be prepared and reported to Council, prior to public exhibition.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

13.1 Local Economic Development and Partnership Advisory Committee and Wellbeing Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference – Councillor Nella Hall

7/23

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NELLA HALL

Moved by: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the Local Economic Development and Partnership Advisory Committee and Wellbeing Advisory Committee Terms of References be amended to include that participants may attend and vote by way of audio-visual link.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

13.3 Community Garden Rear of Bates Street Community Centre – Councillor Karen Pensabene

8/23

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KAREN PENSABENE

Moved by: (Blackmore / Hall)

That a report be produced for April Ordinary Meeting for the restoration of Community Garden at the rear of Bates Street Community Centre.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GMU1 2023-2024 Stronger Together Major Festival Local Council Grants Program

9/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council:

1. Cancel the 2023 Cooks River Fun Run and 2023 Homebush Village Fair and redirect the budget allocations for these events (\$131,300) to part fund Council's contribution of \$234,000 for the 2023 Stronger Together Major Festival Local Government Grant.
2. Provide a further \$102,700 (\$234,000 - \$131,300) to fund the remainder of Council's required contribution, with this provision to be included in the Quarterly 2 Budget Review.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS2 Matters Dealt with Under Delegated Authority (Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993)

10/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the Council note the matters dealt with under general delegation during recess.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS3 Code of Meeting Practice Review

11/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the amended Code of Meeting Practice be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS4 Councillor Workshop 24 January 2023

12/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS5 Councillor Workshop 31 January 2023

13/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS6 Current Status of Council Resolutions

14/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the report on the current status of Council resolutions be noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS7 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Return

15/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the information in the report be noted and received.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS8 Tenders Awarded and Advertised December 2022 & January 2023

16/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the monthly report of Council tenders advertised and awarded in December 2022 and January 2023 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS9 Updated 2022 – 2023 Operational Plan and 2022- 2026 Delivery Program

17/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council endorse the updated 2022-2023 Operational Plan and 2022-2026 Delivery Program.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS10 Report - Federal Government Funding for Trove

18/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council make representation to the local Federal Member, Ms Sally Sitou, Member for Reid, in relation to the need for a sustainable federal funding model for the continuation of free access to the Trove national database and upgrade of the digital archive systems of Trove.
2. That Council write to the Hon. Tony Burke, Federal Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Paul Fletcher, Shadow Minister for Science and the Arts, calling for sustainable funding to ensure the continuation of free access to the Trove national database and upgrade of the digital archive systems of Trove.
3. That Council endorse the actions of the NSW Public Libraries Association in lobbying for additional sustainable funds for the continuation of free access to the Trove national database and upgrade of the digital archive systems of Trove.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS11 Investment Report as at 30 November 2022

19/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the record of cash investments as at 30 November 2022 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS12 Investment Report as at 31 December 2022

20/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 December 2022 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE1 Report of Submissions - Amendment to Part N - Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) - Strathfield Consolidated DCP 2005

21/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council note there were no submissions received during the exhibition period.
2. That the amendments to Part N – Water Sensitive Urban Design as exhibited be adopted by Council and become effective once a Public Notice is placed on Council's website to this effect.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE2 Proposed change to Public Space Legacy Program Grant Milestone

22/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council:

1. Approve the allocation of \$150,000 for the preparation of a Strathfield Medium Density Housing Strategy and that the funding allocation be included in the next quarterly budget review.
2. Advise the Department of Planning and Environment that it seeks an amendment to the Public Spaces Legacy Program Funding Agreement to read:
 - a. Council will appoint a consultant, by 30 June 2023, to prepare a Strathfield Medium Density Housing Strategy.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO1 Burwood Licence - Temporary Licence at Strathfield Depot

23/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Strathfield Council enter into a temporary Licence with Burwood Council for part of the Strathfield Council Depot located at 1 Weeroona Road, Strathfield as per the details set out in the confidential attachment to this report.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO2 Room 3 - 52 Redmyre Road, Strathfield

24/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council agrees to modify the Licence with Dr Roy Laube for Room 3, 52 Redmyre Road, Strathfield for a period of one year, as set out in the report.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

Suspension of Standing Orders

25/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow consideration of the following matter:

CCSI Presentation of the 2021/2022 Financial Statements by the NSW Audit Office

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

CCSI Presentation of the 2021/2022 Financial Statements by the NSW Audit Office

Ms Reiky Jiang, Director, Financial Audit (Audit Office NSW) and Mr Gian Surjadinata, Audit Manager (Audit Office NSW) presented the Strathfield Council's Financial Report 2022.

26/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council receive and note the presentation of the Annual Financial Statements 2021/2022 by the NSW Audit Office.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

Resumption of Standing Orders

27/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

9. MAYORAL MINUTE(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

9.1 Mayoral Minute 01-23 ANTaR Inner West - Uluru Statement from the Heart and Proposed Referendum

MOVED:

That Strathfield Council resolve to:

- Support and assist to arrange a Public Information Meeting in Strathfield, where the process and referendum questions can be explained by experts and the questions of those present answered.
- Council to provide a venue for ANTaR Inner West to hold this information session.

MOTION: (Blackmore)

1. That Council provide a report to a workshop on making available a venue for a public information meeting which accommodates both sides of the proposed Referendum Question.
2. That Council also investigate any available funding from the Federal Labor Government.

28/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

1. That Council provide a report to a workshop on making available a venue for a public information meeting which accommodates both sides of the proposed Referendum Question.
2. That Council also investigate any available funding from the Federal Labor Government.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

9.3 Mayoral Minute 03-23 Working with the Community Churches and Organisations

MOVED:

1. For Council to create a section on Council's Website dedicated to Community Information on Churches, Community Organisations, Schools in the Strathfield LGA i.e., names, addresses and contact details with links to their website for more information.
2. For Council to report and present back to Council the visibility of programs that will cultivate the rich history of Strathfield LGA church buildings.

MOTION: (Blackmore)

1. For Council to create a section on Council's Website dedicated to Community Information on Churches,

Temples, Community Organisations, Schools in the Strathfield LGA i.e., names, addresses and contact details with links to their website for more information.

2. For Council to report and present back to Council the visibility of programs that will cultivate the rich history of Strathfield LGA church buildings.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

1. For Council to create a section on Council's Website dedicated to Community Information on Churches, Temples, Community Organisations, Schools in the Strathfield LGA i.e., names, addresses and contact details with links to their website for more information.
2. For Council to report and present back to Council the visibility of programs that will cultivate the rich history of Strathfield LGA church buildings.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

9.7 Strathfield Council - Funding Deed for Regional and Local Roads Repair Program

30/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

That Council commend the Minister and the NSW State Government for this initiative.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene and Maheswaran

10. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE)

Nil.

11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

12.1 Report from Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting on 1 February 2023

31/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Reddy)

1. That the Minutes of the Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 February 2023 be noted.
2. That Council nominates a fourth Councillor to the Wellbeing Advisory Committee.
3. That Council nominate Councillor Raj Datta to be the fourth Councillor on the Wellbeing Advisory Committee.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

12.2 Report from Town Centre Master Plan Working Group Meeting on 14 December 2022**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Town Centre Master Plan Working Group Meeting held on 14 December 2022 be noted and recommendations adopted.

MOTION: (Hall / Reddy)

1. That the Minutes of the Town Centre Master Plan Working Group Meeting held on 14 December 2022 be noted and recommendations adopted.
2. That the Terms of Reference be amended so that quorum be a minimum number of 5 committee members only.
3. That Councillor Datta be recorded as an apology for the meeting held on 14 December 2022.

32/23

RESOLVED: (Hall / Reddy)

1. That the Minutes of the Town Centre Master Plan Working Group Meeting held on 14 December 2022 be noted and recommendations adopted.
2. That the Terms of Reference be amended so that quorum be a minimum number of 5 committee members only.

3. That Councillor Datta be recorded as an apology for the meeting held on 14 December 2022.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

12.3 Report from Local Economic Development and Partnership Committee Meeting on 30 November 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Local Economic Development and Partnership Committee Meeting held on 30 November 2022 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

MOTION: (Hall / Reddy)

That the Minutes of the Local Economic Development and Partnership Committee Meeting held on 30 November 2022 be noted and the recommendations be adopted subject to an amendment to Item 3 Welcome and Introductions - '*increased commercial interests*' be replaced with '*increased commercial variety*' to read:

'That Mr So would like there to be increased commercial variety around Strathfield Station.'

33/23

RESOLVED: (Hall / Reddy)

That the Minutes of the Local Economic Development and Partnership Committee Meeting held on 30 November 2022 be noted and the recommendations be adopted subject to an amendment to Item 3 Welcome and Introductions - '*increased commercial interests*' be replaced with '*increased commercial variety*' to read:

'That Mr So would like there to be increased commercial variety around Strathfield Station.'

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

13.2 Hudson Park Driving Range Sign – Councillor Karen Pensabene

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council allow the Strathfield Golf Club to place a sign at the Hudson Park Driving Range to advertise professional golf lessons available from Club members.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

That approval for the installation of this sign be deferred until such time as Council has developed an Advertising Policy on Council Property and included associated fees into the Fees and Charges for 2023/2024.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That approval for the installation of this sign be deferred until such time as Council has developed an Advertising Policy on Council Property and included associated fees into the Fees and Charges for 2023/2024.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

13.4 Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy – Councillor Raj Datta

Councillors Cai, Hall and Maheswaran declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting, the time being 7:26pm.

35/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Blackmore)

1. That the General Manager approach the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to explore opportunities for the Strathfield area of the Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy to be declared a State Significant Precinct and to establish collaborative working arrangements including Councillor Workshops, community engagement and technical input to a Masterplan process and Development Contributions Framework.
2. That the Council works collaboratively with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment as appropriate, to include existing planning proposals in the proposed State Significant Precinct Declaration.
3. That the Council include Design Excellence clause to the Local Environment Plan.
4. That Council commence the development of Affordable Housing and Development Contribution Plans as soon as possible.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillor Pensabene

Councillors Cai, Hall and Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 7:50pm.

13.5 Notice of Rescission - Resolution 278/22 - 13.8 USU Union Picnic Day – Councillor Benjamin Cai, Councillor Nella Hall and Councillor Sandy Reddy

MOVED:

That the resolution for Item 13.8 USU Picnic Day from the Ordinary Council Meeting 6 December 2022 below be rescinded:

"278/22

RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Datta)

That Council:

- 1. Requests the General Manager to:
Update the current workplace policy to establish that a day-off for the annual Union Picnic Day will only be afforded to members of the United Services Union, the Local Government Engineers' Union, or the Development and Environmental Professionals' Association, as per the terms of the Local Government (State) Award.*
- 2. Resolves that:
 - a) The provision of a day off for non-union staff of Council for the annual Union Picnic Day has an impact on the budget; and*
 - b) It is the policy of the Council that a day-off for the annual Union Picnic Day will only be afforded to members of the United Services Union, the Local Government Engineers' Union, or the Development and Environmental Professionals' Association, upon implementation of the revised policy."**

If the Notice of Rescission is carried, it is proposed to move the following alternative Motion:

That the General Manger review productivity within the workplace and the impact this may be having on our costs and service delivery and that this review take place over the next twelve months.

MOTION: (Hall / Reddy)

The Rescission Motion was put.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Datta and Maheswaran

The Mayor declared the Rescission Motion **Carried**.

ALTERNATE MOTION: (Hall / Blackmore)

That any decision with regard to the USU Picnic Day remain with the General Manager as it is an operational matter.

36/23

RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

That any decision with regard to the USU Picnic Day remain with the General Manager as it is an operational matter.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Datta and Maheswaran

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

CCS13 Public Libraries Association Councillor Representative Nomination

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council nominates a Councillor to be its elected representative on the NSW Public Libraries Association.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

That Council nominate Councillor Datta to be its elected representative and Councillor Pensabene to be the alternate on the NSW Public Libraries Association.

37/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That Council nominate Councillor Datta to be its elected representative and Councillor Pensabene to be the alternate on the NSW Public Libraries Association.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

PE3 Planning Proposal - PP 2018/2 - 125 Parramatta Road and 52 & 54 Powell Street, Homebush

Councillor Hall declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting, the time being 8:03pm.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council note the recent determination of Council's Planning Proposal (Department Res: PP-2021-3808): for Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2021 by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on 29 April 2022. As part of the Gateway Determination, Condition 1(e) required the removal of Council's Value Sharing Policy from the SLEP 2021 Planning Proposal.
2. That Council adopt the recommendations of the Strathfield Local Planning Panel (1 September 2022) in relation to this matter, detailed below:
 - i. That the SLPP recommends to Council that it not support the Planning Proposal proceeding to Gateway at this time.
 - ii. The Panel recommends to Council that it expedite a localised strategy for the North Homebush Precinct, which would allow for a holistic review of the recommended PRCUTS heights, FSRs and allow for application of PRCUTS fine grain design recommendations in a way that considers local context to achieve the best planning and urban design outcomes across the precinct.
 - iii. That the Panel recommends to Council that it proceed expeditiously to prepare a comprehensive Contributions scheme that articulates the feasibility of levying affordable housing contributions for any new proposal that results in development uplift of an increase in land value.

Note: This report had been considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting 6 December 2022 and Council resolved to defer the item to the Ordinary Council Meeting 7 February 2023 by way of Council resolution 287/22.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council not consider this Planning Proposal until a Masterplan has been prepared for the Strathfield area of PRCUTS.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Maheswaran / Pensabene)

1. Noting Strathfield Council has resolved to pursue the master planning of the PRCUTS area;
 - a. The item be deferred to the next Council meeting after Council's officers recommendations are

provided,

- b. The proponents be invited to make submissions to Council as to why the proposals be dealt with outside of the state significant precinct process and,
2. Council officers provide a recommendation on whether the strategic process is likely to provide any benefits beyond those offered by the proponents currently (including but not limited to, the value of VPA benefits, key site provisions around the consolidation of sites and infrastructure, urban design etc).

The Motion was put.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council not consider this Planning Proposal until a Masterplan has been prepared for the Strathfield area of PRCUTS.

For the Motion: Councillors Datta and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai and Maheswaran

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

The Foreshadowed Motion became the Motion.

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Pensabene)

1. Noting Strathfield Council has resolved to pursue the master planning of the PRCUTS area;
 - a. The item be deferred to the next Council meeting after Council's officers recommendations are provided,
 - b. The proponents be invited to make submissions to Council as to why the proposals be dealt with outside of the state significant precinct process and,
2. Council officers provide a recommendation on whether the strategic process is likely to provide any benefits beyond those offered by the proponents currently (including but not limited to, the value of VPA benefits, key site provisions around the consolidation of sites and infrastructure, urban design etc).

Councillor Reddy left the meeting, the time being 8:26pm.

Councillor Reddy returned to the meeting, the time being 8:28pm.

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RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Pensabene)

1. Noting Strathfield Council has resolved to pursue the master planning of the PRCUTS area;
 - a. The item be deferred to the next Council meeting after Council's officers recommendations are provided,
 - b. The proponents be invited to make submissions to Council as to why the proposals be dealt with outside of the state significant precinct process and,
2. Council officers provide a recommendation on whether the strategic process is likely to provide any benefits beyond those offered by the proponents currently (including but not limited to, the value of VPA benefits, key site provisions around the consolidation of sites and infrastructure, urban design etc).

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillor Datta

PE4 Planning Proposal - 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush

Councillor Blackmore declared a conflict of interest, vacated the Chair and left the meeting, the time being 8:32pm.

Councillor Pensabene assumed the Chair.

Councillor Maheswaran declared a conflict of interest. Councillor had met with the proponent for this Planning Proposal on two occasions in 6 December 2022 and 23 December 2022. The proponent had made representations to Councillor Maheswaran. The conflict of interest is non-pecuniary and non-significant and Councillor Maheswaran remained in the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to not support progression of the subject Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment for Gateway Determination to allow for the site to be considered as part of the North Homebush Masterplan Project and to allow for preparation of a new contributions plan that captures infrastructure and affordable housing requirements that are considerate of the scale and density planned for the North Homebush Precinct.

Note: This report had been considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting 6 December 2022 and Council resolved to defer the item to the Ordinary Council Meeting 7 February 2023 by way of Council resolution 288/22.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

That the Council note that the Planning Proposal proponent at 1-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush, has lodged the rezoning review with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and that Council doesn't need to make a decision in relation to a gateway determination.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Maheswaran)

1. Noting Strathfield Council has resolved to pursue the master planning of the PRCUTS area;
 - a. The item be deferred to the next Council meeting after Council's officers recommendations are provided,
 - b. The proponents be invited to make submissions to Council as to why the proposals be dealt with outside of the state significant precinct process and
2. Council officers provide a recommendation on whether the strategic process is likely to provide any benefits beyond those offered by the proponents currently (including but not limited to, the value of VPA benefits, key site provisions around the consolidation of sites and infrastructure, urban design etc).

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

That the Council note that the Planning Proposal proponent at 1-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush, has lodged the rezoning review with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and that Council doesn't need to make a decision in relation to a gateway determination.

39/23**RESOLVED:** (Datta / Reddy)

That the Council note that the PP proponent at 1-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush, has lodged the rezoning review with the NSW DPE and that Council doesn't need to make a decision in relation to a gateway determination.

For the Motion: Councillors, Cai, Datta and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene and Maheswaran

Councillor Blackmore returned to the meeting, the time being 8:43pm.

Councillor Pensabene vacated the Chair.

Councillor Blackmore assumed the Chair.

PE5 Planning Proposal - 17-20 Loftus Crescent, Homebush

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to not support progression of the subject Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment for Gateway Determination to allow for the site to be considered as part of the North Homebush Masterplan Project and to allow for preparation of a new contributions plan that captures infrastructure and affordable housing requirements that are considerate of the scale and density planned for the North Homebush Precinct.

Note: This report had been considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting 6 December 2022 and Council resolved to defer the item to the Ordinary Council Meeting 7 February 2023 by way of Council resolution 289/22.

Councillor Cai left the meeting, the time being 8:58pm.

Councillor Cai returned to the meeting, the time being 9:03pm.

MOTION: (Datta / Cai)

That the Council do not consider this Planning Proposal until a Masterplan has been prepared for the Strathfield area of PRCUTS.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Maheswaran / Pensabene)

1. Noting Strathfield Council has resolved to pursue the master planning of the PRCUTS area;
 - a. The item be deferred to the next Council meeting after Council's officers recommendations are provided,
 - b. The proponents be invited to make submissions to Council as to why the proposals be dealt with outside of the state significant precinct process and
2. Council officers provide a recommendation on whether the strategic process is likely to provide any benefits beyond those offered by the proponents currently (including but not limited to, the value of VPA benefits, key site provisions around the consolidation of sites and infrastructure, urban design etc).

The Motion was put.

MOTION: (Datta / Cai)

That the Council do not consider this Planning Proposal until a Masterplan has been prepared for the Strathfield area of PRCUTS.

For the Motion: Councillor Datta

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Maheswaran and Reddy

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

The Foreshadowed Motion became the Motion and was put.

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Pensabene)

1. Noting Strathfield Council has resolved to pursue the master planning of the PRCUTS area;
 - a. The item be deferred to the next Council meeting after Council's officers recommendations are provided,
 - b. The proponents be invited to make submissions to Council as to why the proposals be dealt with outside of the state significant precinct process and
2. Council officers provide a recommendation on whether the strategic process is likely to provide any benefits beyond those offered by the proponents currently (including but not limited to, the value of VPA benefits, key site provisions around the consolidation of sites and infrastructure, urban design etc).

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RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Pensabene)

1. Noting Strathfield Council has resolved to pursue the master planning of the PRCUTS area;
 - a. The item be deferred to the next Council meeting after Council's officers recommendations are provided,
 - b. The proponents be invited to make submissions to Council as to why the proposals be dealt with outside of the state significant precinct process and
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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Maheswaran and Reddy
Against the Motion: Councillor Datta

PE6 Planning Proposal - PP 2019/12 - 200-206 Parramatta Road, Homebush

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to not support progression of the subject Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment for Gateway Determination to allow for the site to be considered as part of the North Homebush Masterplan Project and to allow for the preparation of a new Contributions Plan that captures infrastructure and affordable housing requirements that are considerate of the scale and density planned for the North Homebush Precinct.

Note: This report had been considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting 6 December 2022 and Council resolved to defer the item to the Ordinary Council Meeting 7 February 2023 by way of Council resolution 290/22.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. Noting Strathfield Council has resolved to pursue the master planning of the PRCUTS area;
 - a. The item be deferred to the next Council meeting after Council's officers recommendations are provided,
 - b. The proponents be invited to make submissions to Council as to why the proposals be dealt with outside of the state significant precinct process and
2. Council officers provide a recommendation on whether the strategic process is likely to provide any benefits beyond those offered by the proponents currently (including but not limited to, the value of VPA benefits, key site provisions around the consolidation of sites and infrastructure, urban design etc).

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. Noting Strathfield Council has resolved to pursue the master planning of the PRCUTS area;
 - a. The item be deferred to the next Council meeting after Council's officers recommendations are provided,

- b. The proponents be invited to make submissions to Council as to why the proposals be dealt with outside of the state significant precinct process and
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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 9:09pm.

PE7 Hume Recycling Material Recovery Facility and its Implications for Strathfield Council

Councillor Maheswaran declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting, the time being 9:08pm.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Reddy)

1. That Council receive and note this report.
2. That Council officers meet with Re-Group to discuss alternative sites closer to Canberra or work with other waste companies without having to impose on Strathfield Council to accommodate the recycled waste of Canberra and the six regional NSW Councils.
3. Should the above option not be available then representations be made to the Minister for Planning to retain any or all possible mitigations consistent with the approved and existing conditions of consent to ensure the amenity of neighbours and residents who live nearby.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 9:12pm.

15. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL REGULATION, 2021

Matter of Urgency – Councillor Maheswaran

Councillor Maheswaran moved a matter of urgency on the grounds that Council has been informed by our Federal Member of Parliament that the funding process for urban rivers is current and ongoing.

The Chair, Councillor Blackmore ruled under clause 9.3 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the matter is of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the Council before the next scheduled Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The Motion was put.

15.1 Improvement to Cooks River and Increasing Public Open Space – Councillor Maheswaran

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Blackmore)

That Council direct the General Manager to engage with the Strathfield Golf Course on the commission of a feasibility study on improvement of the water quality in the Cooks River and the commissioning of public open space around the Strathfield Golf Course with Council's officers to present a report at the next convenient Council workshop or Council meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Blackmore)

That Council direct the General Manager to engage with the Strathfield Golf Course on the commission of a feasibility study on improvement of the water quality in the Cooks River and the commissioning of public open space around the Strathfield Golf Course with Council's officers to present a report at the next convenient Council workshop or Council meeting.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

16. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:25pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 7 March 2023.



Chairman _____

General Manager _____