



Extraordinary Meeting

Date of meeting: 17 January 2023
Location: Council Chambers
Time: 6:30 p.m.

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 17 January 2023, commencing at 6:32pm.

Welcome

The Mayor, Councillor Sarah McMahon acknowledged the Indigenous Heritage.

The General Manager addressed the Council meeting, mentioning:

- Emergency Procedures
- Recording of the Council Meeting
- Statement regarding people addressing the Meeting
- Mobile phones

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

At Council Chambers: Councillor Sarah McMahon, Mayor, Councillor Barry Calvert, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Patrick Conolly, Amanda Kotlash, Mary Lyons-Buckett, Jill Reardon, Les Sheather, Paul Veigel, Danielle Wheeler and Nathan Zamprogno.

By Audio-Visual Link: Councillor Shane Djuric.

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager - Elizabeth Richardson, Acting Director Infrastructure Services - Jackie Carr, Director Corporate Services - Laurie Mifsud, Manager Corporate Communication and Events - Suzanne Stuart, Manager City Services - Christopher Amit and Administrative Support Coordinator - Tracey Easterbrook.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Eddie Dogramaci.

1 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Reardon and seconded by Councillor Conolly that the apology be accepted and that leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

The Mayor, Councillor Sarah McMahon advised that the General Manager received from Councillor Djuric, a written request to attend tonight's Extraordinary Council meeting by audio-visual link, as he is out of the Hawkesbury area until 19 January 2023.

2 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Reardon, seconded by Councillor Conolly that approval be granted for Councillor Djuric to attend the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 17 January 2023 by audio-visual link as he is out of the Hawkesbury area.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

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Acknowledgement of Official Visitors to the Council

There were no official visitors to Council.

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SECTION 5 - Notices of Motion

Item: 001 NM - Warning Signs and Swimming Safety in Macquarie Park - (138882)

Mr Michael Morris, Mr Bill Sneddon and Ms Madeline Hili addressed Council, speaking for the recommendation in the business paper.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Veigel that Council move into Committee of the Whole to consider this matter.

The Procedural Motion was carried.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was moved by Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Lyons-Buckett that Council move out Committee of the Whole.

The Procedural Motion was carried.

The General Manager reported to Council that whilst in Committee of the Whole, the Committee discussed a number of matters in relation to swimming safety at Macquarie Park, these included:

- Signage - Location and Content
- Communication - Community Education
- Naming terminology
- Provision of exclusive netting
- Wearing of life jackets.

The General Manager reported that the following recommendation was made by the Committee of the Whole.

That Council:

1. Notes that Council has engaged Royal Life Saving NSW in 2018 and 2021 and has done so again in 2023 to undertake a new safety assessment of the site.
2. As a matter of urgency, erects clear and concise warning signs at several locations in Macquarie Park, including on the sand bank at the river. Signs should plainly state that it can be dangerous to swim at the site and include languages other than English and international symbols for risk of drowning. Additional warnings about strong currents, shifting sands, debris, pollution and lack of supervision should be included but must not detract from the main message that swimming at this site is extremely dangerous.
3. Requests the Mayor contact other relevant agencies, including Sydney Water and Tourism NSW, and mapping sites like Google Maps, informing them of the dangers at this site and asking them not to promote it as a swimming spot or use the term "Windsor Beach".
4. Refer the matter to a Councillor Workshop to be held in February 2023 for further action.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Lyons-Buckett.

Refer to RESOLUTION

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For the Motion: Councillors McMahon, Calvert, Conolly, Djuric, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Reardon, Sheather, Veigel, Wheeler and Zamprogno.

Against the Motion: Nil.

Absent: Councillor Dogramaci.

The meeting terminated at 8:05pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on 31 January 2023.

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Mayor