



Hawkesbury City Council

extraordinary
meeting
minutes

date of meeting: 19 April 2016

location: council chambers

time: 6:30 p.m.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

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- **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 19 April 2016, commencing at 6:35pm.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councillor K Ford, Mayor, Councillors B Calvert, P Conolly, M Lyons-Buckett, B Porter, P Rasmussen, J Reardon and L Williams.

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager - Peter Jackson, Director City Planning - Matt Owens, Director Infrastructure Services - Jeff Organ, Director Support Services - Laurie Mifsud, Executive Manager - Community Partnerships - Joseph Litwin, Chief Financial Officer – Emma Galea, Manager Corporate Services and Governance - Ian Roberts and Administrative Support Coordinator - Natasha Martin.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Creed, W Mackay, C Paine and T Tree.

111 RESOLUTION:

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

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112 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Conolly.

That:

1. The Council meeting be closed to deal with confidential matters and in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993, members of the Press and the public be excluded from the Council Chambers during consideration of the following items:

Item: 72 GM - Legal Advice Relating to Current Merger Proposal - (79351)

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(g) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to legal advice concerning potential legal action in relation to a current State Government merger proposal involving the Council and the information is regarded as advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

Item: 73 MM - Staff Matter - Resignation of General Manager and Appointment of Acting General Manager - (79353)

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2. In accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) & (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993 the reports, correspondence and other relevant documentation relating to these matters be withheld from the Press and public.

The Mayor asked for representation from members of the public as to why Council should not go into closed Council to deal with these confidential matters.

There was no response, therefore, the Press and the public left the Council Chambers.

113 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Conolly that open meeting be resumed.

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Previous Item: 54, Extraordinary (21 March 2016)

MOTION:

The General Manager advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

Refer to RESOLUTION

114 RESOLUTION:

The General Manager advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

That Council proceed with the legal action as outlined in the report.

Councillor Porter requested his name be recorded as having voted against the motion.

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MOTION:

The General Manager advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Williams.

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115 RESOLUTION:

The General Manager advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Williams.

That:

1. The resignation submitted by the General Manager, Mr Peter Jackson, effective from close of business on 6 May 2016 be accepted.
2. The Director Support Services, Mr Laurie Mifsud, be appointed as Council's Acting General Manager until the current merger proposal by the NSW Government for Hawkesbury City Council and part of The Hills Shire Council is resolved and that the position then be advertised by Council if the proposal does not proceed.
3. In the event that the Director Support Services not accept the position as Acting General Manager, the Director Infrastructure Services be appointed as Council's Acting General Manager until the current merger proposal by the NSW Government for Hawkesbury City Council and part of The Hills Shire Council is resolved and that the position then be advertised by Council if the proposal does not proceed.

The meeting terminated at 7:50pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on 10 May 2016.

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Deputy Mayor