



Hawkesbury City Council

extraordinary
meeting
business
paper

date of meeting: 15 December 2015
location: council chambers
time: 6:30 p.m.



mission
statement

***“To create opportunities
for a variety of work
and lifestyle choices
in a healthy, natural
environment”***

How Council Operates

Hawkesbury City Council supports and encourages the involvement and participation of local residents in issues that affect the City.

The 12 Councillors who represent Hawkesbury City Council are elected at Local Government elections, held every four years. Voting at these elections is compulsory for residents who are aged 18 years and over and who reside permanently in the City.

Ordinary Meetings of Council are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month (except January), and the last Tuesday of each month (except December), meeting dates are listed on Council's website. The meetings start at 6:30pm and are scheduled to conclude by 11pm. These meetings are open to the public.

When an Extraordinary Meeting of Council is held, it will usually also be held on a Tuesday and start at 6:30pm. These meetings are also open to the public.

Meeting Procedure

The Mayor is Chairperson of the meeting.

The business paper contains the agenda and information on the items to be dealt with at the meeting. Matters before the Council will be dealt with by an exception process. This involves Councillors advising the General Manager by 3pm on the day of the meeting, of those items they wish to discuss. A list of items for discussion will be displayed at the meeting for the public to view.

At the appropriate stage of the meeting, the Chairperson will move for all those items which have not been listed for discussion (or have registered speakers from the public) to be adopted on block. The meeting then will proceed to deal with each item listed for discussion and decision.

Public Participation

Members of the public can register to speak on any items in the business paper other than the Confirmation of Minutes; Mayoral Minutes; Responses to Questions from Previous Meeting; Notices of Motion (including Rescission Motions); Mayoral Elections; Deputy Mayoral Elections; Committee Elections and Annual Committee Reports. To register, you must lodge an application form with Council prior to 3pm on the day of the meeting. The application form is available on Council's website, from the Customer Service Unit or by contacting the Manager - Corporate Services and Governance on (02) 4560 4444 or by email at council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au.

The Mayor will invite registered persons to address the Council when the relevant item is being considered. Speakers have a maximum of three minutes to present their views. The Code of Meeting Practice allows for three speakers 'For' a recommendation (i.e. in support), and three speakers 'Against' a recommendation (i.e. in opposition).

Speakers representing an organisation or group must provide written consent from the identified organisation or group (to speak on its behalf) when registering to speak, specifically by way of letter to the General Manager within the registration timeframe.

All speakers must state their name, organisation if applicable (after producing written authorisation from that organisation) and their interest in the matter before speaking.

Voting

The motion for each item listed for discussion will be displayed for Councillors and public viewing, if it is different to the recommendation in the Business Paper. The Chair will then ask the Councillors to vote, generally by a show of hands or voices. Depending on the vote, a motion will be Carried (passed) or Lost.

Planning Decision

Under Section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993, voting for all Planning decisions must be recorded individually. Hence, the Chairperson will ask Councillors to vote with their electronic controls on planning items and the result will be displayed on a board located above the Minute Clerk. This will enable the names of those Councillors voting For or Against the motion to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and subsequently included in the required register. This electronic voting system was an innovation in Australian Local Government pioneered by Hawkesbury City Council.

Business Papers

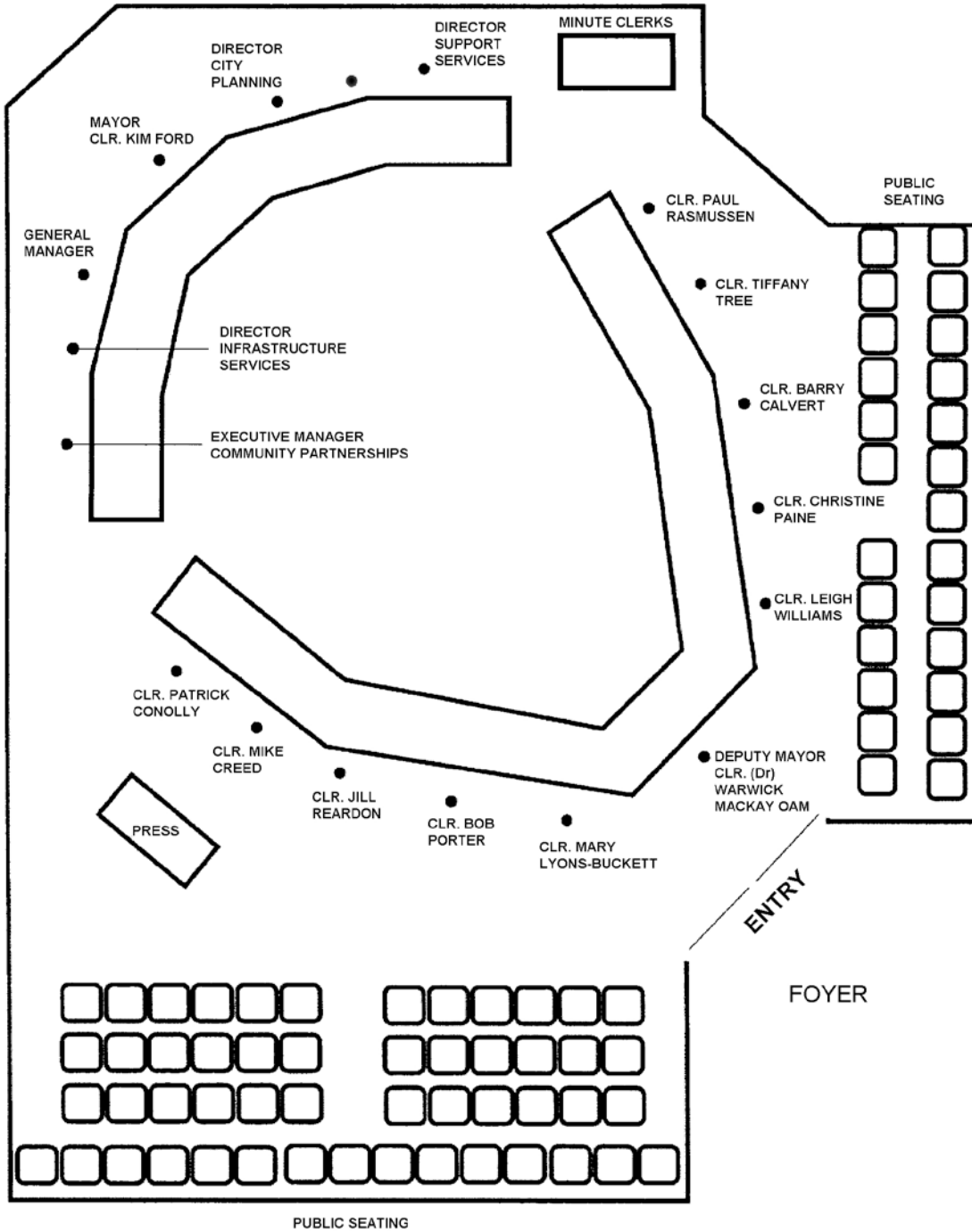
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Hard copies of the business paper can be viewed at Council's Administration Building and Libraries after 12 noon on the Friday before the meeting, and electronic copies are available on CD to the public after 12 noon from Council's Customer Service Unit. The business paper can also be viewed on the public computers in the foyer of Council's Administration Building.

Further Information

A guide to Council Meetings is available on the Council's website. If you require further information about meetings of Council, please contact the Manager, Corporate Services and Governance on, telephone (02) 4560 4444.

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General Manager

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Reports for Determination

GENERAL MANAGER

Item: 226

GM - Expression of Council's Opposition to any Amalgamations - (79351)

REPORT:

Executive Summary

The Mayor has received a request signed by Councillors P Conolly, (Dr) W Mackay OAM and P Rasmussen asking that he call an Extraordinary meeting of Council to "*consider expressing Hawkesbury City Council's absolute opposition to any amalgamations*".

As such, in accordance with the requirements of Clause 2.1.4 of the Council's Code of Meeting Practice the Mayor has called an Extraordinary meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, 15 December 2015, commencing at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

As well as the notice of the meeting and Business Paper being issued to Councillors and available to members of the public in the normal manner, advertisements were also inserted into both the Hawkesbury Gazette and Hawkesbury Courier on 9 and 10 December 2015, respectively, and an item placed on Council's website to advise the community of the meeting.

In connection with members of the public addressing the meeting, as this is an Extraordinary meeting the Council's Code of Meeting Practice provides for a variation of the time allocated for members of the public to address the meeting "*provided that the total amount of time allocated for speakers does not exceed 30 minutes for speakers in favour (for) and 30 minutes for speakers against, in addition to no more than 10 minutes provided for speakers on each side to answer questions from Councillors*".

It has been Council's practice in the past to adopt these provisions when relevant for Extraordinary meetings. As such, the list of speakers for this meeting has been recorded on the basis of when the request was received (either for or against) to enable Council to be addressed by speakers for or against the position for up to 30 minutes for and against the position with questions for a period of up to 10 minutes for or against the position.

Conformance to Community Strategic Plan

The proposal is consistent with the Shaping Our Future Together Directions Statement;

- Maintain its independent identity and voice through strong local government and community institutions

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications directly applicable to this report; however, if Council were to be merged there would be significant financial implications.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council express its absolute opposition to any amalgamations.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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