



Hawkesbury City Council

ordinary meeting minutes

date of meeting: 14 May 2019

location: council chambers

time: 6:30 p.m.

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 14 May 2019, commencing at 6.34pm.

Welcome

The Mayor, Councillor Barry Calvert 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: Councillor Barry Calvert, Mayor, Councillor Mary Lyons-Buckett, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Patrick Conolly, Emma-Jane Garrow, Amanda Kotlash, Paul Rasmussen, Peter Reynolds, John Ross, Danielle Wheeler and Nathan Zamprogno.

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager - Peter Conroy, Director City Planning - Linda Perrine, Director Infrastructure Services - Jeff Organ, Director Support Services - Laurie Mifsud, Executive Manager - Community Partnerships - Joseph Litwin, Manager Corporate Communication - Suzanne Stuart, Manager Corporate Services and Governance - Michael Wearne and Administrative Support Coordinator - Tracey Easterbrook.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Tree.

The General Manager advised that a leave of absence was received from Councillor Richards for the Council Meeting on 14 May 2019.

93 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Zamprogno and seconded by Councillor Rasmussen that the apologies from Councillor Richards and Councillor Tree be accepted and that leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Councillor Ross arrived at the meeting at 6.42pm.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

Acknowledgement of Official Visitors to the Council

There were no official visitors to Council.

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SECTION 1 - Confirmation of Minutes

94 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen and seconded by Councillor Lyons-Buckett that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 30 April 2019, be confirmed.

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SECTION 2 - Mayoral Minutes

Item: 085

MM - Correspondence from Revenue NSW advising of Significant Increases to the 2019/2020 Emergency Services Levy - (79353, 79351)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Calvert.

Refer to RESOLUTION

95 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Calvert.

That Council:

1. Support in principle, the changes to workers compensation in relation to volunteer and career firefighters.
2. Request that the NSW State Government fund the scheme in the first year.
3. Work with Local Government NSW, other Local Government organisations and other councils to arrange a delegation to meet with the Premier and relevant Minister to express Council's dismay in relation to:
 - a) The lack of consultation by the NSW State Government.
 - b) The timing of the decision, when most councils already have their draft budgets finalised and on public exhibition.
 - c) The financial consequences of the decision, in the case of Hawkesbury resulting in an increase of 22% - as opposed to the 2.7% Rate Cap imposed on Local Government by the NSW State Governments own Independent Pricing and Regulatory Authority.
 - d) Residents who are landowners with insurance coverage who will pay twice, once with their Local Government rates and a second time with their annual insurance premiums.
4. Advise the Member for Hawkesbury of Council's resolution in respect to this matter.

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SECTION 3 – Reports for Determination

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Item: 077 **IS - Markets in Richmond Park and McQuade Park - (95495, 79354, 127235, 129069)**

Directorate: Infrastructure Services

MOTION:

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

Refer to RESOLUTION

96 RESOLUTION:

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

That:

1. Richmond Fresh Food be given approval to hold a Saturday weekly growers market at Richmond Park from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 subject to the following:
 - a) Council's general park conditions.
 - b) Council's fees and charges.
 - c) The Richmond Park Plans of Management.
 - d) Satisfactory management of conflict with other users.
 - e) The stall holders using suitable matting under their stall
2. The General Manager be given authority to negotiate additional markets, if required by Richmond Fresh Food.
3. AMA Event Management not be given approval to hold monthly markets at McQuade Park, and Council enter into discussions with AMA Event Management in respect to the holding of markets in an alternate location within the Local Government Area.
4. Consideration of other opportunities for markets be explored as part of the City Deal Liveability project to activate and revitalise the Windsor, South Windsor and Richmond Town Centres.
5. A Local Government Area wide markets strategy and policy be brought to Council for consideration no later than March 2020.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

Item: 078 **SS - Pecuniary Interest Return - Designated Person - (95496, 96333)**

Division: Support Services

MOTION:

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

Refer to RESOLUTION

97 RESOLUTION:

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

That the Section 449(1) Pecuniary Interest Return be received and noted.

Item: 079 **SS - Provision of Information and Interaction between Councillors and Staff Policy - (95496, 96333)**

Previous Item: 129, Ordinary (29 June 2010)

Directorate: Support Services

MOTION:

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

Refer to RESOLUTION

98 RESOLUTION:

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

That:

1. The Provision of Information and Interaction between Councillors and Staff Policy, attached as Attachment 1 to this report, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. At the expiration of the public notification exhibition process outlined in Part 1 above, the following action be taken:
 - a) Should any submissions be received regarding the Provision of Information and Interaction between Councillors and Staff Policy, a further report be submitted to Council, or

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- b) Should no submissions be received, Council adopt the Provision of Information and Interaction between Councillors and Staff Policy, as attached as Attachment 1 to this report.

Item: 080 **SS - Gifts and Benefits Policy for Councillors and Staff - (95496, 96333)**

Previous Item: 045, Ordinary (28 February 2017)

Directorate: Support Services

MOTION:

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

Refer to RESOLUTION

99 RESOLUTION:

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

That:

1. The Gifts and Benefits Policy for Councillors and Staff, attached as Attachment 1 to this report, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. At the expiration of the public notification exhibition process outlined in Part 1 above, the following action be taken:
 - a) Should any submissions be received regarding the Gifts and Benefits Policy for Councillors and Staff, a further report be submitted to Council, or
 - b) Should no submissions be received, Council adopt the Gifts and Benefits Policy for Councillors and Staff, as attached as Attachment 1 to this report.

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SECTION 5 – Notices of Motion

Item: 081 NM - Illegal Rubbish Dumping in Hawkesbury Local Government Area - (79351, 125612)

MOTION:

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

Refer to RESOLUTION

100 RESOLUTION:

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

That Council:

1. Work with the Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP and applicable State government agencies to develop a system for collection of rubbish dumped on roadsides and in reserves.
2. Collect data on the nature and location of dumped rubbish collected by Council and referrals to other agencies to collect dumped rubbish. Such data will assist and inform us in our advocacy to devise the most efficient and effective method of dealing with the problem of dumped rubbish in outer urban-rural interface areas.
3. Provide to the public, information and rationale for our Council no longer being part of the RID squad.
4. Engage with local real estate agents to ensure that Council is not left with the cleanup expenses of end of lease kerbside dumping, and the possibility of assuring that this provision is written as part of outgoing lease inspections and how this ties in with the Tenancy Act.
5. Compile a list of outstanding Council issues raised previously with Mr Perrottet which have not been actioned, for Ms Preston, so she can familiarise herself with these prior to follow up meetings on those matters.

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QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Item: 082 Councillor Questions from Previous Meetings and Responses - 30 April 2019 - (79351)

Responses and Questions in relation to previous Questions for the next Meeting - 30 April 2019 were provided.

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#	Councillor	Question	Response
1	Wheeler	Requested information on the cost to Council of residents using the Snap Send Solve application.	The General Manager
2	Garrow	Requested information how khaki weed has infiltrated Don't Worry Oval and also requested that this matter be dealt with quickly to stop it impacting local businesses.	The Director Infrastructure Services
3	Garrow	Requested a record of attendance for Councillors to Council meetings during the current term of Council, including meetings that have not been attended in full with late arrivals and early departures.	The Director Support Services
4	Ross	Enquired as to how Council can deal with heavy vehicles offloading their trailers at the junction of Macquarie and George Streets, South Windsor, on the South Creek side of the roads, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is this RMS land or Council land?• Is this a designated drop off point for the heavy vehicles?• Can Council possibly designate another area for these operations?	The Director City Planning
5	Ross	Enquired as to what the delay is in getting heritage signage installed in the Hawkesbury Local Government Area.	The Director Support Services
6	Ross	Enquired as to whether Council has undertaken measurement of PFAS input at the Council sewage treatment plants, and further, is Council to consult with the Commonwealth Government as to whether this is required or not.	The Director Infrastructure Services
7	Garrow	Enquired as to what Council's process is on dog attacks on people, pets and livestock in the Local Government Area.	The Director City Planning

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

101 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: 083 GM – Confirmation of Preferred Site and Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd to establish a Police Community Youth Club – (79351, 93487, 138161)

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A (2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to (details concerning the leasing of Council property and it is considered that the release of the information could, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person or organisation with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

Item: 084 IS – Extension of Contract No 00974 – Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Biosolids from South Windsor and McGraths Hill Sewage Treatment Plants – (95495, 112179)

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to details concerning tenders for the supply of goods and/or services to Council and the information is regards as being commercial information of confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or reveal a trade secret and, therefore, if considered in a n open meeting, would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

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.

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

102 RESOLUTION:

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

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Item: 083 **GM - Confirmation of Preferred Site and Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd to establish a Police Community Youth Club - (79351, 93487, 138161)**

Previous Item: 121, Ordinary (8 May 2018)
 199, Ordinary (14 August, 2018)
 15, Ordinary (12 February 2019)

Directorate: General Manager

MOTION:

The Director Support Services advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Reynolds.

Refer to RESOLUTION

103 RESOLUTION:

The Director Support Services advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Reynolds.

That Council adopt the Officer's Confidential Recommendation as outlined in this report.

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

Item: 084 **IS - Extension of Contract No 00974 - Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Biosolids from South Windsor and McGraths Hill Sewage Treatment Plants - (95495, 112179)**

Previous Item: 109, Ordinary (31 May 2016)

Directorate: Infrastructure Services

MOTION:

The Director Support Services advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Lyons-Buckett.

Refer to RESOLUTION

104 RESOLUTION:

The Director Support Services advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Lyons-Buckett.

That:

1. The current contract for the "Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Biosolids from South Windsor and McGraths Hill Sewage Treatment Plants" with Bettergrow Pty Ltd be extended
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until midnight on 30 June, 2021 with the new price of \$80.00 per wet tonne (fixed for the two year period).

2. The Seal of Council be affixed to any necessary documentation.

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

The meeting terminated at 9.02pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on 28 May 2019.

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Mayor

