

COMMENCING: 7.10pm

PRESENT: Mayor Councillor D Bott (Chairman)
Councillor S Kokkolis
Councillor H McLucas
Councillor S Ok
Councillor A Soulos
Councillor G Vaccari

STAFF: General Manager
Director Corporate Services
Director Operations
Director Technical Services
Group Coordinator Communications and IT
Governance Coordinator
Personal Assistant to Director Corporate Services

- 1. OPENING:** The prayer was read.
- 2. RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS:** The Recognition was read.
- 3. PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Vaccari declared a significant non pecuniary interest in Mayoral Minute 33/13 - Australian Catholic University Alternative Sites for Expansion as he lives in the vicinity of the University and advised that he will vacate the meeting room and not participate in discussion on this matter.

Councillor McLucas declared a significant pecuniary interest in Mayoral Minute 33/13 - Australian Catholic University Alternative Sites for Expansion as she is employed by the University and advised she will vacate the meeting room and not take part in discussion on this matter.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

293/13

RESOLVED: (Vaccari/Ok)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 5 November 2013, 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.

294/13

RESOLVED: (Vaccari/Ok)

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 26 November 2013, 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.

5. APOLOGIES

An apology was tendered on behalf of Councillor Datta for non attendance.

295/13

RESOLVED: (Bott/Soulos)

That the apology tendered on behalf of Councillor Datta for non attendance be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

6. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Nil.

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

1. Mayoral Minute 33/13 – Australian Catholic University Alternative Sites for Expansion

NB: This Mayoral Minute was previously submitted as Mayoral Minute 32/13 to the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 26 November 2013 and was not considered due to a lack of quorum.

Councillor Vaccari and Councillor McLucas having previously declared a conflict of interest left the meeting room.

296/13

RESOLVED: (Bott)

That Council write to the Minister for Planning requesting that the Minister or the Department of Planning & Infrastructure encourage or assist the Australian Catholic University to locate

their campus expansion on an alternative site such as within the Sydney Olympic Park precinct.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

2. Mayoral Minute 34/13 – Premier States that Benefits of Amalgamating “Communities Like Strathfield” Unclear

297/13

RESOLVED: (Bott)

That Council commends State Premier Barry O’Farrell on his comments regarding amalgamation and the reports released by the Independent Local Government Review Panel.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

3. Mayoral Minute 35/13 – WestConnex – Section 94 Levies and Land Acquisitions

298/13

RESOLVED: (Bott)

That Council prepares a report regarding the WestConnex project relating to the use of Section 94 levies as part of the project and the acquisition of properties in Homebush West.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

4. Mayoral Minute 36/13 – Transport of Radioactive Waste

299/13

RESOLVED: (Bott)

1. That Council prepares a report dealing with the proposed contingency plan to transport radioactive waste from the Hunters Hill Remediation Project site to Lidcombe, specifically dealing with whether there are public health and safety concerns.

2. That Council object to the transport of radioactive waste through the Strathfield LGA.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

9. COUNCILLORS’ QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

Nil.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil.

11. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

Nil.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

GM1. Constitutional Recognition Campaign

300/13

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Bott)

That Council note the report on the Constitutional Recognition Campaign.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

GM2. Code of Conduct Complaints

301/13

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Kokkolis)

That Council note the report concerning Code of Conduct Complaints.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

CS1. Council Recess

302/13

RESOLVED: (Bott/Ok)

1. That Council be in recess from 18 December 2013 to 3 February 2014.
2. That pursuant to Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993 delegated authority be granted to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager jointly, to exercise any function of the Council during the Council recess with the exception of:
 - determination of applications for dwellings and ancillary structures and residential flat developments for which more than two objections have been received;
 - determination of applications for residential flat buildings of three storeys or more;
 - rezoning matters;
 - subdivision applications (with the exception of strata subdivisions); and
 - entering into of leases/licenses.
3. That a full list of any matters considered under such delegation be submitted for Council's information to the meeting to be held on 4 February 2014.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

CS2. Investment Report as at 31 October 2013

304/13

RESOLVED: (Vaccari/McLucas)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 October 2013 be noted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

CS3. 2012/13 Financial Statements

305/13

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Kokkolis)

That the 2012/13 Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports be noted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

OP1. Evaluation of Tenders for Disposal of Domestic Waste

306/13

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Soulos)

1. That Council accept the tender from Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd for the disposal of Domestic Waste (Putrescible and Non-Putrescible).
2. That the General Manager be authorised to execute the contract.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

OP2. Australian and Korean Memorial Gardens – Result of Community Consultation Process

307/13

RESOLVED: (Vaccari/Ok)

That the concept plan for the Australian and Korean Memorial Gardens be further developed based on concept 2 included in the community consultation process.

For the Motion: Councillors Bott, Kokkolis, Ok, Soulos and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Councillor McLucas

TS1. Acquisition of Airspace at Ground Level from Properties along Parramatta Road

308/13

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/Soulos)

That the update regarding the acquisition of airspace at ground level from properties along Parramatta Road be noted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 2005

309/13

RESOLVED: (Bott/McLucas)

That pursuant to Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the following matter be dealt with as it is considered to be of great urgency.

Licence Agreement – Hudson Park Golf Course

Voting on this matter was unanimous.

The Chairman ruled that the matter was of great urgency.

8. CLOSED SESSION

310/13

RESOLVED: (Bott/McLucas)

That in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 the following matter be considered in CLOSED SESSION for the reason stated:

1. Licence Agreement – Hudson Park Golf Course

This matter is being considered in Closed Session as it relates to advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege and on balance, the public interest in preserving confidentiality of legal information provided outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

1. Urgent Business - Licence Agreement – Hudson Park Golf Course

311/13

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Vaccari)

That the recommendation as set out in the report in regard to the licence agreement for Hudson Park Golf Course be approved.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

Open Council resumed and details of the resolution made in Closed Session was provided.

The Mayor advised that Council had been successful in receiving an Excellence in the Environment Award.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.18PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield held on 4 February 2014.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____