

MINUTES

Council Meeting
4 October 2016

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 4 October 2016, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6.44pm

PRESENT: Mayor Councillor A Soulos (Chairman)
Councillor R Datta
Councillor S Kokkolis
Councillor H McLucas

STAFF: A/General Manager
A/Director Corporate Services
A/Director Infrastructure and Development
Governance Coordinator

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

Nil.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

310/16

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Datta)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 September 2016, 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.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

311/16

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/McLucas)

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 27 September 2016, 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.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

5. APOLOGIES

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillors Ok, Vaccari and Bott for non attendance.

312/16

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/McLucas)

That the apologies tendered on behalf of Councillors Ok, Vaccari and Bott for non attendance be accepted and leave of absence granted.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

6. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

1. 69 Redmyre Road

Noted.

7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Nil.

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

Nil.

9. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

Nil.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil.

11. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

- A. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Bott

1. Amalgamation

I MOVE:

That Council writes to the Premier and demand the immediate withdrawal of the plans to amalgamate Strathfield Council.

313/16

RESOLVED: (Datta/McLucas)

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For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

B. Notice of Motions submitted by Councillor Soulos

1. Rotary Assistance

I MOVE:

1. That Council continues its current level of work with Rotary in targeting graffiti whilst concurrently pursuing other initiatives to this end.
2. That Council assist Rotary to initiate meetings of Rotaract by waiving fees, charges and bonds for the use of the Ironbark room for up to 4 hours per month for this activity (usually 4pm to 6pm, first and third Friday each month).

314/16

RESOLVED: (Soulos/McLucas)

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For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

2. Spring Fair

I MOVE THAT:

1. Council congratulates staff for the planning and execution of the recently held Spring Fair.
2. As a matter of protocol, businesses, service clubs and community groups that are local to the Strathfield area be given priority in their participation in all future events.
3. Where greater financial advantage to Council is probable, Council partner with these businesses, service clubs and community groups.

315/16

RESOLVED: (Soulos/McLucas)

THAT:

1. Council congratulates staff for the planning and execution of the recently held Spring Fair.
2. As a matter of protocol, businesses, service clubs and community groups that are local to the Strathfield area be given priority in their participation in all future events.
3. Where greater financial advantage to Council is probable, Council partner with these businesses, service clubs and community groups.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

3. Lunar Festival 2017

I MOVE:

That Council once again waive fees, charges and bonds (except key bond) for hire of Strathfield Square for the Lunar Festival on Friday 27 January 2017 and Saturday 28 January 2017.

316/16

RESOLVED: (Soulos/Datta)

That the matter be deferred for a further report from staff to Council at the next Council Meeting.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

4. Alternate Venue for Council Meetings

I MOVE:

That the Town Hall be set up as a standby venue for council meetings where 10 or more speakers have registered to address the Council or where a large gallery is expected.

317/16

RESOLVED: (Soulos/McLucas)

That the Town Hall be set up as a standby venue for council meetings where 10 or more speakers have registered to address the Council or where a large gallery is expected.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

C. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McLucas

1. Funds to Fight Amalgamation

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council approve \$20,000 for an ongoing media campaign during October – December 2016. This campaign is to make Strathfield residents aware and inform them about Council's current position regarding the latest judgement from the L&E Court and potential outcomes of Council's current fight against amalgamation.

318/16

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Datta)

That Strathfield Council approve \$20,000 for an ongoing media campaign for use solely by Council for Strathfield residents during October – December 2016. This campaign is to make Strathfield residents aware and inform them about Council's current position regarding the latest judgement from the L&E Court and potential outcomes of Council's current fight against amalgamation.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

D. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Datta

1. Centenary Park and Courallie Avenue Development Site and Precinct

I MOVE:

- (i) In respect to Resolution 273/16, that a report be provided to Council, including details of community consultations, on the Courallie Avenue development site following a Council facilitated meeting with affected residents in the neighbourhood.
- (ii) Council write to the Premier of NSW with a copy to the State Member for Strathfield regarding commencement of a process for building the following amenities for the residents living in the Centenary Park and Courallie Avenue precinct:
 - (a) A safe pathway/access to Flemington Station from Centenary Park/Courallie Avenue through to the markets.
 - (b) A safe pathway/access to Flemington Station from Centenary Drive through to Marlborough Road.
 - (c) An over-bridge or underpass for safe crossing across Marlborough Road.

319/16

RESOLVED: (Datta/McLucas)

- (i) In respect to Resolution 273/16, that a report be provided to Council, including details of community consultations, on the Courallie Avenue development site following a Council facilitated meeting with affected residents in the neighbourhood.

- (ii) Council write to the Premier of NSW with a copy to the State Member for Strathfield and the Federal Member for Strathfield regarding commencement of a process for building the following amenities for the residents living in the Centenary Park and Courallie Avenue precinct:
- (a) Scope the size and the population of the development.
 - (b) A safe pathway/access to Flemington Station from Centenary Park/Courallie Avenue through to the markets.
 - (c) A safe pathway/access to Flemington Station from Centenary Drive through to Marlborough Road.
 - (d) An over-bridge or underpass for safe crossing across Marlborough Road.

SUPPLEMENTARY MOTION

That a report be bought back to Council on the relationship between the development and Courallie Avenue to which this site has the only positive frontage to a public road over which access to the development should be made available.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

CS1. Investment Report as at 31 August 2016

320/16

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Kokkolis)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 August 2016 be noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

CS2. Tabling of Annual Disclosure of Interest Returns

321/16

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Kokkolis)

That Council receive and note the report concerning tabling of Annual Disclosure of Interest Returns.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

GM1. Australian Smart Cities and Infrastructure Forum

322/16

RESOLVED: (Soulos/Kokkolis)

That the matter of considering Councillor Ok's interest in attending the Australian Smart Cities and Infrastructure Forum, to be held on 5-6 December 2016, The Langham Melbourne, to assist in the development of the Australian-Korean Memorial Garden be deferred pending the return of Councillor Ok.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

ID1. Evaluation of Tender for Carpark Construction at 69 Redmyre Road, Strathfield

323/16

RESOLVED: (Datta/McLucas)

1. That Council accept the tender from Lamond Contracting Pty Ltd (Tender 05/2016) for Carpark Construction at 69 Redmyre Road, Strathfield.
2. That Council approve the carry forward of the 2015/16 unexpended funds of \$257,000 to the 2016/17 budget.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Councillor Datta

ID2. Evaluation of Tender for Regrade, Drainage and Turfing Works at Hudson Park Driving Range

324/16

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/McLucas)

1. That Council accept the tender from Lamond Contracting Pty Ltd (Tender 06/2016) for the Regrade, Drainage and Turfing Works at Hudson Park Driving Range.
2. That Council allocate an additional \$160,000 from General Funds to complete urgent infrastructure works.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Datta, Kokkolis and McLucas

Against the Motion Nil

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

Nil.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.35PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield held on 25 October 2016.

Chairman_____ A/General Manager_____