

MINUTES

Council Meeting
7 July 2015

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 7 July 2015, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 7.20pm

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

STAFF: General Manager
Director Corporate Services
Director Technical Services
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 Ok declared a non-significant non-pecuniary interest in Notice of Motion Item 11. B. 4 – Comfort Women as he was the former co-chairman of the United Korean Chinese Alliance against Japanese War Crimes and advised he will vacate the chambers and not take part in discussion on this matter.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

189/15

RESOLVED: (Datta/Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 2 June 2015, 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 Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, McLucas, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

190/15

RESOLVED: (Datta/Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 June 2015, 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 Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, McLucas, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

5. APOLOGIES

Nil.

6. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

1. Strathfield Plaza Car Parking

Noted.

7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Nil.

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

1. Mayoral Minute 26/15 – Melville Reserve Scout Hall

I MOVE:

1. That Council reaffirm its decision of 28 April 2015 to demolish the Melville Reserve Scout Hall.
 2. That Council acknowledge that the Melville Reserve Scout Hall though run down currently serves as an important community facility.
 3. That council acknowledge that the current Melville Reserve Scout Hall was in fact built by the Hungarian Scouts Association in 1968 at no cost to Council.
 4. That Council acknowledge that in the Homebush West precinct of the Municipality there is a clear need and demand for a new community facility given that available facilities are currently fully utilized.
 5. That Council include a new planned community facility for this site in the review and update of Council's 2010 Direct Contributions Plan, with this item to be listed in the plan as an urgent priority.
 6. That demolition of the current facility be delayed until construction of a new facility is imminent always on the understanding that the safety of the occupants is paramount.
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7. That the Hungarian Scouts Groups organization be offered temporary accommodation during construction of the new facility, in another suitable Council facility.

191/15

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

1. That Council reaffirm its decision of 28 April 2015 to demolish the Melville Reserve Scout Hall.
2. That Council acknowledge that the Melville Reserve Scout Hall though run down currently serves as an important community facility.
3. That council acknowledge that the current Melville Reserve Scout Hall was in fact built by the Hungarian Scouts Association in 1968 at no cost to Council with Council taking ownership in 1994.
4. That Council acknowledge that in the Homebush West precinct of the Municipality there is a clear need and demand for a new community facility given that available facilities are currently fully utilized.
5. That Council include a new planned community facility for this site in the review and update of Council's 2010 Direct Contributions Plan, with this item to be listed in the plan as an urgent priority.
6. That demolition of the current facility be delayed until construction of a new facility is imminent always on the understanding that the safety of the occupants is paramount.
7. That the Hungarian Scouts Groups organization be offered temporary accommodation during construction of the new facility, in another suitable Council facility.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

2. Mayoral Minute 27/15 – Amalgamations

I MOVE:

1. That Council again write to the Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Local Government the Hon Paul Toole MP seeking an assurance that there will be no forced amalgamations of NSW councils.
2. That Council note recent advice that the State Government is able to proceed with council amalgamations without reference to the NSW Parliament, through Boundaries Commission. This would include a consultation phase with residents by means of advertised public meetings, invitations for public submissions, postal surveys or formal polls.
3. That in view of the depth of the anti-amalgamation sentiment in the Strathfield LGA, Council's correspondence to the Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Local Government the Hon Paul Toole MP makes reference to point 2 above and indicate that we see this as an abuse of the democratic process.

4. That in view of the depth of the anti-amalgamation sentiment in the Strathfield LGA, Council's correspondence to the Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Local Government the Hon Paul Toole MP requests that the Boundaries Commission not be the reference point for council amalgamations, but rather the NSW State Parliament.
5. That in view of the depth of the anti-amalgamation sentiment in the Strathfield LGA, Council's correspondence to the Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Local Government the Hon Paul Toole MP requests that no attempts be made to amend current legislation which would further dilute the current process (by for instance allowing amalgamation by Ministerial decree).

192/15

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

1. That Council again write to the Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Local Government the Hon Paul Toole MP, with a copy to the Local Member for Strathfield Jodi McKay MP, Local Member for Lakemba Jihad Dib MP and Local Member for Auburn Luke Foley MP and the Shadow Minister for Local Government Mr Peter Primrose MP seeking an assurance that there will be no forced amalgamations of NSW councils.
2. That Council note recent advice that the State Government is able to proceed with council amalgamations without reference to the NSW Parliament, through Boundaries Commission. This would include a consultation phase with residents by means of advertised public meetings, invitations for public submissions, postal surveys or formal polls.
3. That in view of the depth of the anti-amalgamation sentiment in the Strathfield LGA, Council's correspondence to the Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Local Government the Hon Paul Toole MP makes reference to point 2 above and indicate that we see this as an abuse of the democratic process.
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For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, McLucas, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

9. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

Nil.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Report of Australian and Korean Memorial Gardens Steering Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2015

193/15

RESOLVED: (Ok/Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Australian and Korean Memorial Gardens Steering Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2015 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Report of Strathfield Town Centre Project Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting held on 4 June 2015

194/15

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/Vaccari)

That the minutes of the Strathfield Town Centre Project Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting held on 4 June 2015 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Report of Strathfield Traffic Committee Meeting held on 16 June 2015

195/15

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/Bott)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 16 June 2015 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Report of Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre Taskforce Meeting held on 17 June 2015

196/15

RESOLVED: (Datta/Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre Taskforce Meeting held on 17 June 2015 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Report of Homebush and Homebush West Taskforce Meeting held on 17 June 2015

197/15

RESOLVED: (Datta/Bott)

That the minutes of the Homebush and Homebush West Taskforce Meeting held on 17 June 2015 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

11. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

A. Notices of Motion signed by Councillor Bott

1. Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre

I MOVE:

1. That Council write to the Member for Strathfield, Minister for Ports and Minister for Planning in regard to "Enfield Park."
2. That Council advise that if the park is not returned to Strathfield Council that an equivalent area be given to Strathfield Council that would be recreational space.

198/15

RESOLVED: (Bott/Datta)

1. That Council write to the Member for Strathfield, Minister for Ports and Minister for Planning in regard to "Enfield Park."
2. That Council advise that if the park is not returned to Strathfield Council that an equivalent area be given to Strathfield Council within the same precinct that would be recreational space.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

2. Affordable Housing

I MOVE:

1. That council writes to Member for Strathfield and Minister for Planning in regard to the Affordable Housing SEPP.
2. That Council advises of its concerns in regard to the Affordable Housing SEPP and that improvements could be introduced that deliver better housing for tenants and the community.
3. That Council requests a review of the Affordable Housing SEPP and sends previous correspondence from this term in relation to this SEPP.

199/15

RESOLVED: (Bott/Datta)

1. That council writes to Member for Strathfield and Minister for Planning in regard to the Affordable Housing SEPP.
2. That Council advises of its concerns in regard to the Affordable Housing SEPP and that improvements could be introduced that deliver better housing for tenants and the community. In particular Council seeks a greater say in the location of affordable housing in the municipality.
3. That Council requests a review of the Affordable Housing SEPP, and clarification of what is defined as affordable in terms of dollars for people seeking affordable housing, and sends previous correspondence from this term in relation to this SEPP.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

B. Notices of Motion signed by Councillors Bott and McLucas

1. NSW Local Government Act

WE MOVE:

1. That council writes to Member for Strathfield, Member for Lakemba, Member for Auburn, Minister for Local Government and Premier of NSW in regard to the Local Government Act.
2. Council request the Local Government Act be amended whereby it is not possible for amalgamations and/or boundary adjustments to be approved without a parliamentary vote.

The Motion was withdrawn by Councillors Bott and McLucas.

2. Anti-Amalgamation

WE MOVE THAT:

1. Council writes to Member for Strathfield, Member for Lakemba, Member for Auburn, Minister for Local Government and Premier of NSW in regard to the Local Government Act requesting that the Local Government Act be amended whereby it is not possible for amalgamations and/or boundary adjustments to be approved without a parliamentary vote.
2. Council writes to Federal Member for Reid, Federal Member for Watson, Prime Minister of Australia, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and all Senators for New South Wales in regard to Federal Assistance Grants and amalgamations advising that the freezing of Federal Assistance Grants can hinder the ability of councils to budget for their communities and as such can unfairly put councils at risk of amalgamation.
3. Council have all available funds allocated to our anti-amalgamation campaign.
4. Council write to Parramatta Council and advise that we oppose any amalgamation and/or boundary adjustment that would involve Strathfield Council. Council note that we have already written to other councils and advised them that we oppose any amalgamation and/or boundary adjustment that would involve Strathfield Council. If another council proposes an amalgamation

and/or boundary adjustment that would involve Strathfield Council, we write to them and advise them that we oppose this.

5. Council condemns the recent remarks made by the Minister for Local Government in regard to amalgamation (see excerpt from Sydney Morning Herald article on 29/6/15);

"We are committed to doing everything we said we would do. Councils also, they too need to be talking to their neighbours and communities about what is in their interest. Unfortunately, at the moment, self interest has got in the way," he [Mr Paul Toole] said.

"Councils need to "look beyond today into the future," he said.

Asked whether he would get rid of the Boundaries Commission process - it must hold public hearings for any proposal whether voluntary or proposed by the minister - Mr Toole left his options open.

"Well there is a whole host of various options that can be looked at. The government has been a partner in this process. We have been very open, and we want councils to have shown that leadership," he said.

6. Council note the following from the Office of Local Government web site:

- The Local Government Boundaries Commission is an independent statutory authority constituted under section 260 of the Local Government Act 1993. The Commission examines and reports on any matter referred to it by the Minister for Local Government in relation to the boundaries of local government areas and the areas of operation of county councils.
- The Commission is appointed by the Governor and has four members. Of the Commissioners, one (the Chairperson) is nominated by the Minister for Local Government; one is an officer of the Office of Local Government nominated by the Chief Executive; and two are persons appointed from the panel constituted under section 262(1) of the Local Government Act (the members of this panel are nominated by the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW).
- In exercising its functions, the Boundaries Commission must hold an inquiry in relation to an amalgamation proposal.
- For more information about the Boundaries Commission, email olg@olg.nsw.gov.au or call us on (02) 4428 4100.

7. Council write to those who would be able to nominate people to this commission, for example Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government and the Minister for Local Government, and advise them that Strathfield Council opposes forced amalgamation.

8. If the Boundaries Commission is reformed, that Strathfield Council write to them and advise that we oppose forced amalgamation of any council.

9. Council write to the Minister of Local Government and advise that we oppose any method of forcing councils to amalgamate and that this includes, but is not limited to, the Boundaries Commission or appointment of administrators.

10. Council reaffirms its position that we oppose amalgamation of our Council.

200/15

RESOLVED: (Soulos/Kokkolis)

That debate on the above matter be reopened.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Vaccari, Bott and McLucas

The Mayor declared the Motion carried and debate reopened.

201/15

RESOLVED: (Bott /Kokkolis)

THAT:

1. Council writes to all members of NSW State Parliament, Minister for Local Government and Premier of NSW in their ministerial capacities in regard to the Local Government Act requesting that the Local Government Act be amended whereby it is not possible for amalgamations and/or boundary adjustments to be approved without a parliamentary vote.
2. Council writes to Federal Member for Reid, Federal Member for Watson, Prime Minister of Australia, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and all Senators for New South Wales in regard to Federal Assistance Grants and amalgamations advising that the freezing of Federal Assistance Grants can hinder the ability of councils to budget for their communities and as such can unfairly put councils at risk of amalgamation.
3.
 - a. Council have all available funds allocated to our anti-amalgamation campaign as per the 2015/16 budget.
 - b. Council make available an additional \$10,000 to the anti amalgamation campaign.
4. Council write to Parramatta Council and advise that we oppose any amalgamation and/or boundary adjustment that would involve Strathfield Council. Council note that we have already written to other councils and advised them that we oppose any amalgamation and/or boundary adjustment that would involve Strathfield Council. If another council proposes an amalgamation and/or boundary adjustment that would involve Strathfield Council, we write to them and advise them that we oppose this.
5. Council strongly opposes the recent remarks made by the Minister for Local Government in regard to amalgamation (see excerpt from Sydney Morning Herald article on 29/6/15);

"We are committed to doing everything we said we would do. Councils also, they too need to be talking to their neighbours and communities about what is in their interest. Unfortunately, at the moment, self interest has got in the way," he [Mr Paul Toole] said.

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10. Council reaffirms its position that we oppose amalgamation of our Council.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

3. Federal Assistance Grants

WE MOVE:

1. That Council write to Federal Member for Reid, Federal Member for Watson, Prime Minister of Australia, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and all Senators for New South Wales in regard to Federal Assistance Grants and amalgamations:
2. That Council advised that the freezing of Federal Assistance Grants can hinder the ability of councils to budget for their communities and as such can unfairly put councils at risk of amalgamation.

The Motion was withdrawn by Councillors Bott and McLucas.

4. Comfort Women

Councillor Ok having previously declared a conflict of interest in this matter vacated the meeting room.

WE MOVE:

That Council undertake all necessary action to allow for a vote on the Comfort Women matter to be done in an August Extraordinary Meeting.

202/15

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Datta)

That Council undertake all necessary action to allow for a vote on the Comfort Women matter to be done in an Extraordinary Meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 11 August 2015 at the Strathfield Town Hall.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Ok returned to meeting.

C. Notice of Motion signed by Councillors Bott and Soulos

1. WestConnex Issues

WE MOVE:

1. That Council write to the Premier of NSW, Minister for Roads, Minister for Environment, Minister for Planning, Minister for Health and Member for Strathfield that in regard to Westconnex:
 - council notes its opposition to acquisition of Arnott's Reserve (as per June 2015 Resolution)
 - council notes its opposition to a depot on Arnott's Reserve (as per April 2015 Resolution)
 - council advises that we do not support the sale of any part of our land to Westconnex

- council advises that if temporary acquisition occurs through Westconnex that this be a lease arrangement
 - council advises that after temporary acquisition of land, that these areas be community use or public recreation
 - council requests that stacks have filters and when there are advancements in technology that these be implemented
 - council requests that environmental concerns be noted in regard to stacks when these are designed
 - council requests that financial impact to homeowners near the stacks be properly considered when designing these
 - council requests that Westconnex opt for the partial acquisition/ acquisition of the site near Leicester Street for the ramp as opposed to Arnott's Reserve
 - council requests that all efforts be made to ensure that Westconnex structures including stacks, be visually in keeping with the surrounding environment/ streetscape/ area.
 - council notes that the proposed ramp will impede future efforts to naturalise this section of Powell's Creek and requests that in order to promote the abundance of wildlife on the Powell's Creek corridor and enhance the amenity and ambience of what is left of the corridor that every effort be made to move the on-ramp to Concord Road
 - council invites ministers and members to council to discuss these matters.
2. That council write to residents within a 400m radius of the proposed ramp advising them of this proposal and how this will affect them and provide the necessary contact details of the Westconnex Delivery Authority.

203/15

RESOLVED: (Soulos/Datta)

1. That Council write to the Premier of NSW, Minister for Roads, Minister for Environment, Minister for Planning, Minister for Health and Member for Strathfield that in regard to Westconnex:
- council notes its opposition to acquisition of Arnott's Reserve (as per June 2015 Resolution)
 - council notes its opposition to a depot on Arnott's Reserve (as per April 2015 Resolution)
 - council advises that we do not support the sale of any part of our land to Westconnex
 - council advises that if temporary acquisition occurs through Westconnex that this be a lease arrangement
 - council advises that after temporary acquisition of land, that these areas be community use or public recreation
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- council requests that the stacks are equipped with world's best practice filters and when there are advancements in technology that these be implemented
 - council requests that environmental concerns be noted in regard to stacks when these are designed
 - council requests that financial impact to homeowners near the stacks be properly considered when designing these
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2. That council write to residents within a 400m radius of the proposed ramp advising them of this proposal and how this will affect them and provide the necessary contact details of the Westconnex Delivery Authority.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

D. Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Datta

1. Marlborough Road

WE MOVE:

1. That the pedestrian fencing recently implemented by Council which was approved and funded by Roads and Maritime Services be removed as it has increased the risk to pedestrians crossing Marlborough Road.
2. That Council write to the Minister for Roads, Maritime & Freight requesting that a review of pedestrian safety in Marlborough Road Homebush West be carried out as a matter of urgency to provide a safe pedestrian crossing.

204/15

RESOLVED: (Datta/McLucas)

1. That the pedestrian fencing recently implemented by Council which was approved and funded by Roads and Maritime Services be removed and replaced with a pedestrian crossing as it has increased the risk to pedestrians crossing Marlborough Road.

2. That a meeting be held as soon as possible with the community.
3. That Council write to the Minister for Roads, Maritime & Freight seeking a meeting and requesting that a review of pedestrian safety in Marlborough Road Homebush West be carried out as a matter of urgency to provide a safe pedestrian crossing.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

GM1. Big Heart Door Knock Appeal

205/15

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Ok)

1. That Council note the Heart Foundation's Big Heart Doorknock Appeal being held during September 2015.
2. That Council promote the Event to its residents via our newsletter and website.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

GM2. 100 Year Anniversary Coo-ee March

206/15

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Kokkolis)

1. That Council note the scheduled Coo-ee March 2015 to held on 10 November 2015.
2. That permission be granted to Gilgandra Sub Committee to hold a commemorative service at the Strathfield War Memorial on Homebush Road, Strathfield.
3. That the Mayor and Councillors be invited to attend the Service.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

GM3. Keep NSW Beautiful Congress 2015

207/15

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/Soulos)

That Councillors Ok and Kokkolis represent Council at the Keep NSW Beautiful Congress 2015 to be held from 22- 23 July in Sydney.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor McLucas

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

GM4. Performance Improvement Order

208/15

RESOLVED: (Bott/Soulos)

That Council note the final Improvement Plan Responses to be provided to the Minister for Local Government concerning the Performance Improvement Order.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1. Investment Report as at 31 May 2015

209/15

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Vaccari)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 May 2015 be noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2. Council Resolutions

210/15

RESOLVED: (Soulos/McLucas)

1. That the report concerning the implementation of Council Resolutions be noted.
2. That unsigned letters be placed in the Mayoral out folder with a red marking saying "unsigned".
3. That any letter not signed by the Mayor within a week be raised at the next Ordinary Council Meeting as an agenda item.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The above Resolution was first moved as a Foreshadowed Motion to the following Motion which was Lost.

MOTION: (Vaccari/Kokkolis)

1. That the report concerning the implementations of Council Resolutions be noted.
2. That a register be maintained on matters forwarded for the Mayor's authorisation. If a Council Resolution is not acted upon by the Mayor within 7 days, the General Manager to follow up on the matter and if it is not acted upon with two weeks, the General Manager to act on the matter.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Kokkolis and and OK

Against the Motion: Councillors Bott, Datta, McLucas and Soulos

Councillor McLucas left the meeting room.

CS3. Customer Service

211/15

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/Bott)

That the report concerning Customer Service provided by Council in 2014/15 be noted and be sent to the Minister for Local Government.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

TS1. Evaluation of Tenders for Construction of Drainage Pipes and Pits in Amaroo Avenue and The Boulevard Strathfield

212/15

RESOLVED: (Datta/Kokkolis)

1. That Council decline to accept any tender as they were deemed to be non-conforming.
2. That in accordance with Clause 178(3) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 Council enter into direct negotiations with any person with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
3. That Council decline to invite fresh tenders as it is considered that tenderers may again fail to submit a fundamental selection criteria and it would be more advantageous to enter into negotiations with any party as it is considered that there is a sufficient pool of suitably experienced contractors to carry out the work and that a preferred contractor can be selected on a competitive basis in accordance with Council's Purchasing and Tendering Guidelines.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

TS2. Collection and Processing of Food and Garden Organics

213/15

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/Datta)

THAT:

1. The tender from SITA for the Collection of Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) be accepted.
2. Council decline to accept any tender for the Processing of Food and Garden Organics (FOGO).
3. In accordance with Clause 178(3) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 Council enter into direct negotiations with any person with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the Processing of Food and Garden Organics.
4. That Council decline to invite fresh tenders in regard to processing, as it is considered that the current pool of applicants are representative of the market and that there is a limited number of organisations with the capacity to fill the contract.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

TS3. Homebush West Council Car Park

214/15

RESOLVED: (Vaccari/Kokkolis)

1. That Council liaise with the Homebush West Chamber of Commerce with a view of organising an on site meeting before the end of July 2015. Invitees to include interested Councillors, Chamber of Commerce members and interested shopkeepers.
2. That the items for discussion at this meeting include, but not limited to, the welfare of Homebush West Council Carpark and Service Lane.
3. That a report be provided back to Council at the earliest possible opportunity.
4. That Council defer the resheeting and heavy patching and the pressure cleaning of Homebush West Council Carpark and Service Lane.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Bott

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

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

Nil.

13. CLOSED SESSION

215/15

RESOLVED: (Bott/Kokkolis)

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. WestConnex – M4 East Update

This matter is being considered in Closed Session as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and on balance, the public interest in preserving confidentiality of commercial information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The Meeting proceeded into Closed Session with the Press and Public excluded.

1. WestConnex – M4 East Update

216/15

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/Soulos)

1. That Council note the details and concerns raised regarding the WestConnex M4 East Project outlined in this report.
2. That the General Manager be authorised to pursue the 'Recommended Actions' outlined in this report concerning 53 Ismay Avenue, Arnotts Reserve and Bill Boyce Reserve subject to the amendment to the 'Recommended Actions' in relation to 53 Ismay Avenue as agreed at the meeting.
3. That once the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the M4 East Project is released for public exhibition, a draft submission is prepared for Council's consideration.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Open Council resumed and the Chairperson advised details of the Resolution made in Closed Session.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.30PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield held on 4 August 2015.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____