

MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

18 June 2015

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 18 June 2015, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6.33pm

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

Councillor H McLucas arrived later in the proceedings

STAFF: General Manager
Director Corporate Services
Director Technical Services
Group Manager Organisational Performance
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. **APOLOGIES**

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

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

Councillor McLucas entered the meeting room during discussion on the following matter.

1. **Mayoral Minute 22/15 – Light Rail**

I MOVE:

1. That Council notes that the proposal for a light rail network from Parramatta to Strathfield (via Sydney Olympic Park) has been announced as the 'frontrunner' among the 4 routes short listed last year by the State Government.
2. That Council continue to support the WestLine Alliance in its work, offering to host meetings and provide resources as appropriate.
3. That Council write to the Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Transport Minister the Hon Andrew Constance MP, endorsing the announcement that the Parramatta to Strathfield Light Rail project is the frontrunner of the 4 routes shortlisted, and asking that the Government move

quickly to final project announcement and then onto project commencement. Correspondence to include statements restating that Strathfield Council is supportive of the overall intent of the WestConnex project and is prepared to take a share of Sydney's increasing population but that the Parramatta to Strathfield Light Rail project would just be one of the many important public transport initiatives required to improve transport amenity for Strathfield LGA residents.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

2. Mayoral Minute 23/15 – WestConnex – Stage 1

I MOVE:

1. That Council notes that on Thursday 4 June, the WestConnex Delivery Authority together with the Federal Assistant Minister for Infrastructure Jamie Briggs and NSW Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay released plans for the first underground construction stage (Stage 1) of WestConnex.
2. That Council notes that these announcements include the location of the ventilation stack supporting the western entry/exit at the commencement of the underground section WestConnex and also the location of an on ramp located within Arnott's Reserve.
3. That Council write to:
 - a. State Minister for Roads and Freight the Hon Duncan Gay MLC;
 - b. Federal Assistant Minister for Infrastructure the Hon Jamie Briggs MP
 - c. Federal Member for Reid, Craig Laundy MP; and
 - d. WestConnex Delivery Authority;

expressing its dismay and strong disapproval of the:

- i. location of the proposed Homebush ventilation stack, amongst the homes of residents of Strathfield LGA who are already suffering from longstanding amenity issues;
 - ii. fact that the proposed Homebush ventilation stack will be unfiltered;
 - iii. lack of detail concerning the environment impacts of the proposed Homebush ventilation stack;
 - iv. fact that a valuable piece of green space in an area of high density within the Strathfield LGA will be lost to a motorway on ramp;
 - v. lack of detail concerning construction works, site resumptions, entry and exit points for construction vehicles and general affectation to the already congested road network within and around the Strathfield LGA, during construction.
4. That Council hold an urgent meeting of local area residents and businesses, inviting:
- a. State Minister for Roads and Freight the Hon Duncan Gay MLC;
 - b. Federal Assistant Minister for Infrastructure the Hon Jamie Briggs MP;
 - c. Federal Member for Reid, Craig Laundry MP;
 - d. State Member for Strathfield, Jodi McKay MP;
 - e. State Member for Drummoyne and Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads John Sidoti MP; and
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- i. the location of the proposed Homebush ventilation stack, amongst the homes of residents of Strathfield LGA who are already suffering from longstanding amenity issues in view of the

fact that Strathfield residents are already suffering the environmental and health impacts of the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre and may be forced to suffer much higher densities on Parramatta Road in the near future.

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 - vi. the financial ramifications of owning a property near the ventilation stack and on ramps.
 - vii. loss of open space and request the State Government to advise how much open space is being lost and for it to be explored that in light of this open space be added to other areas in Strathfield.
4. That the State Government be requested where land is acquired and usage is for construction purposes without permanent usage that once construction is complete this land be for community use.
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For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, McLucas, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

3. Mayoral Minute 24/15 – Council Resolutions

I MOVE:

That Council be provided with a report to the July Ordinary Council meeting indicating:

1. If there is any correspondence to third parties, following Council resolution, which has been placed before the Mayor for signature and remains deliberately unsigned at this time.

2. The report to cover the period commencing September 2012.
3. In relation to point 1 above, if any correspondence is found, the report to Council is to contain:
 - a. the nature of the unsigned correspondence;
 - b. what, if anything was done by the Mayor by way of explanation; and
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For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, McLucas, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

4. Mayoral Minute 25/15 – Indigenous Artwork

I MOVE:

1. That Council be made aware that the indigenous artwork it commissioned is now displayed in the Council Chambers.
2. That Council send a vote of thanks to artist Graham Toomey for his work in envisioning and then painting the piece.
3. That Council make the explanatory piece contained in the certificate of authenticity widely available in our libraries and customer service areas.

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Against the Motion: Nil

5. FIT FOR THE FUTURE UPDATE

185/15

RESOLVED: (McLucas /Datta)

That Council note the information contained in the Fit for the Future update report.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6. FIT FOR THE FUTURE – COUNCIL IMPROVEMENT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

186/15

RESOLVED: (Datta/Soulos)

1. That Council endorse the report as the basis of the final Fit for the Future Council Improvement Proposal to be submitted to the IPART by 30 June 2015.
2. That Councillors provide any input into the draft response to scale and capacity to the General Manager.
3. That the General Manager be delegated authority to finalise Council's Fit for the Future Improvement Proposal by 30 June 2015.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7. NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

187/15

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Ok)

1. That Strathfield Council make a submission to the New South Wales Legislative Council Inquiry into Local Government.
2. That Councillors provide any comments to be included in the final submission to the General Manager by 30 June 2015.
3. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the submission to be lodged by 5 July 2015.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

8. DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2014-2018 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2015-2016

188/15

RESOLVED: (Vaccari/McLucas)

1. That Council adopt the Delivery Program 2014-18 and Operational Plan 2015-2016, including the 2015-2016 Fees and Charges Schedule.
2. That whereas the Delivery Program 2014-18 and Operational Plan 2015-2016 was duly advertised as required it is hereby resolved that for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 a BASE AMOUNT of \$430.00 representing 49.50% of the total amount to be levied on land categorised as RESIDENTIAL under Section 516 of the Local Government Act 1993 and an ORDINARY RESIDENTIAL rate of 0.101292 cents in the dollar be made on the land value at base date 1 July 2013 of all rateable land in the Municipality of Strathfield categorised as RESIDENTIAL under Section 516 of the Local Government Act 1993 and that, a BASE AMOUNT of \$430.00, representing 8.78% of the total amount to be levied on land categorised BUSINESS under Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993 and an ORDINARY BUSINESS rate of 0.395689 cents in the dollar, be made on the land value at base date 1 July 2013 of all rateable land in the Municipality of Strathfield categorised as BUSINESS under Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993.
3. That a Domestic Waste Service charge of \$485 be made on each residential rateable property and for each additional service to a residential property and that each flat within a residential flat building be charged one service per flat.
4. That a Stormwater Management Service Charge be levied at \$25 per annum for residential and business land parcels and \$12.50 per annum for residential and business strata lots plus an additional \$25 for each 350 square metres by which the area of the parcel of business land exceeds 350 square metres.
5. That for the rating year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 daily interest at the rate of 8.5% per annum be charged on overdue rates.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.45PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield held on 7 July 2015.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____
