

Council Meeting**MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 15/09**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 8 September 2009
Location: Council Chambers, Level 6
Time: 7.30pm

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor V Tagg and Councillors M Butterworth, N Campbell, A Etmekdjian, J Li, R Maggio, G O'Donnell, I Petch, T Perram, W Pickering, J Salvestro-Martin and S Yedelian OAM.

Apologies: Nil

Staff Present: General Manager, Acting Group Manager – Community Life, Group Manager - Corporate Services, Group Manager – Environment & Planning, Group Manager - Public Works, Acting Manager Councillor Services, Media & Community Relations Officer and Senior Administration Co-ordinator.

PRAYER

The Mayor offered a prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons addressed the Council:-

| No. | Name | Topic |
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| 1 | Mr Noel Plumb, on behalf of Ryde Environmental Group | Item 1 – Election of Mayor Item 5 – Advisory and External Committees |

At the conclusion of the first speaker's allocated time, further comments and interjections were made by the speaker.

The Mayor requested that the speaker cease with his comments and called for him to take his seat. The speaker ignored the requests of the Mayor that were made numerous times.

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General Manager

Mayor

Due to continued disorderly behaviour from the speaker the Council then resolved to remove the speaker from the Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Tagg and Councillor Yedelian OAM)

That the meeting be adjourned to 8.10pm in accordance with Clause 4.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice to allow the member of the public to be removed from the meeting due to his disorderly conduct, the time being 7.39pm.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Unanimous.

Following Council's resolution the Mayor authorised Council officers, in accordance with Clause 4.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, to escort the member of the public from the Meeting.

Staff requested that the member of the public leave the Meeting. These requests were made several times and, each time, were refused. It was explained to the member of the public that if no agreement could be made for him to leave the Meeting voluntarily, then the Police would be called.

FURTHER ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Mayor, Councillor Tagg reconvened the meeting at 8.10pm and as Council was still waiting for the arrival of the Police to remove the member of the public, then adjourned the meeting, the time being 8.20pm.

The Police arrived at 8.23pm and after a brief discussion with the member of the public, escorted him from the Council Chambers, the time being 8.26pm.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting resumed at 8.34pm. At the time of resumption the attendance was as follows:

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor V Tagg and Councillors M Butterworth, N Campbell, A Etmekdjian, J Li, R Maggio, G O'Donnell, I Petch, T Perram, W Pickering, J Salvestro-Martin and S Yedelian OAM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA (CONTINUED)

The following persons addressed the Council:-

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| 2 | Mr Barry Hadaway | Item 5 – Advisory and External Committees |

MAYORAL MINUTES

The Mayor gave a verbal report outlining key achievements over the previous 12 months.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**1 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR ENSUING 12 MONTHS**

At this stage of the meeting, the Chairperson, Mayor, Councillor Tagg vacated the Chair and the General Manager, as Returning Officer, conducted the election of Mayor.

The General Manager as Returning Officer, gave an overview of the election process and also invited Councillors to inspect the ballot box and canisters that would be used, if required, in the election for Mayor, Deputy Mayor or delegates.

METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, presented the options on the method of voting for Mayor.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Petch and Yedelian OAM)

That the method of voting be open voting using the electronic recording system.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous.

As a result of the voting, **THE METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR WAS OPEN VOTING USING THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING SYSTEM.**

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that there were two nominations for the Office of Mayor, namely Councillor Etmekdjian and Councillor Butterworth.

The General Manager invited further nominations. There were no further nominations.

THE ELECTION FOR MAYOR was conducted by the General Manager, as Returning Officer, which resulted in the following voting:-

Councillor Etmekdjian: 6 votes

Councillor Butterworth: 6 votes

The General Manager, as Returning Officer advised that as the number of votes cast for the two candidates were equal that a draw by lot would be required to be undertaken. The candidate whose name was first drawn by lot would be declared elected as Mayor for the ensuing 12 months.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer organised for each candidate's name to be written on a separate slip, placed in separate canisters and then placed in the ballot box. The Returning Officer's assistant rotated the ballot box and then presented it to the Returning Officer for the draw by lot.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer then drew by lot.

As a result of the draw, COUNCILLOR BUTTERWORTH WAS DULY ELECTED MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The Mayor, Councillor Butterworth then assumed the Chair of Mayor, as Chairperson of the meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor Butterworth gave a brief acknowledgement following his election.

2 DETERMINATION OF FEE FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Petch and O'Donnell)

- (a) That the Deputy Mayor be paid, in addition to the Councillors' fee, a fee equivalent to 10% of the Mayor's annual fee.
- (b) That the amount paid to the Deputy Mayor be deducted from the Mayor's fee.
- (c) That this matter be reviewed annually in conjunction with the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous.

At this stage of the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor Butterworth referred Item 3 – Election of Deputy Mayor to the General Manager, as Returning Officer, to conduct the election of Deputy Mayor.

3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR ENSUING 12 MONTHS

METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, presented the options on the method of voting for Deputy Mayor.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors O'Donnell and Perram)

That the method of voting be open voting using the electronic recording system.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous.

As a result of the voting, THE METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR WAS OPEN VOTING USING THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING SYSTEM.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that there were three nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor, namely Councillors Maggio, Yedelian and O'Donnell.

The General Manager invited further nominations. No further nominations were received.

THE ELECTION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR was conducted by the General Manager, as Returning Officer, which resulted in the following voting:-

Councillor Maggio: 4 votes
Councillor Yedelian: 3 votes
Councillor O'Donnell: 5 votes

As Councillor Yedelian had the fewest votes he was excluded from the second ballot.

THE SECOND BALLOT FOR DEPUTY MAYOR was conducted by the General Manager, as Returning Officer, which resulted in the following voting:-

Councillor Maggio: 7 votes
Councillor O'Donnell: 5 votes

As a result of the voting, COUNCILLOR MAGGIO WAS DULY ELECTED DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

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4 COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Schedule and Appointment of Councillor Members to Standing Committees

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Perram and Petch)

- (a) That Council endorse its Standing Committees of Planning and Environment, Works and Community, Civic Precinct and Committee of the Whole.
- (b) That Council endorse the meeting schedule for Council and Committee meetings for the remainder of 2009 and 2010, except for the retention of two Committee Of the Whole Meetings per month, noting that the schedule can be amended subject to a one (1) month transition period to allow amendments to any advertised public notices.
- (c) That the Committee members for the Planning and Environment Committee be Councillors Pickering, O'Donnell, Yedelian, Etmekdjian, and Salvestro-Martin.
- (d) That the Committee members for the Works & Community Committee be Councillors Maggio, Petch, Perram, Campbell, Li and Tagg.
- (e) That Council's Code of Meeting Practice be amended to reflect the changes as detailed in this report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous.

5 ADVISORY AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Adoption of Committees for term of Current Council & Appointment of delegates.

Note: An item of correspondence dated 06 September 2009 from Mr Noel Plumb, on behalf of Ryde Environment Group was tabled regarding this matter and IS ON FILE.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Petch and Tagg)

- (a) That the following Advisory Committees be endorsed for the City of Ryde for the period 2009 – 2012:
 - 1 Access Committee
 - 2 Audit Committee
 - 3 Bicycle Advisory Committee

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- 4 Community Harmony Reference Group
- 5 Country Council Partnership Advisory Committee
- 6 Eastwood Events & Promotions Committee
- 7 Eastwood & Terry's Creek Floodplain Risk Management Committee
- 8 Economic Development Advisory Committee
- 9 Heritage Advisory Committee
- 10 Macquarie Park Floodplain Risk Management Committee
- 11 Macquarie Park Forum
- 12 Ryde Hunters Hill Joint Library Services Advisory Committee
- 13 Ryde Crime Prevention Advisory Committee
- 14 Ryde Youth Committee
- 15 Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee
- 16 Status of Women Advisory Committee
- 17 Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
(with the terms of reference and membership to remain the same as the terms of reference and membership from 2008/09)
- 18 Traffic Committee
- 19 Companion Animals Advisory Committee
(with the terms of reference and membership to remain the same as the terms of reference and membership from 2008/09)

- (b) That the following Working Groups be endorsed:-
- Vacation Care Working Group
 - Water Quality Management Working Group
 - Bushland Management Working Group
 - Community Safety Working Group
- (c) That the draft Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committees, and the Working Groups detailed below and as attached to this report be adopted:-
- Advisory Committees
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
 - Sports & Recreation Advisory Committee
- Working Groups
- Vacation Care Working Group
 - Community Safety Working Group
 - Water Quality Management Working Group
 - Bushland Management Working Group
- (d) That the following Councillor delegate/s and Chairpersons be appointed to the following Advisory Committees in accordance with the Terms of Reference, for the ensuing 12 months:

- Access Committee
Chairperson: Councillor O'Donnell
Delegate: Councillor O'Donnell
- Audit Committee
Delegates: The Mayor, Councillor Butterworth and Councillor Etmekdjian
Alternate: Councillor Tagg
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
Chairperson: Councillor Perram
Delegate: Councillor Maggio
- Community Harmony Reference Group
Chairperson: Councillor Yedelian
Delegates: Councillors Petch, Li, Etmekdjian, O'Donnell and Campbell.
- Country Council Partnership Advisory Committee
Chairperson: The Mayor, Councillor Butterworth
Delegates: All Councillors
- Eastwood Events & Promotions Committee
Chairperson: Councillor Li
Delegates: Councillors Tagg, Perram and Etmekdjian.
- Eastwood & Terry's Creek Floodplain Risk Management Committee
Chairperson: Group Manager, Public Works
Delegates: Councillors Tagg, Etmekdjian, Li and Perram and The Mayor, Councillor Butterworth.
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
Chairperson: Councillor Salvestro-Martin
Deputy Chair: Councillor Etmekdjian
Delegates: Councillors Yedelian and Tagg
- Heritage Advisory Committee
Chairperson: Councillor Petch
Delegates: Councillors Perram, Pickering and Salvestro-Martin
- Macquarie Park Floodplain Risk Management Committee
Chairperson: Group Manager, Public Works
Delegates: The Mayor, Councillor Butterworth and Councillors Tagg and Perram

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- Macquarie Park Forum
Chairperson: The Mayor, Councillor Butterworth
Delegates: Councillors Yedelian, Tagg and Pickering.
 - Ryde Hunters Hill Joint Library Services Advisory Committee
Delegates: Councillors Maggio and O'Donnell
 - Ryde Crime Prevention Advisory Committee
Chairperson: Councillor Maggio
Delegates: Councillors Etmekdjian, Li and Campbell.
 - Ryde Youth Committee
No Councillor Delegates required
 - Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee
Chairperson: The Mayor, Councillor Butterworth
Delegates: Councillors Tagg, Perram, Yedelian, Maggio and Pickering
 - Status of Women Advisory Committee
Chairperson: Councillor Campbell
Delegates: Councillors O'Donnell and Maggio
 - Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Chairperson: Councillor Campbell
Delegates: Councillor Petch
 - Traffic Committee
Chairperson: Group Manager, Public Works
 - Companion Animals Advisory Committee
Chairperson: Councillor O'Donnell
Delegates: Councillors Maggio and Petch
- (e) That the Community Representative appointed to Advisory Committees in 2008/2009 be endorsed as Community Representatives of their respective Advisory Committees/Working Groups for 2009/2010 with the exception of those Advisory Committees that are subject to part (f) of the recommendation.
- (f) That Expressions of Interest now be called for community representatives to join the following Advisory Committees:-
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
 - Sports & Recreation Advisory Committee

- (g) That the following delegates and alternate delegates to NSROC be appointed:

Delegates: The Mayor, Councillor Butterworth and Councillor Yedelian
Alternate delegates: Councillors Tagg and Petch as alternates.

(Note: The Mayor called for nominations for Council's delegates and alternates to NSROC. As a result, in addition to the Mayor, nominations were received from Councillors Yedelian, Petch and Tagg. Following a ballot, Councillor Yedelian was declared as Council's delegate to NSROC with Councillors Petch and Tagg being alternate delegates.)

- (h) That no formal Councillor delegate be appointed to the RTA Consultative Forum on the basis that all Councillors will be invited to attend the forum when it is being held.
- (i) That Council confirm the following voting and non-voting delegates to the Local Government Association Conference to be held in Tamworth 2009:

Voting Delegates: The Mayor, Councillor Butterworth and Councillors Tagg, Maggio, Petch and Etmekdjian.

Non-voting Delegate (observer): Councillor Yedelian.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Tagg and Perram)

That the above Motion be adopted with the exception of the Ryde Crime Prevention and Community Safety Advisory Committee which is to remain merged as set out in the recommendation in Item 5 – ADVISORY AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES of the General Manager's Report 15/09 dated Tuesday, 8 September 2009.

On being put to the meeting the AMENDMENT was LOST, with four (4) votes FOR and eight (8) AGAINST the amendment.

Record of Voting

For the Amendment: Councillors Li, Perram, Tagg and Maggio

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Butterworth, Councillors Pickering, O'Donnell, Campbell, Salvestro-Martin, Petch, Yedelian and Etmekdjian.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Petch and Tagg)

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Non-voting Delegate (observer): Councillor Yedelian.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous.

6 MACQUARIE PARK FORUM - Nominations

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Tagg and Li)

- (a) That the report of the Place Manager Major Centres, dated 27 August 2009 on MACQUARIE PARK FORUM - Nominations, be received and noted.
- (b) That Council appoint the 22 nominees listed in the confidential document (circulated under separate cover) to the Macquarie Park Forum, in addition to the existing 13 major landowners already represented on the Forum.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

There are no Precis of Correspondence for Consideration

NOTICES OF MOTION**1 CITY OF RYDE GRAFFITI BROCHURE - Councillor Maggio**

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Tagg)

That this Notice of Motion be deferred to the next Council meeting.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Unanimous.

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

There are no Notices of Rescission

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

There are no Questions by Councillors as per Policy

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No addresses were made to Council.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was sung at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.13 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009

Chairperson

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General Manager

Mayor