

Council Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 14/11

Meeting Date: Tuesday 13 September 2011
Location: Council Chambers, Level 6
Time: 7.30pm

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian and Councillors Butterworth, Campbell, Li, Maggio, O'Donnell, Perram, Petch, Pickering, Salvestro-Martin, Tagg and Yedelian OAM.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: General Manager, Acting Group Manager – Community Life, Group Manager - Corporate Services, Group Manager – Environment and Planning, Group Manager - Public Works, Service Unit Manager – Governance, Service Unit Manager – Customer Service, Service Unit Manager – Community Relations and Events, Service Unit Manager – Risk and Audit, Risk and Insurance Manager, Team Leader – Assessment, Customer Service Officer, Immunisation Coordinator, Team Leader – Hand Mowing, Councillor Support Coordinator and Meeting Support Coordinator.

PRAYER

Reverend Sue Willis of St Anne's Anglican Church, Ryde was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

ROTARY PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS

The Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian recognised the following City of Ryde recipients for the Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards:-

Colin Murphy (Team Leader – Assessment) – Award presented by the Rotary Club of Eastwood.

Sharon Wood (Customer Service Officer) – Award presented by the Rotary Club of Ryde.

Jan Page (Immunisation Coordinator) – Award presented by the Rotary Club of North Ryde.

Brian Halpin (Team Leader – Hand Mowing) – Award presented by the Rotary Club of Gladesville.

PRESENTATION OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

John Schanz (Council's Service Unit Manager – Risk and Audit) and Rafik Meleka (Council's Risk and Insurance Manager) presented the Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian with the commendation received for the City of Ryde Business Continuity Plan at the recent Statewide Mutual Risk Management Excellence Awards presentation.

PRESENTATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE AWARD

Shane Sullivan (Council's Service Unit Manager – Governance) and Angela Jones-Blayney (Council's Service Unit Manager – Customer Service), both members of Council's Women's Empowerment Working Group presented the Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian with the Local Government Managers Association Excellence Award for Diversity received by the City of Ryde at the recent Local Government Managers Association Conference. The Award was for Council's work hosting the 2010 Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference and for work by the City of Ryde with regards to gender equity.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No addresses were made to Council.

MAYORAL MINUTES

There were no Mayoral Minutes.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 23 August 2011

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pickering and Yedelian OAM)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 13/11, held on Tuesday 23 August 2011, be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

2 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR ENSUING 12 MONTHS

At this stage of the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian, thanked his fellow Councillors and staff for their support over the past 12 months. He then 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 of 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 Tagg)

- (a) That the method of voting be open voting by show of hands.
- (b) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Mayor for the ensuing 12 months by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

As a result of the voting, THE METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR WAS OPEN VOTING BY SHOW OF HANDS.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that there were three (3) nominations for the Office of Mayor, namely Councillor Etmekdjian, Councillor Petch and Councillor O'Donnell.

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 4 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Etmekdjian, Maggio, Pickering and Yedelian OAM

Councillor Petch 5 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Butterworth, Li, Petch, Salvestro-Martin and Tagg

Councillor O'Donnell 3 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors O'Donnell, Campbell and Perram

As Councillor O'Donnell had the fewest votes she was excluded from the second ballot.

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

Councillor Etmekdjian 7 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Etmekdjian, Campbell, Maggio, Perram, Pickering, O'Donnell and Yedelian OAM

Councillor Petch 5 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Petch, Butterworth, Li, Salvestro-Martin and Tagg

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

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

The Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian gave a brief acknowledgement following his re-election.

3 DETERMINATION OF FEE FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Petch)

- (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 of the fee be deducted from the Mayor's fee.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 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 Yedelian OAM and Pickering)

- (a) That the method of voting be open voting by show of hands.
- (b) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing 12 months by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

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 BY SHOW OF HANDS.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that there were three (3) nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor, namely Councillor Pickering, Councillor Salvestro-Martin and Councillor O'Donnell.

Councillor Pickering withdrew his nomination for the Office of Deputy Mayor. The General Manager then advised that there were now two (2) nominations for the Office of the Deputy Mayor, namely Councillor Salvestro-Martin and O'Donnell.

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

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

Councillor Salvestro-Martin 5 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Salvestro-Martin, Butterworth, Li, Petch and Tagg

Councillor O'Donnell 7 votes

Voting in favour: The Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian and Councillors O'Donnell, Campbell, Maggio, Perram, Pickering, and Yedelian OAM.

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

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Pickering)

- (a) That Council endorse its Standing Committees of Planning and Environment, Works and Community and Civic Precinct.
- (b) That Council endorse the attached draft meeting schedule for Council and Committee meetings for 2012, noting that the schedule may be amended subject to a one month transition period to allow for public notices to be given.
- (c) That the current membership of the Planning and Environment Committee remain unchanged for the ensuing 12 months.
- (d) That the current membership of the Works and Community Committee remain unchanged for the ensuing 12 months.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 ADVISORY COMMITTEES - Review of Committees and Terms of Reference

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Pickering)

- a) That this matter be deferred for consultation to be undertaken with all Advisory Committees and a further report to Council.
- b) That in the interim the status of Advisory Committees remain.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 ADVISORY AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Appointment of Delegates

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Pickering)

- a) That the current Councillor delegate/s and Chairperson to the Advisory Committees remain in accordance with the Terms of Reference, for the ensuing 12 months, with the following exceptions:
 - 1) Councillor Maggio is confirmed as Chairperson of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee.
 - 2) Councillor Yedelian OAM is confirmed as Chairperson of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
 - 3) Councillor Tagg is confirmed as an additional delegate of the Ryde Hunters Hill Joint Library Committee with Councillor Pickering as the alternate.
- (b) That the Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian and Councillor Yedelian OAM remain as delegates and Councillors Petch and Tagg remain as alternates for NSROC for the 2011/2012 year.
- (c) 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.
- (d) That Council's General Manager, Mr John Neish and Group Manager – Public Works, Mr Terry Dodds be confirmed as Council's delegates to the Sydney East Joint Regional Planning Panel and that Council's General Counsel, Mr Bruce McCann be confirmed as the alternate.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

**8 2011 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE, SHOALHAVEN - 23-26
October 2011 - Confirmation of Delegates**

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Petch)

- (a) That Council reconfirm the attendance of five (5) Councillors, including the Mayor to attend the Annual 2011 Local Government Association Conference as Voting Delegates; and that one (1) Councillor attend as an Observer.
- (b) That Council consider the following late Motion as submitted by Councillor Maggio on 29 August 2011 as follows:

That the LGSA writes to the Premier of New South Wales seeking an amendment by the NSW Electoral Commission to the NSW Electoral Act to prohibit staff employed by a member of parliament running for the position of a Councillor or popularly elected Mayor.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Petch and Campbell)

That Council reconfirm the attendance of five (5) Councillors, including the Mayor to attend the Annual 2011 Local Government Association Conference as Voting Delegates; and that one (1) Councillor attend as an Observer.

The Amendment was put and **CARRIED** with ten (10) votes For and two (2) votes Against, thereby becoming the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian and Councillor Campbell, Li, Maggio, O'Donnell, Perram, Petch, Pickering, Salvestro-Martin and Yedelian OAM

Against the Amendment: Councillors Butterworth and Tagg

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Petch and Campbell)

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian and Councillor Butterworth, Campbell, Li, Maggio, O'Donnell, Perram, Petch, Pickering, Salvestro-Martin and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillor Tagg

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no Precis of Correspondence for Consideration.

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Rescission.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

There were 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 8.45pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011

Chairperson