

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 11 February 2020  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde  
**Time:** 7.45pm

**Councillors Present:** The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Pedersen, Yedelian OAM and Zhou.

Note: Councillor Brown arrived at the meeting at 7.54pm during discussion on Notice of Rescission 1.

**Apologies:** Councillors Lane and Moujalli and Purcell.

**Staff Present:** General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

### **PRAYER**

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The National Anthem was sung prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 25 February 2020, Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in all Items on the Agenda for this Extraordinary Council Meeting being Notice of Rescission – Notice of Motion 1 – Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund, Notice of Motion 1 – Notice of Motion 2 from Extraordinary Council Meeting of 4 February 2020 – Eastwood is Safe Campaign and Notice of Motion 2 – Coronavirus – Support for our Community across the City of Ryde, for the reason that he has a shop in Eastwood. Councillor Kim advised the meeting of the 25 February 2020 that he had forgotten to declare his interest at this Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11 February 2020.

### **TABLING OF PETITIONS**

No Petitions were tabled.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

The following persons addressed the Council:-

Name	Topic
Jimmy Park (representing the Korean Chamber of Commerce)	<b>Notice of Rescission:</b> Notice of Motion 1 – Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund
Colin Waring	<b>Notice of Motion 1</b> – Notice of Motion 2 from Extraordinary Council Meeting of 4 February 2020 – Eastwood is Safe Campaign

**NOTICE OF RESCISSION**

**1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: NOTICE OF MOTION 1 - EASTWOOD SMALL BUSINESS HARDSHIP FUND - Councillor Dr Peter Kim, Councillor Roy Maggio, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

Note: Jimmy Park (representing the Korean Chamber of Commerce) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

Note: Councillor Brown arrived at the meeting at 7.54pm during discussion on this Item.

Note: Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he has a shop in Eastwood.

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Kim)

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to Notice of Motion 1 – EASTWOOD SMALL BUSINESS HARDSHIP FUND, passed at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 February 2020, namely:-

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**1 EASTWOOD SMALL BUSINESS HARDSHIP FUND – The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Simon Zhou**

(1) *That pursuant to the relevant provisions of Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, that a proposed resolution that includes the following (as identified in (1)(a) and (b) below) be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days with a further report being brought back to an Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 10 March 2020 to determine the resolution following the public exhibition period:-*

(a) *That the General Manager establishes a \$500,000 Small Business Hardship Fund to support Eastwood Town Centre, to be funded from the appropriate reserve as determined by staff.*

- (b) *That the fund be used for:-*
- (i) *creation of a 'Return to Eastwood' public relations campaign to support the local economy and community including but not limited to a subsidised gift card scheme; and*
  - (ii) *the establishment of a small business hardship grant, whereby businesses with less than \$2 million annual turnover can apply for grants up to \$2,000 to financially assist them as a result of lower customer attendances in Eastwood during the period January to March 2020 inclusive.*
- (2) *That the following proposed resolution (as identified in (2)(a) and (b) below) be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days with a further report being brought back to an Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 10 March 2020 to determine the resolution following the public exhibition period:-*
- (a) *That Council waive the cancellation fee specified in Council's adopted "Fees and Charges" for swim schools and swimming carnivals for the period January to March 2020 inclusive; and*
  - (b) *Waive the notice period required under Council's Venue Hire Application, for cancellations for the period January to March 2020 inclusive.*
- (3) *That a status report be brought back to the Finance and Governance Committee in April 2020 to review the outcomes of this resolution.*
- (4) *That the General Manager and the Mayor write to the Minister for Health requesting regular and well broadcasted public health advice specific to Eastwood and Ryde.*

On being put to the meeting, Councillors Kim and Maggio abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion. The voting on the Motion was one (1) for and eight (8) against. The Motion was **LOST**.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Councillor Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Pedersen and Zhou

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

- 1 NOTICE OF MOTION 2 FROM EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF 4 FEBRUARY 2020 - EASTWOOD IS SAFE CAMPAIGN - Councillor Dr Peter Kim, Councillor Roy Maggio**
- 2 CORONAVIRUS - SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Trenton Brown, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

Note: Colin Waring addressed the Meeting in relation to this Item.

Note: Notice of Motion 2 – Coronavirus – Support for our community across the City of Ryde was considered in conjunction with this Item.

Note: Councillor Kim disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in these Items for the reason that he has a shop in Eastwood.

Note: Councillor Maggio attempted to move a Motion in relation to this Item which the Mayor, Councillor Laxale ruled that Parts 1 to 4 were out of order in accordance with Clause 17.7 of Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice.

## **MOTION OF DISSENT**

Councillor Kim moved a Motion of Dissent against the Mayor, Councillor Laxale's ruling regarding the deletion of Parts 1 to 4 in accordance with Clause 17.7 of Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Zhou abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion. The voting on the Motion was two (2) for and seven (7) against. The Motion was **LOST**.

### **Record of the Voting:**

For the Motion: Councillors Kim and Maggio

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Kim)

- (a) That the General Manager organises a "Ryde is Safe Campaign" to deliver factual information about Coronavirus to our residents, in Eastwood and other Ryde Council Town Centres, and to reassure the residents that "Ryde is Safe" to visit and go about their daily life.

- (b) That:-
- (i) The Department of Health, Medical Officer and/or spokesperson and a Department of Small Business representative be invited to a public meeting to be organised in the presence of a Korean and Chinese translator, to address the community concerns about the risk of Coronavirus in Ryde Council Town Centre. Councillors, the local community and other stakeholders should also be invited.
  - (ii) A public statement, after consulting the relevant authorities, that (1) “Ryde is safe” from Coronavirus but be vigilant, (2) “Ryde is unsafe due to Coronavirus” is untrue, (3) Ryde is not a Coronavirus hotspot, (4) criticise “the fake news about Coronavirus”, (5) Eastwood and other Ryde business districts are unfairly targeted by these rumours, be published through Council media channels, local and state newspapers, Council website, Council’s SNS platforms, Council’s SMS platform and others. This statement is to be published in multiple languages, including Korean and Chinese.
  - (iii) Ensure the supply of hand sanitisers and masks in Council-owned assets and identify and install it at the significant hotspots in Ryde Council LGA (e.g. Eastwood Plaza).
  - (iv) An investigation and report on available State/Federal Government to support our local businesses and advocate the State and Federal Government to provide financial assistance to the shop owners affected due to the Coronavirus crisis.
  - (v) Resurrect the “Racism stops with me campaign” in the community, especially in the Macquarie University, to ensure that Asians are not discriminated due to false impression that they are Coronavirus infested.
  - (vi) An initial funding of \$10,000 to be made available from a funding source as determined by staff to fund this campaign.
- (c) That Council commit to the immediate purchase of 50,000 surgical masks for free distribution to Ryde residents in our local shopping centres.
- (d) That Council invite the NSW Small Business Commissioner and the multi-lingual specialist business advisers to Eastwood and surrounding shopping centres to engage with and provide support to the small business owners affected by the downturn in consumer activity.
- (e) That Council immediately commence using the City of Ryde social media channels to regularly distribute factual information and to correct misinformation on social media channels that has resulted in people being scared to visit their local shopping centres.

- (f) That Council staff in the Economic Development Team, working alongside staff from the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner commence a dialogue with affected business owners and develop a plan to support small businesses in Eastwood, Marsfield, Five Ways Eastwood and West Ryde shopping centres.
- (g) That Council seek an urgent clarification of the one remaining NSW citizen who is being monitored for Coronavirus and advise the residency of that person to the community.

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Pedersen)

- (a) That the General Manager organises a “Eastwood is Safe Campaign” to deliver factual information about Coronavirus to our residents, in Eastwood and other Ryde Council Town Centres, and to reassure the residents that “Eastwood is Safe” to visit and go about their daily life.
- (b) That:-
  - (i) The Department of Health, Medical Officer and/or spokesperson and a Department of Small Business representative be invited to a public meeting to be organised in the presence of a Korean and Chinese translator, to address the community concerns about the risk of Coronavirus in Ryde Council Town Centre. Councillors, the local community and other stakeholders should also be invited.
  - (ii) A public statement, after consulting the relevant authorities, that (1) “Eastwood is safe” from Coronavirus but be vigilant, (2) “Eastwood is unsafe due to Coronavirus” is untrue, (3) Eastwood is not a Coronavirus hotspot, (4) criticise “the fake news about Coronavirus”, (5) Eastwood and other Ryde business districts are unfairly targeted by these rumours, be published through Council media channels, local and state newspapers, Council website, Council’s SNS platforms, Council’s SMS platform and others. This statement is to be published in multiple languages, including Korean and Chinese.
  - (iii) Upon receipt of advice from Department of NSW Health that the General Manager report back to Council the supply of hand sanitisers and masks in Council-owned assets and identify and install it at the significant hotspots in Ryde Council LGA (e.g. Eastwood Plaza).
  - (iv) An investigation and report on available State/Federal Government to support our local businesses and advocate the State and Federal Government to provide financial assistance to the shop owners affected due to the Coronavirus crisis.

- (v) Resurrect the “Racism stops with me campaign” in the community, especially in the Macquarie University, to ensure that Asians are not discriminated due to false impression that they are Coronavirus infected.
- (vi) An initial funding of \$10,000 to be made available from a funding source as determined by staff to fund this campaign.
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- (e) That Council immediately commence using the City of Ryde social media channels to regularly distribute factual information and to correct misinformation on social media channels that has resulted in people being scared to visit their local shopping centres.
- (f) That Council staff in the Economic Development Team, working alongside staff from the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner commence a dialogue with affected business owners and develop a plan to support small businesses in Eastwood, Marsfield, Five Ways Eastwood and West Ryde shopping centres.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was five (5) for and four (4) against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton Gordon, Pedersen and Zhou

Against the Amendment: Councillors Brown, Kim, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

**FURTHER AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Kim)

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- (g) That Council provide a report with statistical data surrounding the downturn of business in all the town centres in Ryde excluding Eastwood. That Council notify in our next rates notice to land owners to consider giving either a rent free period or rent discount to retail shop owners to help them through financial hardship as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Zhou abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion. The voting on the Amendment was four (4) for and five (5) against. The Amendment was **LOST**.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Amendment: Councillors Brown, Kim, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen and Zhou

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- (h) That the General Manager establish Small Business Hardship fund to support town centres other than Eastwood to be funded from the appropriate reserve as determined by the staff.
- (i) That the General Manager consider financial administration of the fund by the Chief Financial Officer.
- (j) That the report of small Business Hardship Fund to include issues such as:-
  - (i) Forms of applications for financial assistance.
  - (ii) Assessment processes applicable including obtaining supporting information to establish the bona fides of applications.
  - (iii) Procedures for ensuring public notice and for dealing with public submissions.
  - (iv) Establishing clear and transparent criteria for the assessment of applications for financial assistance.
  - (v) A procedure for ensuring financial assistance is used for the recipient for these specific purpose.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale advised the meeting that he was ruling this would be the last Foreshadowed Amendment to be considered at this Meeting in relation to this Item.

### **MOTION OF DISSENT**

Councillor Kim moved a Motion of Dissent against the Mayor, Councillor Laxale's ruling that this would be the last Foreshadowed Amendment to be considered in relation to this Item.

On being put to the meeting, Councillors Yedelian and Zhou abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion. The voting on the Motion was one (1) for and eight (8) against. The Motion was **LOST**.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Councillor Kim

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

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On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was four (4) for and five (5) against. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Amendment: Councillors Brown, Kim, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen and Zhou

Note: Councillor Zhou left the meeting, the time being 9:33pm and was not present for voting on this matter.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Pedersen)

- (a) That the General Manager organises a “Eastwood is Safe Campaign” to deliver factual information about Coronavirus to our residents, in Eastwood and other Ryde Council Town Centres, and to reassure the residents that “Eastwood is Safe” to visit and go about their daily life.
- (b) That:-
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**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Zhou returned to the meeting, the time being 9:35pm.

**2 CORONAVIRUS - SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Trenton Brown, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

Note: This Notice of Motion was considered in conjunction with Notice of Motion 1 – Notice of Motion 2 from Extraordinary Council Meeting of 4 February 2020 – Eastwood is Safe Campaign as set out in these Minutes.

**MATTER OF URGENCY**

Councillor Maggio advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding assisting the residents of Ryde with fallen trees as a result of the weather events over the weekend, the time being 9.34pm.

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale did not accept this matter as an Urgent Item.

The meeting closed at 9.36pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

Chairperson