

Meeting Date: Tuesday 28 February 2023
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li, Maggio and Purcell.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Pedersen.

Apologies: Councillors O'Reilly and Song.

Note: Councillor Pedersen left the meeting at 9.22pm and did not return. She was not present for voting on Notice of Motion 7 and Notice of Motion 8.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Acting Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Senior Solicitor, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Parks and Open Spaces, Manager – Traffic Services, Acting Manager – Communications and Engagement, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Economy, Chief Information Officer, Financial Controller, Civic Services Manager, System Support Officers and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Senior Minister John Chappell of St John's Anglican Church, North Ryde was present and 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

Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 7 – Sydney Water Privatisation for the reason that he may be a recipient on the letter referred to in the resolution, if passed.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM tabled a letter of thanks and support from the Armenian Relief Society of Australia dated 28 February 2023 in relation to Mayoral Minute 1/23 – Donation to assist those affected by the Earthquake in central Turkey and Syria and a copy of the letter is **ON FILE**.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Luis Almenara (representing Ryde Eastwood Baseball Club and Pacific Coast Baseball League)	Item 14 – Sportsground Allocation Policy Review
Jeremy Toivonen (representing North West Sydney Football Ltd)	Item 14 – Sportsground Allocation Policy Review
Cathy Merchant	Notice of Motion 8 – City of Ryde Plaque in recognition of John Boyle, Ryde Bush Care volunteer and member of the RHHFFPS
Martin Brown	Notice of Motion 9 – Installation of a safety handrail on the steep accessway between Melba Drive and Elliott Avenue, East Ryde

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

PROCEDURAL MOTION – ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillor Lara-Watson)

That Council now consider the following Item, the time being 6.07pm:-

- Item 14 – Sportsground Allocation Policy Review

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORT

14 SPORTSGROUND ALLOCATION POLICY REVIEW

Note: Luis Almenara (representing Ryde Eastwood Baseball Club and Pacific Coast Baseball League) and Jeremy Toivonen (representing North West Sydney Football Ltd) made a written submission in relation to this Item and copies are **ON FILE**.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

- (a) That Council adopts the Sportsground Allocation Policy provided as an attachment to this report.
- (b) That Council actively engage with the representative sporting groups to identify alternate natural turf training locations for any teams unable to be accommodated at Christie Park.
- (c) That Council write to all those that provided a submission advising them of the outcome and thanking them for their contribution.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

- (a) That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to facilitate a meeting within 5 days with the Christie Park users.
- (b) That the meeting held by the Chief Executive Officer and Christie Park users outline the new direction the Council is taking with the (City Of Excellence) Football at Christie Park.
 - Equal Share use allocation
 - Equal Share use of amenities, operations and canteen
 - Gender equality in the allocation of men's and women's teams
 - Define the new allocation policy:
 - Football training
 - Football Academy
 - Football Development programs
- (c) That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated to proceed without any further report coming back to Council ensuring that outcomes are delivered by Christie Park users.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was Unanimous. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Unanimous

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillor Maggio and Purcell)

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Due to the number of people in the gallery for the previous Item Number 14 – Sportsground Allocation Policy Review, the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM adjourned the Council meeting for five (5) minutes to allow the gallery to exit the Council Chambers safely, the time being 6.40pm. The Council Meeting was adjourned to:-

Tuesday, 28 February 2023 to reconvene at 6.45pm.

Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li, Maggio and Purcell.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Pedersen.

Apologies: Councillors O'Reilly and Song.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Acting Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Senior Solicitor, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Parks and Open Spaces, Manager – Traffic Services, Acting Manager – Communications and Engagement, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Economy, Chief Information Officer, Financial Controller, Civic Services Manager, System Support Officers and Civic Support Officer.

MEETING RECONVENED

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM reconvened the Council meeting at 6.45pm on Tuesday, 28 February 2023.

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Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Pedersen.

Apologies: Councillors O'Reilly and Song.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Acting Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Senior Solicitor, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Parks and Open Spaces, Manager – Traffic Services, Acting Manager – Communications and Engagement, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Economy, Chief Information Officer, Financial Controller, Civic Services Manager, System Support Officers and Civic Support Officer.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Han)

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 3, Item 9, Item 10, Item 16, Item 17, Item 18, Precis of Correspondence 1, Precis of Correspondence 2, Notice of Motion 1, Notice of Motion 3, Notice of Motion 4, Notice of Motion 5, Notice of Motion 9 and Questions with Notice 1 listed on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 13 December 2022

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 16/22, held on 13 December 2022 be confirmed.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 13 December 2022

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 17/22, held on 13 December 2022 be confirmed.

9 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

RESOLUTION:

That Council note the **ATTACHED** Terms of Reference for each Working Group.

10 PROPOSED MOTIONS FOR 2023 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – 13 TO 15 JUNE 2023

RESOLUTION:

That Council consider any recommended Motions received from Councillors to be submitted to the National General Assembly 2023 for inclusion in the Business papers for the Conference.

16 GLEN STREET CARPARK PERMIT SYSTEM

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council endorse the reversion of the Glen Street Carpark Permit Fees to the pre-2022 rate listed below, in accordance with the community submissions.
- \$267.00 incl. GST per quarter – for a Quarterly Permit; and
 - \$801.00 incl. GST per annum – for an Annual Permit.

- (b) That Council provide refunds to all Glen Street Car Park Permit Holders for the difference between the revised fee and the fees paid under the former fee for 2022/23 year.

INFORMATION REPORTS

17 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

18 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 LETTER BY MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY – CLIMATE CHANGE DIVIDEND

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

2 RESPONSE BY MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE – UNSAFE NETTING IN BACKYARDS

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 TRAFFIC SAFETY ON REGENT STREET AND SIMPSON STREET, PUTNEY – Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council investigate traffic and road safety issues at the intersections of Church Street/Simpson Street and Regent Street/Simpson Street/Beacon Avenue.

- (b) That consideration be given to the following improvements based on the conclusions reached in the traffic and road safety assessment:-
- i. Replacing the existing 'GIVE WAY' signs with 'STOP' signs on Simpson Street/Beacon Avenue at its intersection with Regent Street. This includes installing regulatory supplementary linemarking to improve visibility and reinforce the 'STOP' sign traffic control at this intersection.
 - ii. Formal closure of Simpson Street at Church Street.
 - iii. Any other measure recommended in the traffic and road safety assessment

Council commissions for an independent Road Safety Audit to be undertaken at the roundabout intersection of Charles Street and Parry Street, Putney to assess safety risks to vulnerable road users at this location (e.g. children crossing Charles Street).

- (c) That Council undertakes community consultation on proposed options identified in part (b).
- (d) That the option(s) supported by the outcomes of the public consultation be raised at the Ryde Local Traffic Committee for endorsement and reported back to Council.

3 MOVING TOWARDS REVOLUTIONISING ROAD MAINTENANCE – Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council investigate the feasibility of utilising the new artificial intelligence technology for the identification of potholes and other road defects by installing the cameras onto Council's operational fleet.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer organise a briefing of the investigation with Councillors in the first quarter of the 2023/24 financial year.
- i. The briefing should outline any relevant issues regarding the implementation of this technology.
 - ii. The briefing should also include the feasibility of partnering with NSW Government's Asset AI project which is funded by the NSW Digital Restart Fund.

4 ENGAGING RESIDENTS IN HIGH DENSITY HOMES – Councillor Justin Li

RESOLUTION:

Recognising that an increasing number of residents now live in high rises in Macquarie Park, North Ryde, Meadowbank and other suburbs, the City of Ryde:-

- (a) Develops an engagement strategy focusing on these residents.
- (b) Works with strata committees to organise regular meet and greet events at or near their buildings to create greater awareness of Council services and representatives.
- (c) Consider any best practices from neighbouring councils where higher density living has been the norm for many years.

5 1A VIMIERA ROAD, EASTWOOD – TUFFY AUTO CENTRE – Councillor Bernard Purcell

RESOLUTION:

That the City of Ryde staff provide a report back to Council for the April 2023 Council meeting considering the available options for the City of Ryde to formalise its use of the parcel of land adjacent to 1A Vimiera Road that is currently zoned RE1.

9 INSTALLATION OF A SAFETY HANDRAIL ON THE STEEP ACCESSWAY BETWEEN MELBA DRIVE AND ELLIOTT AVENUE, EAST RYDE – Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Martin Brown made a written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is **ON FILE**.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes:-
 - i. The gradual increase in slope of the accessway that runs between Melba Drive and Elliott Avenue East Ryde, near Sager Place shops. The slope ranges from 1 in 20 at the south end to 1 in 5 at the north end. This slope covers a distance of 75m and is an overall fall of approximately 7m. The accessway is 3.5m wide.
 - ii. Nearby, a mostly stepped accessway between Moncrieff Drive and McCallum Avenue was recently upgraded to include a centre handrail.

- iii. East Ryde is home to a broad range of ages, from young families to elderly residents. Elderly residents benefit from easy access to the Sager Place shops including a General Practice, chemist, small grocery shop and the bus stop. To access Sager Place, residents on Melba Drive must either walk up and down the dangerously steep accessway or walk the additional 200m to the even steeper Rudd Street to the east.
 - iv. Addition of the proposed handrail would extend the time which elderly residents can manage in their own homes by easing access to the local facilities.
 - v. With the recent trend towards replacing single residence blocks with dual-occupancy dwellings, the population of the suburb has been increasing with consequent increases in numbers of pedestrians making use of this and other access ways.
- (b) That City of Ryde staff bring back a report to Council on a proposal to install a galvanised handrail along the centre of the whole 75m length of the accessway from the Elliott Avenue footpath to the Melba Drive footpath with costing and potential delivery date.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – Councillor Bernard Purcell

Question 1(a):

In 2022 the Chief Executive Officer commenced the restructuring of senior management in the City of Ryde:-

- (a) What was the total cumulative salary of the executive prior to the commencement of the restructure, compared to the current structure's anticipated costs post the completion of the restructure?**

Answer 1(a):

Total remuneration for senior staff is reported publicly every year in our Annual Report. For the 2021/22 period, it was reported that *the total remuneration comprised in the remuneration packages of the General Manager and senior staff are as follows: General Manager \$473,688 and Senior Staff \$1,839,214 (Total \$2,312,902). The City of Ryde's senior staff consist of the General Manager, four Directors, one Legal Counsel and the Chief Financial Officer.*

With the restructure and extrapolating to the end of the financial year it is expected that the Annual report will provide the following commentary for the 2022/23 period: *The total remuneration comprised in the remuneration packages of the General Manager and senior staff are as follows: General Manager \$430,347 and Senior Staff \$1,203,687.31 (Total \$1,634,034.89). The City of Ryde's senior staff consist of the Chief Executive Officer, two General Managers, one Legal Counsel and the Chief Financial Officer.*

Question 1(b):

(b) How much has city of Ryde paid in recruitment and management fees relating to the restructure to date?

Answer 1(b):

The total costs associated with the recruitment of the senior staff positions within the restructure is \$539.18.

Question 2:

What are the total external costs, not limited to but including accommodation, room hire, catering costs, City of Ryde staff and Councillor expenses, associated with the City of Ryde planning weekend November 2022 at the Hyatt Sydney?

Answer 2:

This question has already been responded to via an email from the Chief Executive Officer on 13 December 2022 in relation to Mayoral Minute 32/22.

Question 3:

Please outline itemised costs associated with the City of Ryde's involvement into traffic, parking and pedestrian safety issues at the Meadowbank Education Precinct since its first day of operation in 2022.

Answer 3:

Please see the list below of works undertaken to improve traffic, parking, transport and pedestrian safety within the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct (MEEP) undertaken by Council, following the opening of the Meadowbank schools in April 2022. Please also note that Council paid for these works.

No.	Works Undertaken within MEEP	Benefits of Works Completed	Cost (GST inclusive)
1	Signage and linemarking on Hermitage Road, Rhodes Street, Bowden Street and Macpherson Street.	Improvements to the safety and efficiency of students being picked up/dropped off within designated kiss and ride zones; Improvements to school bus operations; Improvements to traffic safety within MEEP.	\$6,810.39
2	Pedestrian crossings at the northern and western approaches of the intersection of Constitution Road and Bowden Street.	Improvements to pedestrian connectivity within MEEP.	\$151,088.00
3	Pedestrian crossing on Falconer Street to the south of Constitution Road.	Improvements to pedestrian connectivity & accessibility to, from and within MEEP.	\$77,765.00
4	Temporary traffic management devices associated with the temporary closure of the footpath on the northern side of Constitution Road between See Street and Bowden Street.	Minimise risk to public safety due to slope stability issues within the embankment along the northern side of Constitution Road.	\$14,751.38
5	Staff review/assessment of the active transport infrastructure (e.g. pedestrian crossings, shared paths) delivered by Department of Education as part of the development consent for the Meadowbank Schools & Tafe.	Ensure that the active transport upgrades delivered by the Department of Education comply with relevant standards, guidelines and engineering practices.	-
Total*			\$250,414.77
*Please note total cost does not include review and feedback provided by Council staff outlined in point 5.			

Question 4:

Could management reveal the monetary cost of consultants employed by the City of Ryde over the last 3 financial years and give a percentage of how those costs compare to permanent employees of the City of Ryde?

Answer 4:

	FY 21/22	FY 20/21	FY 19/20
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Data is as per Audited Financial Statements			
Consultants	\$ 1,015	\$ 2,429	\$ 3,762
Permanent Staff including Superannuation, Leave Entitlements, other on-costs less Casuals	\$ 57,675	\$ 60,379	\$ 57,751
% Consultancy to Permanent Staff	1.76%	4.02%	6.51%

Please note the following:-

1. This includes Capitalised Costs.

2. The consultancy costs for Taylor Construction Group Pty Ltd (Ryde Central) ceased in June 2020. This is the main contributor to the reduction between FY 19/20 and FY 20/21.
3. The consultancy costs reduced further between FY 20/21 and FY 21/22 and this is primarily due to decrease in usage for town planning.
4. The audited financial statements do not differentiate between permanent and casual staff. However, we have taken the casual salary/wages payments out, but there may be other costs related to casuals such as training etc that is difficult to obtain.

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM1/23 DONATION TO ASSIST THOSE AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN CENTRAL TURKEY AND SYRIA - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM tabled a letter from the Armenian Relief Society of Australia dated 28 February 2023 in relation to this Item and a copy is **ON FILE**.

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

- (a) That Council acknowledge the tragic loss of life and those injured in the earthquake which occurred on 6 February 2023 in Turkey and Syria.
- (b) That the City of Ryde donate \$10,000 to the Armenian Relief Society to assist in the humanitarian efforts for those affected.
- (c) That Council observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect to the victims of the earthquake.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed by the meeting.

**MM2/23 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND THE CITY OF RYDE
INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN - Mayor,
Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

Note: Item 13 – CITY OF RYDE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN and Item 20 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POLICY were considered in conjunction with this Mayoral Minute.

Note: Councillor Lane left the meeting at 7.16pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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

- (a) That Council notes participation in the Smart City Summit & Expo could help deliver economic and social benefits to the City of Ryde.
- (b) That Council notes the new International Relations Policy has a strong focus on good governance, transparency, evaluation, and reporting.
- (c) That Council notes to minimise the financial burden of its operations on the City of Ryde's ratepayers, Council resolves:-
 1. That Council Report No. 13 - CITY OF RYDE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN and Council Report No. 20 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POLICY (listed on this Meeting Agenda), be dealt with in conjunction with this Mayoral Minute.
 2. That instead of the recommendations in Council Report No. 13 - CITY OF RYDE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN (listed on this Meeting Agenda), that Council:-
 - i. Accepts the invitation from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office to participate in the Smart City Summit & Expo (the Summit) in Taiwan from 27 March to 31 March 2023, which also incorporates the associated 2050 Net Zero City Leaders Summit, meetings with delegations from over 30 countries, major multinational companies, the Smart City Mayors' Summit, and over 10 City and Regional governments.
 - ii. Endorses the Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM to attend the Summit, as Council's VIP representative.
 - iii. Nominates Councillor Brown, Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – City Shaping and Executive Officer – City Economy to attend this summit.

- iv. Noting the financial contributions being made by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, including the Mayor's airfares, ensure no City of Ryde money shall be spent on the Mayor or Councillor delegates whatsoever, meaning food and incidentals not covered by tour providers (including airfares for Councillor delegates) will be at the personal expense of each delegate.
 - v. Notes the obligations of delegates set out in Council Report No. 13 - CITY OF RYDE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN (listed on this Meeting Agenda), including those relating to evaluation, disclosure, and reporting back to Council.
3. That Council adopts the recommendations in Council Report No. 20 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POLICY (listed on this Meeting Agenda), noting the importance the new policy is placing on good governance, transparency, risk management, evaluation and reporting.
- (d) That Council endorse the Council meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 28 March 2023 be moved to Tuesday, 4 April 2023 (due to the Mayor, Councillor and/or staff attendance at the Summit from 27 to 31 March 2023).

On being put to the meeting, Councillors Li and Maggio abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han and Lara-Watson

Against the Motion: Councillors Li, Maggio, Pedersen and Purcell

MM3/23 EASTWOOD POST OFFICE - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

Note: Councillor Lane was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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

- (a) That Council write to Australia Post objecting to the closure of the full service post office in Eastwood.
- (b) That Council write to the Federal Member for Bennelong, and the Federal Communications Minister, seeking their intervention to stop the removal of the Eastwood Post Office.

- (c) That Council communicate this information to the community via Council's social media and webpage.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY

Note: Councillor Lane returned to the meeting at 7.32pm.

Councillor Deshpande advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding Holi Celebrations in City of Ryde.

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM accepted this matter as an Urgent Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Lane)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Deshpande regarding Holi Celebrations in City of Ryde.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY – HOLI CELEBRATIONS IN CITY OF RYDE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Lane)

That the City of Ryde:-

- (a) Acknowledges the significance of Holi for the growing Indian diaspora in the City of Ryde and promotes cultural harmony through active participation with its local communities with Indian heritage.
- (b) Advertises in prominent community newspapers - Desi Australia to wish the City of Ryde local community who celebrate Holi with a full page advert at the cost of \$650 + GST with the Mayor and interested Councillors, to be funded from the Communications advertising budget.
- (c) Hosts a morning tea with the Mayor and interested Councillors after the community event on the 5th of March, to thank the organisers for their hardwork in bringing this celebration to the City of Ryde for the first time, to be funded from the Mayor's budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 13 December 2022

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 13 December 2022

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

4 DETERMINATION OF OFFICE AND FEE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Brown)

- (a) That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period until September 2023.
- (b) That where the Deputy Mayor is to act in the Office of the Mayor, that this is to be done by way of a Council resolution.
- (c) That where there is a Council resolution in accordance with (b) above, the Deputy Mayor will be paid a fee to undertake the responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor on a pro rata basis, deducted from the Mayoral Fee.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Brown)

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, advised that there were two (2) nominations for Office of Deputy Mayor, namely Councillor Pedersen and Councillor Deshpande.

The Chief Executive Officer invited further nominations. There were no further nominations.

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

Councillor Pedersen **2 votes**

Voting in favour: Councillors Pedersen and Purcell

Councillor Deshpande **8 votes**

Voting in favour: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li and Maggio

As a result of the voting, COUNCILLOR DESHPANDE WAS DULY ELECTED DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING PERIOD UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2023.

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM then invited the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Deshpande to address the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Deshpande gave a brief acknowledgement following her election.

6 EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Appointment of Delegates

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Brown)

(a) That Council appoint the following delegates to NSROC:-

- The Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM
- Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson as a formal delegate
- Councillor Shweta Deshpande and Councillor Daniel Han as alternate delegates

(b) That Council appoint the Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM and Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson as Council's delegates and Councillor Shweta Deshpande and Councillor Daniel Han as alternate delegates to the Sydney North Planning Panel.

- (c) That Council appoint Councillor Shweta Deshpande as a formal delegate and Councillor Trenton Brown as an alternate delegate to the Parramatta River Catchment Group.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillor Purcell and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council appoint the following delegates to NSROC:-
- The Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM
 - Councillor Penny Pedersen as a formal delegate
 - Councillor Shweta Deshpande and Councillor Daniel Han as alternate delegates
- (b) That Council appoint the Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM and Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson as Council's delegates and Councillor Shweta Deshpande and Councillor Daniel Han as alternate delegates to the Sydney North Planning Panel.
- (c) That Council appoint Councillor Penny Pedersen as a formal delegate and Councillor Trenton Brown as an alternate delegate to the Parramatta River Catchment Group.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was two (2) For and eight (8) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Pedersen and Purcell

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li and Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Brown)

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- (b) That Council appoint the Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM and Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson as Council's delegates and Councillor Shweta Deshpande and Councillor Daniel Han as alternate delegates to the Sydney North Planning Panel.

- (c) That Council appoint Councillor Shweta Deshpande as a formal delegate and Councillor Trenton Brown as an alternate delegate to the Parramatta River Catchment Group.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li and Maggio

Against the Motion: Councillors Pedersen and Purcell

7 DECEMBER QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AND OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Lara-Watson)

That the proposed budget variations as detailed in **ATTACHMENT 1** to this report be endorsed by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 CONDUCT OF 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Brown)

- (a) The City of Ryde (“the Council”) resolves:-
- i. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (“the Act”) that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council.
 - ii. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.
 - iii. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.

- (b) That Council allocate a budget of \$841,000 (inclusive of GST), funded from the Election Reserve, for the Local Government Election on Saturday, 14 September 2024, with any variance being adjusted and reported to Council as part of a future budget review.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

10 PROPOSED MOTIONS FOR 2023 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - 13 TO 15 JUNE 2023

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

11 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Maggio)

- (a) That Council endorse the public exhibition of the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, as **attached** for a period of at least 28 days.
- (b) That following the exhibition period, a further report be provided to Council detailing any submissions received and seeking the adoption of the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.
- (c) That all accommodation incurred at conferences and events, outside of the Sydney metropolitan area be covered by the City of Ryde.

Note: Councillor Pedersen left the meeting at 8.05pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to technical difficulties, the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM adjourned the Council meeting for two (2) minutes, the time being 8.07pm. The Council Meeting was adjourned to:-

Tuesday, 28 February 2023 to reconvene at 8.09pm.

Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li, Maggio and Purcell.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Nil.

Apologies: Councillors O'Reilly and Song.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Acting Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Senior Solicitor, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Parks and Open Spaces, Manager – Traffic Services, Acting Manager – Communications and Engagement, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Economy, Chief Information Officer, Financial Controller, Civic Services Manager, System Support Officers and Civic Support Officer.

MEETING RECONVENED

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM reconvened the Council meeting at 8.14pm on Tuesday, 28 February 2023.

Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li, Maggio and Purcell.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Nil.

Apologies: Councillors O'Reilly and Song.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Acting Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Senior Solicitor, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Parks and Open Spaces, Manager – Traffic Services, Acting Manager – Communications and Engagement, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Economy, Chief Information Officer, Financial Controller, Civic Services Manager, System Support Officers and Civic Support Officer.

Note: Councillor Pedersen was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Lane)

That consideration of this Item be deferred until the end of the meeting.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was Unanimous. The Amendment then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Unanimous

RESOLUTION:

That consideration of this Item be deferred until the end of the meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

12 DRAFT CHARITABLE DONATIONS POLICY

Note: Councillor Pedersen was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Deshpande)

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Charitable Donations Policy as outlined in Option 1 and **attached** to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and allow submissions to be received.
- (b) That, at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, should no submissions be received the Charitable Donations Policy be adopted by Council.
- (c) That should any submissions be received during the public exhibition period, a further report be presented to Council outlining these submissions.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13 CITY OF RYDE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting in conjunction with Mayoral Minute 2/23 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND THE CITY OF RYDE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN as detailed in these Minutes.

14 SPORTSGROUND ALLOCATION POLICY REVIEW

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the Meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

15 RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION - INSTALLATION OF FLAG POLES AT MEADOWBANK PARK MEMORIAL

Note: Councillor Pedersen returned to the meeting at 8.31pm.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

- (a) That Council allocates up to \$100,000 to the 2023-2024 Operational Plan for the delivery of this project.
- (b) That Council seek expressions of interest from local Return Service League Clubs whether they would like to fund part or the full cost of installation.
- (c) That Council investigate the feasibility of installing three flag poles, five metres north-west from the existing obelisk at Memorial Park, Meadowbank and that staff report back to Council should there be issues with the Viva pipeline.
- (d) That the flag pole foundations to incorporate led lighting to improve security during evenings.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

PROCEDURAL MOTION – ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Lara-Watson)

That Council now consider the following Item, the time being 8.32pm:-

- Item 11 – Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

11 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY

Note: Councillor Pedersen left the meeting at 8.34pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council endorse the public exhibition of the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, as **attached** for a period of at least 28 days.
- (b) That following the exhibition period, a further report be provided to Council detailing any submissions received and seeking the adoption of the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.
- (c) That all accommodation incurred at conferences and events, outside of the Sydney metropolitan area, and within Australia for Councillor, State and Federal conferences that benefit our ratepayers be covered by the City of Ryde.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Purcell

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li and Maggio

Note: As a result of the voting, the Motion was **LOST**. The matter is now **AT LARGE**.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara- Watson and Deshpande)

- (a) That Council endorse the public exhibition of the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, as **attached** for a period of at least 28 days.
- (b) That following the exhibition period, a further report be provided to Council detailing any submissions received and seeking the adoption of the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

16 GLEN STREET CARPARK PERMIT SYSTEM

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

INFORMATION REPORTS

17 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

18 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

LATE COUNCIL REPORTS

19 EXCHANGE OR SURRENDER OF INTERESTS IN LAND

Note: Councillor Pedersen returned to the meeting at 8.36pm.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

Section 377(h) of the Local Government Act 1993 does not allow Council to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer for, amongst other things, the exchange or surrender of lands.

1. That Council does not delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation on behalf of Council to effect the exchange or surrender of interests in land.
2. All offers and considerations regarding exchange and surrender of land must be brought to Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Pedersen and Purcell

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li and Maggio

Note: As a result of the voting, the Motion was **LOST**. The matter was is now **AT LARGE**.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Brown)

- (a) That Council authorises the exchange or surrender of interests in land (as the case may be) to which Council is the beneficiary, but only if the exchange or surrender of the interest:
 - (i) relates to an easement, right of carriageway, covenant, restriction as to user and the like; and
 - (ii) Is at no cost to Council (excluding any costs for physical works undertaken by Council or other direct administrative costs to be borne by Council); and
 - (iii) Is not contrary to the interests of Council.
- (b) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation on behalf of Council to effect resolution (a) above, as required.
- (c) That a report be brought to Council meeting on an annual basis advising on any interests that have been surrendered or exchanged in accordance with resolution (a) above.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li and Maggio

Against the Motion: Councillors Pedersen and Purcell

20 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POLICY

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting in conjunction with Mayoral Minute 2/23 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND THE CITY OF RYDE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO TAIWAN as detailed in these Minutes.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

1 LETTER BY MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY - CLIMATE CHANGE DIVIDEND

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

2 RESPONSE BY MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE - UNSAFE NETTING IN BACKYARDS

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 TRAFFIC SAFETY ON REGENT STREET AND SIMPSON STREET, PUTNEY - Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

2 RYDE ATHLETICS - DUNBAR PARK - SUMMER SEASON PERMIT 2020-2021 - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

That the write-off of \$6,450 in overdue fees be accommodated within the existing Parks and Open Space base budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 MOVING TOWARDS REVOLUTIONISING ROAD MAINTENANCE - Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

4 ENGAGING RESIDENTS IN HIGH DENSITY HOMES - Councillor Justin Li

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

5 1A VIMIERA ROAD, EASTWOOD - TUFFY AUTO CENTRE - Councillor Bernard Purcell

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

6 ANNA LAO (AM) AUSTRALIAN BADMINTON ACADEMY - NAMING OF CENTRE - Councillor Bernard Purcell

Note: Councillor Pedersen left the meeting at 9.18pm and was not present for voting on this item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Lane)

- (a) That the City of Ryde recognises Anna Lao's (AM) contribution to Badminton locally and nationally.
- (b) That, in consultation with Ms Lao, the City of Ryde explores ways to recognise Anna Lao and her significant service to our community within the RALC at Ryde.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 SYDNEY WATER PRIVATISATION - Councillor Bernard Purcell

Note: Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he may be a recipient on the letter referred to in the resolution, if passed.

Note: Councillor Pedersen returned to the meeting at 9.20pm.

Note: Councillor Pedersen left the meeting at 9.22pm and did not return. She was not present for voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting at 9.24pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Maggio)

- (a) That the City of Ryde notes that the Premier of NSW refuses to rule out privatising Sydney Water.
- (b) That Council notes that the sale of Sydney Water land could lead to further residential development around Sydney Water sites in West Ryde and Denistone.
- (c) That the Mayor write to the Premier of NSW and all Ryde State Election candidates stating the City of Ryde's opposition to privatisation of Sydney Water and seek a commitment from them to keep essential services in public hands.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Lara-Watson)

- (a) That the City of Ryde notes the Premier has unequivocally ruled out the privatisation of Sydney Water.
- (b) That Council notes the NSW State Opposition's policy of developing public land around train stations to accommodate new housing, which would implicate local public land sites like the Sydney Water site at West Ryde.
- (c) That the Mayor write to the Opposition Leader, all Lane Cove, Parramatta and Ryde State Election candidates stating the City of Ryde's opposition to developing Sydney Water land with more housing development, and seek a commitment from them to activate this site for public use into the future.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was seven (7) For and one (1) Against, the Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson and Li

Against the Amendment: Councillors Purcell

Note: Councillor Maggio returned to the meeting at 9.28pm.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That the City of Ryde notes the Premier has unequivocally ruled out the privatisation of Sydney Water.
- (b) That Council notes the NSW State Opposition's policy of developing public land around train stations to accommodate new housing, which would implicate local public land sites like the Sydney Water site at West Ryde.
- (c) That the Mayor write to the Opposition Leader, all Lane Cove, Parramatta and Ryde State Election candidates stating the City of Ryde's opposition to developing Sydney Water land with more housing development, and seek a commitment from them to activate this site for public use into the future.

On being put to the Meeting, Councillor Purcell abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson and Li and Maggio

Against the Motion: Councillor Purcell

8 CITY OF RYDE PLAQUE IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN BOYLE, RYDE BUSH CARE VOLUNTEER AND MEMBER OF THE RHHFFPS - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Councillor Pedersen was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Cathy Marchant made a written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is **ON FILE**.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lane and Brown)

That the City of Ryde:-

- (a) Acknowledge the huge contribution that John Boyle made to the protection and maintenance of Ryde's natural areas as a Bushcare volunteer.
- (b) Offer its condolences to the Boyle family, his closest friend Anthony Papollo and his friends at the Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society (RHHFFPS).
- (c) Install a plaque in memory of John Boyle at the Field of Mars, where he volunteered for so many years.
- (d) Consult with the RHHFFPS and his family about the specific location and inscription of the plaque and identify an appropriate unveiling opportunity consistent with Council policy.
- (e) Allocate funding from within existing base budgets.
- (f) That Council take one minute to honour John Boyle's life and acknowledge his passing.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9 INSTALLATION OF A SAFETY HANDRAIL ON THE STEEP ACCESSWAY BETWEEN MELBA DRIVE AND ELLIOTT AVENUE, EAST RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Bernard Purcell

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL 2023

Chairperson