

Meeting Date: Tuesday 23 April 2024
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.02pm

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors Deshpande, Han, O'Reilly and Song.

Apologies: Nil.

Note: Councillor O'Reilly left the meeting at 8.35pm and did not return. Councillor O'Reilly was not present for consideration or voting on Notice of Motion 4, Notice of Motion 6, Notice of Motion 7 and Notice of Rescission 1.

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting at 9.22pm and did not return. Councillor Maggio was not present for consideration or voting on Notice of Rescission 1.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Acting Executive Manager – People and Business, Financial Controller, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Executive Officer – City Fabric, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Manager – Property Management, Manager – Traffic Services, Project Director, Acting Senior Coordinator – City Places, Team Leader – Natural Areas, Media and Communications Officer, Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager 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

The Mayor, Councillor Brown disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 11/24 – TG Millner for the reason that he is a member of the North Ryde RSL. He was also a former member of the Eastwood Rugby Club but the membership lapsed around three years ago.

Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 5 – Traffic and Parking Issues North of Forrest Road Intersection in Malvina Street, Ryde for the reason that he works at Ryde Secondary College where the area of concern for this Motion is located.

Councillor Lara-Watson disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 7 – Planning proposal at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde – Post Exhibition for the reason that she lives close to the site however there is no ownership interest within the site.

Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 11/24 – TG Millner for the reason that he is a social member of the North Ryde RSL and has been for many years. He has used that membership to go to the rugby at TG Millner field for many years.

Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 11/24 – TG Millner for the reason that he is named in the Motion as a recipient of potential correspondence.

CONDOLENCES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Mayor, Councillor Brown on behalf of Councillors and staff at the City of Ryde, extended condolences to all involved in the Bondi Junction Westfield Shopping Centre attack on Saturday, 13 April 2024.

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

TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following person made a written submission to Council:

Name	Topic
Kerry Evans	Notice of Motion 5 – Traffic and parking issues North of Forrest Road intersection in Malvina Street, Ryde

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following person made a written submission to Council:

Name	Topic
John Chappell	Footpath proposal from Ryde Secondary College (RSC) to Pidding park

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1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

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

That Council adopt Mayoral Minute 10/24, Mayoral Minute 14/24, Item 2, Item 5, Item 6, Item 9, Precis of Correspondence 1 and Notice of Motion 1 listed on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM10/24 AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2021 REGARDING WASTE TENDERING – Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION:

That Council writes to the Minister for Industrial Relations (NSW), Minister for Local Government (NSW), and local Member of Parliament (NSW):

- (a) Expressing serious concerns about recent amendments to the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* made by the *Local Government (General) Amendment (Tendering) Regulation (No 2) 2023* (NSW) on 15 December 2023, as highlighted in a legal opinion by Arthur Moses (Senior Council) dated 26 February 2024, and
- (b) Calling on the NSW Government to reconsider the amendments as a matter of urgency and to engage in proper consultation with all relevant stakeholders on an appropriate way forward.

MM14/24 THE ANNUAL NORTH RYDE eFUN RUN FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH – Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the promotion of the Annual North Ryde eFun Run for Youth Mental Health on the Council website and via Council's usual communication channels.

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 26 March 2024

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 6/24, held on 26 March 2024 be confirmed.

5 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

RESOLUTION:

That the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns be noted.

6 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS POLICY

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy as 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 Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy be adopted by Council.
- (c) That should any submissions be received during the public exhibition period, a further report be presented to Council detailing the submissions.

9 TENNIS CENTRES – REQUIRED RESOLUTION FOR MINISTERIAL CONSENT

RESOLUTION:

That Council adopts this recommendation to formally authorise seeking the consent of the Minister for Local Government as required under Section 47 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 T G MILLNER – ONGOING SUPPORT

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

NOTICE OF MOTION

1 ACCESSIBLE PARKING ASSESSMENT – Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council resolves to undertake community consultation to extend the 2P zone across 14 Farm Street, Gladesville and submission of results and proposed extension to the Traffic Committee.
- (b) That Council note for people with a valid mobility parking permit they are exempt from the 2P parking restrictions.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

That Council now consider the following Item, the time being 6.26pm:-

- Notice of Motion 5 – Traffic and Parking issues North of Forrest Road Intersection in Malvina Street, Ryde.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF MOTION

5 TRAFFIC AND PARKING ISSUES NORTH OF FORREST ROAD INTERSECTION IN MALVINA STREET, RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Kerry Evans made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

Note: Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he works at Ryde Secondary College where the area of concern for this Motion is located.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That City of Ryde consult with all residents that live on Malvina Street, Ryde regarding traffic and parking difficulties.
- (b) That a report be prepared and recommendations be made that explores:-
 - Limitations on vehicular access to properties.
 - Limitations on vehicles passing in both directions.
 - Cars frequently parking too close to the driveways and wide of the kerb.
 - Consideration of parking for multiple dwelling developments in this section.
 - No parking on one side of Malvina North from Forrest Road, as has been done in Adelphi Road.
 - Delineation lines, as in Kent Road where the Public School is situated.
- (c) That Council investigates the need for pedestrian crossing and identifies a suitable location for school children and staff around Ryde Secondary College.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Han advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding Safer Foot Traffic for Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct (MEEP).

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Han and Lane)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Han, regarding Safer Foot Traffic for Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct (MEEP), the time being 6.42pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY – SAFER FOOT TRAFFIC FOR MEADOWBANK EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT PRECINCT (MEEP)

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Han and Lane)

- (a) That as a matter of urgency, Council investigate the installation of temporary measures to improve pedestrian safety in the shared zone area on the eastern side of Meadowbank Train Station.
- (b) That Council investigate permanent solutions to enhance safety in this shared zone including, but not limited to:
 - i. Painted road surface markings to guide pedestrians.
 - ii. Exploring the feasibility of a clear physical division between vehicle and pedestrian areas.
 - iii. Considering the design of an alternative pedestrian route.
- (c) That Council coordinate with Transport for NSW to establish a school crossing with appropriate signage around See Street, catering to the large student population from the high-density housing on the south side of Constitution Road, Meadowbank.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM10/24 AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2021 REGARDING WASTE TENDERING - Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

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

MM11/24 T G MILLNER - Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Brown disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is a member of the North Ryde RSL. He was also a former member of the Eastwood Rugby Club but the membership lapsed around three years ago.

Note: Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is a social member of the North Ryde RSL and has been for many years. He has used that membership to go to the rugby at TG Millner field for many years.

Note: Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is named in the Motion as a recipient of potential correspondence.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Brown)

- (a) That the Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown write to the NSW Premier, The Hon. Chris Minns MP outlining the following:-
- Council's disappointment around the NSW Government's decision to not grant the PAN for Council to proceed with the compulsory acquisition of TG Millner.
 - Council's concern that the content of the decision was leaked to the media before we had received, and had an opportunity to review, the contents of the letter.
 - Consultations between Council and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) had indicated that there would be a positive outcome. This included a letter of advice from DPHI in March 2024 indicating that the NSW Government would work with Council to allow the compulsory acquisition and arrange a funding strategy to acquire TG Millner.
- (b) The Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown write to the Federal Member of Bennelong, Jerome Laxale MP and NSW State Member of Ryde, Jordan Lane MP seeking their commitments to preserve TG Millner as open space to honour their past commitments as previous Mayors of Ryde and provide assistance for funding the purchase of this important site.
- (c) That Council seek assistance from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to prepare a bespoke SEPP for TG Millner that guarantees the retention of public open space on the site.

On being put to the meeting, Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

MM12/24 MAYOR'S PUBLIC FORUM - TERMS OF REFERENCE - Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Brown)

That Council endorse the Terms of Reference for the Mayor's Public Forum as attached to this report.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

MM13/24 PASSING OF DR KOO-GUAN CHOO - Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

Note: Councillor O'Reilly left the meeting at 7.14pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Brown)

That Council observe a one minute silence and note the passing of Dr Koo-Guan Choo and his contribution to the local community.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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

**MM14/24 THE ANNUAL NORTH RYDE eFUN RUN FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
- Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown**

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

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 26 March 2024

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

**3 DRAFT 2022 - 2026 FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PROGRAM INCLUDING DRAFT
2024/2025 ONE YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Note: Councillor O'Reilly returned to the meeting at 7.19pm during discussion on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That Council, in accordance with legislative requirements, resolve to place the Draft 2022-2026 Four Year Delivery Program, Draft 2024-2034 Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan, Draft 2024-2025 One Year Operational Plan and Draft 2024-2025 Fees and Charges on public exhibition for the period 26 April 2024 to 26 May 2024 (inclusive).
- (b) That Council resolve to adopt all of the recommendations contained in this report.

On being put to the meeting, Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

4 2024 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - National Convention Centre, Canberra - 2 to 4 July 2024

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Yedelian OAM)

That Council not attend the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government 2024 to be held in Canberra from Tuesday, 2 July 2024 to Thursday, 4 July 2024.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

5 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

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

6 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS POLICY

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

7 PLANNING PROPOSAL AT 2 THISTLE STREET, RYDE - POST EXHIBITION

Note: Councillor Lara-Watson disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she lives close to the site however has no ownership interest within the site.

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

- (a) That Council endorse the planning proposal, attached to this report (**ATTACHMENT 2**), to rezone the land, being Lot 1 DP120850, Lot 1 DP437180 & Lot 1 DP135062, at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde, from SP2 Infrastructure (Educational Establishment) to RE1 Public Recreation, including a Schedule 1 Additional Permitted Use on Lot 1 DP437180 for a "centre-based childcare facility".
- (b) That Council endorse the following amendment to the exhibited Planning Proposal at 2 Thistle Street, approved by School Infrastructure New South Wales:
 - (i) A cap on child care enrolments to a maximum of 60 children, which will be included as a clause to the Additional permitted use provision for a centre-based child care facility (**ATTACHMENT 3**).

- (c) That Council refers the amended planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and Parliamentary Counsel for finalisation under 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (d) That Council send acknowledgement letters to all those who lodged a submission advising them of the Council resolution and thanking them for their submission.
- (d) That Council note that the demolition of the School Hall is being dealt with as a separate Development Application (DA) matter. Council is continuing to request that SINSW retain the school hall (**ATTACHMENT 7**). For the sake of clarity, a refusal of the Planning Proposal will not stop the demolition of the existing hall under the DA, as this matter can be processed under the *EP&A Act, 1979*. Council does not have the authority to refuse a Crown DA under Clause 4.33 of the *EP&A Act, 1979*.
- (f) That council expresses its disappointment that, despite community consultation favouring the retention and refurbishment of the hall for multipurpose indoor sports, the proposal for its demolition is still being pursued. The council requests SINSW for further information and justification for this decision.

On being put to the meeting, Councillors Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song abstained from voting and accordingly, their vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

8 EXPANDING COUNCIL'S INCLUSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Yedelian OAM)

That Council extend their appreciation and thank staff for their contribution to the Puggles Swim Program and invite the Mayor, Councillors and senior staff to the launch.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9 TENNIS CENTRES - REQUIRED RESOLUTION FOR MINISTERIAL CONSENT

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

10 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 2024

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

(A) SMITH STREET AND ISABEL STREET, RYDE - INTERSECTIONS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

The following parking changes be implemented at the intersection of Smith Street and Isabel Street, Ryde:

- a) Install 1.5m wide painted islands within existing 10m statutory "NO STOPPING" zone on Smith Street.
- b) A "GIVE WAY" hold line and associated signage on Isabel Street aligned with the proposed painted islands on Smith Street, Ryde.
- c) A 7m long double centre (BB) line on Isabel Street near its intersection with Smith Street.
- d) 10m long double centre (BB) line on Smith Street at its intersection with Isabel Street.

(B) GORDON CRESCENT, DENISTONE - REPLACING GIVE WAY CONTROL WITH STOP CONTROL

The following changes be considered at the intersection of Gordon Crescent and West Parade, Denistone:

- a) The existing "GIVE WAY" traffic control be replaced with "STOP" traffic control on Gordon Crescent at its intersection with West Parade, Denistone.

(C) RICHARD JOHNSON CRESCENT, RYDE - NO PARKING RESTRICTION

The following changes be considered:

- a) A 16m long "NO PARKING" zone be installed on the southern side of Richard Johnson Crescent across the driveways servicing property nos. 12, 14 and 16 Richard Johnson Crescent, Ryde.

(D) HILLVIEW LANE, EASTWOOD - NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

The following changes be considered:

- a) A 5m long “LOADING ZONE” be converted to a “NO STOPPING” zone on the southern side of Hillview Lane across the driveway of the property servicing no. 173 Rowe Street, Eastwood.

(E) AGINCOURT ROAD, MARSFIELD – TIMED BUS ZONE

The following changes be considered:

- a) An 18m long full time “NO STOPPING” zone be replaced with a “BUS ZONE 8AM-9.30AM & 2.30PM-4PM SCHOOL DAYS ONLY” and “NO STOPPING AT OTHER TIMES” on the western side of Agincourt Road adjacent to St. Anthony’s Catholic Primary School, Marsfield.

(F) GERARD LANE, GLADESVILLE - ALTERATION TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following changes be made on Gerard Lane, Gladesville:

- a) An 18m long unrestricted parking zone be replaced with “NO PARKING” zone on the southern side.
- b) An 18m long “NO STOPPING” zone be replaced with “1P PARKING” restriction on the southern side.

(G) STRATFORD AVENUE, DENISTONE – INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

The following changes be considered:

- a) 1.2m wide painted islands be installed within existing 10m statutory “NO STOPPING” zone on Stratford Avenue;
- b) A “GIVE WAY” hold line and associated signage be installed on Stratford Avenue aligned with the proposed painted islands on Ryedale Road; and
- c) A 7m long double centre (BB) line be installed on Stratford Avenue at the intersection with Ryedale Road.

(H) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

- a) The Road Safety report be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

11 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

1 T G MILLNER - ONGOING SUPPORT

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 ACCESSIBLE PARKING ASSESSMENT - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

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

2 IMPLEMENTATION OF RANGER HOTLINE - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

- (a) That Council investigate the implementation of a Ranger Hotline.
- (b) That the investigation include the following:-
 - The promotion of the Ranger Hotline and City of Ryde Customer Service details included on the back of Council rate notices.
 - The Ranger Hotline to be made public via Council's media channels.
 - A review of the existing Customer Service Hotline data including the amount of Ranger activity required out of hours.
- (c) That a report be provided back to the June 2024 Council meeting which details the findings of the investigation, appropriate funding source and plan for implementation.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 INSTALLATION OF WATER STATION (BUBBLER) AT CHRISTIE PARK AND NORTH RYDE PARK - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

That Council:-

- (a) Staff liaise with relevant user groups as required, to assist with investigating the opportunity for the installation of water stations (bubblers) at:
- Christie Park
 - North Ryde Park
 - Monash Park
 - Meadowbank Park (on the Western side of Field 13)
 - ELS Hall, Field 3 on Kent Road (near the YMCA)
- (b) Acknowledge there are no funds allocated in the 2023/2024 financial year to undertake these works and as such these works will be considered to be undertaken in the 2024/2025 financial year.
- (c) Table a report at the June 2024 Council meeting, outlining the findings of the investigation and recommendations.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors O'Reilly, Purcell and Song

4 SURVEY SEEKING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK REGARDING THE RYDE CENTRAL SITE - Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: Councillor O'Reilly left the meeting at 8.35pm and did not return. Councillor O'Reilly was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

- (a) That Council undertake a survey prior to the next Local Government Election seeking community feedback on the following options relating to the Ryde Central site:-
- i. Fill the excavated part of the site and provide a park until Council has saved enough funds to build the existing Ryde Central proposal of a community facility and administration offices.

- ii. Go to market to sell the site with the current zoning controls so that Council can provide other facilities and infrastructure that our community wants.
 - iii. Go to market to include a residential component that will pay for the existing Ryde Central proposal of a community facility and administration offices, and that at least makes the development cost neutral.
 - iv. Go to the market for a 99 year lease of the air space for a residential component, with the existing Ryde Central proposal of a community facility and administration offices, with ratepayers retaining ownership of the site.
- (b) That the community survey be conducted through all of Council's media channels including the Mayors Message.
 - (c) That a report be presented to the July 2024 Council meeting, outlining the findings of the community survey.
 - (d) That the community survey be funded through Council's consultation and engagement budget.

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

- (a) That Council develop a Communications Plan to explain the circumstances of the Ryde Civic Centre to the community and specifically why;
 - there is a 'hole in the ground'.
 - the referral to the Office of Local Government.
 - the referral to the NSW ICAC.
 - and the full 'Project Toronto' timelines so that our community understand the financial ramifications that come from decisions made between 2018 and 2021 about the Ryde Civic Centre site.
 - outline the financial ramifications to Council of the Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA's) entered into by the previous Council and the ongoing impact on our long term financial plan.
- (b) This should include the number of institutions / agencies who have agreed and supported Council's decision to return the 'illegally' transferred funds from the External Reserve Accounts and transfer them into a Ryde Central account.
- (c) That Council acknowledges that its finances are very tight and this is a direct result of the decisions made between 2017 – 2021 in relation to the Ryde Civic Centre and the Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA's) that were approved by Council.

Note: Councillor Maggio requested to withdraw his Motion in relation to this Item. This request was rejected by the Mayor as voting for this Item had already commenced.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Maggio abstained from voting and accordingly, his vote was recorded Against the Amendment. The voting on the Amendment was seven (7) For and four (4) Against. The Amendment was CARRIED and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Amendment: Councillors Maggio, Purcell, Pedersen and Song

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council develop a Communications Plan to explain the circumstances of the Ryde Civic Centre to the community and specifically why;
- there is a 'hole in the ground'.
 - the referral to the Office of Local Government.
 - the referral to the NSW ICAC.
 - and the full 'Project Toronto' timelines so that our community understand the financial ramifications that come from decisions made between 2018 and 2021 about the Ryde Civic Centre site.
 - outline the financial ramifications to Council of the Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA's) entered into by the previous Council and the ongoing impact on our long term financial plan.
- (b) This should include the number of institutions / agencies who have agreed and supported Council's decision to return the 'illegally' transferred funds from the External Reserve Accounts and transfer them into a Ryde Central account.
- (c) That Council acknowledges that its finances are very tight and this is a direct result of the decisions made between 2017 – 2021 in relation to the Ryde Civic Centre and the Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA's) that were approved by Council.

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

Record of Voting:

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

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

Note: A Notice of Rescission signed by Councillor Jordan Lane, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson and Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM was received by the Chief Executive Officer during this meeting at 8.53pm. This Notice of Rescission was dealt with later in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

5 TRAFFIC AND PARKING ISSUES NORTH OF FORREST ROAD INTERSECTION IN MALVINA STREET, RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

6 CITY OF RYDE REVIEW OF COUNCILS TREE REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE STRATEGY - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Councillor O'Reilly was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

(a) Council notes:

- i. That while large tree canopy losses in Ryde are reportedly due to development on private land, Council notes that street and park tree losses contribute to canopy loss,
- ii. The 2022 Urban Forest Strategy was only resolved without debate within the council meeting on 26 April 2023, and
- iii. A report is currently being prepared to increase the current penalties for illegal removal of vegetation.

(b) That if Council records such data that a report be provided on the number of native trees planted and managed by City of Ryde since the last term of Council that:

- Have died since being planted
- Have been damaged and fallen down in storms
- Have been vandalised or poisoned
- Have been removed (and the reasons for the removal)
- How many have been replaced
- What is the watering regime for new plantings

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 BLENHEIM ROAD SHOPS EVENING ACTIVATION AND GRAFFITI STRATEGY - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Councillor O'Reilly was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) Council notes that the shopfronts above the awnings at Blenheim Road small business centre have been defaced by vandals with tagging and spray paint and that new businesses have expressed interest in providing live music and more outdoor seating to activate the precinct.
- (b) That City of Ryde consult with the businesses at Blenheim Road shops to discuss:-
- Removal of graffiti and help co-ordinating a mural or commissioned street art in the graffiti hotspot.
 - Information from the live music office and 24 hour commission on their evening activation toolkit.
 - Assistance to the business owners who wish to provide outdoor dining.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

The Mayor, Councillor Brown advised the meeting that a Notice of Rescission signed by three (3) Councillors being Councillors Lane, Lara-Watson and Yedelian OAM in relation to Notice of Motion 4 – Survey Seeking Community Feedback regarding the Ryde Central Site had been received by the Chief Executive Officer during this meeting at 8.53pm.

In accordance with Clause 17.13 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor, Councillor Brown advised the meeting that he intended to move a Procedural Motion for Council to consider the Notice of Rescission as he had ruled consideration of the matter to be of great urgency.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Note: Councillor O'Reilly was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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

That a Notice of Rescission signed by Councillors Lane, Lara-Watson and Yedelian OAM in relation to Notice of Motion 4 – Survey Seeking Community Feedback regarding the Ryde Central Site be considered by Council, the time being 9.18pm.

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

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

- 1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: NOTICE OF MOTION 4 – SURVEY SEEKING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK REGARDING THE RYDE CENTRAL SITE - Councillor Jordan Lane, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson and Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

Note: Councillor O'Reilly was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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

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

That Council rescind the following previous resolution in relation to Notice of Motion 4 – SURVEY SEEKING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK REGARDING THE RYDE CENTRAL SITE, passed at this Ordinary Meeting of Council, 23 April 2024, namely:-

NOTICE OF MOTION

- 4 SURVEY SEEKING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK REGARDING THE RYDE CENTRAL SITE**

- (a) That Council develop a Communications Plan to explain the circumstances of the Ryde Civic Centre to the community and specifically why;*

- *there is a 'hole in the ground'.*
 - *the referral to the Office of Local Government.*
 - *the referral to the NSW ICAC.*
 - *and the full 'Project Toronto' timelines so that our community understand the financial ramifications that come from decisions made between 2018 and 2021 about the Ryde Civic Centre site.*
 - *outline the financial ramifications to Council of the Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA's) entered into by the previous Council and the ongoing impact on our long term financial plan.*
- (b) *This should include the number of institutions / agencies who have agreed and supported Council's decision to return the 'illegally' transferred funds from the External Reserve Accounts and transfer them into a Ryde Central account.*
- (c) *That Council acknowledges that its finances are very tight and this is a direct result of the decisions made between 2017 – 2021 in relation to the Ryde Civic Centre and the Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA's) that were approved by Council.*

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Motion was three (3) For and seven (7) Against. The Rescission Motion was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Pedersen, Purcell and Song

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

The meeting closed at 9.23pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY 2024

Chairperson