

Meeting Date: Tuesday 27 February 2024
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, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel, Executive Manager – People and Business, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Acting Executive Manager – City Development, Acting Executive Manager – City Life, Financial Controller, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Executive Officer – City Places, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Fabric, Executive Officer – City Transport, Executive Officer – Social and Cultural Planning, Executive Officer – City Economy, Acting Executive Officer – City Resilience, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Manager – Parks and Open Spaces, Project Director, Senior Coordinator – Urban Design, Media and Communications Officer, IT Systems Support Officer, Alison Brown (NSW Audit Office), Kenneth Leung (NSW Audit Office), James Winter (Grant Thornton), Lesley Yang (Grant Thornton), Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM 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

There were no disclosures of interest.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

CONDOLENCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

CONDOLENCES

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM, on behalf of the Councillors and staff at the City of Ryde, acknowledged the passing of Elizabeth (Betty) Willis.

Betty undertook research for a number of local publications including the “Ryde goes to War 1914 - 1918” project and the invaluable assistance that she provided to Council staff and families who were undertaking family history research cannot be overestimated.

Betty was a thorough and dedicated researcher, but more than that she brought a real sense of life to each of the soldiers and nurses she researched for the “Ryde goes to war” project and any other undertaking that she was involved with.

As president of the Ryde District Historical Society she oversaw a committed group of volunteers and lead them with warmth, clarity, dedication and pride. Her commitment to the local area and the preservation of its heritage was evident from her long association with the Society having been a member since the late 1990’s and Secretary from 2012 – 2014.

Betty was also a member of Council’s Centenary of ANZAC and Commemoration of World War 1 Committee which was established to ensure that this important time in the life of the local area and the sacrifices made by local residents was properly recognised and commemorated.

The strong commitment that Betty had to ensuring that the soldiers and their families who were a part of WW1 was recognised was most appreciated by those on that Committee and her assistance with background and important detail was invaluable.

On behalf of Council, I would like to pass on my condolences to Betty’s family.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Councillor Maggio thanked Council staff for all their efforts with the renovations at Magdala Park.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Jullie Jin	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
John Brown	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Lynn Herisson	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Max Chien	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde

Name	Topic
Jordan Hodgson	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Gilbert Gaddi	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Adrian DiBartolo	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Christina Tigges (representing the Sydney Striders)	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Adam Barnier	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Tomoko Barnier	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Zoe Williamson	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Maria DiMarco	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Zita Rush	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Stella Xi	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Julie Song	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Dale Findlater	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Rebecca Bergin	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Lynn Hawes	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Ercan Boduk	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Hayley Smith	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Xanthe Black	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Nicole Smith	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Michael Geraghty	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Jin & Moo Kyung Song	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
H Chen	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Dana Hatley	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Karyn Grebert	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Catherine Ennis	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Paul Yacobellis	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Joel Cunningham	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Melanie Warman	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Deirdre Clifford	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Lara Dominish	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Anthony Mckellar (representing Putney Parkrun)	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Samuel Kastelan	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Erin Cameron	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Helen Rubin	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Denise Ong	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde
Heather Morgan	Item 10 – Establishment of Parkrun in the City of Ryde

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Michelle and Brian Chau	Strongly oppose DA – 47a Jopling Street, North Ryde

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

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

That Council adopt Mayoral Minute 6/24, Item 2, Item 3, Item 4, Item 5, Item 6, Item 8, Item 9, Precis of Correspondence 1, Precis of Correspondence 2, Notice of Motion 5 and Notice of Motion 6 listed on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MAYORAL MINUTE

**MM6/24 FAILURE OF STREET LIGHT – RENNIE STREET, NORTH RYDE –
Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That staff undertake the necessary steps to ensure that repairs to the broken street light in Rennie Street are made as quickly as possible.
- (b) That a system be put in place to ensure repairs required to Council street light assets in future, can be made without the need to enter into a separate procurement process.

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 12 December 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 14/23, held on 12 December 2023 be confirmed.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 23 January 2024

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 1/24, held on 23 January 2024 be confirmed.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 30 January 2024

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 2/24, held on 30 January 2024 be confirmed.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 13 February 2024

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 3/24, held on 13 February 2024 be confirmed.

6 2022/23 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and the Responsible Accounting Officer sign the 'Statement by Councillors and Management' for both the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements, as contained in the FY22/23 Draft Financial Statements, pursuant to Section 413 (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.
- (b) That upon receiving the Auditor's Reports:-
 - a copy of the Audited Financial Statements be submitted to the Office of Local Government in accordance with Section 417 (5) of the Local Government Act 1993; and
 - the Audited Financial Statements be reported to Council at the next available Council meeting being 26 March 2024 and that public notice be given in accordance with Section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993.

8 2024 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ALGWA) NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 14 TO 16 MARCH 2024

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council consider Councillor Pedersen's request to attend the 2024 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Annual Conference, including attendance fees and other associated expenses.
- (b) That Council determine whether other Councillors are to attend, and if so, who are to be the nominated participants.

9 INVESTIGATION OF ADEQUACY OF CURRENT PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL REMOVAL OF VEGETATION

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note the current fines applicable for unlawful tree and vegetation related matters are as follows:
 - a. Tier 1 penalty maximum up to \$5 million (corporation), \$1 million (individual).
 - b. Tier 2 maximum up to \$2 million (corporation), \$500,000 (individual).
 - c. Penalty Infringement Notices (PINs) maximum is \$6,000 (corporation) and \$3,000 (individual) with no increases since 2017.
- (b) That Council staff prepare a report for state government, supporting an increase in the current fines structure as a means of effectively deterring lesser offences such as tree vandalism and removal.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 NSW URBAN DENSITY MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT 2024

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

2 RESPONSE BY MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT - CUTS TO ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

5 COMMUNITY ENERGY UPGRADES FUND - Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council staff identify potentially suitable community facilities for energy upgrades, with a focus on steps that could be taken to transition Ryde Aquatic and Leisure Centre (along with other Council spaces) from gas to electricity and heat pumps.

- (b) That Council make an application for a grant from the Federal Government under Round 1 of the Community Energy Upgrades Fund.
- (c) That the application be made before the deadline of 30 April 2024.

6 URGENT NEED TO MEET DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT - Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

That Council prepare a report and a Councillor workshop outlining:

- (a) The requirements of the act as it pertains to accessible public transport.
- (b) The City of Ryde exemption application submission and the Commission's reasons for refusal.
- (c) The ramifications for City of Ryde (beside making life really hard for some of our ratepayers) for not complying with the Act and what this will cost Council.
- (d) An indication on how other hilly Councils with legacy infrastructure who might have been granted exemptions or what they did in order to comply.
- (e) What Council is now doing to try and meet the requirements of the DDA section 55/33a.1.
- (f) The number of these non-compliant bus stops that are still to be addressed.
- (g) A copy of where this information about the exemption application was shared with Councillors in 2022 or in the 22/23 Annual Report.
- (h) Whether there is a list of non-complying bus stops on Council's website's to warn people with mobility issues and their carers that there is an access issue.

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Pedersen advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding the *Play Our Way* Program Grant Opportunity.

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

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM5/24 AMENDMENT TO PART 4 OF COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE: WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

- (a) That Council amend Part 4 of the Code of Meeting Practice – Written Submissions from the Public to alter the date for written submissions to be received from midday on the Friday prior to the meeting date to midday on the day of the meeting.
- (b) That Council amend Clause 4.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice to read as follows:-
 - 4.2 Written submissions can be completed and submitted online via Council's website and must be received by midday on the day of the meeting and must identify the item of business on the meeting Agenda, the subject of the written submission.*
- (c) That Council considers the above amendment to Council's Code of Meeting Practice as set out in parts (a) and (b) above to not be a substantial amendment and accordingly public exhibition is not required.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council amend Part 4 of the Code of Meeting Practice – Written Submissions from the Public to alter the date for written submissions to be received from midday on the Friday prior to the meeting date to midday on the day of the meeting.
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- (c) That Council add to the Code of Meeting Practice Clause 4.3
“members of the public may register to speak at Council meetings. They may speak once at any one Council meeting for a period of three minutes and should register online before midday on the day of the meeting, identifying the item number they will be speaking on.

- (d) That these changes to the Code of Meeting Practice be put on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM did not accept the Amendment. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

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

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM6/24 FAILURE OF STREET LIGHT – RENNIE STREET, NORTH RYDE – Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

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5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 13 February 2024

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6 2022/23 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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7 DECEMBER QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AND OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

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

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

RECOMMITAL OF ITEM 8 – 2024 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ALGWA) NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 14 TO 16 MARCH 2024

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

That Item 8- 2024 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Annual Conference – 14 to 16 March 2024 be recommitted, the time being 6.38pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 2024 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ALGWA) NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 14 TO 16 MARCH 2024

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

- (a) That Council endorse Councillor Pedersen's request to attend the 2024 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Annual Conference, including attendance fees and other associated expenses.

- (b) That Council note that no other nominations from Councillors were received.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

9 INVESTIGATION OF ADEQUACY OF CURRENT PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL REMOVAL OF VEGETATION

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

10 ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKRUN IN THE CITY OF RYDE

Note: Jullie Jin, John Brown, Lynn Herisson, Max Chien, Jordan Hodgson, Gilbert Gaddi, Adrian Di Bartolo, Christina Tigges (representing the Sydney Striders), Adam Barnier, Tomoko Barnier, Zoe Williamson, Maria Di Marco, Zita Rush, Stella Xi, Julie Song, Dale Findlater, Rebecca Bergin, Lynn Hawes, Ercan Boduk, Hayley Smith, Xanthe Black, Nicole Smith, Michael Geraghty, Jin & Moo Kyung Song, H Chen, Dana Hatley, Karyn Grebert, Catherine Ennis, Paul Yacobellis, Joel Cunningham, Melanie Warman, Deirdre Clifford, Lara Dominish, Anthony Mckellar (representing Putney Parkrun), Samuel Kastelan, Erin Cameron, Helen Rubi, Denise Ong and Heather Morgan submitted written submissions in relation to this Item and copies are ON FILE.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Han and Lane)

- (a) That Council notes based on the Parkrun Australia specific course criteria listed in this report, there are no suitable Council owned Parks in the City of Ryde and the investigation process identified Macquarie University as the most suitable site to host an event.
- (b) That Council continue liaising with Macquarie University to assist the establishment of a 5km Parkrun event within the university campus grounds 2024.
- (c) That Council continue investigating the potential for using the Riverside Walk from Kissing Point Park to Anderson Park to establish a Parkrun event.
- (d) That Council notes Parkrun Australia has indicated an initial startup cost of \$7,000 is required to establish an event and this initial startup cost can be accommodated within existing Parks and Open Spaces budget in the 2023/24 financial year.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

11 STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE: CITY OF RYDE SUBMISSION TO THE NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, HOUSING AND INDUSTRY'S MACQUARIE PARK INNOVATION DISTRICT STAGE 1 REZONING PROPOSAL

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

- A. That Council does not support the draft City of Ryde submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing, and Industry's Stage 1 Rezoning Proposal prepared by staff for the Macquarie Park Innovation District at Attachment 1 as the City of Ryde has already well met and exceeded housing targets over many years, and making a counter offer to deliver over 38,000 new dwellings (or deliver more housing than the Rezoning Proposal) in the City of Ryde has not been endorsed by this Council or by the local community.

Council to submit an amended City of Ryde submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing, and Industry's Stage 1 Rezoning Proposal for the Macquarie Park Innovation District reflecting the following:

- I. The rejection of the Minn's Labor Government one size fits all planning policy, noting that City of Ryde already has plans to meet and beat the 8,100 new homes in a progressive manner across the City.
- II. Request the State Government to fund the following infrastructure and policy recommendations in order to meet the current and future needs of a growing community:
 - a) Protect Jobs at Macquarie Park through the Innovation SEPP
 - b) Additional funding for Ryde Hospital
 - c) An additional Primary and high school in Macquarie Park
 - d) Funding to acquire TG Millner for community open space to meet demand from the growing population
 - e) Assist with the development of the Ryde Civic centre, including building a performance hall
 - f) a new Community Centre in Eastwood and a new Car Park on the Western side of Eastwood Town Centre
 - g) Upgrade to the Macquarie Health Hospital as a mental health facility
 - h) Widen Victoria Road

III. Omits making any counter offer to deliver over 38,000 new dwellings in the City of Ryde (or delivering more housing than the Rezoning Proposal).

- B. Endorse the Chief Executive Officer acting on behalf of the Council to bring effect to the Amended Submission's recommendations for Stage 1 and work with the NSW Government to ensure Stage 2 is consistent with Council's Stage 1 recommendations.
- C. Collaborate with the NSW Government on the Amended Submission if they agree with the City of Ryde, and report back at Council's April 2024 ordinary meeting
- D. The CEO recirculate a draft Amended Submission through the CIB to all councillors prior to submission deadline.

On being put to the meeting, Councillors Maggio, 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 Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson and Li

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

INFORMATION REPORT

12 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

13 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

COUNCIL REPORT

14 RYDE CENTRAL - PROPOSED OPEN SPACE

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

That Council:

- A. Resolve to instruct staff to provide further information on costings.
 - i. The only costed figure provided is \$5 million to submit a DA with no references nor considering the alteration of the current DA.
 - ii. There is a further \$9 million in this solution unexplained.
 - iii. On the following scenarios:
 - a. A base case: no amenities on site – covered in grass v covered in concrete.
 - b. Mid case: plants with minor structural covering and seats in addition to base.
 - c. Top tier case: further lighting and features in addition to mid case.
- B. Notes the hole presents a health hazard for residents and cannot be left in its present state and therefore it is urgent this is resolved.

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 Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson and Li

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

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 NSW URBAN DENSITY MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT 2024

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2 RESPONSE BY MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT - CUTS TO ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 RATES INCENTIVE SCHEME - Councillor Roy Maggio

MOTION: (Moved by Councillor Maggio)

- (a) That Council explore rates incentives options for residential ratepayers who pay on time such as movie tickets, free swimming lessons, food vouchers and other options in light of recent increased cost of living pressures.
- (b) That the rates incentive options be investigated ensuring minimal financial impact to Council.
- (c) That a report be presented back to Council with the view to implementation next financial year.

Note: This Motion Lapsed due to the lack of a Secunder.

2 RECOGNITION OF COMMONWEALTH SENIORS HEALTH CARE CARD AT RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE - Councillor Roy Maggio

MOTION: (Moved by Councillor Maggio)

That staff investigate the ability to recognise the Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card for 1 free entry per week, Monday to Friday, at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre and report back to Council at the March meeting with expected costs and a funding source.

Note: This Motion Lapsed due to the lack of a Secunder.

3 RESTORATION OF BOWLING GREENS AT RYDE CITY BOWLING CLUB AND PUTNEY BOWLING CLUB - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That consideration of this Item be moved to Closed Confidential Session, the time being 7.30pm.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

**4 REPORT ON SUPPORT FOR YOUTH THEATRE IN CITY OF RYDE -
Councillor Penny Pedersen**

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

1. Council notes that:

- i) It was resolved unanimously, on 25 February 2020 in Item 4.4 "That an evaluation of Ryde Youth Theatre is undertaken in late 2023 and the findings **be presented to Council.**"
- ii) Funding was allocated by a resolution of Council to Youth Theatre. A unanimous resolution of Council dated 24 November 2020, stated that the funding of \$75,000 (excluding GST) per annum was for Youth Theatre services from 2020/21 to 2024/25, **meaning funding still exists for the provision of theatre workshops in 24/25.**
- iii) Covid lockdowns meant that in 2020/21 for a large part of the contract with Shop Front, that they were forced to deliver workshops online, meaning participation dropped off and like most activities were slow to recover.
- iv) That the February 2020 resolution 4.4 states:

"(b) That Council calls for tenders from established not-for-profit arts organisations to help deliver Ryde Youth Theatre for the next four years."

"(e) That Council continues to provide free venue hire for the delivery of Ryde Youth Theatre workshops and productions."
- v) That publicly funded performing arts workshops for young people provide:
 - (a) an opportunity for teens and younger people to build interpersonal skills, prevent isolation and help prevent mental health issues - regardless of gender; physical ability and socio-economic status.
 - (b) Opportunities for young people seeking careers as writers, sound/lighting technicians, designers, producers as well as performers.
- vi) That the City of Ryde spends millions of dollars on the provision of sporting facilities and not all young people excel or feel comfortable playing organised sport.

2. That Council:

- i) Call for tenders to provide services to deliver the remaining 24/25 Ryde Youth Theatre program, as resolved at the February 2020 meeting in item 4.4 part b. and that the program be reviewed and presented to a Council meeting in December 2025.
- ii) Advertise using all of Councils networks that the Ryde Youth Theatre program is running for 24/25 as resolved in 2020 - including notices in the Mayors column, rate notices, social media; letters/emails to different cultural groups; school drama clubs; sports clubs; housing providers; Headspace; community service providers; community social media groups and community youth organisations.
- iii) Supply a report to the CIB that includes:
 - (a) Where the Shop Front Program was advertised by Council; what venue Shop Front used in the Ryde LGA for workshops and whether travel to Carlton was expected of participants.
 - (b) Why the evaluation and decision to cease provision of youth theatre workshops was made by staff and why it was not "presented to Council" with two years of funding remaining.
 - (c) Why there was no notice sent by the Helpdesk to Councillors with a link to the December CIB as per usual practice.

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

That a workshop be held with Councillors regarding the Ryde Youth Theatre program before calling for tenders.

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 five (5) 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 Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

RESOLUTION:

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Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

5 COMMUNITY ENERGY UPGRADES FUND - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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6 URGENT NEED TO MEET DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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7 ANDERSON PARK PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

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

1. That Council note:
 - (a) The significant increase in foot traffic along Belmore Street due to Sunday Markets and popularity of the Meadowbank Foreshore Walk.
 - (b) Since the last traffic study, which was pre-Covid, more cars are using the Meadowbank slip road to avoid delays on Church Street and turn onto Morrison Road. This causes significant noise during all hours and increases traffic congestion.
 - (c) Further, there are several cars speeding out of the roundabout causing motor noises to echo through Belmore Street.
 - (d) The children's play equipment is not enclosed, and it is possible for children to walk onto the road.
2. That Council staff investigate and report back within 2 months of this meeting with the following assessment:
 - (a) The installation of a pedestrian crossing at Belmore Street.

- (b) Possible solutions to reducing noise from speeding cars.
- (c) Enhancing the safety of children by enclosing the Anderson Park equipment.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 SUPPORTING LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

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

1. That Council notes there are several successful food trucks operating within the City of Ryde however, operators have reported many of the car parks do not have safe locations for people to access the food trucks.
2. That Council staff investigate and report back to Council within 3 months of this meeting with the following assessment:
 - (a) The number of car parks / streets suitable for food trucks.
 - (b) Whether safety enhancement such as elevated steps or clear ways could be added on a trial basis for some car parks to make food trucks more accessible.
 - (c) Developing a food truck policy which includes local food truck providers having priority access to City of Ryde events.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Roy Maggio

Question 1:

How much has been spent on the Civic Centre project since its commencement till now including all related consultants, designs, contractors, legal, marketing, planning etc.?

Answer 1:

As at 15 February 2024, expenditures on the Ryde Central Project since the start of the 2019/2020 financial year have been approximately \$20.5 million.

These costs are mainly associated with the site establishment, demolition of the existing buildings, project management costs, site fencing/hoarding and engagement of consultants/contractors for the planning and design phases.

CLOSED SESSION

NOTICE OF MOTION 3 – RESTORATION OF BOWLING GREENS AT RYDE CITY BOWLING CLUB AND PUTNEY BOWLING CLUB

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

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

That the Council resolve into Closed Session to consider the above matter.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 8.09pm. The public and media left the chamber and the webcast.

NOTICE OF MOTION

3 RESTORATION OF BOWLING GREENS AT RYDE CITY BOWLING CLUB AND PUTNEY BOWLING CLUB - Councillor Roy Maggio

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

- (a) That Council investigate the restoration of the bowling greens at Ryde City Bowling Club and Putney Bowling Club for an interim period for use by the Denistone bowlers and report back to Council.
- (b) That Council liaise with the Denistone bowlers for support to assist with the maintenance and restoration of the greens.

- (c) That Council seeks support from remaining clubs in the Ryde district to reopen Putney Bowling Club and Denistone Sports Club.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Motion was five (5) For and seven (7) Against. The Motion was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

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

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

OPEN SESSION

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

- (a) That the Council resolve itself into open Council.
- (b) That the recommendations of Items considered in Closed Session be received and adopted as resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.
- (c) That the Minutes of the Closed Session be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Open Council resumed at 8.33pm.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF MARCH 2024

Chairperson