

Meeting Date: Tuesday 13 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, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li, Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Deshpande.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – People and Business, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Senior Solicitor (Planning and Enforcement), 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, Financial Controller, Manager - Development Assessment, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Senior Coordinator – City Places, Media and Communications Officer, IT Systems Support Officer, 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

Councillor Han disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Matter of Urgency 4 - Unsafe Practices Outside Ryde Secondary College, for the reason that he is currently working at the school.

Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 1 – Council Submission to the Explanation of Intended Effects (EIE) – Diverse and Well-Located Homes, for the reason that as a State MP, he is disclosing an interest out of caution but has no authority over the matter.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM4/24 KOREAN FESTIVAL LANTERNS – Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

That Council:

- (a) Reaffirm its commitment to celebrate the Lunar New Year by ensuring culturally relevant lantern displays are featured on both sides of Eastwood, in Rowe Street.
- (b) Support the local business community to assist with understanding options that could improve the lantern displays on Rowe St East for the Lunar New Year Festival 2024 within the existing budget.
- (c) Explore future options to expand and enrich street lantern displays by consulting local businesses to ensure more vibrant and culturally appropriate displays to highlight the unique character of Eastwood for future Lunar New Year celebrations.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Brown advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding the continuation of bowling activities on the Denistone Sports Club site.

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Lane)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Brown, regarding the continuation of bowling activities on the Denistone Sports Club site, the time being 6.34pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY 1 – CONTINUATION OF BOWLING ACTIVITIES ON THE DENISTONE SPORTS CLUB SITE

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Lane)

That Ryde Council:

- 1) Mediate with the Carlingford Sports Club for them to permit the continuation of bowling activities on the Denistone Sports Club site, prior to Council taking ownership of the site.
- 2) Complete this task in anticipation of an ongoing arrangement to be finalised following the transfer of ownership of the land to the Council.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillor Maggio)

- (a) That the General Manager (GM) is to convene a meeting with Carlingford Sports & Recreation Club to discuss the potential termination of the contract for the purchase of the Denistone Bowling Club site. The meeting aims to address the recent decision to evict Denistone bowlers from the Denistone Bowling Club site and to reverse this decision promptly.
- (b) Furthermore, in the absence of an immediate reversal of the eviction decision, the GM is tasked with initiating the process to place a heritage order on the site to protect its cultural significance.

Note: This Amendment lapsed due to the lack of a seconder.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Lane)

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- 2) Complete this task in anticipation of an ongoing arrangement to be finalised following the transfer of ownership of the land to the Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM adjourned the Extraordinary Council Meeting for five (5) minutes, the time being 6.48pm. The Council Meeting was adjourned to:-

Tuesday, 13 February 2024 to reconvene at 6.53pm.

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Deshpande.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – People and Business, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Senior Solicitor (Planning and Enforcement), 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, Financial Controller, Manager - Development Assessment, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Senior Coordinator – City Places, Media and Communications Officer, IT Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

MEETING RECONVENED

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM reconvened the meeting at 6.53pm on Tuesday, 13 February 2024.

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Deshpande.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – People and Business, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Senior Solicitor (Planning and Enforcement), 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, Financial Controller, Manager - Development Assessment, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Senior Coordinator – City Places, Media and Communications Officer, IT Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECOGNITION OF SANDRA BAILEY, EXECUTIVE MANAGER – CITY DEVELOPMENT

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM, on behalf of Council, acknowledged and thanked Sandra Bailey, Executive Manager – City Development for her contribution and service to Council and recognised her achievements and years served with the City of Ryde.

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Purcell advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding the Korean Lantern Festival.

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

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Pedersen advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding asbestos contamination risks in Sydney.

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Pedersen, regarding asbestos contamination risks in Sydney, the time being 7.00pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY 2 – ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION RISKS IN SYDNEY

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and O'Reilly)

That Council:

- (a) Note that the EPA has confirmed that asbestos has been discovered in mulch used at over thirteen (13) sites across Sydney including hospitals, schools, public parks and public infrastructure.
- (b) Immediately conduct a search for asbestos and audit all areas where mulch is used across the City of Ryde.
- (c) Prepare a media release informing ratepayers of the findings.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Pedersen advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding a City of Ryde Waste Briefing for Councillors.

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Pedersen, regarding a City of Ryde Waste Briefing for Councillors, the time being 7.08pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY 3 – CITY OF RYDE WASTE BRIEFING FOR COUNCILLORS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That City of Ryde prepare a briefing for Councillors before the next Council meeting that covers:

- An update on changes to the recent local government act tendering regulations, in regards to waste collection and protection of workers.
- Increasing advertising about access to recycle smart trial which ends in December.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Maggio advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding unsafe practices outside Ryde Secondary College.

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Han)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Maggio, regarding unsafe practices outside Ryde Secondary College, the time being 7.14pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY 4 – UNSAFE PRACTICES OUTSIDE RYDE SECONDARY COLLEGE

Note: Councillor Han disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is currently working at Ryde Secondary College.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Han)

- (a) That the City of Ryde conduct an immediate meeting with the Principal of Ryde Secondary College about the unsafe practices outside the school, with the main purpose being to implement a traffic management plan.
- (b) That staff consider data collected from previous holistic school traffic meetings.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO THE EXPLANATION OF INTENDED EFFECTS (EIE) - DIVERSE AND WELL-LOCATED HOMES

Note: Councillor Lane disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that as a state MP, he is disclosing an interest out of caution but has no authority over the matter.

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

- (a) That Council Endorse the City of Ryde submission to the NSW Government in Attachment 1.
- (b) That Council informs the NSW Government that it opposes the implementation of the Explanation of Intended Effects: Changes to Create Low and Mid-Rise Housing as it provides no evidence-based plans on how this increased housing density can be serviced through the existing provision of infrastructure and other essential services.
- (c) That Council rejects the proposed planning controls from the Explanation of Intended Effects: Changes to Create Low and Mid Rise Housing to Council's R2 – Low density residential zones.
- (d) That Council authorise the CEO to take all action necessary to implement this resolution and otherwise take any action required on the EIE in the interests of the City of Ryde.
- (e) That the Mayor write to the NSW Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP; the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Paul Scully MP; the Minister for Housing, the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC and the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Jo Haylen MP calling on them to:
 - i) Take a genuinely collaborative approach to working with Councils to resolve the current housing crisis in a well-balanced planning manner.
 - ii) Work with Councils to deliver balanced outcomes for their communities alongside increased housing, specifically: infrastructure, essential services, open space and employment opportunities for new and existing residents.
 - iii) Consider the NSW Government having a larger role in the provision of public and affordable housing instead of incentivizing Build-to-Rent for developers.
 - iv) Work with the Federal Government to explore other policy levers surrounding the current housing crisis (i.e., focus on other potential improvements beyond housing planning controls, including improved pathways for more well-trained builders and tradesmen, improving supply of building materials).

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council Endorse the City of Ryde submission to the NSW Government in Attachment 1.

- (b) That Council informs the NSW Government that it opposes the implementation of the Explanation of Intended Effects: Changes to Create Low and Mid-Rise Housing as it provides no evidence-based plans on how this increased housing density can be serviced through the existing provision of infrastructure and other essential services.
- (c) That Council rejects the proposed planning controls from the Explanation of Intended Effects: Changes to Create Low and Mid Rise Housing to Council's R2 – Low density residential zones.
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On being put to the meeting, Councillor Maggio abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion. The voting on the Amendment was four (4) For and eight (8) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

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

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

FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Pedersen)

That the Mayor write to the NSW Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP; the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Paul Scully MP; the Minister for Housing, the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC and the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Jo Haylen MP calling on them for an extension.

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

Record of Voting:

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

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

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

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- iv) Work with the Federal Government to explore other policy levers surrounding the current housing crisis (i.e., focus on other potential improvements beyond housing planning controls, including improved pathways for more well-trained builders and tradesmen, improving supply of building materials).

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

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

The meeting closed at 7.54pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024

Chairperson