

Meeting Date: Tuesday 19 March 2024

Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online

Time: 6.02pm

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors Lane and Pedersen.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, Acting Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Senior Solicitor (Planning and Enforcement), Financial Controller, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Executive Officer – City Fabric, Project Director, Senior Coordinator – Communications, Communications Coordinator, IT Applications 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

There were no disclosures of interest.

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

MM7/24 ISSUING OF INFRINGEMENT NOTICES FOR PARKING OFFENCES - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

Note: Councillor Deshpande arrived at the meeting at 6.09pm during discussion on this Item.

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

- (a) That a response be sent to the Minister for Finance outlining Council's current procedures with regard to the issuing of parking infringements and noting that the current system is in line with the recommendations made by the Minister.
- (b) That Council continue to regulate parking matters in accordance with fair and transparent practices and legislative requirements.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM8/24 PRECIS OF SERVICE TO CITY OF RYDE BY SARKIS YEDELIAN OAM AS COUNCILLOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND MAYOR - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

That the service of Mayor Sarkis Yedelian OAM as both a Councillor and Mayor be noted.

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

COUNCIL REPORT

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting at 6.30pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

At this stage of the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM, thanked his fellow Councillors and staff for their support. He then vacated the Chair and the Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, conducted the election of Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, gave an overview of the election process.

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, presented the options on the method of voting for Mayor and requested a motion in respect of this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Han)

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of Mayor be open voting by a show of hands.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Mayor for the ensuing period up until the next Local Government Election on 14 September 2024 by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li, O'Reilly and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors Pedersen, Purcell and Song

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

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, advised that there was one (1) nomination for Office of Mayor, namely Councillor Brown.

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

As there was only one nomination, COUNCILLOR BROWN WAS DULY ELECTED MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING PERIOD UP UNTIL THE NEXT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2024.

The Mayor, Councillor Brown then assumed the Chair of Mayor, as Chairperson of the meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor Brown gave a brief acknowledgement following his election.

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: ITEM 14 - RYDE CENTRAL - PROPOSED OPEN SPACE - Councillor Bernard Purcell, Councillor Penny Pedersen, Councillor Katie O'Reilly

Note: Councillor Maggio returned to the meeting, the time being 6.37pm.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to Item 14 – RYDE CENTRAL – PROPOSED OPEN SPACE, passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 February 2024, namely:-

COUNCIL REPORT

14 RYDE CENTRAL – PROPOSED OPEN SPACE

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 the voting on the Motion was five (5) For and seven (7) Against. The Rescission Motion was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Maggio, O'Reilly, 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 6.52pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF MARCH 2024

Chairperson