

Meeting Date: Tuesday 23 January 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 and Purcell.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Song.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Life, Acting Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Manager – Health, Building and Regulatory Services, Project Director, Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

Externals Present: Stewart Scarlett (Building Commission NSW).

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

The following person made a written submission to Council:

Name	Topic
Alex Wu (representing Greenland Australia)	Notice of Motion 1 – Building Commission NSW work rectification orders issued to the developer of 23 Halifax Street, Lachlan’s Line, Macquarie Park

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM1/24 RYDE CIVIC CENTRE - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

That Council:

- a) Reaffirm its commitment to undertake the Ryde Central project when suitable funds are available through prudent financial management, that ensure Council remains fit for the future and there are no adverse impacts on the provision of Council services and programs to the community.
- b) Reaffirm its commitment to retain public ownership of the site.
- c) Explore options in the short term for the use of the 1 Devlin Street site for public open space, achieved by filling the excavated area within this financial year and report back to Council on what is required to provide designs, cost estimates and feasibility of the required works, including a funding strategy.
- d) Investigate how historic photographs and images can be incorporated into the design, to acknowledge and create awareness of the iconic history of the Ryde Central site.

MOTION TO DEAL WITH ITEM IN SERIATIM

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

That this Item be dealt with in Seriatim.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Motion was six (6) All. The Mayor used his casting vote Against the Motion. The Motion was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

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

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

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

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- d) Investigate how historic photographs and images can be incorporated into the design, to acknowledge and create awareness of the iconic history of the Ryde Central site.

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 and Song

MM2/24 23 HALIFAX STREET, LACHLAN'S LINE - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

- 1) That Council note:
 - a) There have been five buildings issued with Work Rectification Orders: 23 Halifax Street, Lachlan's Line, 3 Smith Street, Ryde, 13 - 15 Porter Street, Ryde, 2 - 6 Junction Street, Ryde and 20 Nancarrow Street, Ryde.
 - b) These orders have caused stress to owners, residents and the community as a whole and reduce confidence in the building industry to deliver high rise buildings to required construction standards.
- 2) That Council publish on its website:
 - a) The impact of the defects on local facilities being the auditorium, childcare centre, retail area and surrounding public domain areas.
 - b) Where residents can find adequate support and resources to support their right to a safe home.
- 3) That the Mayor write to the State Government asking that it put in place legislation for stronger building reform.
- 4) That Council provide impacted residents with helpful information in the form of notices and a staff contact for any queries.
- 5) That Council seek further clarification as to whether there are any impacts on its facilities (i.e. the auditorium, childcare centre, retail area and surrounding public domain areas) that are contained within or adjoining the development.
- 6) That Council write to the State Minister for Planning, raising concern with regard to the planned 8000 apartments in Macquarie Park to be created in a short period of time which could lead to similar risks for the community.
- 7) That the City of Ryde prepare a report for Council and the community which details along with any other relevant information:
 - a) Includes the development application, approvals, VPAs or developer contributions, delivery, certifier and any compliance issues.

- b) The number of residents and businesses who are potentially affected by this issue at each address.
- c) Correspondence from and replies to the Building Commission NSW (and any reference to the structural reports of each building).
- d) Who was advised of this issue at the City of Ryde in October; what date was the letter received and was this information passed on to the CEO, the Mayor and any Councillors?
- e) What mechanisms can be put in place to make certain Councillors and community are informed about all future intentions by the Building Commission to serve a rectification order.

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 and Song

MM3/24 RECOGNITION OF AUSTRALIA DAY - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

That Council:

- (1) Reaffirm its commitment to Australia Day on 26th January.
- (2) Conduct a citizenship ceremony to mark each Australia Day on 26th January.

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, Li, Lara-Watson, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

NOTICE OF MOTION

- 1 BUILDING COMMISSION NSW WORK RECTIFICATION ORDERS ISSUED TO THE DEVELOPER OF 23 HALIFAX STREET, LACHLAN'S LINE, MACQUARIE PARK - Councillor Penny Pedersen and Councillor Bernard Purcell**

Note: Alex Wu (representing Greenland Australia) made a written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM ruled that this Motion not be considered by Council as a substantially similar Motion had already been dealt with by Council at this meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024

Chairperson