

# Extraordinary Council Meeting MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 14/13

Meeting Date: Tuesday 16 July 2013

Location: Council Chambers, Level 6, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde

Time: 7.30pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Chung, Laxale, Li, Pendleton, Perram and Simon.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Maggio, Salvestro-Martin and Yedelian OAM.

**Leave of Absence:** The Mayor, Councillor Petch and Councillors Etmekdjian and Pickering.

**Staff Present:** Acting General Manager, Acting Group Manager – Community Life, Group Manager - Corporate Services, Group Manager – Environment & Planning, Acting Group Manager - Public Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Media and Manager – Customer Service and Governance.

## **CHAIRPERSON**

As the Mayor, Councillor Petch was on a leave of absence, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Li assumed the Chair.

#### **PRAYER**

The Acting General Manager offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

#### **ADJOURMENT OF MEETING**

In accordance with Clause 4.2.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the meeting was adjourned due to a lack of a quorum to:

- Tuesday, 23 July 2013
- Following the conclusion of the Ordinary Meeting to be held on that night
- Level 6, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde

**The following Councillors were present:** Councillors Li, Chung, Laxale, Pendleton, Perram and Simon.

**Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Councillors Maggio, Salvestro-Martin and Yedelian OAM.

**Leave of Absence:** The Mayor, Councillor Petch and Councillors Etmekdjian and Pickering.



### **MEETING RECONVENED**

The Meeting reconvened at 10.18pm on Tuesday, 23 July 2013 in the Council Chambers, Level 6 of the Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde.

**The following Councillors were present:** Councillors Chung, Li, Pendleton, Perram, Pickering, Simon and Yedelian OAM

Apologies: Nil.

Leave of Absence: The Mayor, Councillor Petch and Councillors Etmekdjian and

Laxale.

**Absent:** Councillor Maggio and Councillor Salvestro-Martin.

**Staff Present:** Acting General Manager, Acting Group Manager – Community Life, Group Manager - Corporate Services, Group Manager – Environment & Planning, Acting Group Manager - Public Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Media, Manager – Customer Service and Governance and Section Manager – Governance.

## **CHAIRPERSON**

As the Mayor, Councillor Petch was on a leave of absence, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Li assumed the Chair.

#### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Li disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 1 – Independent Commission Against Corruption – Public Inquiry commencing 15 July 2013 – Request from K&L Gates for the reason that he has been a witness in this Inquiry.

Councillor Pickering disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 1 – Independent Commission Against Corruption – Public Inquiry commencing 15 July 2013 – Request from K&L Gates for the reason that he attended the ICAC Meeting.

Councillor Pendleton disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 1 – Independent Commission Against Corruption – Public Inquiry commencing 15 July 2013 – Request from K&L Gates for the reason that she has given evidence at the ICAC Inquiry.

Councillor Perram disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 1 – Independent Commission Against Corruption – Public Inquiry commencing 15 July 2013 – Request from K&L Gates for the reason that he has given evidence at the ICAC Inquiry.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No addresses were made to Council.



### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No addresses were made to Council.

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Note: Councillor Li disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he has been a witness in this Inquiry.

Note: Councillor Pickering disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he attended the ICAC Meeting.

<u>Note</u>: Councillor Pendleton disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she has given evidence at the ICAC Inquiry.

<u>Note</u>: Councillor Perram disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item 1 for the reason that he has given evidence at the ICAC Inquiry.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Simon)

- (a) That Council waive its legal professional privilege arising from the Solicitor / Client relationship Council has with Mr Bryan Belling, K&L Gates, to enable Mr Belling to give unfettered evidence before the Public Inquiry convened by the ICAC, commencing on 15 July 2013.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager advise the ICAC, Mr Bryan Belling and Council's appointed Legal Representative at the public inquiry, Mr Adam Seton of Council's resolution.

#### Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The National Anthem was sung at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.23pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST 2013

Chairperson