

Meeting Date: Tuesday 8 September 2015
Location: Council Chambers, Level 6, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde
Time: 7.30pm

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Laxale, Li, Maggio, Pendleton, Perram, Salvestro-Martin, Simon, Stott and Yedelian OAM.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: General Manager, Acting Group Manager – Community Life, Group Manager – Corporate Services, Acting Group Manager – Environment and Planning, Group Manager – Public Works, General Counsel, Manager – Communications and Media, Manager – Governance, Risk and Audit, Coordinator – Community Engagement, Coordinator – Digital Communications and Section Manager – Governance.

PRAYER

Reverend Nicholas Fried of the Eastwood Uniting Church was present and offered prayer 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 addresses were made to Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No addresses were made to Council.

MAYORAL MINUTES

There were no Mayoral Minutes.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 25 August 2015

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Maggio)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 15/15, held on 25 August 2015 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

2 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR ENSUING 12 MONTHS

At this stage of the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor Pickering, gave a brief acknowledgement of his term as Mayor. He then vacated the Chair and the General Manager, as Returning Officer, conducted the election of Mayor.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, gave an overview of the election process.

METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, presented the options on the method of voting for Mayor.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pickering and Chung)

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of Mayor be open voting by a show of hands.
- (b) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Mayor for the ensuing twelve (12) months by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Simon)

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of Mayor be by Ordinary Ballot.
- (b) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Mayor for the ensuing twelve (12) months by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Laxale, Pendleton, Salvestro-Martin and Simon

Against the Amendment: Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Li, Maggio, Perram, Pickering, Stott and Yedelian OAM

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pickering and Chung)

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of Mayor be open voting by a show of hands.
- (b) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Mayor for the ensuing twelve (12) months by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

As a result of the voting, THE METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR WAS OPEN VOTING BY A SHOW OF HANDS.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that there were three nominations for the Office of Mayor, namely Councillor Etmekdjian, Councillor Perram and Councillor Laxale.

The General Manager invited further nominations. There were no further nominations.

THE ELECTION FOR MAYOR was conducted by the General Manager, as Returning Officer, which resulted in the following voting:

Councillor Etmekdjian **6 votes**

Voting in favour: Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio, Pickering, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Councillor Perram **3 votes**

Voting in favour: Councillors Li, Pendleton and Perram

Councillor Laxale **3 votes**

Voting in favour: Councillors Laxale, Salvestro-Martin and Simon

The General Manager, as Returning Officer advised that one Councillor had to be excluded and as the number of votes cast for Councillor Perram and Councillor Laxale were equal, that a draw by lot would be required to be undertaken. The candidate whose name was first drawn by lot would be excluded from the second ballot.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer invited Councillors to inspect the ballot box and canisters that would be used in the election of Mayor.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer organised for each candidate's name to be written on a separate slip, placed in a separate canister and then placed in the ballot box. The Returning Officer's assistant rotated the ballot box and then presented it to the Returning Officer for the draw by lot.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer then drew by lot.

As a result of the draw by lot, Councillor Perram was excluded from the second ballot.

THE SECOND BALLOT FOR MAYOR was conducted by the General Manager, as Returning Officer, which resulted in the following voting:

Councillor Etmekdjian 6 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio, Pickering, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Councillor Laxale 6 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Laxale, Li, Pendleton, Perram, Salvestro-Martin and Simon

The General Manager, as Returning Officer advised that as the number of votes cast for Councillor Etmekdjian and Councillor Laxale were equal, that a draw by lot would be required to be undertaken. The candidate whose name was first drawn by lot would be declared elected as Mayor for the ensuing 12 months.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer organised for each candidate's name to be written on a separate slip, placed in a separate canister and then placed in the ballot box. The Returning Officer's assistant rotated the ballot box and then presented it to the Returning Officer for the draw by lot.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer then drew by lot.

As a result of the draw by lot, COUNCILLOR LAXALE WAS DULY ELECTED MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

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

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

3 DETERMINATION OF OFFICE AND FEE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Pendleton)

(a) That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for a one (1) year term.

- (b) That where the Deputy Mayor is to act in the Office of the Mayor, that this is to be done by way of a Council resolution.
- (c) That where there is a Council resolution in accordance with (b) above, the Deputy Mayor is to be paid a fee to undertake the roles and responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor on a pro rata basis, deducted from the Mayoral Fee.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR ENSUING 12 MONTHS
METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, presented the options on the method of voting for Deputy Mayor.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pickering and Chung)

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor be open voting by a show of hands.
- (b) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing twelve (12) months by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

As a result of the voting, THE METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR WAS OPEN VOTING BY A SHOW OF HANDS.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that there were two nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor, namely Councillor Maggio and Councillor Salvestro-Martin.

The General Manager invited further nominations. There were no further nominations.

THE ELECTION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR was conducted by the General Manager, as Returning Officer, which resulted in the following voting:

Councillor Maggio

6 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio, Pickering, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Councillor Salvestro-Martin 5 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Laxale, Li, Perram, Salvestro-Martin and Simon

Informal Votes 1 vote

As Councillor Pendleton abstained from voting

As a result of the voting, COUNCILLOR MAGGIO WAS DULY ELECTED DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

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

5 COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Schedule and Appointment of Councillor Members to Standing Committees

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Etmekdjian)

- (a) That Council endorse its Standing Committees of Planning and Environment, Works and Community, Ryde Civic Hub Committee and Finance and Governance Committee.
- (b) That Council endorse the **ATTACHED** meeting schedule for Committee and Council meetings for the remainder of 2015 and up to the next Local Government Election in 2016, noting that the schedule may be amended at any time, subject to one month transition period to allow for public notices to be given.
- (c) That Council endorse the following Councillors as members for the Planning and Environment Committee:
 - Councillor Chung
 - Councillor Etmekdjian
 - Councillor Pendleton
 - Councillor Pickering
 - Councillor Simon
 - Councillor Yedelian OAM
- (d) That Council endorse the following Councillors as members for the Works and Community Committee:
 - Councillor Etmekdjian
 - Councillor Li
 - Councillor Maggio
 - Councillor Pendleton
 - Councillor Perram
 - Councillor Simon
 - Councillor Stott

- (e) That Council endorse the following Councillors as members for the Finance and Governance Committee:
- Councillor Chung
 - Councillor Etmekdjian
 - Councillor Pendleton
 - Councillor Perram
 - Councillor Simon
- (f) That Council endorse the following Councillors as members for the Ryde Civic Hub Committee:
- Councillor Etmekdjian
 - Councillor Pendleton
 - Councillor Perram
 - Councillor Simon
- (g) That Council note that the Committee meetings (Planning and Environment Committee and Ryde Civic Hub Committee) to be held on 13 October 2015 have been cancelled, due to the Councillor attendance at the Local Government NSW Conference on 11 to 13 October 2015.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 ADVISORY AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Appointment of Delegates

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin left the meeting at 8.12pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Perram and Simon)

- (a) That the following Councillor delegates be appointed to the following Advisory Committees in accordance with the Terms of Reference, for the ensuing twelve (12) months:

Advisory Committee	Councillor Delegates
Access Committee	Councillor Pendleton (Chair)
Bicycle Advisory Committee	Councillor Perram (Chair)
Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee	Councillor Pendleton (Chair) Councillor Perram
Community Harmony Reference Group	Councillor Yedelian OAM (Chair) Councillor Li Councillor Pendleton Councillor Etmekdjian

Eastwood and West Ryde Events and Promotions Advisory Committee	Councillor Etmekdjian (Chair) Councillor Li Councillor Perram
Economic Development Advisory Committee	Councillor Etmekdjian (Chair) Councillor Chung
Heritage Advisory Committee	Councillor Perram (Chair) Councillor Pendleton Councillor Stott
Macquarie Park Forum	Councillor Chung (Chair) Councillor Maggio Councillor Etmekdjian Councillor Perram
Ryde Hunters Hill Joint Library Services Committee (Note: Chairperson is determined at the first Advisory Committee meeting for the ensuing twelve (12) months)	Councillor Chung Councillor Simon
Ryde Youth Forum (Note: No Councillor Chairperson required)	Councillor Maggio Councillor Chung
Sport and Recreation (including Wheeled Sports) Advisory Committee	Councillor Maggio (Chair) Councillor Perram
Status of Women Advisory Committee	Councillor Pendleton (Chair) Councillor Maggio Councillor Stott

- (b) That Council confirm the current members being Councillor Etmekdjian and Councillor Pendleton and the alternate delegates being Councillor Salvestro-Martin and Councillor Chung to the Audit and Risk Committee for the ensuing twelve (12) months.
- (c) That due to the recent establishment and appointment of Councillor delegates to the East Ward Events and Promotions Advisory Committee as resolved by Council at its meeting on 11 August 2015, the appointment of delegates to the East Ward Events and Promotions Advisory Committee next be considered in September 2016.
- (d) That Council appoint the following delegates to NSROC:
- The Mayor, Councillor Laxale
 - Councillor Maggio as a formal delegate
 - Councillors Chung and Etmekdjian as alternate delegates

- (e) That Council appoint Councillors Chung and Yedelian OAM as Council's delegates and Councillor Maggio as an alternate delegate to the Joint Regional Planning Panel.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Simon and Pendleton)

- (a) That Council adopt the draft City of Ryde Code of Meeting Practice as amended and **ATTACHED – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** to this report for public exhibition, for a period of not less than 28 days:
- (b) That a copy of the draft Code of Meeting Practice be provided to the Office of Local Government for comment.
- (c) That public submissions be invited on the draft Code of Meeting Practice from 16 September 2015 to 6 November 2015.
- (d) That a further report be provided to Council on 24 November 2015 to consider adoption of the draft Code of Meeting Practice.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 11 to 13 October 2015 - Confirmation of Delegates

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Simon)

That Council confirm the attendance of The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Pickering, Salvestro-Martin, Stott and Simon to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference as voting delegates.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

Councillor Li requested to address the meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale granted permission for Councillor Li to address the meeting.

Councillor Li then addressed the Council.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNCILLOR LI

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Simon and Maggio)

That Council thank Councillor Li for his time on Council and wish him the very best for his career and future endeavours.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015

Chairperson