

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 20 October 2015  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 6, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde  
**Time:** 7.25pm

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

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin arrived at the meeting at 7.33pm during discussion in Item 1.

**Apologies:** Councillor Maggio.

**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, Manager – Human Resources, Manager – Business Infrastructure, Executive Officer – Ryde Civic Hub, Project Manager – Project Delivery, Section Manager – Property Development, Section Manager – Governance and Governance, Risk and Audit Coordinator.

### **PRAYER**

Pastor Lynton Taylor of the River City Church, Meadowbank was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Pendleton disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 1 – Civic Centre – Update of WHS Incidents and Maintenance Expenditure (Report No. 2), for the reason that her opposition to the redevelopment of the Civic Centre public land with the inclusion of high-rise residential development is consistent with her core commitment made to the electorate at the 2012 elections.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale advised that Councillor Salvestro-Martin has requested a Leave of Absence for the period 25 October 2015 to 1 November 2015 inclusive.

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

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Pickering and Chung)

That Council approve a Leave of Absence for Councillor Salvestro-Martin for the period 25 October 2015 to 1 November 2015 inclusive.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**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.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**1 CIVIC CENTRE - UPDATE OF WHS INCIDENTS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE (REPORT No. 2)**

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin arrived at 7.33pm during discussion of this Item.

Note: Councillor Pendleton disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that her opposition to the redevelopment of the Civic Centre public land with the inclusion of high-rise residential development is consistent with her core commitment made to the electorate at the 2012 elections.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Chung and Pickering)

- (a) That Council note the General Manager's decision to remove of all ceiling tiles from the Civic Centre building on levels Basement – Level 6.
- (b) That Council comply with the directions in SafeWork NSW's Improvement Notices to remedy the contraventions of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*, section 19 and *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011*, clause 40.

- (c) That due to the unacceptable safety risks now faced by staff within the Civic Centre building, together with the substantial costs to undertake these works (and to avoid any doubt that the remedial works may potentially require greater compliance with the BCA), it is in the best interests of the community and staff for Council to relocate from the Civic Centre.  
Council therefore authorises the General Manager to take the following actions:
- (i) Advise SafeWork NSW of Council's decision in this matter and arrange to urgently meet to explain Council's intentions to relocate from the Civic Centre and the anticipated timeframe;
  - (ii) Request SafeWork NSW's agreement to Council's proposed actions and timeframe and gain its confirmation that Council's approach will ensure full compliance with its statutory obligations; and
  - (iii) Immediately secure alternative accommodation options (lease or acquisition) for staff to relocate from the Civic Centre as soon as possible and that these options be reported to the next Council Meeting (or be the subject of a further Extraordinary Council Meeting if required).

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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

The meeting closed at 8.34pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2015

Chairperson