

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 11 February 2020  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde  
**Time:** 7.45pm

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## **NOTICE OF RESCISSION**

### **1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: NOTICE OF MOTION 1 - EASTWOOD SMALL BUSINESS HARDSHIP FUND - Councillor Dr Peter Kim, Councillor Roy Maggio and Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

**File Number:** CLM/20/1/1/7 - BP20/79

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to Notice of Motion 1 – EASTWOOD SMALL BUSINESS HARDSHIP FUND, passed at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 February 2020, namely:-

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **1 EASTWOOD SMALL BUSINESS HARDSHIP FUND – The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Simon Zhou**

- (1) *That pursuant to the relevant provisions of Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, that a proposed resolution that includes the following (as identified in (1)(a) and (b) below) be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days with a further report being brought back to an Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 10 March 2020 to determine the resolution following the public exhibition period:-*
- (a) *That the General Manager establishes a \$500,000 Small Business Hardship Fund to support Eastwood Town Centre, to be funded from the appropriate reserve as determined by staff.*
- (b) *That the fund be used for:-*
- (i) *creation of a 'Return to Eastwood' public relations campaign to support the local economy and community including but not limited to a subsidised gift card scheme; and*
- (ii) *the establishment of a small business hardship grant, whereby businesses with less than \$2 million annual turnover can apply for grants up to \$2,000 to financially assist them as a result of lower customer attendances in Eastwood during the period January to March 2020 inclusive.*

- (2) *That the following proposed resolution (as identified in (2)(a) and (b) below) be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days with a further report being brought back to an Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 10 March 2020 to determine the resolution following the public exhibition period:-*
- (a) *That Council waive the cancellation fee specified in Council's adopted "Fees and Charges" for swim schools and swimming carnivals for the period January to March 2020 inclusive; and*
- (b) *Waive the notice period required under Council's Venue Hire Application, for cancellations for the period January to March 2020 inclusive.*
- (3) *That a status report be brought back to the Finance and Governance Committee in April 2020 to review the outcomes of this resolution.*
- (4) *That the General Manager and the Mayor write to the Minister for Health requesting regular and well broadcasted public health advice specific to Eastwood and Ryde.*

**NOTICES OF MOTION****1 NOTICE OF MOTION 2 FROM EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF 4 FEBRUARY 2020 - EASTWOOD IS SAFE CAMPAIGN - Councillor Dr Peter Kim and Councillor Roy Maggio****File Number:** CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/45

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**BACKGROUND:**

There were four (4) Coronavirus cases in NSW. Two (2) of four (4) were cured and discharged home. Hundreds of people who came in contact with the Coronavirus cases were tested, and there are no new infections found over a week.

The Government's policy on identifying and isolating the Coronavirus cases appear to be effective.

Yet, groundless rumours and misinformation about Coronavirus are running rampant on social media. It is terrorising our community and, as a result, people are unnecessarily staying away from the town centres.

Eastwood has turned into a Ghost Town.

False rumours about Coronavirus are breaking down our social cohesion, and it is promoting social isolation. And, our small local businesses are unfairly suffering as a result.

**MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager organises an "Eastwood is Safe Campaign" to deliver factual information about Coronavirus to our residents, in Eastwood and other Ryde Council Town Centres, and to reassure the residents that "Eastwood is Safe" to visit and go about their daily life.
- (b) That:-
  - (i) The Department of Health, Medical Officer and/or spokesperson and a Department of Small Business representative be invited to a public meeting to be organised in the presence of a Korean and Chinese translator, to address the community concerns about the risk of Coronavirus in Ryde Council Town Centre. Councillors, the local community and other stakeholders should also be invited.

- (ii) A public statement, after consulting the relevant authorities, that (1) “Eastwood is safe” from Coronavirus but be vigilant, (2) “Eastwood is unsafe due to Coronavirus” is untrue, (3) Eastwood is not a Coronavirus hotspot, (4) criticise “the fake news about Coronavirus”, (5) Eastwood and other Ryde business districts are unfairly targeted by these rumours, be published through Council media channels, local and state newspapers, Council website, Council’s SNS platforms, Council’s SMS platform and others. This statement is to be published in multiple languages, including Korean and Chinese.
- (iii) Ensure the supply of hand sanitisers and masks in Council-owned assets and identify and install it at the significant hotspots in Ryde Council LGA (e.g. Eastwood Plaza).
- (iv) An investigation and report on available State/Federal Government to support our local businesses and advocate the State and Federal Government to provide financial assistance to the shop owners affected due to the Coronavirus crisis.
- (v) Resurrect the “Racism stops with me campaign” in the community, especially in the Macquarie University, to ensure that Asians are not discriminated due to false impression that they are Coronavirus infested.
- (vi) An initial funding of \$10,000 to be made available from a funding source as determined by staff to fund this campaign.

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**2 CORONAVIRUS - SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Trenton Brown and Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

**File Number: CLM/20/1/1/6 - BP20/80**

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**MOTION:**

That the City of Ryde:-

- (a) Commit to the immediate purchase of 50,000 surgical masks for free distribution to Ryde residents in our local shopping centres.
- (b) Invite the NSW Small Business Commissioner and the multi-lingual specialist business advisers to Eastwood and surrounding shopping centres to engage with and provide support to the small business owners affected by the downturn in consumer activity.
- (c) Immediately commence using the City of Ryde social media channels to regularly distribute factual information and to correct misinformation on social media channels that has resulted in people being scared to visit their local shopping centres.
- (d) That Council staff in the Economic Development Team, working alongside staff from the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner commence a dialogue with affected business owners and develop a plan to support small businesses in Eastwood, Marsfield, Five Ways Eastwood and West Ryde shopping centres.
- (e) Seek an urgent clarification of the one remaining NSW citizen who is being monitored for Coronavirus and advise the residency of that person to the community.