

Meeting Date: Tuesday 26 October 2021
Location: Online Audio Visual Meeting
Time: 7.00pm

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1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/21/1/1/2 - BP21/926

REPORT SUMMARY

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council can determine those matters on the Agenda that can be adopted without the need for any discussion.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council determine the Items on Council's Agenda that will be adopted without debate.

OR

That Council determine all Items on the Agenda.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 24 August 2021

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/21/1/1/2 - BP21/927

REPORT SUMMARY

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, a motion or discussion with respect to such minutes shall not be in order except with regard to their accuracy as a true record of the proceedings.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 10/21, held on 24 August 2021 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Ordinary Council Meeting - 24 August 2021

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

**Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 10/21**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 24 August 2021
Location: Online Audio Visual Meeting
Time: 7.01pm

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Acting Director – City Works, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – People and Performance, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Transport, System Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Senior Minister Fergus Semler of the Macquarie Anglican Church 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

Councillor Kim tabled a petition from community groups in relation to the food donation motion.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons made a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Genevieve Paton	Notice Motion 4 – Grant for Expanded Yoga Services
Jemila Rushton (representing ICAN Australia)	Notice of Motion 5 – Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
Suzanne Barron	Notice of Motion 6 – Pedestrian Safety and turning signals at Coxs and Wicks Road, North Ryde
Nadine Robson	Notice of Motion 6 – Pedestrian Safety and turning signals at Coxs and Wicks Road, North Ryde
Teresa Myers	Notice of Motion 6 – Pedestrian Safety and turning signals at Coxs and Wicks Road, North Ryde
Marnie Starr	Notice of Motion 6 – Pedestrian Safety and turning signals at Coxs and Wicks Road, North Ryde
Demetrios Demetriou (representing Ryde Pickleball in the park)	Notice of Motion 7 – Development of a dedicated Pickleball Centre at Meadowbank Park

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons made a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Simon Abrams	City of Ryde – Response to the current COVID outbreak

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM10/21 PASSING OF PETER GRAHAM OAM - FORMER MAYOR OF CITY OF RYDE - Mayor, Councillor Jerome Laxale

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Brown)

- (a) That Council mark the passing of former Mayor, Peter Graham OAM with a minutes silence.
- (b) That with the permission of his family, consideration be given to the future naming of a public asset or place in the City of Ryde after Peter Graham OAM.

ITEM 2 (continued)

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Pedersen)

That Council adopt Item 3, Item 4, Item 4(1), Item 4(3), Item 5, Item 5(1), Item 8, Item 9, Precis of Correspondence 1 and Notice of Motion 10 on the Council's Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 3 August 2021

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Pedersen)

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 8/21, held on 3 August 2021 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 6/21 held on 10 August 2021

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Pedersen)

That Council determine Items 1 and 3 of the Works and Community Committee report 6/21, held on 10 August 2021 noting that Items 2 and 4 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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4(1) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Works and Community Committee Meeting held on 8 June 2021

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Pedersen)

That the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee Meeting 5/21, held on 8 June 2021, be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4(3) ADOPTION OF MAGDALA PARK MASTERPLAN

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Pedersen)

- (a) That Council adopts the Magdala Park Masterplan and its vision for future park improvements, prepared by Place Design Group, dated May 2021, with the inclusion of a kayak rack and a basic ramp without impacting biodiversity.
- (b) That Council endorses the closure of the eastern section of the Magdala Road, road reserve (to allow future development of the space for recreation and sporting purposes). This section of land, and the previously gazetted closed section of Page Rd, then be formally integrated into Magdala Park and delegating authority to the General Manager to do all things necessary to affect the road closure, including executing all necessary documentation.
- (c) That Council enters detailed discussions with National Parks and Wildlife Services for the land transfer (adjacent to Magdala Park as shown) and delegate authority to the General Manager complete all tasks to affect this land transfer and sub-division including executing all necessary documentation.
- (d) That Council write to thank all participants in the development of the Masterplan and inform them of this resolution.
- (e) That a Confidential report be brought back to Council, including strategic, legal and policy implications of part (c) soon as practicable.
- (f) In regards to the discussion on the design of the amenities building, that staff investigate the inclusion of a meeting room for use by sporting clubs.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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ATTACHMENT 1

**5 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
5/21 held on 10 August 2021**

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Pedersen)

That Council determine Item 1 of the Finance and Governance Committee report 5/21, held on 10 August 2021 noting that Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

**5(1) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Finance and Governance Committee
Meeting held on 8 June 2021**

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Pedersen)

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee 4/21, held on 8 June 2021, be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

**8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 17
August 2021**

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Pedersen)

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 9/21, held on 17 August 2021 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9 SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Pedersen)

- (a) That Council approve the Schedule of Meetings as detailed in the report and provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

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- (b) That Council note the regulated period commences on 25 October 2021 and ends on 4 December 2021.
- (c) That Council note the caretaker period commences on 5 November 2021 and ends on 4 December 2021 and the caretaker provisions as prescribed in the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

1 DEFERRED PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE: LETTER TO MINISTER STOKES REGARDING VILLA DEVELOPMENT - LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Pedersen)

That the correspondence be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF MOTION

10 PROVISION OF FOOD/HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY IN RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Pedersen)

- (a) That Council provide a report at the next meeting, with a complete list of all local organisations that provide food / hampers to the needy in the Ryde LGA, such as Christian Community Aid, North Ryde Community Aid etc.
- (b) That consideration is to be given to the amount of money Council can donate to those organisations, to assist them in continuing this important service.
- (c) That appropriate amounts (for donation) could be established through discussions between Council staff and representatives of each of the organisations.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

That Council now consider the following Item, the time being 7.27pm:-

- Notice of Motion 12 – Call to Support Urgent Advocacy on Afghanistan

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF MOTION

12 CALL TO SUPPORT URGENT ADVOCACY ON AFGHANISTAN - Councillor Penny Pedersen

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (a) That Council reaffirm its declaration as a refugee welcome zone and a signatory of the Refugee welcome scroll where City of Ryde pledged to advocate for more compassionate treatment of refugees.
- (b) That Council acknowledge the large number of Afghan Australians in Ryde who contribute greatly to our community and send sincere condolences to them for the devastating loss of life resulting from violence in Afghanistan.
- (c) That Council acknowledge risks to the safety of women, girls and religious minority groups; the growing humanitarian crisis resulting from conflict and the displacement of so many of Afghan people.
- (d) That the Mayor write to Prime Minister, The Hon. Scott Morrison; The Hon. Marise Payne – Minister for Foreign Affairs; The Hon. Alex Hawke – Minister for Immigration, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs and call on the Federal Government to implement the measures set out by the Refugee Council of Australia that include:-

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- (i) do everything possible in coming days to evacuate people who are at grave risk within Afghanistan, including those who have worked for or assisted the Australian Government and Australian organisations (including the embassy, armed forces, NGOs and media), human rights defenders and women and girls whose lives and security are under great threat.
 - (ii) urge governments in the region to keep borders open for people trying to flee persecution in Afghanistan, including and particularly Pakistan and Iran.
 - (iii) offer additional refugee resettlement places for Afghan refugees immediately, as the Australian Government did in 2015 with 12,000 additional places for Syrian and Iraqi refugees. Canada has already announced its commitment of 20,000 additional places for Afghan refugees. Australia could match this offer and urge other resettlement states to do the same, sending a strong and positive message to states receiving Afghan refugees that the world is ready to share responsibility in the protection of lives at risk.
 - (iv) as many people are now at risk from hunger and lack of shelter due to their forced displacement, immediately increase Australian aid to the region to support programs to assist people who have been displaced across borders and, wherever possible, support organisations still offering assistance within Afghanistan.
 - (v) we welcome the extension of temporary visas of all Afghan citizens in Australia announced by Immigration Minister, Alex Hawke on 17 August. A vital next step of this is to ensure that people whose asylum claims have been previously rejected be supported to submit new claims in the light of the changed circumstances in Afghanistan.
 - (vi) extend permanent protection to 4300 Afghans on temporary protection visas, recognising that members of this group are unlikely to be able to return in safety for many years to come and need the assurance that they can continue to live in Australia without the constant fear of forced return.
 - (vii) assist Afghan Australians, including people with temporary and permanent protection visas, with urgent family reunion applications for relatives who are at particular risk, as members of minorities targeted by the Taliban or people likely to be targeted because of their connections to western nations. This should include giving priority to finalising family reunion applications which have previously been lodged but are waiting on a decision from the Department of Home Affairs.
- (e) That a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Refugee Council of Australia and Mr John Alexander MP for Bennelong.

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- (f) A report be brought back identifying a source of funding for a donation of up to \$5,000 for medical aid, food and resources for the crisis in Afghanistan. This is in line with previous resolutions for humanitarian aid and should identify an appropriate organisation to distribute the aid directly to the on ground response like the Red Cross, doctors without borders or the UNHCR.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Moujalli and Lane)

- (a) That Council reaffirm its declaration as a refugee welcome zone and a signatory of the Refugee welcome scroll where City of Ryde pledged to advocate for more compassionate treatment of refugees.
- (b) That Council acknowledge the large number of Afghan Australians in Ryde who contribute greatly to our community and send sincere condolences to them for the devastating loss of life resulting from violence in Afghanistan.
- (c) That Council acknowledge risks to the safety of women, girls and religious minority groups; the growing humanitarian crisis resulting from conflict and the displacement of so many of Afghan people.
- (d) That the Mayor write to Prime Minister, The Hon. Scott Morrison; The Hon. Marise Payne – Minister for Foreign Affairs; The Hon. Alex Hawke – Minister for Immigration, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs and call on the Federal Government to implement the measures set out by the Refugee Council of Australia that include:-
 - (i) do everything possible in coming days to evacuate people who are at grave risk within Afghanistan, including those who have worked for or assisted the Australian Government and Australian organisations (including the embassy, armed forces, NGOs and media), human rights defenders and women and girls whose lives and security are under great threat.
 - (ii) urge governments in the region to keep borders open for people trying to flee persecution in Afghanistan, including and particularly Pakistan and Iran.
 - (iii) offer additional refugee resettlement places for Afghan refugees immediately, as the Australian Government did in 2015 with 12,000 additional places for Syrian and Iraqi refugees. Canada has already announced its commitment of 20,000 additional places for Afghan refugees. Australia could match this offer and urge other resettlement states to do the same, sending a strong and positive message to states receiving Afghan refugees that the world is ready to share responsibility in the protection of lives at risk.

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- (iv) as many people are now at risk from hunger and lack of shelter due to their forced displacement, immediately increase Australian aid to the region to support programs to assist people who have been displaced across borders and, wherever possible, support organisations still offering assistance within Afghanistan.
- (v) we welcome the extension of temporary visas of all Afghan citizens in Australia announced by Immigration Minister, Alex Hawke on 17 August. And note that people whose asylum claims have been previously rejected have a mechanism under Migration legislation to submit new claims.
- (vi) Note that those people on temporary protection visas, have the ability to apply for further temporary protection and in some instances to apply for a permanent visa.
- (vii) That in considering offering additional refugee resettlement places, the Government consider those applications with family links and relatives in Australia and who are at particular risk, as members of minorities targeted by the Taliban or people likely to be targeted because of their connections to western nations.
- (viii) That a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Refugee Council of Australia and Mr John Alexander MP for Bennelong.
- (e) That a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Refugee Council of Australia and Mr John Alexander MP for Bennelong.
- (f) A report be brought back identifying a source of funding for a donation of up to \$5,000 for medical aid, food and resources for the crisis in Afghanistan. This is in line with previous resolutions for humanitarian aid and should identify an appropriate organisation to distribute the aid directly to the on ground response like the Red Cross, doctors without borders or the UNHCR.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Maggio abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion. The voting on the Amendment was six (6) All. The Mayor, Councillor Laxale used his casting vote Against the Amendment. The Amendment was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Moujalli, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen and Purcell

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ATTACHMENT 1

DEAL WITH ITEM IN SERIATIM

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Moujalli and Yedelian OAM)

That this Item be dealt with in Seriatim.

On being put to the meeting Councillor Maggio abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion. The voting on the Motion was seven (7) For and five (5) Against. The Motion was **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Brown, Clifton, Kim, Lane, Moujalli, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen and Purcell

Note: The Item was then dealt with in Seriatim.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (a) That Council reaffirm its declaration as a refugee welcome zone and a signatory of the Refugee welcome scroll where City of Ryde pledged to advocate for more compassionate treatment of refugees.

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 Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Lane, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (b) That Council acknowledge the large number of Afghan Australians in Ryde who contribute greatly to our community and send sincere condolences to them for the devastating loss of life resulting from violence in Afghanistan.

On being put to the meeting Councillor Maggio abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Lane, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (c) That Council acknowledge risks to the safety of women, girls and religious minority groups; the growing humanitarian crisis resulting from conflict and the displacement of so many of Afghan people.

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 Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Lane, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (d) That the Mayor write to Prime Minister, The Hon. Scott Morrison; The Hon. Marise Payne – Minister for Foreign Affairs; The Hon. Alex Hawke – Minister for Immigration, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs and call on the Federal Government to implement the measures set out by the Refugee Council of Australia that include

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For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Lane, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

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RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (i) do everything possible in coming days to evacuate people who are at grave risk within Afghanistan, including those who have worked for or assisted the Australian Government and Australian organisations (including the embassy, armed forces, NGOs and media), human rights defenders and women and girls whose lives and security are under great threat.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Lane, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (ii) urge governments in the region to keep borders open for people trying to flee persecution in Afghanistan, including and particularly Pakistan and Iran.

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 Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Lane, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (iii) offer additional refugee resettlement places for Afghan refugees immediately, as the Australian Government did in 2015 with 12,000 additional places for Syrian and Iraqi refugees. Canada has already announced its commitment of 20,000 additional places for Afghan refugees. Australia could match this offer and urge other resettlement states to do the same, sending a strong and positive message to states receiving Afghan refugees that the world is ready to share responsibility in the protection of lives at risk.

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Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (iv) as many people are now at risk from hunger and lack of shelter due to their forced displacement, immediately increase Australian aid to the region to support programs to assist people who have been displaced across borders and, wherever possible, support organisations still offering assistance within Afghanistan.

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Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (v) we welcome the extension of temporary visas of all Afghan citizens in Australia announced by Immigration Minister, Alex Hawke on 17 August. A vital next step of this is to ensure that people whose asylum claims have been previously rejected be supported to submit new claims in the light of the changed circumstances in Afghanistan.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim, Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

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Note: Councillor Kim left the meeting at 8.01pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (vi) extend permanent protection to 4300 Afghans on temporary protection visas, recognising that members of this group are unlikely to be able to return in safety for many years to come and need the assurance that they can continue to live in Australia without the constant fear of forced return.

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 Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

Note: Councillor Kim returned to the meeting at 8.03pm.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (vii) assist Afghan Australians, including people with temporary and permanent protection visas, with urgent family reunion applications for relatives who are at particular risk, as members of minorities targeted by the Taliban or people likely to be targeted because of their connections to western nations. This should include giving priority to finalising family reunion applications which have previously been lodged but are waiting on a decision from the Department of Home Affairs.

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 Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim, Maggio, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

- (e) That a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Refugee Council of Australia and Mr John Alexander MP for Bennelong.

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Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

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RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Lane)

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 - (ii) urge governments in the region to keep borders open for people trying to flee persecution in Afghanistan, including and particularly Pakistan and Iran.
 - (iii) offer additional refugee resettlement places for Afghan refugees immediately, as the Australian Government did in 2015 with 12,000 additional places for Syrian and Iraqi refugees. Canada has already announced its commitment of 20,000 additional places for Afghan refugees. Australia could match this offer and urge other resettlement states to do the same, sending a strong and positive message to states receiving Afghan refugees that the world is ready to share responsibility in the protection of lives at risk.
 - (iv) as many people are now at risk from hunger and lack of shelter due to their forced displacement, immediately increase Australian aid to the region to support programs to assist people who have been displaced across borders and, wherever possible, support organisations still offering assistance within Afghanistan.
 - (v) we welcome the extension of temporary visas of all Afghan citizens in Australia announced by Immigration Minister, Alex Hawke on 17 August. A vital next step of this is to ensure that people whose asylum claims have been previously rejected be supported to submit new claims in the light of the changed circumstances in Afghanistan.
 - (vi) extend permanent protection to 4300 Afghans on temporary protection visas, recognising that members of this group are unlikely to be able to return in safety for many years to come and need the assurance that they can continue to live in Australia without the constant fear of forced return.

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- (vii) assist Afghan Australians, including people with temporary and permanent protection visas, with urgent family reunion applications for relatives who are at particular risk, as members of minorities targeted by the Taliban or people likely to be targeted because of their connections to western nations. This should include giving priority to finalising family reunion applications which have previously been lodged but are waiting on a decision from the Department of Home Affairs.
- (e) That a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Refugee Council of Australia and Mr John Alexander MP for Bennelong.
- (f) A report be brought back identifying a source of funding for a donation of up to \$5000 for medical aid, food and resources for the crisis in Afghanistan. This is in line with previous resolutions for humanitarian aid and should identify an appropriate organisation to distribute the aid directly to the on ground response like the Red Cross, doctors without borders or the UNHCR.

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Zhou advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding an increasing concern from City of Ryde residents and the availability of approved vaccines to all age groups, in particular under 16's and the 60 plus age group.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale accepted this matter as an Urgent Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillor Zhou and the Mayor, Councillor Laxale)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Zhou, regarding an increasing concern from City of Ryde residents and the availability of approved vaccines to all age groups, in particular under 16's and the 60 plus age group, the time being 8.08pm.

On being put to the meeting, Councillors Kim and Lane abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim and Lane

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MATTER OF URGENCY – AVAILABILITY OF ALL APPROVED AND SUITABLE VACCINES TO ALL AGE GROUPS, IN PARTICULAR UNDER 16'S AND THE 60 PLUS AGE GROUP AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE

Note: Councillor Lane and Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 8.28pm and were not present for voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Zhou and Purcell)

- (a) That due to increasing concern from residents of the City of Ryde, the General Manager write to the Hon. Greg Hunt MP, Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care and the Hon. Brad Hazzard, NSW Minister for Health and Medical Research urging them to make all approved and suitable vaccines available to all age groups, in particular under 16's and the 60 plus age group as soon as practicable.
- (b) That Council assist NSW Health by promoting their messaging around vaccination to the City of Ryde community. That funding, if required, come from the Communications base budget and/or the Mayoral budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 27 July 2021

Note: Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM returned to the meeting at 8.32pm.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Clifton)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 7/21, held on 27 July 2021 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 3 August 2021

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

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**4 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 6/21
held on 10 August 2021**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**4(1) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Works and Community Committee
Meeting held on 8 June 2021**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

4(3) ADOPTION OF MAGDALA PARK MASTERPLAN

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**5 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
5/21 held on 10 August 2021**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**5(1) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Finance and Governance Committee
Meeting held on 8 June 2021**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**6 JUNE QUARTERLY REVIEW REPORT - FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PLAN
2020-2024 AND 2020/2021 OPERATIONAL PLAN**

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Purcell)

That the June 2021 Quarterly Review report (Four Year Delivery Plan 2020 - 2024 and One Year 2020/21 Operational Plan) for Quarter Four, *April – June 2021*, be received and endorsed by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Kim

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LATE COUNCIL REPORTS

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 17 August 2021

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

9 SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

1 DEFERRED PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE: LETTER TO MINISTER STOKES REGARDING VILLA DEVELOPMENT - LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PLAQUE - ITALIAN MIGRANTS OF RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lane)

- (a) The Council consult with the Italian Migrants of Ryde and the Multicultural Advisory Committee for the inclusion of recognition of Ryde's history of multicultural (Italian, Chinese, British) market gardens.
- (b) That a report be brought back to Council as soon practicable, including an implementation plan with a funding source.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

2 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: PARKING MATTERS - NEIGHBOURING STREETS SURROUNDING THE RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lane)

- (a) That Council consult with the residents of all neighbouring streets surrounding the Aquatic Centre about the parking matters.

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- (b) That a meeting be organised as soon as practicable after work hours.
That all residents are informed by a formal letter.
- (c) That the proposed changes to the Residents Parking Permit Plan be discussed so that residents have the freedom to once again park on their street as per the previous policy.
- (d) That the outcomes of the meeting be reported to the Traffic Committee with outcomes achieved for the betterment of the residents.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: APPRECIATION PLAQUE - Councillor Jordan Lane

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That Council organise and present an item of appreciation to Ms Youn Kyung Lee, the President of Korean Harmony Culture Group Inc, for organising the 3rd Korean Senior Festival in Ryde on 15 May 2021.
- (b) That Council organise a morning tea to mark the occasion, funded from the Mayor's budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: GRANT FOR EXPANDED YOGA SERVICES - Councillor Jordan Lane

Note: Genevieve Paton made a written submission on this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That the General Manager arranges for staff to meet with The Yoga House, Gladesville who are interested in offering expanded yoga services that improve the physical and mental wellbeing of our local community.
- (b) That Council prepare a report as soon as practicable outlining options for Council to assist them in applying for a grant and/or any other opportunities to support this exciting initiative.

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AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillor Kim)

- (a) That Council arranges for staff to meet with The Yoga House, Gladesville and Falun and Dafa, Eastwood who are interested in offering expanded yoga services that improve the physical and mental wellbeing of our local community.
- (b) That Council prepare a report as soon as practicable outlining options for Council to assist them in applying for a grant and/or any other opportunities to support this exciting initiative.

Note: The Mayor called for a Secunder for this Amendment. As there was no Secunder, the Amendment lapsed. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That the General Manager arranges for staff to meet with The Yoga House, Gladesville who are interested in offering expanded yoga services that improve the physical and mental wellbeing of our local community.
- (b) That Council prepare a report as soon as practicable outlining options for Council to assist them in applying for a grant and/or any other opportunities to support this exciting initiative.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

5 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS - Councillor Christopher Gordon

Note: Jemila Rushton (representing ICAN Australia) made a written submission on this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Clifton)

- (a) That Council notes with deep concern the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world.
- (b) That Council recognises that the residents of the City of Ryde have the right to live in a world free from this threat and that any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.

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- (c) That Council therefore warmly welcomes the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations in 2017, which entered into force in January 2021, and calls upon the Australian Government to sign and ratify it as a humanitarian imperative.
- (d) That Council endorses the unanimous resolution of the 2021 National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association (seconded by the City of Ryde) which calls upon the Federal Government to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- (e) That Council writes to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, the Federal Leader of the Opposition, and the Shadow Foreign Minister to inform them of Council's resolution.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM)

That Council:-

- (a) notes Councillor Gordon's strong commitment to a nuclear-free world.
- (b) notes that Nuclear weapons possessor states were not engaged in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons negotiations, and none have signed or ratified.
- (c) encourages Councillor Gordon to run for Federal Parliament where he can most appropriately advocate for, and importantly influence change in, foreign affairs policy.

On being put to the meeting, Councillors Kim and Maggio abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Amendment. The voting on the Amendment was four (4) For, and eight (8) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Brown, Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Kim and Brown)

- (a) That Council notes with deep concern the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world.

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- (b) That Council recognises that the residents of the City of Ryde have the right to live in a world free from this threat and that any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.
- (c) That Council therefore warmly welcomes the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations in 2017, which entered into force in January 2021, and calls upon the Australian Government to sign and ratify it as a humanitarian imperative.
- (d) That Council endorses the unanimous resolution of the 2021 National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association (seconded by the City of Ryde) which calls upon the Federal Government to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- (e) That Council writes to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, the Federal Leader of the Opposition, and the Shadow Foreign Minister to inform them of Council's resolution.
- (f) That the Mayor write to the states in possession of nuclear weapons to abandon the nuclear weapons namely United States, Russia, China, United Kingdom, India, Pakistan, France, Israel, North Korea.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale ruled this Further Amendment Out of Order.

MOTION OF DISSENT

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Lane and Brown)

That a Motion of Dissent be moved against the Mayor's ruling that the Further Amendment is Out of Order, the time being 9.38pm.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Motion was five (5) For and seven (7) Against. The Motion was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 9:40pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

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RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Clifton)

- (a) That Council notes with deep concern the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world.
- (b) That Council recognises that the residents of the City of Ryde have the right to live in a world free from this threat and that any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.
- (c) That Council therefore warmly welcomes the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations in 2017, which entered into force in January 2021, and calls upon the Australian Government to sign and ratify it as a humanitarian imperative.
- (d) That Council endorses the unanimous resolution of the 2021 National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association (seconded by the City of Ryde) which calls upon the Federal Government to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- (e) That Council writes to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, the Federal Leader of the Opposition, and the Shadow Foreign Minister to inform them of Council's resolution.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Brown, Kim, Lane and Moujalli

6 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND TURNING SIGNALS AT COXS AND WICKS ROAD, NORTH RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Suzanne Barron, Nadine Robson, Teresa Myers and Marnie Starr made a written submission on this Item.

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM returned to the meeting at 9:41pm.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Maggio)

- (a) That Council note:-
 - (i) That the Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School and Pre-school children, along with their families, Macquarie Hospital consumers and visitors, the elderly and other pedestrians cross from all four corners of Wicks and Coxs Roads, just east of the Coxs Road Shopping precinct and that this is a busy carriageway for buses, trucks and other vehicles.

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- (ii) City of Ryde has installed pedestrian safety barriers on all four corners to help improve the safety of pedestrians.
 - (iii) Currently, only one corner at this intersection has a turning arrow and pedestrians on the other three corners are at risk of collisions with turning vehicles.
 - (iv) There have been recent pedestrian injuries at this intersection.
 - (v) These traffic signals are the responsibility of TfNSW.
- (b) That the Mayor write to the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Andrew Constance MP, with supporting information on the accident history of the site from City of Ryde staff, requesting that 'red-hold' turning arrows and appropriate signal phasing be implemented by TfNSW and any additional suggested pedestrian safety devices be installed at the intersection of Coxs and Wicks Road, North Ryde as soon as possible.
- (c) That a copy of this letter be posted to the Member for Ryde, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: DEVELOPMENT OF A DEDICATED PICKLEBALL CENTRE AT MEADOWBANK PARK - Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: Demetrios Demetriou (representing Ryde Pickleball in the park) made a written submission on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Kim)

- (a) That Council investigate the implementation of the development of a dedicated Pickleball Centre in the City of Ryde.
- (b) That a report be presented to Council as soon as practicable with all options including funding.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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8 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: INSTALLATION OF SIGNS AROUND ALL DOG OFF LEASH AREAS - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Moujalli)

- (a) That Council install similar language appropriate signs around all dog off leash areas.
- (b) That a communication strategy is conducted through all rates notices of media channels informing the community.
- (c) That Council fund the signs from General Revenue.
- (d) That the installation commence as soon as practicable.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: BEAUTIFICATION OF BORONIA PARK BUSINESS PRECINCT - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lane)

- (a) That Council notes the adopted Small & Neighbourhood Centre Upgrade Program outlined in the Four-Year Delivery Plan as detailed in this report.
- (b) That a business plan also be presented to Council with the purpose of increasing daytime and night time activation of the Boronia Park business district.
- (c) That the plan include feedback from all businesses and stakeholders and Hunters Hill Council.
- (d) That Council continues to explore opportunities to activate Boronia Park within existing budgets.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

10 PROVISION OF FOOD/HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY IN RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

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ATTACHMENT 1

11 FOOD TRUCKS IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Gordon)

- (a) That consideration of this Item be deferred to Confidential Session.
- (b) That Council resolve into Closed Session to consider all Confidential Items.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim and Lane

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 10.04pm. The public and media left the webcast.

CLOSED SESSION

ITEM 7 - ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

ITEM 10 - GENERAL MANAGERS PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2020-2021

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

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NOTICE OF MOTION

11 FOOD TRUCKS IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 10.22pm during discussion on this Item and was not present for voting on this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Brown)

- (a) That the City of Ryde compliance team investigate and report back, if required, the auditing of all food trucks within the City of Ryde as soon as practicable on public and private land during weekdays and weekends ensuring the appropriate measures are taken with a local COVID Safe Plan to continue trading.
- (b) That the General Manager write a letter to the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces to advise that the Ministerial Order made in March 2020, which provided flexibility for mobile food and drink operators is now causing concern to existing food and drink premises in the City of Ryde and that Council seek a review of this Order to protect local businesses.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Kim

CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL REPORT

7 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM returned to the meeting at 10:30pm.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

That the report of the General Counsel be received.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Kim, Lane and Maggio

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MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Maggio advised the meeting that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding a recent dog attack in Santa Rosa Park.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale accepted this matter as an Urgent Item.

Note: Councillors Lane and Moujalli left the meeting at 10.40pm and were not present for voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Yedelian OAM)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Maggio regarding a recent dog attack in Santa Rosa Park, the time being 10.40pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY – DOG ATTACK IN SANTA ROSA PARK

Note: Councillor Lane returned to the meeting at 10:49pm.

Note: Councillor Moujalli was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Yedelian OAM)

That the General Manager urge staff to complete the investigation in relation to a recent dog attack in Santa Rosa Park and report back to Council as soon as practicable.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Kim abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Kim

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CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL REPORT

10 GENERAL MANAGERS PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2020-2021

Note: Councillor Moujalli returned to the meeting at 10:51pm.

MOTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Maggio)

- (a) That Council acknowledge the Performance Review Rating of 'Very Satisfactory' for the General Manager and endorse the recommendations regarding the General Manager Performance Review Report 2020-2021 as outlined within the confidential report.
- (b) That Council endorse the General Managers Performance Agreement for the next review period 2021-2022, with the addition of a 360 review process.
- (c) That in view of the current economic climate, Council does not increase the General Manager's Annual Total Remuneration Package.

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 10:55pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Zhou)

- (a) That Council acknowledge the Performance Review Rating of "Very Satisfactory" for the General Manager and endorse the recommendations regarding the General Manager Performance Review Report 2020-2021 as outlined within the confidential report.
- (b) That Council endorse the General Managers Performance Agreement for the next review period 2021-2022.
- (c) That in view of part (a) above, Council increase the General Manager's ATRP by 2%, with such an increase to take effect from 1 July 2021.

On being put to the meeting Councillor Clifton abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded against the Amendment. The Voting on the Amendment was two (2) For and nine (9) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Purcell and Zhou

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Kim, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli and Pedersen

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Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM was not present for voting on this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Maggio)

- (a) That Council acknowledge the Performance Review Rating of “Very Satisfactory” for the General Manager and endorse the recommendations regarding the General Manager Performance Review Report 2020-2021 as outlined within the confidential report.
- (b) That Council endorse the General Managers Performance Agreement for the next review period 2021-2022, with the addition of a 360 review process.
- (c) That in view of the current economic climate, Council does not increase the General Manager’s Annual Total Remuneration Package.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

OPEN SESSION

Note: Councillor Yedelian returned to the meeting at 11.21pm.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Clifton)

- (a) That the Council resolve itself into open Council.
- (b) That the recommendations of Items considered in Closed Session be received and adopted as resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.
- (c) That the Minutes of the Closed Session be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Open Council resumed at 11.21pm.

The meeting closed at 11.21pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2021

Chairperson

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 28 September 2021

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLM/21/1/1/2 - BP21/928

REPORT SUMMARY

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, a motion or discussion with respect to such minutes shall not be in order except with regard to their accuracy as a true record of the proceedings.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 11/21, held on 28 September 2021 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting - 28 September 2021

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ATTACHMENT 1

**Extraordinary Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 11/21**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 28 September 2021
Location: Online Audio Visual Meeting
Time: 7.00pm

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Maggio, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou.

Note: Councillor Maggio joined the online audio visual meeting at 7.11pm during discussion on Item 2. He was not present for consideration or voting on Item 1.

Apologies: Nil.

Absent: Councillors Kim.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Council, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Corporate Governance, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale 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

No written submissions were made to Council.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were made to Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

At this stage of the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor Laxale 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.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, presented the options on the method of voting for Mayor and requested a motion in respect of this Item.

Note: Councillor Maggio was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Clifton)

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of Mayor be open voting by the show of hands.
- (b) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Mayor for the ensuing period up until the next Local Government Election by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that there were two (2) nominations for Office of Mayor, namely Councillor Laxale and Councillor Moujalli.

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

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ATTACHMENT 1

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

Councillor Laxale 6 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Laxale, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Councillor Moujalli 4 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Brown, Lane, Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

As a result of the voting, COUNCILLOR LAXALE WAS DULY ELECTED MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING PERIOD.

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

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

2 DETERMINATION OF OFFICE AND FEE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Note: Councillor Maggio joined the online audio visual meeting at 7.11pm during discussion on this Item.

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

- (a) That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period up until the next Local Government Election.
- (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

ITEM 3 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that there were two (2) nominations for Office of Deputy Mayor, namely Councillor Moujalli and Councillor Maggio.

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 Moujalli 5 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Brown, Lane, Moujalli, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Councillor Maggio 6 votes

Voting in favour: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen and Purcell

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

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale then invited the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Maggio to address the meeting.

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

ITEM 3 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

That Council deal with Items 4, 5 and 6 in conjunction noting that the Councillor members for each Standing Committee, Advisory Committee and External Committee remain the same for the ensuing period until the next Local Government Election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Moujalli

4 COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Appointment of Councillor Members to Standing Committees

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

- (a) That Council endorse its Standing Committees of Works and Community Committee and Finance and Governance Committee.
- (b) That the current Councillor Committee members for the Works and Community Committee continue for the ensuing period until the next Local Government Election.
- (c) That the current Councillor Committee members for the Finance and Governance Committee continue for the ensuing period until the next Local Government Election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Moujalli

ITEM 3 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

5 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND CONFIRMATION OF COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES

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

(a) That the following Advisory Committees be convened for the ensuing period to coincide with the term of Council until the next Local Government Election:-

- Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
- Arts Advisory Committee
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Festivals and Events Advisory Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Macquarie Park Forum
- Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Renewable Energy Advisory Committee
- Ryde Youth Council
- Social Inclusion Advisory Committee
- Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee
- Status of Women Advisory Committee

(b) That the current Councillor delegate/s appointed to the Advisory Committees at the Council meeting of 22 September 2020 continue for the ensuing period until the next Local Government Election.

(c) That due to the nature of business conducted by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, the current delegates being Councillors Purcell and Lane and current alternate delegates being Councillors Brown and Maggio continue for the ensuing period until the next Local Government Election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Moujalli

ITEM 3 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

6 EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Appointment of Delegates

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

- (a) That the following current Councillor delegates remain appointed to NSROC for the ensuing period until the next Local Government Election:-
- The Mayor, Councillor Laxale
 - Councillor Pedersen as a formal delegate
 - Councillors Gordon and Clifton as alternate delegates
- (b) That the current formal Councillor delegates being Councillors Purcell and Clifton and current alternate Councillor delegate being Councillor Pedersen remain appointed to the Sydney North Planning Panel for the ensuing period until the next Local Government Election.
- (c) That the current formal Councillor delegate being Councillor Pedersen and current alternate Councillor delegate being Councillor Clifton remain appointed to the Parramatta River Catchment Group for the ensuing period until the next Local Government Election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Moujalli

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM11/21 THE PASSING OF NEITA MATTHEWS OAM – The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Roy Maggio

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

- (a) That Council mark the passing of Neita Matthews OAM with a minute's silence.
- (b) That in consultation with the Matthews family, a plaque, bench or similar be installed at Meadowbank Park, with funding to come from the Mayoral budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed.

ITEM 3 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2021

Chairperson

**4 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 7/21
held on 12 October 2021**

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/21/1/1/2 - BP21/941

REPORT SUMMARY

Attached are the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee Meeting 7/21 held on 12 October 2021. The Minutes will be listed for confirmation at the next Works and Community Committee Meeting.

Items 1, 3 and 6 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

The following Committee recommendations for Items 2, 4 and 5 are submitted to Council for determination in accordance with the delegations set out in Council's Code of Meeting Practice relating to Charters, functions and powers of Committees:

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Works and Community Committee
Meeting held on 10 August 2021**

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale left the meeting at 6.06pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Gordon)

That the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee Meeting 6/21, held on 10 August 2021, be confirmed.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Brown abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillor Brown

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **26 OCTOBER 2021** as dissenting votes were recorded.

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4 DEFIBRILLATORS AT COUNCIL SPORTSGROUNDS

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Pedersen)

That consideration of this Item be deferred, at the earliest, to the Works and Community Committee meeting on 9 November 2021 with the legal and insurance advice.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **26 OCTOBER 2021** as substantive changes were made to the published recommendation.

5 DONATION HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN AFGHANISTAN

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Clifton)

That Council donates \$5,000 from the Corporate Governance Base Budget to the UN Refugee Agency Australia for UNHCR to assist with providing on the ground humanitarian relief in Afghanistan.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **26 OCTOBER 2021** as it is outside the Committee's delegations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Works and Community Committee Meeting - 12 October 2021

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ATTACHMENT 1

**Works and Community Committee
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 7/21**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 12 October 2021
Location: Online Audio Visual Meeting
Time: 6.02pm

The General Manager opened the meeting at 6.02pm.

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen and Purcell.

Apologies: Nil.

Absent: Councillors Kim and Yedelian OAM.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale left the meeting at 6.06pm and did not return. He was not present for consideration and voting on Items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Parks, Manager – Transport, IT Applications Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, gave an overview of the election process in relation to the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

METHOD OF VOTING FOR CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be open voting by show of hands.

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- (b) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the ensuing period up to the next Local Government Election by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The General Manager, as Returning Officer advised that he had received one (1) nomination for the position of Chairperson of the Committee, namely Councillor Purcell.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer confirmed with Councillor Purcell that he accepted the nomination.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer called for any further nominations. As there were none, nominations were closed.

As there was only one nomination, **COUNCILLOR PURCELL WAS DULY ELECTED CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ENSUING PERIOD.**

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The General Manager, as Returning Officer advised that he had not received any nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Committee and called for any nominations.

The General Manager received one (1) nomination for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Committee, namely Councillor Pedersen.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer confirmed with Councillor Pedersen that she accepted the nomination.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer called for any further nominations. As there were none, nominations were closed.

As there was only one nomination, **COUNCILLOR PEDERSEN WAS DULY ELECTED DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ENSUING PERIOD.**

The Chairperson, Councillor Purcell then assumed the Chair.

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ATTACHMENT 1

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Works and Community Committee Meeting held on 10 August 2021

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale left the meeting at 6.06pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Gordon)

That the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee Meeting 6/21, held on 10 August 2021, be confirmed.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Brown abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Maggio, Pedersen and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillor Brown

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **26 OCTOBER 2021** as dissenting votes were recorded.

3 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Clifton)

That the Committee adopt Item 5 on the Agenda as per the recommendation in the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

5 DONATION HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN AFGHANISTAN

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Gordon and Clifton)

That Council donates \$5,000 from the Corporate Governance Base Budget to the UN Refugee Agency Australia for UNHCR to assist with providing on the ground humanitarian relief in Afghanistan.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **26 OCTOBER 2021** as it is outside the Committee's delegations.

4 DEFIBRILLATORS AT COUNCIL SPORTSGROUNDS

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Pedersen)

That consideration of this Item be deferred, at the earliest, to the Works and Community Committee meeting on 9 November 2021 with the legal and insurance advice.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **26 OCTOBER 2021** as substantive changes were made to the published recommendation.

5 DONATION HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN AFGHANISTAN

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

6 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - SEPTEMBER 2021

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Pedersen)

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations:

(A) MIRIAM ROAD, WEST RYDE – AT-GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The following changes be made in Miriam Road, West Ryde subject to funding being provided:

- a) An at-grade pedestrian crossing and associated statutory No Stopping restrictions be installed on Miriam Road in the vicinity of Reserve Street, West Ryde.

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- b) The pedestrian crossing be installed as per RMS Technical Directions.

(B) MELLOR STREET AND FALCONER STREET, WEST RYDE - AT-GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

- a) The proposal to install at grade pedestrian crossings on Mellor Street and Falconer Street at their intersection with Victoria Road be deferred for a review of warrants and road safety deficiencies being addressed.

(C) MORRISON ROAD, PUTNEY - P5 MINUTE MON – SUN & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- a) That no changes be made to the existing No Stopping restrictions along the property frontage of 217 Morrison Road, Putney as any changes would have a negative impact on the operation of the signalised intersection of Morrison Road and Charles Street.

(D) CULLODEN ROAD, MARSFIELD - DISABLED PARKING ZONE

The following changes be made in Culloden Road, Marsfield:

- a) A dedicated disabled parking space be installed on the western side of Culloden Road, immediately south of Bus Stop 212228 as per AS2890.6 – Disabled Parking Code.

(E) SMITH STREET, RYDE - NO PARKING – COUNCIL AUTHORISED VEHICLES EXCEPTED

The following changes be made in Smith Street, Ryde:

- a) A single 'NO PARKING – COUNCIL AUTHORISED VEHICLES EXCEPTED' parking space be installed along the frontage of 4 Smith Street, Ryde.

(F) 13-15 GLEN STREET, EASTWOOD - PROPOSED MOTORBIKES ONLY ZONE

The following changes be made in Glen Street, Eastwood:

- a) The car park space immediately west of the driveway serving 13-15 Glen Street be converted to "Motorcycle Only" parking.

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(G) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY

- a) The Road Safety report be received and noted.

(H) RYEDALE ROAD, EASTWOOD - 2P PARKING

The following changes be made in Ryedale Road, Eastwood:

- a) "2P, 8:30AM-6PM, MON_FRI" parking be introduced on the eastern side of Ryedale Road (north of First Avenue) Eastwood to improve the turnover of short time parking.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

The meeting closed at 6.46pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

Chairperson

**5 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
6/21 held on 12 October 2021**

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLM/21/1/1/2 - BP21/942

REPORT SUMMARY

Attached are the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting 6/21 held on 12 October 2021. The Minutes will be listed for confirmation at the next Finance and Governance Committee Meeting.

Items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

The following Committee recommendation for Item 2 is submitted to Council for determination in accordance with the delegations set out in Council's Code of Meeting Practice relating to Charters, functions and powers of Committees:

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Finance and Governance Committee
Meeting held on 10 August 2021**

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Purcell)

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee 5/21, held on 10 August 2021, be confirmed.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Brown abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillor Brown

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **26 OCTOBER 2021** as dissenting votes were recorded.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Finance and Governance Committee Meeting - 12 October 2021**

ITEM 5 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

**Finance and Governance Committee
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 6/21**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 12 October 2021
Location: Online Audio Visual Meeting
Time: 6.55pm

The General Manager opened the meeting at 6.55pm.

Councillors Present: Councillors Gordon (Chairperson), Brown, Clifton, Pedersen and Purcell.

Apologies: Nil.

Absent: Councillors Kim and Maggio.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – Communications and Engagement, IT Applications Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, gave an overview of the election process in relation to the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

METHOD OF VOTING FOR CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Clifton)

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be open voting by show of hands.
- (b) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the ensuing period up to the next Local Government Election by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The General Manager, as Returning Officer advised that he had received one (1) nomination for the position of Chairperson of the Committee, namely Councillor Gordon.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer confirmed with Councillor Gordon that he accepted the nomination.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer called for any further nominations. As there were none, nominations were closed.

As there was only one nomination, **COUNCILLOR GORDON WAS DULY ELECTED CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ENSUING PERIOD.**

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The General Manager, as Returning Officer advised that he had not received any nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Committee and called for any nominations.

The General Manager received one (1) nomination for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Committee, namely Councillor Clifton.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer confirmed with Councillor Clifton that she accepted the nomination.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer called for any further nominations. As there were none, nominations were closed.

As there was only one nomination, **COUNCILLOR CLIFTON WAS DULY ELECTED DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ENSUING PERIOD.**

The Chairperson, Councillor Gordon then assumed the Chair.

ITEM 5 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 10 August 2021

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Purcell)

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee 5/21, held on 10 August 2021, be confirmed.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Brown abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Pedersen and Purcell

Against the Motion: Councillor Brown

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **26 OCTOBER 2021** as dissenting votes were recorded.

3 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Brown)

That the Committee adopt Item 4, Item 5 and Item 6 on the Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Brown)

- (a) That Council endorse the Investment Report as at 31 August 2021.
- (b) That Council endorse the updated investment policy as attached to this report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

ITEM 5 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

5 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Brown)

That Council endorse the Investment Report as at 30 September 2021.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

6 RESOURCING STRATEGY UPDATE - LTFP

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Clifton and Brown)

That Council endorses the updated Long Term Financial Plan.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

The meeting closed at 7.03pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

Chairperson

6 2020/21 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report prepared by: Chief Financial Officer
File No.: GRP/21/8 - BP21/959

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an outline of the Council's 2020/21 Draft Financial Statements and its associated statutory obligations.

Council is required to prepare Financial Statements in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations, Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Australian Accounting Standards. At its 27 July meeting, Council resolved to release the 2020/21 Draft Financial statements for external audit.

The external audit is now complete and the 2020/21 Draft Financial Statements are required (by legislation) to be endorsed by Council and then placed on public exhibition. In addition to this, Council must ensure that its audited Financial Statements are lodged with the Office of Local Government no later than 31 October 2021.

Representatives from Audit Office will be available for questions during the discussion of this item.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the Mayor, a Councillor, General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer sign the 'Statement by Councillor and Management' for both the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements, as contained in the 2020/21 Draft Financial Statements.
- (b) That Council endorses the 2020/21 Draft Financial Statements to be placed on public exhibition with a view to tabling any community feedback at the 23 November 2021 Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 2020/2021 Draft Financial Statements – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Report Prepared By:

Pav Kuzmanovski
Chief Financial Officer

Report Approved By:

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

ITEM 6 (continued)
Discussion
2020/21 Draft Financial Statements

The 2020/21 Draft Financial Statements have been audited by Grant Thornton via the Audit Office (AO) and are provided for **UNDER SEPARATE COVER**. The AO have provided Council with an unqualified audit opinion and have presented their findings and the conduct of the audit to Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC). A summary of Council's financial performance and position is provided below.

Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position

Council's Income Statement for the financial year discloses the following (with prior year comparatives):

	2020/21 \$(M)
Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	43.9
Operating Result	67.5
Add: Infrastructure Revaluation Increments (non-cash)*	10.4
Total Comprehensive Income	77.9

* Please note that these revaluation movements do not have an impact on Council's Working Capital Position.

The operating surplus before capital grants and contributions is a surplus of \$43.9 million with the \$36 million revaluation of Council's investments properties (non-cash) the primary factor in achieving this result. The \$36 million revaluation increment are accounting entries between Council's Statement of Financial Position and Council's Income Statement to ensure Council's complies with Australian Accounting Standards and do not impact Council's Working Capital position.

Council's Statement of Financial Position discloses net assets of \$1.63 billion, primarily made up of Infrastructure related assets of \$1.28 billion (net value). Council's Working Capital position remains at \$4.5m and will be continually monitored into the 2021/22 financial year as the impacts of the latest COVID-19 outbreak are quantified.

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In presenting the 2020/21 Financial Statements, the Office of Local Government mandated a number of changes to the Code of Accounting Practice that have been incorporated into the financial reports. Although these changes did not have an impact on Council's net financial position, a number of the changes relate to the presentation of financial information and the classifications of specific expenses and income that may differ from prior financial years.

Key Financial Performance Indicators

The Key Financial Performance indicators are outlined in the Code of Accounting Practice. The indicators allow for Council comparisons to be made across the NSW Local Government sector. Council has exceeded the benchmark in all the financial indicators. The indicators are as follows:

\$ '000	Amounts 2021	Indicator 2021	Indicators		Benchmark
			2020	2019	
1. Operating performance ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses ^{1,2}	6,334	4.62%	3.42%	10.38%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions ¹	137,052				

Council's operating performance ratio was 4.62% which is well above the benchmark of zero. This indicator assists Council in determining if its Operating Surplus (excluding Capital Revenue) as a proportion of its Operating Surplus (excluding Capital Revenue) is greater than zero.

2. Own source operating revenue ratio

Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions ¹	129,773	80.76%	74.01%	71.18%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue ¹	160,689				

Council's Own Source Operating Revenue ratio is above the benchmark of 60% which means that it has a relatively low reliance on grants to fund operating expenditure. This indicator assists when developing the budget to ensure that ongoing operations are funded from reliable and sustainable funding sources.

3. Unrestricted current ratio

Current assets less all external restrictions	137,794	6.38x	2.09x	2.73x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	21,588				

ITEM 6 (continued)

Council's Unrestricted Current ratio is above the benchmark of 1.5. This benchmark will be used in the review of Council's Long Term Financial Plan to ensure that Council is financially sustainable and able to meet its ongoing short term financial obligations.

\$ '000	Amounts	Indicator	Indicators		Benchmark
	2021	2021	2020	2019	
4. Debt service cover ratio					
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation ¹	<u>30,755</u>	12.75x	51.74x	31.74x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	<u>2,413</u>				

Council's Debt Service ratio is above the benchmark of 2 and is capable of servicing its existing loan obligations as they are secured against rates income and factored into the budget.

5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

Rates and annual charges outstanding	<u>4,808</u>	4.60%	3.72%	5.03%	< 5.00%
Rates and annual charges collectable	<u>104,579</u>				

Council's Outstanding Rates and Annual Charges ratio is below the benchmark of 5%. The implications of COVID-19 have reflected on this indicator in the current financial year.

6. Cash expense cover ratio

Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	<u>160,042</u>	17.13 mths	13.31 mths	16.80 mths	> 3.00 mths
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	<u>9,340</u>				

Council's Cash Expense Cover ratio is above the benchmark of 3 months. This will track closer to benchmark in the next financial year as cash reserves are used to fund large capital projects.

(1) Excludes fair value increments on investment properties, reversal of revaluation decrements, reversal of impairment losses on receivables, net gain on sale of assets and net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method and includes pensioner rate subsidies

(2) Excludes impairment/revaluation decrements of IPPE, fair value decrements on investment properties, net loss on disposal of assets and net loss on share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method

ITEM 6 (continued)

Infrastructure Performance Indicators

Council's Infrastructure asset indicators (found in Special Schedule 7) are a summary of Council's infrastructure asset 'conditions' for the financial year. Special Schedule 7 is not audited by the Audit Office.

\$ '000	Amounts	Indicator	Indicators		Benchmark
	2021	2021	2020	2019	
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio					
Asset renewals ¹	<u>23,569</u>	124.17%	157.39%	218.79%	>= 100.00%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	<u>18,981</u>				
Infrastructure backlog ratio					
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	<u>14,901</u>	1.96%	1.91%	1.59%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	<u>760,870</u>				
Asset maintenance ratio					
Actual asset maintenance	<u>19,260</u>	91.94%	91.13%	102.17%	> 100.00%
Required asset maintenance	<u>20,948</u>				
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level					
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	<u>14,901</u>	1.23%	1.21%	1.16%	
Gross replacement cost	<u>1,209,998</u>				

(*) All asset performance indicators are calculated using classes identified in the previous table.

(1) Asset renewals represent the replacement and/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance.

A summary of the indicators show that Council is performing well against benchmarks. Council is spending more on its renewals than it is depreciating but still has a backlog of approximately \$14.9 million that will be addressed in developing future budgets. Although the Asset Maintenance Ratio was not met, the shortfall was offset by the higher than benchmark spend on the Asset Renewals. Funds have been allocated in the current 4 year Delivery Program to address this backlog.

Next Steps

The following timeframes for finalising the 2020/21 Draft Financial Statements are as follows:

Receive Independent Auditors Report from Audit Office	27 October 2021
Submit 2020/21 Financial Statements to OLG	29 October 2021
Final 2020/21 Financial Statements to Council (includes presentation to Councillors by External Auditors)	23 November 2021

ITEM 6 (continued)**Conclusion**

Council remains in a solid financial position and has met or exceeded the vast majority of Financial and Infrastructure key performance indicators. The external audit process is now complete and there will be no other adjustments required to the Financial Statements. A final report will be tabled at Council on 23 November 2021 including any public submissions received. Council will continue to monitor its financial position through the Quarterly Budget Review Statement process.

7 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021

Report prepared by: Governance Officer
File No.: GRP/21/8 - BP21/976

REPORT SUMMARY

Under clause 4.21 of the *City of Ryde Code of Conduct – Standards of Conduct*, Councillors and designated persons must lodge a Pecuniary Interest Disclosure by 30 September each year. This report provides a summary of the Pecuniary Interest Disclosures that are required to be lodged for the period of 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Register of Pecuniary Interest Disclosures is tabled as required under Clause 4.25 of the *City of Ryde Code of Conduct – Standards of Conduct*.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 FY 2020-21 Pecuniary Interest Disclosures

Report Prepared By:

Sarah Stephen
Governance Officer

Report Approved By:

John Schanz
Manager - Corporate Governance

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

ITEM 7 (continued)

Discussion

Clause 4.21 of the *Code of Conduct* requires Councillors and designated persons to lodge a Pecuniary Interest Disclosure by 30 September each year.

Clause 4.24 of the *Code of Conduct* requires the General Manager to keep a register of Pecuniary Interest Disclosures and to table the Disclosures at the first Council meeting after 30 September.

Council is advised that 12 Councillors, 73 Council staff, 4 independent members of Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee have completed returns.

Additionally, 10 Ryde Local Planning Panel Members have separately lodged 2020-21 returns in accordance with the NSW Government's *Code of Conduct for Planning Panel Members*.

In accordance with clause 4.25 of the *Code of Conduct*, the 2020-2021 Register of Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Returns is tabled.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

8 ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS PROVIDING FOOD RELIEF IN RYDE

Report prepared by: Coordinator - Community Development
File No.: GRP/21/11 - BP21/867

REPORT SUMMARY

Council at its meeting of the 24 August 2021 resolved that:-

- (a) *Council provides a report at the next meeting, with a complete list of all local organisations that provide food/ hampers to the needy in the Ryde LGA, such as Christian Community Aid, North Ryde Community Aid etc.*
- (b) *Consideration is to be given to the amount of money Council can donate to these organisations, to assist them in continuing this important service.*
- (c) *That appropriate amounts (for donation) could be established through discussions between Council staff and representatives of each of the organisations.*

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased demand for emergency relief and financial assistance, as well, as a range of community services for support including counselling, domestic and family violence and mental health. The first round of lockdown in 2020 revealed food insecurity, however, the spike has been far more noticeable in the 2021 lockdown.

Council staff have contacted the following established Ryde emergency food relief providers to identify whether they currently have the capacity to meet increased community need for food relief:-

- CASS Group
- Christian Community Aid
- North Ryde Community Aid (Presbyterian Aged Care)
- Reach Community Initiatives
- Red Frogs Australia
- Ryde Salvation Army
- Ryde Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Sydney Community Services
- The Northern Centre
- Tzu Chi Buddhist Relief

ITEM 8 (continued)

Six of the organisations listed above recently received support from Council, as a result of its resolution dated 27 July 2021. Council donated \$10,000 to Foodbank NSW & ACT to provide emergency food hampers through their four Ryde local charity partners being:-

- Christian Community Aid
- North Ryde Community Aid
- Reach Community Initiatives North Ryde
- Ryde Seventh Day Adventist Church

Council also donated \$10,000 each to the following three organisations for the purpose of providing emergency food relief hampers:-

- Christian Community Aid Service Inc
- Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation
- Ryde Salvation Army

The organisations that recently received a donation from Council advised that they are currently meeting demand for emergency food relief, and they do not require further financial assistance. The Northern Centre and CASS also stipulated that they do not require funding assistance for food relief. The Northern Centre distributes food vouchers and refers people to other Ryde food relief providers and CASS recently received a government grant to provide food relief.

Red Frogs and Sydney Community Services would be appreciative of funding support, as this would enable them to provide additional emergency food relief in Ryde. Sydney Community Services would have increased capacity to service more Ryde residents.

Red Frog's efforts to provide emergency food relief to students, especially the international student community, has significantly reduced in 2021 due to monetary constraints and a reduction in donated non-perishable items. Many international students have become unemployed during the current lockdown and are currently relying on food relief.

Based on the findings from the discussions with the emergency food relief providers it is recommended that Council donates funding to Sydney Community Services and Red Frogs Australia to further their efforts of providing food relief to the Ryde community.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council donates \$5,000 to Sydney Community Services and \$5,000 to Red Frogs Australia for the purposes of providing emergency food hampers to eligible members of the Ryde community.

ITEM 8 (continued)

- (b) That Council advise the community, through its regular channels, that food relief hampers will be available through Sydney Community Services, Red Frogs Australia and the other established food relief providers.
- (c) That Council staff maintain regular contact with the food relief providers to determine the impact Council's donations is having on the Ryde community.
- (d) That funding for the donation be sourced from the Community and Ranger Services base budget.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Sean Willenberg
Coordinator - Community Development

Report Approved By:

Sue Verhoek
Senior Coordinator - Social Development & Capacity Building

Lindsay Godfrey
Manager - Community and Ranger Services

Angela Jones-Blayney
Director - Customer and Community Services

ITEM 8 (continued)**Discussion**

Council's Community Services staff have engaged with all registered community organisations that provide food relief in the Ryde LGA listed below:-

- CASS Group
- Christian Community Aid
- North Ryde Community Aid
- Reach Community Initiatives
- Red Frogs Australia
- Ryde Salvation Army
- Ryde Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Sydney Community Services
- The Northern Centre
- Tzu Chi Buddhist Relief organisation

From the resolution at Council's meeting on 27th July 2021, the following organisations have already received funding from the City of Ryde:-

- Christian Community Aid Service Inc
- Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation
- Sydney Holy City Movement (through partnership with Ryde Salvation Army)
- Foodbank NSW & ACT distributed their donation to its four Ryde Charity partners:-
 - Christian Community Aid
 - North Ryde Community Aid
 - Reach Community Initiatives North Ryde
 - Ryde Seventh Day Adventist Church

Council staff engaged with remaining organisations to determine whether there was an increase in demand for food relief and if they required any assistance to provide food relief to the community. As a result of these discussions, the following organisations advised that they would not be able to meet the increased demand due to financial constraints:-

- Sydney Community Services
- Red Frogs Australia

Both Sydney Community Services and Red Frogs Australia advised Council staff that if they were provided with additional funding they would be able to meet the demand of food relief for members of the community, including students who reside in the Ryde LGA.

ITEM 8 (continued)

Sydney Community Services provides food relief to Ryde, Hunters Hill and Lane Cove LGA's, in addition to their other service provisions. If a donation was provided to Sydney Community Services, they would have the capacity to service more Ryde residents and would promote their increased capacity for food relief through their preferred communication channels.

Red Frogs Australia currently provide food relief to students in the Ryde LGA who are experiencing financial hardship during the COVID lockdown in NSW. Due to lockdown restrictions, their efforts to provide food relief to all students has been reduced as there are fewer monetary donations and the donated non-perishable items have not been adequate to continue their efforts. In 2020, Red Frogs Australia participated in the 100 boxes project with Council during the first COVID lockdown in NSW. Red Frogs Australia were instrumental in providing food relief to students in the Ryde LGA through this project.

It is recommended that Council provide \$5,000 in funding to Sydney Community Services as this will assist them to increase their capacity to provide further food relief services to Ryde residents.

It is also recommended that Council provide \$5,000 in funding to Red Frogs Australia. This will assist them to purchase and distribute food to students living on campus and in the Ryde LGA.

Financial Implications

That Council allocate the amount of \$10,000 from the Community and Ranger Services base budget for the purpose of a \$5,000 donation to Sydney Community Services and a \$5,000 donation to Red Frogs Australia.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 RESPONSE FROM SENATOR THE HON. LINDA REYNOLDS CSC REGARDING NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS) LANGUAGE PROVISION

Report prepared by: Executive Assistant - Mayor and Councillors
File No.: MYR/07/10/11 - BP21/890

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from Senator The Hon. Linda Reynolds CSC, Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Minister for Government Services, Senator for Western Australia dated 3 August 2021, regarding provision of National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) information in CALD languages.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Correspondence from Senator, The Hon. Linda Reynolds CSC dated 3 August 2021 regarding NDIS information in CALD languages

Report Prepared By:

Linda Smith
Executive Assistant - Mayor and Councillors

Report Approved By:

Amanda Janvrin
Civic Services Manager

John Schanz
Manager - Corporate Governance

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 1

ATTACHMENT 1



**SENATOR THE HON LINDA REYNOLDS CSC
MINISTER FOR THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME
MINISTER FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES
SENATOR FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Ref: MC21-001341

Councillor Jerome Laxale
Mayor of the City of Ryde
Locked Bag 2069
NORTH RYDE NSW 1670

Dear Mayor Laxale

Thank you for your letter received on 23 of June 2021 regarding the translation of National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) publications into languages other than English.

I acknowledge the concerns outlined in your correspondence and recognise people with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds face additional challenges to achieving inclusion in their communities.

In 2020, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) reviewed the top languages spoken by NDIS participants who are members of the CALD community. I understand the NDIA updated its translation list based on the highest need and through this, key national products in future will be produced in languages including Korean, Dari and Spanish.

The NDIA has also partnered with Translating and Interpreting Service National (TIS National), which contracts certified interpreters across Australia to help translate NDIS information into an individual's preferred spoken language, for languages not covered in this response. Individuals can access this service by calling TIS National on 131 340 to ask to speak to the NDIA. I understand NDIS participants and carers are not charged for language interpreting services through TIS National.

The NDIA is committed to providing greater choice and control for all participants and making it easier for people from CALD communities to engage with the NDIA. To support this, the NDIA is regularly updating key participant publications, including the three participant booklets outlined in your letter. Once updated, the booklets will be made available in a range of languages including those listed above.

The NDIS Participant Service Improvement Plan sets out the roadmap for such improvements and was informed by participants and the disability sector. More information is available on the NDIS website at:

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/policies/service-charter/participant-service-improvement-plan>

Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 Australia

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The NDIA will also commence an extensive engagement process in late 2021 with CALD communities, including participants, families, carers and the sector, to develop a new CALD Strategy. The new Strategy is expected to be completed in 2022.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely


Linda Reynolds

3 AUG 2021

**2 RESPONSE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON. SCOTT MORRISON
MP REGARDING ADVOCACY SUPPORT FOR AFGHANISTAN**

Report prepared by: Executive Assistant - Mayor and Councillors
File No.: MYR/07/10/7 - BP21/975

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from the Prime Minister, The Hon. Scott Morrison MP dated 13 October 2021 in relation to Council's resolution from its meeting held on 24 August 2021 in respect of Notice of Motion concerning call to support urgent advocacy on Afghanistan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from the Prime Minister, The Hon. Scott Morrison MP dated 13 October 2021 regarding advocacy support for Afghanistan

Report Prepared By:

Linda Smith
Executive Assistant - Mayor and Councillors

Report Approved By:

Amanda Janvrin
Civic Services Manager

John Schanz
Manager - Corporate Governance

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 2

ATTACHMENT 1



PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MC21-103543

13 October 2021

Ms Jerome Laxale
lindasm@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Laxale

Thank you for writing to me regarding the situation in Afghanistan.

The situation in Afghanistan remains extremely volatile and dangerous, and deeply disturbing.

As the Taliban gained de facto control over the country, the Australian Government's immediate priority was ensuring the safe and orderly departure of our citizens, permanent residents and visa holders, including former locally-engaged Afghan employees and their families. We worked tirelessly to bring them and their families to Australia as quickly as possible, and made 32 evacuation flights out of Kabul, evacuating around 4,100 people to safety. Our evacuation operation was one of the largest humanitarian operations in our history.

I know there is deep concern for the safety and wellbeing of the Afghans who have worked alongside Australian soldiers, diplomats and aid workers over the past two decades, who may remain in Afghanistan or the region.

Please know we are continuing to do everything we can to help those who have stood with us, as we have done for many years.

Since 2013, we have resettled more than 2,000 former locally-engaged Afghan employees and their families in Australia, with more than 650 having arrived in Australia since April this year.

In addition, please know Afghan temporary visa holders currently in Australia will be supported by the Australian Government and will not be asked to return to Afghanistan while the security situation remains dire.

Together with our allies and partners, Australia has laboured long and hard to help the people of Afghanistan secure a better future. We will work with the international community to ensure any future Government of Afghanistan respects the human rights of all its citizens — especially women and girls — and is held to account for any human rights violations that take place.

Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 2

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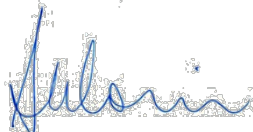
Australia has a long and successful humanitarian program, and I am pleased we will welcome an initial humanitarian intake of at least 3,000 Afghan nationals in 2021–22. Priority will be given to persecuted minorities, women and children, and those who have links to Australia, such as family members. This 3,000 commitment is a floor, not a ceiling, and we will increase the size of our intake as needed including in future years at these elevated levels. More than 12,000 Afghan nationals have already been resettled in Australia since 2013, and they are making a wonderful contribution to their new home.

Alongside our coalition partners, Australians have sacrificed so much in the cause of fighting terrorism, promoting freedom, and seeking to support the people of Afghanistan. This has been Australia's longest war, and our efforts have undoubtedly helped to hamper, interrupt and curtail many mass casualty attacks. Of course, we must accept — with realism and humility — the limits of our ability to realise all of the aspirations of the Afghan people. But despite this grave disappointment, our cause was, and always will be, a just one.

More than 40,000 Australian Defence Force men and women served on operations in support of Australia's mission in Afghanistan, along with diplomats, police officers and aid workers. I honour their sacrifice, and I especially pay tribute to the 41 Australians who died in Afghanistan in the service of our country, and the terrible loss suffered by their families. We will never forget them.

Thank you for writing to me at this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely



SCOTT MORRISON

3 RESPONSE BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT - EXTENSION TO JOBKEEPER PAYMENT

Report prepared by: Executive Assistant - Mayor and Councillors
File No.: MYR/07/10/7 - BP21/978

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from The Hon. Michael Sukkar MP, Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Social and Community Housing, dated 1 October 2021 regarding the request to extend the JobKeeper Payment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from The Hon. Michael Sukkar MP dated 1 October 2021 regarding request to extend JobKeeper Payment

Report Prepared By:

Linda Smith
Executive Assistant - Mayor and Councillors

Report Approved By:

Amanda Janvrin
Civic Services Manager

John Schanz
Manager - Corporate Governance

Mark Eady
Director - Corporate Services

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 3

ATTACHMENT 1



THE HON MICHAEL SUKKAR MP
Assistant Treasurer
Minister for Housing
Minister for Homelessness, Social and Community Housing

Ref: MC21-026162

Cr Jerome Laxale
Mayor
City of Ryde
Locked Bag 2069
NORTH RYDE NSW 1670

Dear Cr Laxale

Thank you for your correspondence, originally directed to the Treasurer, concerning re-introduction of the JobKeeper Payment in response to the current lockdown in New South Wales (NSW). Your correspondence has been referred to me for response.

The JobKeeper Payment was designed as a national scheme to deliver support quickly and at scale. JobKeeper was always intended to be a temporary measure and was just one part of the Australian Government's economic response plan to support Australians during the pandemic.

In response to the impact of the current lockdown in NSW, the Commonwealth and NSW governments have announced a new NSW business support payment. This payment provides cashflow support to businesses impacted by recent lockdowns and can be used for any business expense. The payment covers more than 400,000 businesses employing 3.3 million workers, subject to eligibility.

The program is being delivered by the NSW Government, with the Commonwealth Government providing funding through a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement.

The payments will be equivalent to 40 per cent of the weekly payroll from the most recent period prior to the lockdown, for work performed in NSW, with a minimum payment of \$1,500 per week and a maximum payment of \$100,000 per week. Non-employing businesses, such as a sole trader, may be eligible to receive a payment of \$1,000 per week.

To receive the payment, eligible entities are required to maintain their full time, part time and long-term casual staffing level as of 13 July 2021 by not taking any active steps to end an employment relationship. Further information can be found at: www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/jobkeeper-payment or by calling the NSW Business Concierge on 13 77 88.

In addition, the Australian Government is seeking to ensure that all Australians have a safety net to get them through the lockdowns – be that through the COVID-19 Disaster Payment, the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment, or the income support payments provided to Australians on a regular and ongoing basis.

The COVID-19 Disaster Payment provides support for individuals who are unable to work due to a state or territory public health order that imposes restrictions on movement, such as a lockdown.

Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 Australia
Telephone: 61 2 6277 7230

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Increased financial support is now available as part of the Commonwealth Government's expanded national COVID-19 Disaster Payment. Eligible workers will receive \$750 per week if they lose 20 hours or more of work while those that lose between 8 and less than 20 hours, or a full day of work, will receive a payment of \$450 per week.

The new national payment rate will commence for payments processed the week commencing 2 August 2021 and will be available from day one of any potential lockdown in the future. There will be no liquid assets test applied to eligibility for these payments and an individual does not need to run down personal annual leave.

Individuals who currently receive an income support payment through our social security safety net will receive a weekly payment of \$200, in addition to their existing payment, if they can demonstrate they have lost more than 8 hours of work and meet the other eligibility requirements for the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

The \$1,500 Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment is also available for individuals who must self-isolate or quarantine because they have COVID-19, are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 or are caring for someone with COVID-19, and they have no appropriate leave entitlements and do not receive any income or income support payments.

For further information regarding Australian Government support payments, please see:
www.servicesaustralia.gov.au.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



The Hon Michael Sukkar MP

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9 REQUEST FOR TENDER - COR-RFT 10/21 - MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL OWNED LIGHTING

Report prepared by: Senior Infrastructure Services Engineer; Senior Coordinator - Infrastructure Services

Report approved by: Manager - Assets and Infrastructure; Director - City Works

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; AND (d) (ii) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council. Tender Information - financial information, information on submissions received and preferred tenderer.

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10 REQUEST FOR TENDER - COR-RFT 07/21 - PLUMBING SERVICES

Report prepared by: Building Maintenance Coordinator

Report approved by: Manager - Operations; Director - City Works

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND (d) (ii) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

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11 PROPERTY MATTER - LEASING OPTIONS

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (f) details of systems and/or arrangements that have been implemented to protect council, councillors, staff and Council property.

Report prepared by: Manager - Strategic Property

File No.: GRP/21/8 - BP21/933

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12 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

Report prepared by: General Counsel

File No.: GRP/21/8 - BP21/956

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13 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTER - ML_67/21

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.

Report prepared by: Manager - Corporate Governance

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)

14 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTER - ML_62/21

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.

Report prepared by: Manager - Corporate Governance

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15 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTER - ML_65/21

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.

Report prepared by: Manager - Corporate Governance

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