

**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.

### **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.

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

**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.

**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

**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

**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.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2021

Chairperson