
Minutes of the Council Meeting 05 July 2023

PRESENT

Councillors

Lisa Lake (Mayor)	Councillor
Suman Saha (Deputy Mayor)	Councillor
Steve Christou	Councillor (Via Audio-Visual Link)
Diane Colman	Councillor
Greg Cummings	Councillor
Glenn Elmore	Councillor
Paul Garrard	Councillor
Ola Hamed	Councillor (Via Audio-Visual Link)
Kun Huang	Councillor (Via Audio-Visual Link)
Helen Hughes	Councillor
Mohamad Hussein	Councillor
Joseph Rahme	Councillor (Via Audio-Visual Link - Joined 6:41pm)
Eddy Sarkis	Councillor
Michael Zaiter	Councillor

Officers

Peter Fitzgerald	General Manager
Melissa Attia	Director Corporate Performance (Deputy General Manager)
Daniel Cavallo	Director Environment & Planning
Brendan Govers	Director City Services
Nicole Byrn	Director Community & Culture
Charlie Ayoub	Director Governance & Risk
Colin McFadzean	General Counsel
Carol Karaki	Manager Governance
Lyndall Thompson	Acting Coordinator Governance
Bianca Mourched	Governance Officer

The Mayor, Councillor Lake declared the meeting open at 6:31pm.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was read by Mr Yousef Al-Zoubi from Auburn Islamic Community Centre.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor, Councillor Lake read the following Acknowledgement of Country:

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land – the Darug People, and pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging."

National Anthem

At this point in the meeting the Mayor, Councillor Lake asked all of those in attendance to stand for the playing of the Australian National Anthem.

Min.465 Apologies / Requests for Leave of Absence/ Requests for Attendance by Audio-Visual Link

Note:

- Councillor Farooqui was not in attendance as Leave of Absence for this meeting was granted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 April 2023.
- Attendance via Audio/Visual Link for this meeting was previously resolved for Councillor Christou at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 1 March 2023.

Motion (Sarkis/Hussein)

That Councillor Colman be granted Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 July 2023.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Garrard, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min. 466

Motion (Sarkis/Saha)

That in accordance with Clause 5.24 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, Council approve the attendance of Councillor Hamed and Councillor Huang at this meeting via Audio/Visual Link due to feeling unwell.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Notice of Live Streaming of Council Meeting

The Mayor, Councillor Lake advised that the Council meeting was being streamed live on Council's website and all in attendance must ensure their speech to the Council is respectful and use appropriate language.

Confirmation of Minutes

Min. 467 C07/23-338 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 21 June 2023

Motion (Cummings/Hussein)

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 June 2023, inclusive of administrative amendments made.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Declarations of Pecuniary & Non Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Colman declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in Item C07/23-342 as she is a member of the relevant planning panel responsible for determination of this matter. Councillor Colman advised that she will leave the Chamber while this item is discussed.

Councillor Elmore declared a Less Than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in Item C07/23-341 as he knows one of the applicants who has been recommended for a grant in the rebate program. As he sits on the Heritage Committee, he advised that he previously excused himself from the judgement process, and he would therefore be remaining in the Chamber for the consideration of the item.

Councillor Saha declared a Less Than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in Item C07/23-341 as he knows one of the applicants who has been recommended for a grant in the rebate program. As Councillor Saha does not sit on the Heritage Committee nor was involved in the judgement of these applications, he indicated he would remain in the Chamber during the consideration of the item.

The Mayor, Councillor Lake declared a Less Than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in Item C07/23-341 as she knows one of the applicants who has been recommended for a grant in the rebate program. As Councillor Lake does not sit on the Heritage Committee nor was involved in the judgement of these applications, she indicated she would remain in the Chamber during the consideration of the item.

Min. 468 Request for Attendance by Audio-Visual Link – Councillor Rahme**Motion (Sarkis/Zaiter)**

That in accordance with Clause 5.24 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, Council approve the attendance of Councillor Rahme at this meeting via Audio/Visual Link due to illness.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

At this point of the Meeting, Councillor Sarkis declared a Less Than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in Item C07/23-342 as he previously was involved as a Council delegate on the Planning Panel for this matter during the previous term of Council. Councillor Sarkis indicated he would be leaving the Chamber for the consideration of the item.

Councillor Colman left the Meeting at 6:45pm before Public Forum.

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Public Forum:**Speakers on Items on the Council Meeting Agenda**

Speaker	Item #	Suburb
Mr Finn Smith	C07/23-342 – Amendment to the Cumberland Development Control Plan	Sydney
Mr Huw Williams	C07/23-342 – Amendment to the Cumberland Development Control Plan	Redfern

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 6:47pm and returned at 6:49pm during Public Forum.

Min. 469 Alteration of Order of Business**Motion (Saha/Hussein)**

That in accordance with Clause 8.2 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, Council alter the order of business to allow Item C07/23-342 to be brought forward for consideration at this time of the Meeting.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min. 470 C07/23-342 Amendment to the Cumberland Development Control Plan

Motion (Christou/Garrard)

That Council:

1. Note the status of planning activities as outlined in the report.
2. Endorse the draft site-specific Development Control Plan (Attachment 2), and proceed to public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.
3. Delegate to the General Manager the authorisation to make minor revisions to the draft site-specific Development Control Plan, as necessary, following Council's deliberations, to ensure the desired objectives and intended outcomes can be achieved.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillors Colman and Sarkis returned to the Meeting at 7:16pm following the consideration of this item.

Councillor Elmore left the Meeting at 7:16pm following the consideration of this item.

Councillor Hamed left the Meeting at 7:18pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:19pm during the consideration of this item.

Matter of Urgency – Councillor Hughes

Motion (Hughes/Garrard)

In accordance with Clause 9.3 (b) of the adopted Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor ruled that the business raised without notice by Councillor Hughes in relation to the urgent request for a Lidcombe traffic data report not be considered as a matter of urgency at this meeting, as it did not require a decision by the Council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting.