

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

at 6:00 pm

Monday 1 February 2021

Present

Lord Mayor – Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM (in the Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor – Councillor Tania Brown

Councillor Ann Martin

Councillor Cameron Walters

Councillor Cath Blakey

Councillor David Brown

Councillor Dom Figliomeni

Councillor Janice Kershaw

Councillor Jenelle Rimmer

Councillor John Dorahy

Councillor Leigh Colacino

Councillor Mithra Cox

In Attendance

General Manager

Director Infrastructure + Works, Connectivity Assets + Liveable City (Acting)

Director Planning + Environment, Future City + Neighbourhoods

Director Corporate Services, Connected + Engaged City

Director Community Services, Creative + Innovative City

Manager Governance + Customer Service

Chief Financial Officer (attended via electronic means)

Manager Property + Recreation (attended via electronic means)

Chief Information Officer (attended via electronic means)

Manager City Strategy (attended via electronic means)

Manager Project Delivery (attended via electronic means)

Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning (attended via electronic means)

Manager Open Space + Environmental Services (Acting) (attended via electronic means)

Manager Community Cultural + Economic Development (attended via electronic means)

Greg Doyle

Joanne Page

Linda Davis

Renee Campbell

Kerry Hunt

Todd Hopwood

Brian Jenkins

Lucielle Power

Ingrid McAlpin

Chris Stewart

Glenn Whittaker

Trish McClure

Paul Tracey

Sue Savage

Note: Due to current government requirements around social distancing obligations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, participants in the meeting can participate via electronic means as permitted under legislation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Those who participated via electronic means are indicated in the attendance section of the Minutes.

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CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Martin declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 2 – Draft Planning Proposal for the Former Bulli Bowling Club, Lot 360 DP1214993, No. 218 Princes Highway, Bulli PP-2019/3, due to her employment with the Department of Planning. As she does not work on any projects associated with the Wollongong LGA, Councillor Martin advised she would remain in the Chamber during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Figliomeni declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 1 – Public Exhibition – Draft King George V Park Master Plan, as he lives in the Port Kembla area. Councillor Figliomeni advised that he would remain in the Chamber during debate and voting on the item.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2020

483 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor T Brown that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 7 December 2020 (a copy having been circulated to Councillors) be taken as read and confirmed.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER COUNCILLORS

Councillor D Brown paid tribute to former Lord Mayor, Councillor George Harrison, and former Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Kiril Jonovski, acknowledging their service to the City of Wollongong and offering his sympathy to their families on their recent passing's.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Bradbery noted the sentiment of the tribute and a MOTION of condolence was MOVED by Councillor T Brown seconded Councillor Martin to the families of the former councillors, Councillor Harrison and Councillor Jonovski.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During the Public Access Forum, Councillor Colacino departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 6:09 pm to 6:11 pm.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

ITEM	TITLE	NAME OF SPEAKER
A	Lord Mayoral Minute – Options for Creating a Dedicated Cycleway on Cliff Road	Chye Toole-Anstey Against Recommendation
2	Draft Planning Proposal for the Former Bulli Bowling Club, Lot 360 DP1214993, No. 218 Princes Highway Bulli PP-2019/3	Steven Hughes, Bulli BC Pty Ltd Against Recommendation

484 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Rimmer that all speakers be thanked for their presentation and invited to table their notes.

CALL OF THE AGENDA

485 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Figliomeni that the staff recommendations for Items 4 to 9 be adopted as a block.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item A, Councillor Cox departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 6:53 pm to 6:54 pm.

ITEM A - LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - OPTIONS FOR CREATING A DEDICATED CYCLEWAY ON CLIFF ROAD

MOVED by Councillor Bradbery that Wollongong City Council investigate options for creating a dedicated cycleway along Cliff Road in the section from Bourke Street to Harbour Street. The options for consideration should include -

- 1 Creating single lane one-way traffic flow, removing speed humps, reducing the speed limit and establishing angled parking on the eastern side of Cliff Road.
- 2 Making the Blue Mile a pedestrian only pathway from Belmore Basin to the North Wollongong Surf Club on the condition that a corresponding dedicated cycleway is provided on Cliff Road.

In favour Councillor Bradbery

Against Councillors Kershaw, Rimmer, D Brown, T Brown, Martin, Cox, Blakey, Colacino, Walters, Dorahy and Figliomeni

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 1, Councillor D Brown departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7:11 pm to 7:13 pm.

During debate and prior to voting on Item 1, Councillor Walters departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7:22 pm to 7:24 pm

ITEM 1 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT KING GEORGE V PARK RECREATION MASTER PLAN

486 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Martin seconded Councillor Walters that -

- 1 Council endorse the draft King George V Park Recreation Master Plan for public exhibition from 5 February to 5 March 2021.
- 2 Following exhibition, Council receive a further report with an updated Master Plan incorporating the community engagement findings.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 2, Councillor T Brown departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7:33 pm to 7:34 pm.

During debate and prior to voting on Item 2, Councillor Blakey departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7:34 pm to 7:36 pm

ITEM 2 - DRAFT PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMER BULLI BOWLING CLUB, LOT 360 DP1214993, NO. 218 PRINCES HIGHWAY, BULLI PP-2019/3

487 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Kershaw seconded Councillor Rimmer that -

- 1 A draft Planning Proposal not be prepared for the former Bulli Bowling Club site (Lot 360 DP 1214993) No. 218 Princes Highway Bulli, as it does not have strategic merit.
- 2 The proponent be advised of Council's decision not to progress the proposal.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 3, Councillor Kershaw departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7:51 pm to 7:54 pm.

ITEM 3 - DRAFT EXPOSURE BILL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATING REFORM SUBMISSION

488 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Colacino seconded Councillor Walters that Council adopt the Draft Submission into the Local Government Amendment (Rating) Bill 2020.

ITEM 4 - QUARTERLY VARIATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS - JULY TO SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2020

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 485)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Figliomeni that Council note the Development Standards Variation Report for the periods of 1 July to 30 September 2020 and 1 October to 31 December 2020.

ITEM 5 - TENDER T20/41 - REPLACEMENT OF THE RUSSELL VALE GOLF CLUB PRO SHOP AND AMENITIES

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 485)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Figliomeni that -

- 1 In accordance with clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council accept the tender of Davone Constructions Pty Ltd for replacement of the Russell Vale Golf Pro Shop and Amenities, in the sum of \$612,889.50, excluding GST.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 3 Council grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

ITEM 6 - TENDER T20/42 - ILLAWARRA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE - HVAC REPLACEMENT WORKS

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 485)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Figliomeni that -

- 1 In accordance with clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council accept the tender of Climax Air Conditioning Pty Ltd for Illawarra Performing Arts Centre HVAC Replacement, in the sum of \$3,953,852, excluding GST.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 3 Council grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

ITEM 7 - BI-MONTHLY RETURNS OF DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS - FEBRUARY 2021

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 485)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Figliomeni that Council note the tabling of the Returns of Disclosures of Interest as required by Part 4 of the Model Code of Conduct.

ITEM 8 - STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2020

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 485)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Figliomeni that Council receive the Statement of Investment for November and December 2020.

ITEM 9 - DECEMBER 2020 FINANCIALS

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 485)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Figliomeni that -

- 1 The financials be received and noted.
- 2 Council approves the proposed changes to the Capital Budget.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 10, Councillor Cox departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 8:20 pm to 8:21 pm.

ITEM 10 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR CATH BLAKEY - TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

489 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Blakey seconded Councillor D Brown that -

- 1 Council notes the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) on 22 January 2021.
- 2 Council notes that nuclear weapons are now illegal under international law, along with chemical weapons, biological weapons, anti-personnel landmines and cluster munitions.
- 3 Council congratulates all nations that have signed and/or ratified the TPNW and commends the work of civil society and Australian nuclear test survivors who continue to advocate for nuclear disarmament.
- 4 Council reaffirms its support for the TPNW and its call for the Australian Government to sign and ratify it.
- 5 Council will write to the Foreign Minister and Shadow Foreign Minister advising them of this motion.
- 6 Council review its investment vehicles to determine if any Council investment activities include holdings in companies associated with the production or maintenance of nuclear weapons, with the goal of ensuring it does not invest in nuclear weapons companies.

In favour Councillors D Brown, T Brown, Martin, Cox, Blakey, Colacino and Figliomeni
Against Councillors Kershaw, Rimmer, Dorahy, Walters and Bradbery

An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Councillor Bradbery seconded Councillor Figliomeni that Council write to the Foreign Minister and Shadow Foreign Minister indicating Council's support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the abolition of nuclear weapons, chemical weapons, biological weapons, anti-personnel landmines and cluster munitions.

Councillor Bradbery's AMENDMENT on being PUT to the VOTE was LOST.

In favour Councillors Bradbery and Figliomeni

Against Councillors Kershaw, Rimmer, D Brown, T Brown, Martin, Cox, Blakey, Colacino, Walters and Dorahy

Councillor Blakey's MOTION was then PUT to the VOTE and was CARRIED to become the RESOLUTION.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 11, Councillor Rimmer departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 8:36 pm to 8:38 pm.

During debate and prior to voting on Item 11, Councillor Colacino departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 8:44 pm to 8:45 pm.

During debate and prior to voting on Item 11, Councillor Cox departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 9:04 pm to 9:04 pm.

ITEM 11 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TANIA BROWN - ESTABLISHMENT OF POST-COVID PEAK BODIES TASKFORCE

490 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor T Brown seconded Councillor Colacino that -

- 1 Council establish a Post-COVID Peak Bodies Taskforce to work together on ensuring that Wollongong and our regional economy is best placed to recover from this pandemic.
- 2 The Taskforce will bring together key stakeholders to address the economic challenges facing our region, and work with local MP's to convey this message to Government.
- 3 The Taskforce membership should be open to but not limited to, Councillors and Executive and local peak bodies such as Illawarra Business Chamber, Destination Wollongong, Property Council, RDA (Illawarra), SCLC and education, community, not for profit sectors, the arts and hospitality sectors and government agencies as appropriate.
- 4 The General Manager move responsibility for the Economic Development Unit into the Office of the General Manager, to demonstrate the commitment of the region to growing our economy and build on our ambition to promote Wollongong as a progressive place to do business and as a site for the decentralisation of government jobs.
- 5 A report to Council be provided, or Councillor Briefing held, by 1 April 2021 to update on progress.

Variation The variation moved by Councillor Cox (the replacement of the words "is to include" with the words "should be open to" and the addition of the words "the arts and hospitality sectors") in point 3 was accepted by the mover and seconder.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 12, Councillor T Brown departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 9:14 pm to 9:15 pm.

ITEM 12 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JANICE KERSHAW - ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURF LIFE SAVERS

491 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Kershaw seconded Councillor Walters that -

- 1 Council recognise the significant contribution that our volunteer Surf Life Savers have made during these challenging times.
- 2 In recognition of the above, Council write to the following Surf Clubs: Helensburgh-Stanwell Park, Coalcliff, Scarborough-Wombarra, Coledale, Austinmer, Thirroul, Sandon Point, Bulli, Woonona, Bellambi, Corrimal, Towradgi, Fairy Meadow, North Wollongong, Wollongong City, Port Kembla and Windang acknowledging their efforts.
- 3 At an appropriate time in future, some form of formal recognition be made, such as an award ceremony or reception, or what may be deemed appropriate.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9:28 PM

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on Monday 22 February 2021.

Chairperson