



MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

at 5.00 pm

Monday 18 January 2016

Present

Lord Mayor – Councillor Bradbery OAM (in the Chair), Councillors Kershaw, Connor, Brown, Takacs, Merrin, Blicavs, Dorahy, Colacino, Crasnich and Curran

In Attendance

General Manager – D Farmer, Director Corporate and Community Services – Creative, Engaged and Innovative City – G Doyle, Director Infrastructure and Works – M Hyde, Director Planning and Environment – Future, City and Neighbourhoods – A Carfield, Manager Governance and Information – K Cowgill, Manager Finance – B Jenkins, Manager Property and Recreation – P Coyte and Manager Community Cultural and Economic Development – K Hunt

Apologies

The apologies tendered on behalf of Councillors Martin and Petty were accepted.

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ITEM A – NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLORS CURRAN AND PETTY - RESPONSE TO MERGER PROPOSAL

MOVED by Councillor Kershaw seconded Councillor Brown that Council prepare responses to the recent merger proposal announced by the NSW Government.

Councillor Merrin MOVED an AMENDMENT, however, the Lord Mayor ruled it to be a FORESHADOWED MOTION. Councillor Merrin subsequently advised that she would put forward a FORESHADOWED MOTION should Councillor Kershaw's Motion be defeated.

MOTION OF DISSENT

Councillor Takacs MOVED a MOTION OF DISSENT on the Lord Mayor's ruling as he believed the FORESHADOWED MOTION proposed by Councillor Merrin was not dissimilar to the MOTION put forward by Councillor Kershaw.

The MOTION OF DISSENT on being PUT to the VOTE was LOST.

Councillor Kershaw's MOTION was then PUT to the VOTE and was LOST.

In favour Councillor Curran

Against Councillors Kershaw, Connor, Brown, Takacs, Merrin, Blicavs, Dorahy, Colacino, Crasnich and Bradbery

Following the defeat of Councillor Kershaw's Motion, Councillor Merrin's FORESHADOWED MOTION became the MOTION.

1 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Merrin seconded Councillor Kershaw that -

- 1 Council prepare responses to the recent merger proposal announced by the NSW Government.
- 2 Council fund a representative sample public opinion poll on the proposed amalgamation from the Strategic Projects Reserve.
- 3 Expenditure in relation to the opinion poll be limited to \$10,000.
- 4 Information regarding the proposed merger between Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils be placed on Council's website.

Variation *The variation moved by Councillor Takacs to delete the word 'suitable' and replace it with the words 'representative sample' in Part 2, was accepted by the mover and seconder.*

In favour Councillors Kershaw, Connor, Brown, Takacs, Merrin, Blicavs and Curran

Against Councillors Dorahy, Colacino, Crasnich and Bradbery

MATTER OF GREAT URGENCY

Councillor Curran requested that the Lord Mayor consider a matter of great urgency in relation to meeting with Shellharbour City Council to share, in confidential session, financial information which is not publicly available, so as to assist with the formulation of responses to the merger proposal.

The Lord Mayor deemed Councillor Curran's request not to be a matter of great urgency in light of the motion (Minute No. 1) above, and also on the basis that he would also like to have the opportunity to meet with his fellow Councillors to hear opinions.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.01 PM.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on 1 February 2016.

Chairperson