



## MINUTES

# EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

at 6:00 pm

Monday 26 September 2022

### 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 Elisha Aitken

Councillor Janice Kershaw (attended via audio-visual link)

Councillor John Dorahy

Councillor Linda Campbell

Councillor Richard Martin

### In Attendance

General Manager

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

Director Planning + Environment, Future City + Neighbourhoods

Director Corporate Services, Connected + Engaged City (Attended via audio-visual link)

Director Community Services, Creative + Innovative City

Chief Financial Officer (Acting)

Manager Governance + Customer Service

Manager City Strategy

Greg Doyle

Jeremy Morgan

Linda Davis

Renee Campbell

Kerry Hunt

Daniel Pretzler

Todd Hopwood

Chris Stewart

Note: In accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice, participants in the meeting can participate via audio-visual link. Those who participated via audio-visual link are indicated in the attendance section of the Minutes.

Note: Council resolved on 12 September 2022 to grant Councillor Cox a leave of absence from 22 September to 16 October 2022.

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## CLOSED SESSION

ITEM C1 CONFIDENTIAL: Procurement of Electricity from Renewable Sources 1

### **Reason for Confidentiality**

*This report recommends that this item be considered in Closed Session to the exclusion of the press and public in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d(ii)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council.*

## CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Walters declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary in Item C1 – Procurement of Electricity from Renewable Sources, as Local Government Procurement is mentioned in the report and he is a Board Member of Local Government NSW. Councillor Walters advised that he would remain in the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

## CLOSED COUNCIL SESSION

The Lord Mayor called for a motion to close the meeting to consider a Confidential Item, which deals with a report to Council regarding –

- The procurement of Electricity from Renewable Sources

Prior to putting the Motion to the vote, the Lord Mayor advised the meeting that Item C1 relates to a report to Council regarding the procurement of electricity from renewable sources and that it is classified as Confidential for the following reason –

- a Section 10A(2) (d(ii)) of the Local Government Act 1993, permits the meeting to be closed to the public, as the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals.

As no representations were received from members of the public objecting to the closure of this section of the meeting, the Lord Mayor advised that the webcast will be paused while Council considers these items.

**735 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor T Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that –

- 1 The meeting move into Closed Session to consider report to Council regarding –
  - a Procurement of Electricity from Renewable Sources, in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d(ii)) of the Local Government Act 1993, on the basis that the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor or the Council.
- 2 On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information supplied outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matters in open meeting.

The MOTION on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting moved into Closed Session, the time being 6:03 pm.

## ITEM C1 - PROCUREMENT OF ELECTRICITY FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES

**736 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor A Martin that –

- 1 Council enter into the Variation to Member Binding Agreement for Tender and Resultant Contract with Procurement Australia for a NSW Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement.
- 2 The General Manager be delegated authority to execute the relevant contract with the successful tenderer from the Procurement Australia tender process.

**737** **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Walters seconded Councillor R Martin that the meeting move out of Closed Session and into Open Council.

Council resumed into Open Session at 6:06 pm.

## **OPEN COUNCIL SESSION**

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### **RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL**

The Lord Mayor advised the meeting of the Council's Resolutions whilst in Closed Session (refer Minute Number 736).

## **THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:08 PM**

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Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on Monday 17 October 2022.

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Chairperson