



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON 22 JULY 2024**

PRESENT:

- Mayor Ned Mannoun
- Councillor Ammoun
- Councillor Goodman
- Councillor Dr Green
- Councillor Hadid OAM
- Councillor Harle
- Councillor Macnaught
- Councillor Rhodes
- Mr Jason Breton, Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support
- Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle
- Ms Michelle Mcilvenny, Director Customer Experience & Business Performance
- Mr Shayne Mallard, Director City Futures
- Mr Peter Scicluna, Acting Director Operations
- Mr David Galpin, General Counsel, Manager Governance, Legal and Procurement
- Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer
- Mr Sumeet Joseph, Communications Officer Digital Products
- Ms M'Leigh Brunetta, Manager Civic and Executive Services
- Ms Melissa Wray, Councillor Executive and Support Officer
- Ms Susan Ranieri, Coordinator Council and Executive Services

OPENING

12.08pm.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY,
PRAYER OF COUNCIL AND
AFFIRMATION TO BE READ BY**

The prayer of the Council was read by Reverend Bruce Hammonds from Liverpool Presbyterian Church.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played at the meeting.

Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in item: MAYOR 01 - Consider the Letter received from The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP on 18 July 2024 and the Interim Investigation Report dated 11 July 2024.

Reason: Mr Portelli is a person mentioned in the report.

Mr Portelli remained in the Chambers for the duration of the item.

Mayor Mannoun declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the public forum of this Extraordinary Council meeting.

Reason: Mayor Mannoun currently has defamation proceedings against the speaker.

Mayor Mannoun remained in the Chambers for the duration of the public forum.

Clr Kaliyanda declared to Council a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in item: MAYOR 01 - Consider the Letter received from The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP on 18 July 2024 and the Interim Investigation Report dated 11 July 2024.

Reason: The nature of business conflicts with obligations as State Member of Parliament.

Clr Macnaught and Clr Ammoun left the Chambers at 12.15pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Presentation – items not on agenda

Nil.

Representation – items on agenda

1. **Mr Peter Ristevski** addressed Council on the following item:

Item: MAYOR 01 - Consider the Letter received from The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP on 18 July 2024 and the Interim Investigation Report dated 11 July 2024.

Clr Ammoun and Deputy Mayor Macnaught returned to the Chambers at 12.19pm.

MAYORAL REPORT

ITEM NO: MAYOR 01
FILE NO: 235296.2024
SUBJECT: Consider the Letter received from The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP on 18 July 2024 and the Interim Investigation Report dated 11 July 2024

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun**

That Council:

1. Delegates to the Mayor and the CEO to prepare a response to the Minister’s letter and the Interim Report.
2. Agrees to Council taking legal proceedings to prevent or restrain the Minister from proceeding with the public inquiry, postponing the election and suspending the Council.
3. Funds this from Council’s existing Legal budget.
4. If the public inquiry proceeds with respect any act or omission of a member of Council’s governing body or staff, Council will reimburse the member for legal expenses properly and reasonably incurred in connection with Council’s Civic and Expenses Policy and outlined within it.
5. If the inquiry should find that the member’s performance or exercise of a civic duty or function was not bona fide or proper then any reimbursement of legal expenses should be repaid.
6. Authorises the CEO to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Foreshadowed motion: **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Green**

That:

1. Council welcome the investigation into Liverpool City Council and that Council and Councillors will assist in any way we can.
2. Council and Councillors look forward to be able to clear their names of any wrong doing at the conclusion of the investigation.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.11pm.

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 24 July 2024

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 July 2024. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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Chairperson