

# 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.

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# **APOLOGIES**

Motion: Moved: Clr Hadid Seconded: Clr Ammoun

That Clr Karnib be noted as an apology for this meeting and that leave of absence be granted.

That Clr Kaliyanda is an apology for this meeting, due to a declared non-pecuniary, less than significant interest relating to the nature of business conflicting with her role at State Member of Parliament. Notice was provided to Council prior to the meeting.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

# **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Shayne Mallard, Director City Futures 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 Mallard is a person mentioned in the report.

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

Mr Jason Breton, Acting CEO 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 Breton is a person mentioned in the report.

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

Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle 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:** Ms Bono is a person named in the report.

Ms Bono remained in the Chambers for the duration of the item.

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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.

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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.
- 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.
- 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.

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Motion: Moved: Clr Macnaught Seconded: Clr Goodman

That the motion be put.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

The motion moved by Mayor Mannoun was then put.

On being put to the meeting the motion (moved by Mayor Mannoun) was declared CARRIED and the Foreshadowed Motion (moved by Clr Rhodes) therefore lapsed.

# **Division called (for Mayor Mannoun's motion):**

Vote For: Mayor Mannoun, Clr Ammoun, Clr Goodman, Clr Hadid and Clr

Macnaught.

**Vote against:** Clr Green, Clr Harle and Clr Rhodes.

Note: Clrs Kaliyanda and Karnib were apologies for this meeting.

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# 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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