



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2024**

PRESENT:

Mayor Ned Mannoun

Councillor Adjei

Councillor Ammoun

Councillor Dr Green

Councillor Harle

Councillor Harte

Councillor Ibrahim

Councillor Karnib

Councillor Macnaught

Councillor Monaghan

Councillor Ristevski

Mr Jason Breton, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support

Mr Craig Lambeth, Acting Director Community & Lifestyle

Ms Lina Kakish, Director Planning & Compliance

Ms Michelle Mcilvenny, Director Customer & 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

Ms Clara McGuirk, Manager Cultural Venues and Events

Ms Jacqueline Newsome, Acting Manager Civic and Executive Services

Ms Katrina Harvey, Councillor Executive and Support Officer

Ms Gabriella Rojas, Acting Councillor Executive and Support Officer

Ms Susan Ranieri, Coordinator Council and Executive Services (minutes)

The meeting commenced at 2.01pm.

STATEMENT REGARDING WEBCASTING OF MEETING

The Mayor read the following:

“In accordance with clause 5.34 of Council’s Code of Meeting Practice, I inform the persons attending this meeting that:

- (a) the meeting is being recorded, livestreamed and made publicly available on the council’s website, and
- (b) persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.”

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY, PRAYER OF COUNCIL AND AFFIRMATION

The prayer of the Council was read by Father Paul Monkerud from All Saints Catholic Church.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played at the meeting.

COUNCILLORS ATTENDING REMOTELY

NIL.

APOLOGIES

NIL.

CONDOLENCES

ITEM NO: COND 01

SUBJECT: Elizabeth Reyel (read by Mayor Mannoun)

On behalf of Liverpool City Council, I wish to express our deepest condolences on the passing of Elizabeth Reyel on 9 October 2024.

Elizabeth was an integral member of the Council team for over 21 years, commencing her journey with us in January 2003 as a Customer Service Officer. She later transitioned to Procurement in August 2014, where her dedication, professionalism, and positivity left a lasting impression on her colleagues and the organisation.

Born in the Philippines as the sixth of seven children, Elizabeth's upbringing instilled in her a strong work ethic. She excelled academically, graduating top of her class and achieving her qualification as a Certified Public Accountant. In 1982, she married her husband, and together they built a beautiful family. The Reyel family immigrated to Australia in 2002, making Liverpool their home and enriching our community with their presence and contributions.

Elizabeth's commitment to her work was matched only by her devotion to her family and faith. Known as Betsy to her friends, Mom to her children, and Oma to her grandchildren, she was a pillar of love and support to all who knew her.

Elizabeth is survived by her husband, her three daughters, her two grandsons, and her extended family.

Council acknowledges Elizabeth's outstanding contributions to Liverpool City Council and the Liverpool community. Her legacy of kindness, dedication, and excellence will not be forgotten.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Elizabeth's family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. May her memory serve as a source of comfort and strength to those who loved her.

Rest in peace, Elizabeth Reyel.

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun** **Seconded: Clr Dr Green**

That a one minute silence be held for Elizabeth Reyel.

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

A one minute silence was then held for Elizabeth Reyel.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Harle declared a non-pecuniary, but significant interest in the following item:

Item: CONF 04 - 2025 Australia Day Awards.

Reason: He was nominated for an Australia Day Award.

Deputy Mayor Harle stated he would leave the Chamber for the duration of this item.

Note: the Council meeting was adjourned before this item was debated and will therefore be dealt with when the meeting reconvenes on 26 November 2024.

Clr Dr Green declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item: CONF 04 - 2025 Australia Day Awards.

Reason: Clr Dr Green knows one of the nominees that have been nominated for an Australia Day Award.

Clr Dr Green stated she would leave the Chamber for the duration of this item.

Note: the Council meeting was adjourned before this item was debated and will therefore be dealt with when the meeting reconvenes on 26 November 2024.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: **Moved: Clr Green** **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 October 2024 be confirmed as a true record of that meeting with an amendment to the following item:

- For item COM 02 - Appointment of Councillors to Committees and Affiliated Bodies Clr Dr Green was incorrectly listed as a Councillor appointed to the Liverpool Sports Committee. Clr Dr Green’s name is to be removed as a Councillor appointed to the Sports Committee.

The Extraordinary Meeting held on 12 November 2024 be confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

PUBLIC FORUM

Presentation – items not on agenda

1. **Fariha Dean and Zeina Sawalhi** addressed Council on the following item:
Liverpool Youth Council – HSC Tutoring Program.
2. **Diana Vukovic** addressed Council on the following item:
Lawson Road and Cuthell Road, Badgerys Creek.

Representation – items on agenda

1. **Fari Salievski** on behalf of the Board of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce addressed Council on the following item:
NOM 02 – Business Stimulation for George Street, Liverpool.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM: MAYOR O1
SUBJECT: The Office of Local Government's Review of the Councillor Conduct Framework
MOVED BY: Mayor Ned Mannoun
DATE: 20 November 2024

The Office of Local Government is completing a comprehensive review of the Councillor Conduct Framework, proposing updates to promote accountability, transparency, and integrity across New South Wales councils. These recommendations cover critical areas, including clearer behavioural standards, a refined dispute resolution and penalty framework, and measures to restore professionalism in council meetings. Liverpool City Council's endorsement of these changes reflects our commitment to governance, excellence and public trust.

Key Recommendations being considered:

- 1. Changes to the Code of Conduct and Oath of Office:**
 - Enhanced Code of Conduct Requirements: The OLG proposes aligning councillor conduct with parliamentary standards, establishing clearer behavioural expectations. Updates to the Oath of Office will further reinforce councillors' commitment to ethical public service.
- 2. Changes to the Definitions and Assessment of Councillor Behaviour:**
 - Clearer Behavioural Definitions: Revised definitions are proposed to better address significant conduct issues and reduce minor complaints, focusing the complaints process on substantive matters.
 - Stricter Regulations for Property Developers and Real Estate Agents: The OLG recommends stricter standards for councillors with ties to property development or real estate to address potential conflicts of interest, ensuring impartial decision-making.
 - Addressing Inappropriate Lobbying: The OLG proposes guidelines to address inappropriate lobbying, ensuring councillors engage with stakeholders transparently and avoid undue influence that could impact council decisions.
- 3. Changes to Dispute Resolution and Penalty Framework:**
 - State-Wide Peer Panel for Behavioural Issues: A state-wide panel of experienced councillors would handle behaviour-related complaints, providing a fair and peer-reviewed oversight mechanism.
 - Centralized Conflict of Interest Management: The OLG recommends managing significant conflicts of interest at a state level, applying a structured penalty system to ensure consistency across councils.

- Referral of Significant Sanctions: For serious breaches, the OLG proposes that significant sanctions be referred to an appropriate independent tribunal or body, ensuring that higher-level penalties are reviewed and administered by an impartial authority.

4. Restoring Dignity to Council Meetings:

- Increased Transparency and Order in Meetings: The OLG recommends empowering mayors to address disruptions by imposing sanctions to ensure respect and order within council proceedings.
- Banning Closed-Door Councillor Sessions: To improve transparency, the OLG suggests banning private councillor briefings, ensuring all council deliberations remain accessible to the public and fostering community trust.

These recommendations represent essential reforms aimed at upholding integrity, transparency, and accountability in local councils across New South Wales. By supporting these changes, Liverpool City Council demonstrates its commitment to the highest standards of governance and professional conduct in serving our community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Formally endorses each recommendation in the OLG’s review of the Councillor Conduct Framework, recognising these changes as essential for maintaining and enhancing public trust in local government.
2. Makes a submission to the OLG outlining its formal endorsement in support of the proposed framework.
3. In its submission, advocates for the NSW Government to consider adopting a similar conduct framework at the state level, ensuring consistency and reinforcing public confidence in governance across all tiers.
4. Directs the Acting CEO to submit Liverpool City Council’s endorsement by the OLG’s specified deadline.
5. Immediately implement open door Briefing Sessions.
6. Write to the Minister expressing our support.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun**

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Division called:

Vote for: Mayor Mannoun, Clr Adjei, Clr Ammoun, Clr Harte and Clr Macnaught.

Vote against: Clr Dr Green, Clr Harle, Clr Ibrahim, Clr Karnib, Clr Monaghan and Clr Ristevski*.

*Note: Clr Ristevski did not vote for or against the motion. Therefore in accordance with Clause 11.4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice (as shown below), he is recorded as voting against the motion:

“A councillor who is present at a meeting of the council but who fails to vote on a motion put to the meeting is taken to have voted against the motion.”

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM: MAYOR O2
SUBJECT: Mosquitoes
MOVED BY: Mayor Ned Mannoun
DATE: 20 November 2024

The mosquito plague in East Liverpool has severely impacted residents and has caused significant disruption to daily life. The oxiponds at Sydney Water’s Water Recycling Plant in Warwick Farm was discovered by Associate Professor Cameron Webb as the primary source of excess mosquito breeding impacting residents in Chipping Norton and beyond. The excess mosquito breeding was caused by the oxiponds being over-run by frogbit weed, and turned into an 8 hectare body of stagnant water. Sydney Water and the NSW Government have responded to the emergency and are working to clear the pond, however this is of little comfort to local residents.

We have never seen anything like this before.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Write to the NSW government requesting that they do all in their power to mitigate the current mosquito plague in the Liverpool LGA.
2. Request a detailed report from the NSW Government on how this occurred and how they will ensure that this will never happen again.
3. Request that Sydney Water compensate all impacted residents for the inconvenience caused

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Motion: Mayor Mannoun**

That Council:

1. Write to the NSW Government requesting that they do all in their power to mitigate the current mosquito plague in the Liverpool LGA.
2. Request a detailed report from the NSW Government on how this occurred and how they will ensure that this will never happen again.
3. Request that Sydney Water compensate all impacted residents for the inconvenience caused.
4. Receive a report on how the open stormwater drainage channels contribute to mosquito populations.

5. Write to the relevant Federal and State Ministers asking them about what their strategies are to eliminate frogbit.

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

PLANNING & COMPLIANCE REPORTS

ITEM NO: PLAN 01
FILE NO: 339099.2024
SUBJECT: Quarterly Report - Clause 4.6 Variations to Development Standards

Motion: **Moved: Clr Adjei** **Seconded: Clr Green**

That this item be dealt with later in the meeting.

On being put to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

ITEM NO: PLAN 02
FILE NO: 343629.2024
SUBJECT: Revocation of the Companion Animal Advisory Committee

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Dr Green** **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

That Council:

1. Resolves the dissolution of the Companion Animal Advisory Committee.
2. Direct the Acting CEO for a similar report to be provided to Councillors at the same frequency as was reported to the Committee. The report can be provided via the Councillor Update.
3. Emphasise its continual commitment to the delivery of an animal shelter for the animals of the Liverpool Local Government Area as a matter of urgency.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

MOTION OF URGENCY

ITEM NO: MOU 01
SUBJECT: Support for Community Café

Cllr Ammoun requested Mayor Mannoun accept a Motion of Urgency in relation to support for Community Café.

He stated it was urgent because the Christmas Handout event is scheduled for 15th December 2024 and there is insufficient time to apply for grants.

In accordance with Clause 9.3 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Mayor Mannoun ruled the above matter as urgent and as such it was dealt with at this meeting as shown below:

Background

Over the weekend, Community Café - a vital community organisation that supports families and individuals in need - experienced a significant break-in. The perpetrators stole items essential for the Café's operations, including:

- Toys, toasters, kettles, dinner sets, pots and pans, cutlery, mugs, and glasses.
- Crates filled with skincare products, underwear, socks, and toiletries.
- A vehicle belonging to YADA, which was used to transport stolen items and break through the security gates.

The total estimated value of the stolen items and damages is approximately \$20,000.

Community Café plays a crucial role in supporting vulnerable members of our community, especially during the festive season. Their services ensure that families have access to essentials, dignity, and hope during a time of year that should be marked by joy and giving. The theft directly jeopardizes their ability to provide this support, particularly as Christmas approaches.

Proposal

That Council:

1. Approves an emergency grant of \$5,000 to Community Café to assist with the immediate replacement of critical items and support their continued operations.
2. Works with Community Café to explore longer-term measures to enhance security and prevent future incidents, including funding opportunities and partnerships.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ammoun** **Seconded: Clr Dr Green**

That Council:

1. Approves an emergency grant of \$5,000 from the reserve funds from Community Grants Fund to Community Café to assist with the immediate replacement of critical items and support their continued operations.
2. Works with Community Café to explore longer-term measures to enhance security and prevent future incidents, including funding opportunities and partnerships.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

MOTION OF URGENCY

ITEM NO: MOU 02

SUBJECT: Immediate Donation to Assist Humanitarian Crisis in Lebanon.

Clr Ammoun requested Mayor Mannoun accept a Motion of Urgency in relation to immediate donation to assist humanitarian crisis in Lebanon.

He stated it was urgent because Lebanon is about to enter the winter season in December and his proposed motion of urgency relates to donating money for blankets before winter.

In accordance with Clause 9.3 of Council’s Code of Meeting Practice, Mayor Mannoun ruled the above matter as urgent and as such it was dealt with at this meeting as shown below:

Background:

In September 2024, large-scale cross-border attacks escalated in Lebanon, resulting in over 1,000 deaths and 6,352 injuries in less than two weeks. Since October 2023, the total casualties have surpassed 1,800 killed and 9,100 injured, including civilians, healthcare workers, and humanitarian staff.

The conflict has severely disrupted essential services, destroyed critical infrastructure, and displaced hundreds of thousands of people. As of 30 September 2024, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) identified 346,209 internally displaced persons (IDPs), including over 31,000 families (137,000 individuals) residing in 820 collective shelters. Additionally, more than 175,000 Lebanese and Syrians have fled to Syria to escape the violence.

Liverpool has a deep connection to Lebanon through our vibrant Lebanese-Australian community. This motion calls for Council to provide immediate assistance, demonstrating our city’s commitment to international humanitarian efforts and solidarity with those impacted by this crisis.

I urge my fellow Councillors to support this motion and act swiftly to help alleviate the suffering caused by this devastating conflict.

Recommended Motion:

That Liverpool City Council:

1. Acknowledges the severe humanitarian crisis currently unfolding in Lebanon, exacerbated by escalating conflict and displacement.
2. Recognises the shared cultural and community ties between Liverpool and Lebanon,

given the strong Lebanese-Australian community in our city.

3. Approves an immediate donation of \$20,000 to a reputable humanitarian organisation such as AusRelief, actively working on the ground in Lebanon to provide critical relief to those affected.
4. Directs the Acting CEO to expedite the transfer of these funds and report back to Council on the organisation selected and the impact of the donation.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Motion:

Moved: Clr Ammoun

Seconded: Clr Karnib

That Liverpool City Council:

1. Acknowledges the severe humanitarian crisis currently unfolding in Lebanon, exacerbated by escalating conflict and displacement.
2. Recognises the shared cultural and community ties between Liverpool and Lebanon, given the strong Lebanese-Australian community in our city.
3. Approves an immediate donation of \$20,000 from Community Grants Funds to a reputable humanitarian organisation such as AusRelief, actively working on the ground in Lebanon to provide critical relief to those affected following due diligence.
4. Directs the Acting CEO to expedite the transfer of these funds and report back to Council on the organisation selected and the specific impact of its donation.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

RECESS

Mayor Mannoun called a recess of meeting at 3.31pm.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed in open council with all Councillors present at 3.48pm

COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE REPORTS

ITEM NO: COM 01
FILE NO: 315382.2024
SUBJECT: Report Back to Council: 2168 Children's Parliament

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Ristevski** **Seconded: Cllr Monaghan**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this report.
2. Investigate funding options for the implementation of the following:-
 - i. Improvement of street lighting \$50,000.
 - ii. Speed humps \$150,000
 - iii. Quantity Surveyors report \$30,000.
3. Direct the Acting CEO to prepare a report on the availability of funds for implementing the motion.
4. Commends the 2168 Children's Parliament.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

PLANNING & COMPLIANCE REPORT

ITEM NO: PLAN 01
FILE NO: 339099.2024
SUBJECT: Quarterly Report - Clause 4.6 Variations to Development Standards

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Adjei** **Seconded: Cllr Dr Green**

That Council receives and notes the report.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE REPORTS

ITEM NO: COM 02
FILE NO: 343684.2024
SUBJECT: Grants Donations and Community Sponsorship Report

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Dr Green** **Seconded: Cllr Ammoun**

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$32,390** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Grant Program** for the following projects:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
ESCA Bags	Domestic Violence Escape Bags Program	\$10,000
Stand Tall Australia Limited	Stand Tall Liverpool Event	\$10,000
Good360 Australia	Bridging the digital divide in Liverpool	\$9,840
Grand Pacific Health Headspace Liverpool	Path to Resilience	\$2,550

2. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$30,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Sponsorship Program** for the following project:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Heroes With Ability	International Disability Day and School Gala	\$10,000
NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors	African Women's Dinner Dance - Women Celebrating Cultures	\$10,000
Shree Sanatan Dharm Pratinidhi Sabha of Australia	Deepawali Mela	\$10,000

3. A copy of the grant application be provided as an addendum to these reports going forward.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: COM 03
FILE NO: 356206.2024
SUBJECT: Revocation of the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre Board of Management
Charter

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harte** **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

That Council:

1. Retain the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (CPAC) Board of Management Charter;
2. Urgently review and update the Charter to be fit for purpose and complements the future direction of CPAC; and
3. Direct the Acting CEO to provide a report back to the February 2025 council meeting with the number of visitors in each of the last five (5) years.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Adjei left the Chamber at 4:53pm.

Clr Dr Green left the Chamber at 4:54pm.

ITEM NO: COM 04

FILE NO: 366846.2024

SUBJECT: Reimagining of Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre to Liverpool Powerhouse:
Home of Creative Industries

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Clr Harle

Seconded: Clr Monaghan

That Council:

1. Endorse that ‘Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre’ revert back to ‘Liverpool Powerhouse with the subheading ‘Home of the Arts and Creative Industries’;
2. Place on a 28 day public exhibition period so that we can accept feedback from the community on this potential change; and
3. Acknowledge that the immediate cost to Council will be approximately \$37,000 which includes the purchase of new tourist wayfinding signage, metal building fixtures and re-printing building vinyl. This will be taken from operational savings.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Note: Clr Adjei and Clr Dr Green were not in the Chamber when this item was voted on.

Clr Adjei returned to the Chamber at 4:55pm.
Clr Green returned to the Chamber at 4:58pm.
Clr Harte left the Chamber at 4:59pm.
Clr Harte returned to the Chamber at 5:01pm.
Clr Monaghan left the Chamber at 4:59pm.

ITEM NO: COM 05
FILE NO: 366903.2024
SUBJECT: Amendments and Additions to Cultural Venues & Events Fees and Charges

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ristevski** **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That Council:

1. Defer the proposed revised fees and charges and convene a meeting of past food truck, market stall holders and any interested parties to a meeting at the tourism committee to seek feedback on the proposed fees.
2. A report to come back to the February 2025 council meeting with the following regarding the experience the world event:-
 - i. A detailed profit and loss.
 - ii. A financial impact profit and loss budget on making the event over one month to be run on weekends only.
 - iii. a detailed explanation on how the 600,000 visitation number was determined.
 - iv. A detailed explanation on how the \$25 million impact to the regional economy was determined.
3. A report back to the February 2025 on potential capital improvements to Macquarie Mall to improve operational efficiencies for next year’s capital works program.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Note: Clr Monaghan not in Chamber when this item was voted on.

Clr Adjei left at 5.04pm.

Clr Adjei returned at 5.12pm.

ITEM NO: COM 06

FILE NO: 364857.2024

SUBJECT: Changes to the Community Facility and Sportsground Hire Policies

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Macnaught** **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this Report;
2. Adopts the recommended Hire policies attached to this Report that includes:
 - Community Facilities Hire Policy; and
 - Hire of Playing Surface Policy – Sporting Fields and Recreation Spaces;

To replace current Policies including:

- Hire of Playing Surface Policy (2015)
 - Commercial Businesses Short-term Hire Procedures (Terms and Conditions)
 - Community Facilities Management Casual Hire (Terms and Conditions)
 - Community Venues Permanent Hire Procedures (Terms and Conditions)
 - Community Facilities 3 year Licence Agreement
 - Change/Cancellation of Permanent Facility Hiring
3. Supports the inclusion of Conditions of Hire to be contained within the Hire Agreement for Community Facilities and Sport and Recreation spaces attached to this Report;
 4. Delegates to the CEO, the development of Conditions of Hire for Community Facilities and Sport and Recreation Spaces; and
 5. Proceed to 28 days public exhibition from 1 February 2025.
 6. Open up an Expression of Interest process for local / regional / state / national and international sporting and community organisations regarding working with Council through a formalised relationship such as but not limited to:
 - a) Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on facility improvements and other initiatives to benefit the community and Council; and
 - b) Lobbying all levels of the government for funding of these initiatives

in adherence to Council’s unsolicited proposed process guide.

7. Prior to the start of the consultation period, Council contacts the current and previous hirers to attend a special Liverpool Council Sports Committee round table forum meeting at a future date with the time for commencement at 6pm to discuss the changes to the community facility and sports ground hire policies.

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

RECESS

Mayor Mannoun called a recess of meeting at 5.25pm.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed in open council with all councillors present at 5.41pm.

ITEM NO: CORP 01
FILE NO: 282646.2024
SUBJECT: Tabling Annual Pecuniary Interest Returns for Councillors and Designated Persons

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harte** **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That Council:

1. Note the tabled annual pecuniary interest returns of Councillors and designated persons; and
2. Agree to make redacted copies of the annual pecuniary interest returns available to the public, as set out in the report.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: CORP 02
FILE NO: 216408.2024
SUBJECT: Complaints and Compliments Management Policy

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Ammoun**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Complaints and Compliments Management Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
2. Organise a workshop sometime in the new year around the policy development and consolidation with a staged approach including:
 - a) Inception
 - b) Check point
 - c) Final briefing prior to consultation
 - d) Community consultation
 - e) Consideration for adoption.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: CORP 03
FILE NO: 350800.2024
SUBJECT: Investment Report October 2024

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harle** **Seconded: Clr Green**

That the Council receives and notes this report.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: CORP 04
FILE NO: 351675.2024
SUBJECT: Annual Financial Reports 2023/24

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Risteovski** **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That Council receives and adopts the 2023/24 audited financial reports.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: CORP 05
FILE NO: 366964.2024
SUBJECT: Public Inquiry

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ristevski** **Seconded: Clr Harle**

That Council note the contents of the report.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Harte left the Chambers at 6:13pm.
Clr Harte returned to the Chambers at 6:14pm.

ITEM NO: CEBP 01
FILE NO: 340448.2024
SUBJECT: Customer Experience Policy

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ristevski** **Seconded: Clr Monaghan**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Customer Experience Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
2. Agree that Council's Chief Executive Officer or delegate may finalise the draft Customer Experience Policy if no representations are received during public exhibition and to make non-significant amendments to the Policy.
3. Require a further report to Council in relation to any representations received during public exhibition of the draft Customer Experience Policy
4. Evidence a solution-based customer service experience which provides a proactive approach to customers that involves actively seeking and providing solutions to customer issues in particular which evidences the following features:-
 - i. Follow through on promises: Making sure to keep promises to customers.
 - ii. Utilise customer satisfaction surveys to get a quick and accurate picture of how we are doing.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: CEBP 02
FILE NO: 356210.2024
SUBJECT: Provision of Mail Service for Council

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Monaghan** **Seconded: Clr Dr Green**

That Council:

1. Agree to negotiate directly with Australia Post for a contract to provide postal services for up to five (5) years (to February 2030) pursuant to 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because due to the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenders a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders.
2. Authorise the CEO or delegate to execute all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Ibrahim left the Chambers at 6:32pm.

ITEM NO: CEBP 03
FILE NO: 356602.2024
SUBJECT: Provision of Australia Post Billpay Service

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Dr Green** **Seconded: Clr Harle**

That Council:

1. Approves, for the purposes of the tendering requirements under s.55(3)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the engagement of Australia Post to provide Post Billpay services for five (5) years as a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders because of the following extenuating circumstances:
 - Australia Post provides a reliable and cost-effective bill paying service (Post Billpay) to residents and ratepayers of the Liverpool Local Government Area.
 - There are other payment systems but none that provide the same face to face option at locations anywhere in Australia.
 - Post Billpay provides an additional payment option that is well-known to Liverpool residents and ratepayers and switching to an alternative system would be disruptive and jeopardise rates recovery.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to execute all documents necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Note Clr Ibrahim was not in the Chamber when this item was voted on.

ITEM NO: CEBP 04
FILE NO: 357572.2024
SUBJECT: Amendment to the "non-voting" membership of Councillors on the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Karnib** **Seconded: Clr Ristevski**

That Council:

1. Alters its “non-voting” membership nomination on the ARIC Committee to one Councillor.
2. Appoints Clr Ristevski as the non-voting member.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Note: Clr Ibrahim was not in the Chamber when this item was voted on.

MOTION TO BRING ITEMS FORWARD

Moved: Mayor Mannoun **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That the following items be brought forward:

- CONF 08 – Summary of the Agreement for Lease.
- CONF 01 - Proposed Acquisition and/or Dedication of Part Lot 962 DP 2475, 40 Eighth Ave, Austral for road purposes.
- CONF 02 - Proposed Acquisition of Lot 6 in Plan of Acquisition DP 1289743, Part 27 Bernera Road, Prestons for road widening purposes.
- CFD 01 - 2023-2024 Annual Report.
- OPER 02 – Brickmakers Creek - Expansion of Project Site.
- CFD 02 - State of our City Report 2022-2024
- NOM 05 – Mosquitoes.
- CORP 06 - FY 2024/25 - Quarter 1, Budget Review.

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

Clr Ibrahim returned to the Chamber at 6:37pm.
Clr Macnaught left the Chamber at 6:37pm.
Clr Macnaught returned to the Chamber at 6:39pm.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

ITEM NO: CONF 08
FILE NO: 369967.2024
SUBJECT: Summary of the Agreement for Lease

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved:** Clr Harle **Seconded:** Clr Dr Green

That Council:

1. Agrees to enter into an Agreement for Lease on the terms outlined in the report.
2. Agrees that Council will fund and carry out the Lessor’s Works (fit-out works) in accordance with the Agreement for Lease for an amount determined by procurement process in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, which amount shall not exceed the Incentive stated in the report.
3. Notes that once the Lessor’s Works have commenced, Council will be solely responsible for the cost of the Lessor’s Works and will have to pay any excess over the Incentive stated in the report.
4. Authorises Council’s Chief Executive Officer, or Delegate, to take all necessary steps to give effect to these resolutions, including conducting any necessary negotiations and executing any required documents.
5. Funds for the subject fit-out incentive in the report be financed through general funds.

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

ITEM NO: CONF 01
FILE NO: 335823.2024
SUBJECT: Proposed Acquisition and/or Dedication of Part Lot 962 DP 2475, 40 Eighth Ave, Austral for road purposes

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harle** **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That Council:

- 1. Approves the acquisition and/or dedication of Pt Lot 962 DP 2475, Austral being land identified for part of Contributions Item CR1 for the terms as outlined in this report.
- 2. Resolves to classify Pt Lot 962 DP 2475, as “Operational” land in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*;
- 3. Dedicates Part Lot 962 DP 2475 (being Collector Road CR1) as Public Road pursuant to Section 10 of the Roads Act 1993 if required;
- 4. Authorises the A/CEO or his delegated officer to execute any document, under Power of Attorney, necessary to give effect to this decision; and
- 5. Keeps confidential this report pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as this information would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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

ITEM NO: CONF 02
FILE NO: 357018.2024
SUBJECT: Proposed Acquisition of Lot 6 in Plan of Acquisition DP 1289743, Part 27
Bernera Road, Prestons for road widening purposes

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Monaghan** **Seconded: Cllr Dr Green**

That Council:

1. Approves the acquisition of Lot 6 in Plan of Acquisition DP 1289743, Pt 27 Bernera Road, Prestons, on the terms outlined in this confidential report;
2. Resolves to classify Lot 6 in Plan of Acquisition DP 1289743 as 'Operational land' in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* upon settlement;
3. Dedicates Lot 6 in Plan of Acquisition DP 1289743 as Public Road pursuant to Section 10 of the Roads Act 1993;
4. Keeps confidential this report pursuant to the provisions of section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as this information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; and
5. Authorises the CEO or delegate to execute all documents necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

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

CITY FUTURES REPORT

ITEM NO: CFD 01
FILE NO: 331704.2024
SUBJECT: 2023-2024 Annual Report

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Ristevski** **Seconded: Cllr Monaghan**

That Council:

1. Adopt and endorse the annual report.
2. Implement an Understanding your Council Rates containing a table that shows how your rates are allocated to key categories of expenditure.
3. The rates to also include information on the level of Council gross debt for the current and previous years to increase transparency.
4. A report to come back when practicable on which roads have a very poor rating score of 5 in terms of their condition as per page 48 of the annual report 2024. The report to also include an update on the black moth program.

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

OPERATIONS REPORT

ITEM NO: OPER 02
FILE NO: 353571.2024
SUBJECT: Brickmakers Creek - Expansion of Project Site

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Adjei** **Seconded: Clr Monaghan**

That Council adopts the expansion of Brickmakers Creek by approximately 2,300m².

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

CITY FUTURES REPORT

ITEM NO: CFD 02
FILE NO: 374834.2024
SUBJECT: State of our City Report 2022-2024

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Green**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the State of our City Report 2022-2024 which outlines the progress in implementing the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032.
2. Directs the Acting Chief Executive Officer to publish the State of our City Report 2022-2024 on Council's website no later than 30 November 2024 and append it to the 2023-2024 Annual Report.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM NO: NOM 05
FILE NO: 370298.2024
SUBJECT: Mosquitoes

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cr Karnib)

That Council:

1. Commends the swift and effective action taken by the NSW State Government and Agencies, such as Sydney Water, in addressing the significant mosquito infestation in Liverpool;
2. Notes Liverpool Council had a Mosquito Management Plan, initiated in 2019 that now seems to no longer exist;
3. Notes that suburbs across the entire LGA are affected by a mosquito outbreak including breeding grounds in areas that are managed by Liverpool City Council;
4. Notes that each year around the same time, mosquito outbreaks occur and have done so for years; and
5. Re-implement a Mosquito Management Plan and allocate \$50,000.00 from Liverpool Council’s General Funds to run such a plan.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Karnib** **Seconded: Cllr Monaghan**

That Council:

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2. Notes Liverpool Council had a Mosquito Management Plan, initiated in 2019 that now seems to no longer exist;
3. Notes that suburbs across the entire LGA are affected by a mosquito outbreak including breeding grounds in areas that are managed by Liverpool City Council;
4. Notes that each year around the same time, mosquito outbreaks occur and have done so for years; and
5. Re-implement a Mosquito Management Plan and allocate \$50,000.00 from Liverpool Council’s General Funds to run such a plan per year.

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

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Chairperson

CORPORATE SUPPORT REPORT

ITEM NO: CORP 06
FILE NO: 358182.2024
SUBJECT: FY 2024/25 - Quarter 1, Budget Review

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Monaghan** **Seconded: Cllr Macnaught**

That Council approves the identified budget variations in accordance with this report.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING 20 NOVEMBER 2024 AND MEETING TO RECONVENE ON 26 NOVEMBER 2024

Mayor Mannoun moved that this meeting be adjourned and reconvened Tuesday 26 November at 6:00pm to deal with the following items:

- OPER 01 - WT3256 Pye Hill Reserve Key Suburb Park Upgrade - Variation to Contract (*now confidential*).
- OPER 03 - Keep Australia Beautiful - Circular Economy Award.
- OPER 04 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations on Public Land Policy.
- OPER 05 - Water Play Feature Plant & Equipment Replacement at Macquarie Mall.
- CTTE 01 - Minutes of the Liverpool Youth Council Meeting held 13 August 2024.
- CTTE 02 - Minutes of the Civic Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 November 2024.
- CTTE 03 – Minutes of the Sports Committee meeting held on 4 September 2024.
- CTTE 04 - Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 11 October 2024.
- QWN 01 - Question with Notice - Clr Dr Green - Macquarie Mall Festivals and Financial Sustainability.
- QWN 02 - Question with Notice - Clr Dr Green - Mosquito Management Plan, Implementation, Funding and Monitoring.
- COM 07 - Policy Review - Code of Meeting Practice.
- OPER 06 - 2023-24 Capital Works Carryover of Projects.
- CTTE 05 - Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on 13 November 2024.
- NOM 01 - Defibrillators at Sporting Fields.
- NOM 02 - Business Stimulation for George Street, Liverpool.
- NOM 03 - Moorebank Sports Club.
- NOM 04 - Request for Section 430 Inquiry Briefing.
- CONF 03 – Legal Affairs Report.
- CONF 04 - 2025 Australia Day Awards.
- CONF 05 - Question with Notice - Clr Dr Green - Council Legal Costs.
- CONF 06 – Project 26.
- CONF 07 - Budget Adjustment.

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

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7.00PM AND WILL RECONVENE TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2024.

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 10 December 2024

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 November 2024. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.