



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday, 26 February 2018

Present

Council Members

The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Greene
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry
Councillor Stephen Agius
Councillor Vince Badalati
Councillor Sam Elmir
Councillor Sandy Grekas
Councillor Con Hindi
Councillor Rita Kastanias
Councillor Nick Katris
Councillor Lou Konjarski
Councillor Nancy Liu
Councillor Leesha Payor
Councillor Colleen Symington
Councillor Warren Tegg
Councillor Christina Wu

Council Staff

General Manager, Ms Gail Connolly
Director Assets and Infrastructure, Mr Laurie O'Connor
Director Environment and Planning, Ms Meryl Bishop
Director Community and Culture, Mr David Tuxford
Director Transformation and Change, Ms Marissa Racomelara
General Counsel, Ms Jenny Ware
Executive Manager, Office of the General Manager, Ms Rebekah Schulz
Head of Executive Services, Ms Jennifer Anderson
Executive Services Officer, Mr Tom Christophersen
Personal Assistant to Executive Manager, Office of the General Manager, Franzi Mintus

Opening

The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Greene, opened the meeting at 7.04pm.

National anthem

The national anthem was sung at the commencement of the meeting.

Prayer

Reverend Jarrod Booker, Senior Pastor of Riverwood Punchbowl Anglican Church, offered a prayer to the meeting.

Acknowledgement of country

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Bidjegal people.

Apologies

Nil

Disclosures of interest

Councillor Agius declared a pecuniary interest in item ENV001-18 Economic Development Advisory Committee - Membership for the reason that a family member has applied to be a member of the economic development advisory committee. Councillor Agius left the meeting during this item and did not participate in discussions or voting on this item.

Councillor Tegg declared a pecuniary interest in item ENV002-18 Appointment of Members for the new Local Planning Panel (LPP), formerly known as Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) for the reason that he was involved in legal action with an applicant on the short list for consideration as a community representative. Councillor Tegg left the meeting during this item and did not participate in discussions or voting on this item.

Councillor Hindi declared a pecuniary interest in item ENV002-18 Appointment of Members for the new Local Planning Panel (LPP), formerly known as Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) for the reason that he was involved in legal action with an applicant on the short list for consideration as a community representative. Councillor Hindi left the meeting during this item and did not participate in discussions or voting on this item.

Councillor Konjarski declared a pecuniary interest in item ENV002-18 Appointment of Members for the new Local Planning Panel (LPP), formerly known as Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) for the reason that he was involved in legal action with an applicant on the short list for consideration as a community representative. Councillor Konjarski left the meeting during this item and did not participate in discussions or voting on this item.

Public Addresses To The Meeting

ITEM	SPEAKER
NM001-18 CONSTRUCTION OF A SKATE PARK IN THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	RILEY ALLISON
NM001-18 CONSTRUCTION OF A SKATE PARK IN THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	JAQUETTA WRIGHT
NM001-18 CONSTRUCTION OF A SKATE PARK IN THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	JOSHUA ESBER

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETING – 18 DECEMBER 2017

Resolved: Councillor Grekas and Councillor Badalati

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on Monday 18 December 2018, be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Mayoral Minutes

MM01-18 Vale Former Mayor of Hurstville City Council Mervyn Vincent Lynch OAM

Resolved: The Mayor, Councillor Greene and Councillor Badalati

That condolences be extended to Mervyn Lynch's family and loved ones.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM02-18 Support for Grant Funding Application - St George Football Association (Peakhurst Park Synthetic Field)

Resolved: The Mayor, Councillor Greene and Councillor Konjarski

That Council support the request from St George Football Association to guarantee the balance of funding for the construction of a synthetic field at Peakhurst Park if the unconfirmed grant funding is not secured.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Matters of Privilege

• Condolences

Councillor Hindi informed Council of the sad passing of 14 year old Liam Anthony Ajaka late of Hurstville. Liam, who passed away from brain cancer, is survived by his parents, four sisters and one brother. Councillor Hindi extended his condolences to Liam's family.

Councillor Hindi also informed Council of the passing of the mother of The Hon. Shaoquette Moselmane MLC. Councillor Hindi extended his condolences to the family.

Councillor Badalati advised Council of the passing of 8 year old Chiara Di Francesco from brain cancer. Chiara was a student of Our Lady of Fatima, Kingsgrove. Councillor Badalati asked that Council extend its condolences to the Di Francesco family.

The Mayor, Councillor Greene, advised Council of the passing of Mr Neil Finn, a well-known businessman in the local area. Mr Finn was a great contributor to the community, and ran a stained glass window business in the area for many years. Mr Finn is survived by his wife and seven children. The Mayor extended his condolences to the family.

Council stood for a moment of silence in memory of those mentioned.

• Other

Councillor Kastanias asked that Council send a get well letter or flowers to Ms Sophie Cotsis MP, Member for Canterbury, who has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Councillor Badalati spoke in memory of Mr Mervyn Lynch OAM.

Councillor Badalati also spoke in consideration of Ms Sophie Cotsis and supported Councillor Kastanias' recommendation.

Councillor Wu thanked all staff, volunteers and the Major Events Committee members, including the community representatives, for their great contribution, effort and time spent on the Lunar New Year Festival event.

Councillor Hindi congratulated Mr Peter El Khouri, a local resident from Blakehurst, on the launch of his new book which has been 30 years in the making.

Committee Reports

Councillor Agius left the meeting at 7.45pm, having declared an interest in item ENV001-18 Economic Development Advisory Committee – Membership, of CCL001-18 Report of the Environment and Planning Standing Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2018.

CCL001-18 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee - Meeting held on 12 February 2018

Resolved: Councillor Katris and Councillor Kastanias

That items ENV001-18 and ENV003-18 of the Committee recommendations of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 12 February 2018, detailed below, be adopted by Council in accordance with the delegations set out in the Terms of Reference of the Environment and Planning Committee.

ENV001-18 Economic Development Advisory Committee – Membership

- (a) That Council consider the Expressions of Interest received from those persons wishing to be considered as members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- (b) That Council add a membership category for the Community Services Sector in addition to a community representative to be included in the Terms of Reference.
- (c) That Council add a membership category for Sport and Recreation Sector to be included in the Terms of Reference.
- (d) That Council amend the Terms of Reference (Membership) to remove the organisation NSW Southern Region Chinese Business Association.
- (e) That Council appoint members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee as per Paragraph 14 of the officer's report but excludes sub paragraph *k. NSW Southern Region Chinese Business Association*.
- (f) That Council note the proposed meeting dates for 2018.

ENV003-18 Georges River Principal Local Environmental Plan

That:

- (a) The report on the Georges River Principal Local Environmental Plan be received and noted.
- (b) Council endorse the preparation of a Housing Strategy, Community Participation Plan and Local Strategic Planning Statement for the Georges River local government area.
- (c) Council endorse the preparation of a principal Local Environmental Plan for the Georges River local government area.

Councillor Agius returned to the meeting at 7.49pm.

Councillors Hindi, Konjarski and Tegg left the meeting at 7.49pm having each declared an interest in ENV002-18 Appointment of Members for the new Local Planning Panel (LPP) formerly known as Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP).

ENV002-18 Appointment of Members for the new Local Planning Panel (LPP) formerly known as Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP)

Resolved: Councillor Katris and Councillor Kastanias

That the recommendation of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 12 February 2018, with regard to item ENV002-18 Appointment of Members for the new Local Planning Panel (LPP) formerly known as Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP), be adopted by Council subject to it being amended to read as follows:

- (a) That Council appoint the Chair, Mr Adam Seton, and two (2) Alternate Chairs, Mr Paul Vergotis and Ms Sue Francis, in accordance with the recommendation by the Minister for Planning.
- (b) (i) That Council appoint the following community members on the Georges River Council Local Planning Panel:
- Cameron Jones
 - Erin Sellers
 - Henry Wong
 - George Vardas
 - Annette Ruhotas

Each Community Representative is to be appointed for all wards such that they can operate on a rotational basis throughout the year to allow flexibility and efficiency for the operation of the Local Planning Panel.

- (ii) That the number of community representatives on the Local Planning Panel is increased to six (6) and an expression of interest process is undertaken in the Kogarah Bay Ward for a community representative in order to ensure that all wards in the City are represented on the Panel.
- (c) That Council appoint independent expert members on the Georges River Council Local Planning Panel to undertake its determination and review functions of development applications and consideration/recommendation of planning proposals in the following manner:

Determination Panel Members

- Michael Leavey
- Russell Olson
- Juliet Grant
- Helen Deegan

Review Panel Members

- Milan Marecic
- Jason Perica
- Sandra Robinson

- (d) Each member is to be appointed in accordance with the terms and conditions identified by the Minister for Planning and the Department of Planning and Environment.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Councillors Hindi, Konjarski and Tegg returned to the meeting at 7.54pm.

CCL002-18 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee - Meeting held on 12 February 2018**Resolved:** Councillor Elmir and Councillor Grekas

That the Committee recommendations for items FIN001-18 to FIN005-18 (inclusive), detailed below, be adopted by Council in accordance with the delegations set out in the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Governance Committee.

FIN001-18 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes from 17 July 2017

That Council note the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for 17 July 2017.

FIN002-18 Advice on Court Proceedings – December 2017/January 2018

That the information be received and noted.

FIN003-18 Investment Report as at 30 November 2017

That the Investment Report as at 30 November 2017 be received and noted.

FIN004-18 Investment Report as at 31 December 2017

That the Investment Report as at 31 December 2017 be received and noted.

FIN005-18 Property Matter – Proposed Road Closure and Sale of Land – Part Buchanan St Carlton, Lot 3 in DP734336 and Lot 12 in DP627414

- (a) That the General Manager be authorised to lodge a road closure application with the Department of Industry (Lands & Forestry) for part of Buchanan St, Carlton (Buchanan Street Lot) adjoining Lot 3 in DP734336.
- (b) That upon closure of the road and creation of a new lot that the subject lot be classified as Operational Land in accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- (c) That the Buchanan St Lot, Lot 3 in DP734336 and Lot 12 in DP627414 be sold to the owner of 280-290 Railway Pde, Carlton as generally detailed in this report and that the above lots be consolidated within this property upon sale.
- (d) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract of Sale, Transfer Document and all other associated documentation to effect the closure of the road, the creation of a new freehold lot, and the sale of Lot 3 in DP734336, Lot 12 in DP627414 and the Buchanan Street Lot.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A Rescission Motion was lodged by Councillors Hindi, Kastanias and Wu, in regard to item FIN005-18: Property Matter – Proposed Road Closure and Sale of Land – Part Buchanan St Carlton, Lot 3 in DP734336 and Lot 12 in DP627414. The Rescission Motion will be considered at the Council meeting scheduled to be held on Monday 26 March 2018.

CCL003-18 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee - Meeting held on the 12 February 2018

Resolved: Councillor Grekas and Councillor Kastanias

That the Committee recommendations for item ASS001-18, detailed below, be adopted by Council in accordance with the delegations set out in the Terms of Reference for the Assets and Infrastructure Committee.

ASS001-18 Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting – 6 February 2018

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2018 be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL004-18 Report of the Community and Culture Committee - Meeting held on 12 February 2018

Resolved: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Hindi

That the Committee recommendations for items COM001-18 to COM006-18 (inclusive), detailed below, be adopted by Council in accordance with the delegations set out in the Terms of Reference for the Community and Culture Committee.

COM001-18 Major Events Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 13 November, 21 November, 13 December 2017, 16 January 2018 and 5 February 2018

- (a) That this agenda item is deferred to the next meeting of Council on Monday 26 February 2018 for Council consideration and adoption.
- (b) That staff involved in organising the 2018 Lunar New Year event be congratulated by Council for delivering a great event.
- (c) That the minutes from the MEAC meetings held on 13 November 2017, 13 December 2017 and 16 January 2018 be amended to correctly reflect the attendance of committee members, and be presented to Council for adoption accordingly.

COM002-18 Sponsorship Request – One Billion Rising

That Council note the in-kind sponsorship support provided to Kogarah Community Services for the total value of \$305.64 for its annual One Billion Rising event held on Friday 09 February 2018 at Kogarah Town Square.

COM003-18 Sponsorship Request – Council Charity Golf Day – 09 March 2018

That Council approve the in-kind sponsorship request of \$7,661 to the St George and Lugarno Lions Clubs for the Council Charity Golf Day to be held on 09 March 2018 at Hurstville Golf Course.

COM004-18 Sponsorship Request – 2018 Combined Australian HANSA Class Championship

That Council approve the in-kind sponsorship request of \$844 to the Kogarah Bay Sailing Club for its 2018 Combined Australian HANSA Class Championship to be held from Friday 30 March to Sunday 02 April at Dover Park East.

COM005-18 Georges River Starlight Cinema and Night Market

- (a) That Council notes this report on the upcoming Georges River Outdoor Starlight Cinema

series and Night Market series scheduled from February to March 2018 at different locations across the Georges River Area.

- (b) That Councillors liaise with the Director Community and Culture to explore the potential for having a themed night market series.

COM006-18 2017-18 Community Grants Program Round 2 Timetable and Guidelines

That Council approve the 2017-18 Community Grants Program – Round 2 Guidelines with the program to be delivered between March and June 2018.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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CCL005-18 Major Events Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 13 November, 21 November, 13 December 2017, 16 January 2018 and 5 February 2018.

Motion: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Grekas

- a) That Council note and retrospectively endorse the proposed expenditure increase from \$120,000 as adopted in Council's 2017/2018 Lunar New Year Event budget, to \$224,000 (87% expenditure increase) and the General Manager be requested to provide recommendations to Council as to possible funding sources as part of the Quarter 2 finance report, including from the remaining 2017/2018 events program budget and any surplus savings that may be identified from Quarter 2 operations.
- (b) That the calendar of meetings for the Major Events Advisory Committee for 2018/2019 be established in this financial year to ensure that all meetings and related minutes (and therefore any associated expenditure for the 2018/2019 events arising from those meetings) are concluded and approved prior to the final meeting of Council in December 2018.
- (c) That Council delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to incur expenditure above Council's adopted 2018/2019 budget for Major Events over the December recess of Council, to ensure that any unforeseen or emergency expenditure can be addressed.
- (d) That Council adopt the retrospective recommendations contained within the minutes of the Major Events Advisory Committee meetings held on 13 November, 21 November, 13 December 2017, 16 January 2018 and 5 February 2018.
- (e) That the staff involved in organising the 2018 Lunar New Year event be congratulated by Council for delivering a great event.

Amendment: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council note and retrospectively increase the 2017/2018 event budget from \$120,000, as adopted in Council's 2017/2018 Lunar New Year event budget, to \$225,000 and the General Manager be requested to provide recommendations to Council as to possible funding sources as part of the Quarter 2 finance report.
- (b) That the General Manager investigate increasing the 2018/2019 budget allocation for the Lunar New Year event as part of the upcoming budget process.
- (c) That Council adopt the retrospective recommendations contained within the minutes of the Major Events Advisory Committee meetings held on 13 November, 21 November, 13 December 2017, 16 January 2018 and 5 February 2018.

- (d) That Council staff who were associated with the event be thanked for the great work that they did under a very tight timeline.

The Amendment was put to the Meeting and voting was as follows:

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Konjarski, Hindi, Wu, Badalati, Agius, Katris, Symington and Kastanias

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Greene (abstained) and Councillors Tegg, Liu, Elmir (abstained), Landsberry, Grekas and Payor.

The Amendment being carried, therefore became the Motion and voting was as follows:

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Konjarski, Hindi, Wu, Badalati, Elmir, Agius, Katris, Symington and Kastanias.

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Greene (abstained) and Councillors Tegg, Liu, Landsberry, Grekas and Payor

Resolved: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council note and retrospectively increase the 2017/2018 event budget from \$120,000, as adopted in Council's 2017/2018 Lunar New Year event budget, to \$225,000 and the General Manager be requested to provide recommendations to Council as to possible funding sources as part of the Quarter 2 finance report.
- (b) That the General Manager investigate increasing the 2018/2019 budget allocation for the Lunar New Year event as part of the upcoming budget process.
- (c) That Council adopt the retrospective recommendations contained within the minutes of the Major Events Advisory Committee meetings held on 13 November, 21 November, 13 December 2017, 16 January 2018 and 5 February 2018.
- (d) That Council staff who were associated with the event be thanked for the great work that they did under a very tight timeline.

Notices of Motion

NM001-18 Construction of a Skate Park in the Georges River Local Government Area
(Councillor Grekas)

Councillor Grekas tabled photo images of skate parks and also a petition from residents in support of building a skate park in the Georges River local government area.

Resolved: Councillor Grekas and Councillor Elmir

- (a) That Council investigate potential locations for the construction of a Skate Park within the Georges River local government area.
- (b) That the results of the investigation, along with an indicative construction budget, be reported to Council as part of the budget process.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM002-18 Establishment of a 'City Futures' Unit
(Councillor Symington)**Resolved:** Councillor Symington and Councillor Kastanias

- (a) That the General Manager, as part of the review and re-determination of the organisational structure as required by section 333 of the Local Government Act 1993, be requested to investigate the establishment of a 'City Futures' Unit (or similar) in order to:
- (i) Advance the status and influence of Georges River Council across all levels of government, and in particular, in the Sydney metropolitan area and the State of NSW;
 - (ii) Enhance the reputation and brand of the City of Georges River (and its Council) through the preparation and delivery of a City Reputation Strategy;
 - (iii) Allow a greater focus on advocacy for the City to assist in securing the necessary government investment towards infrastructure, grant funding, community programs and other government projects to support our population growth;
 - (iv) Prepare a 30 year Vision for the City of Georges River to help shape the City with a solid future direction which will assist the Council to set the correct policies and invest in the right infrastructure to secure our economic and social fortunes for the long term.
- (b) That a report on the investigation, with options for the organisation structure and budget implications be provided to Council before 30 June 2018.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM003-18 Report on Progress of Resolutions of Council
(Councillor Tegg)**Resolved:** Councillor Tegg and Councillor Agius

That the General Manager prepare a report to Council on a quarterly basis, commencing in April 2018, detailing progress made on any outstanding resolutions from previous Council meetings.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Conclusion

The Meeting was closed at 8.42pm

Chairperson