

MINUTES

Environment and Planning Committee

Tuesday, 14 April 2020

7.30pm

Online Meeting



PRESENT

Council Members

Councillor Nick Katris (Chair), Councillor Stephen Agius, Councillor Vince Badalati, Councillor Con Hindi, Councillor Leesha Payor and Councillor Christina Wu

Council Staff

Ms Catherine McMahon - Acting Director Environment and Planning, Executive Manager Office of the General Manager – Ms Roxanne Thornton, Executive Services Officer – Ms Marina Cavar, Research and Project Officer - Ms Ann-Marie Svorinic, Executive Assistant to the Director Environment and Planning – Ms Leanne Allen.

Note: The Chairperson Councillor Katris, noted the late commencement of the meeting and asked all Councillors present if they agreed to proceed and complete the items of business listed for consideration. There was unanimous support.

OPENING

Councillor Katris declared the meeting open at 9.04pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Katris acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Bidjegal people of the Eora Nation.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Hindi and Badalati

That an apology on behalf of Councillor Kastanias be accepted and a leave of Absence granted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Katris, advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with Section 4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's website.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Kastanias declared a Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item ENV009-20 (**Georges River Council Car Parking Strategy**) for the reason that she owns a business classified as neighbourhood B1 centre. Councillor Kastanias was an apology for the meeting and did not participate in debate or voting on the item ENV009-20.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING - 09 MARCH 2020

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Badalati

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 09 March 2020, be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 9 March 2020 were not resolved by Council at its meeting on 23 March 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENV009-20 Georges River Council Car Parking Strategy (Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Katris

Note: Councillor Kastanias declared a Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item ENV009-20 (Georges River Council Car Parking Strategy) for the reason that she owns a business classified as Neighbourhood B1 Centre. Councillor Kastanias was an apology for the meeting and did not participate in debate or voting on this item.

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Position Paper and the Georges River Council Car Parking Strategy (July 2018);
- (b) That Council endorse the Position Paper as a Strategic Planning document and the Georges River Council Car Parking Strategy (July 2018) with the following amendments:
 - i. Amend the Position Paper to include the existing minimum parking rates for the Hurstville City Centre, the recommended (exhibited) minimum car parking rates for Hurstville and Kogarah strategic centres and the amended rates for restaurants/cafes as below:

Type of Development	Existing Minimum Parking Rate - Hurstville	Existing Minimum Parking Rate - Kogarah	Recommended Parking Rate for GR DCP 2020 (Minimum)
Business and Office Premises	1 per 200sqm. (B3 zone) 1 per 100sqm (in B4 zone)	1 per 40sqm. GFA	1 per 60sqm. GFA
Retail Premises (shops)	1 per 50sqm. GFA	1 per 40sqm. GFA	1 per 60sqm. GFA
Restaurants/ Cafes	1 per 50sqm. GFA	1 per 40sqm. GFA	1 per 40sqm. GFA

Medical Centre	1 space/practitioner + 1 space/consulting room	1 per 40sqm. GFA	1 per 50sqm. GFA
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- ii. Amend the car parking rate for restaurants/cafes > 800m Walking Distance from Railway Station to reflect that in paragraph 38 of the Senior Strategic Planner's report from 1/20 to 1/30m² in the Position Paper.
- iii. Amend the Position Paper to include the following car parking rates for other centres as exhibited and amended rates for restaurants/cafes:

Type of Development	Existing Minimum Parking Rate – Hurstville (outside City Centre)	Existing Minimum Parking Rate – Kogarah (outside City Centre)	Recommended GR DCP 2020 Parking Rate (Minimum) ≤ 800m Walking Distance from Railway Station	Recommended GR DCP 2020 Parking Rate (Minimum) > 800m Walking Distance from Railway Station
Business and Office Premises	1 per 60sqm. GFA	1 per 40sqm. GFA	1 per 60sqm. GFA	1 per 40sqm. GFA
Retail Premises (shops)	1 per 50sqm. GFA	1 per 33.3sqm. GFA	1 per 60sqm. GFA	1 per 40sqm. GFA
Restaurants/ Cafes	1 per 50sqm. GFA	1 per 5sqm. GFA	1 per 40sqm. GFA	1 per 30sqm. GFA
Medical Centre	1 space per practitioner + 1 space per consulting room	1 per 40sqm. GFA	1 per 40sqm. GFA	1 per 30sqm. GFA

- iv. Replace 'disabled people' with 'people with a disability' and 'disabled spaces' with 'accessible spaces' throughout the Position Paper and the Car Parking Strategy.
- v. Amendment to other recommendations in the Position Paper as detailed in the body of the Report and listed below:
 - a. Add in Tables 2, 7 and 9 the following comment:
 - Council to also investigate mechanisms to provide more public parking that is accessible to special user groups, including older residents.
 - b. Add in Table 7 the following comment:
 - Upload maps showing location of various parking areas on the GRC website in most spoken languages in addition to English.
 - c. Add in table 10 the following comments:
 - Council is in the process of preparing a Transport Strategy for the LGA that will produce a Strategic / Core Pedestrian and Bicycle Network Plan for the LGA via a desktop review. The Core Pedestrian and Bicycle Network will link town centres, transport hubs, significant health and education land uses, significant retirement and aged care facilities, major recreation facilities, parks and neighbouring LGAs. It is expected, no location in the LGA would be more than 400 metres from the Core Pedestrian and Bicycle Network.
 - Council to also consider behaviour change programs and mechanisms

to promote community members adopting active lifestyles.

- d. Under Table 16 (p24 of the Position Paper) and at the end of Council comments at paragraph 12 of the Position Paper the following note be inserted:

NOTE: Any carparking provided on site is to remain as carparking. Any excess parking is to be indicated on the Strata Plan and in the Strata by laws as carparking.

- (c) That Council notify the submitters and affected landowners of Council's resolution.
- (d) That the amended Position Paper and the attached Georges River Council Car Parking Strategy be published on Council's website.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 9.47pm

Chairperson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Khat', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.