

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Camden Council
Administration Centre
70 Central Avenue
Oran Park

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MEETING COMMENCED AT 6.30PM**PRESENT****In person:**

Cr A Cagney (Mayor/Chairperson)
Cr C Cagney
Cr Dommaraju
Cr McLean
Cr Zammit

Remote:

Nil

STAFF

General Manager
Director Community Assets
Acting Director Customer and Corporate Strategy
Director Growth and Finance
Director Planning and Environment
Director Sport, Community and Activation
Chief Financial Officer
Manager Community Outcomes
Manager Legal and Governance
Manager Major Projects
Manager Open Space and Sustainability
Manager Sport and Recreation
Manager Strategic Planning
Internal Audit Coordinator
Senior Governance Officer
Governance Officer
Governance Administration Officer.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Councillor Campbell, Councillor Farrow, Councillor Fedeli and Councillor Symkowiak be granted leave of absence.

ORD70/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

APPROVAL TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend by audio-visual link.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations to be noted.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were no public addresses to be noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 14 May 2024, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

ORD71/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

MAYORAL MINUTE - DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Motion: Moved Councillor A Cagney that Council officers investigate and report back to a Councillor briefing on how the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library initiative could be implemented within the Camden LGA.

ORD72/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

MAYORAL MINUTE - KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2024

Motion: Moved Councillor A Cagney that Council note the information.

ORD73/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD01 POST PUBLIC EXHIBITION - 2024/25 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET, INCLUDING REVENUE POLICY, CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM, FEES AND CHARGES AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council:

- i. adopt the 2024/25 Draft Operational Plan, Draft Budget, and Draft Long-Term Financial Plan;
- ii. adopt the 2024/25 Budget as set out below:

- expenditure totalling \$531,475,000 as summarised in the 2024/25 Draft Budget including that the funds to cover such expenditure be voted;
- the 2024/25 Fees and Charges (includes Domestic Waste Management Fees, Stormwater Management Levy and the fee changes outlined within this report), and the 2024/25 Revenue Policy;
- the Minister's allowable limit of an 8.20% rate increase be applied to the 2024/25 rating year;
- the following ad-valorem rates to be levied on the land value of all rateable assessments for the 2024/25 financial year:

Rate Category	Ad-Valorem Rates
Residential	0.101162
Business	0.333835
Farmland Ordinary	0.050581
Farmland Intensive	0.091046

- in accordance with section 537(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, noting that the percentage of base amount to total yield for the 2024/25 financial year for each class of rate is:

Rate Category	
Residential	49.80%
Business	10.66%
Farmland Ordinary	9.69%
Farmland Intensive	16.15%

- adoption of a base amount of \$760.00 to be levied for each rateable assessment for the 2024/25 financial year;
 - adoption of the rate permitted by the Minister for Local Government for the allowable interest rate on overdue rates of 10.5% for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025; and
 - approval of the reserve transfers and loan borrowings for 2024/25 as detailed in the report.
- iii. note the submissions received in relation to the 2024/25 Draft Operational Plan and Budget and notify the submitters of Council's decision.

ORD74/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD02 PRE PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT SOUTH CREEK WEST PRECINCT 5 (PART) PLANNING PROPOSAL

Motion: Moved Councillor Zammit, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that Council:

- i. endorse the Planning Proposal for land at:
 - 705 The Northern Road, Bringelly (Lot 2 in DP 1216380);
 - 657 The Northern Road, Bringelly (Lot 4 in DP 1216380);
 - 421D The Northern Road, Cobbitty (Lot 500 in DP 1231858);

- 641 The Northern Road Cobbitty (Lot 4 in DP 1273487);
- 641A The Northern Road Cobbitty (Lot 1 in DP 1273487; and
- 689 The Northern Road, Bringelly (part of Lot 3 of DP 1216380)

to be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for Gateway Determination (subject to receipt of a satisfactory letter of offer to enter into a Planning Agreement and satisfactory progression of the investigation areas and outstanding matters, as outlined in this report);

- ii. endorse Schedule 8 of the Camden Growth Centre Precincts Development Control Plan (including as amended) for Precinct 5 (Part) for the purposes of public exhibition;
- iii. forward the Camden Growth Centre Precincts Development Control Plan (including as amended) to the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure at the same time it is placed on public exhibition in accordance with the Instrument of Delegation issued by the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on 19 January 2015;
- iv. delegate authority to the General Manager to make any amendments (prior to public exhibition) to the Planning Proposal, supporting documents and draft development control plan, to reflect outcomes of the investigation areas and any other outstanding matters (as outlined in this report);
- v. subject to receiving a favourable response from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, proceed to public exhibition for the Planning Proposal, in accordance with the requirements of the Gateway Determination and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*; and
- vi. receive a post-exhibition report advising of the outcomes of public exhibition.

ORD75/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD03 POST PUBLIC EXHIBITION - 499, 501, 585, 589, 591 & 593 COBBITTY ROAD, COBBITTY PLANNING AGREEMENT

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council:

- i. authorise the relevant Voluntary Planning Agreement documentation to be completed under Council's Power of Attorney;
- ii. once executed, make the Voluntary Planning Agreement publicly available in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*; and

- iii. once executed, forward a copy of the Voluntary Planning Agreement to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

ORD76/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD04 POST PUBLIC EXHIBITION - PONDICHERRY PRECINCT AND COMBINED DEVELOPMENT LOT THRESHOLD PLANNING AGREEMENT

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council:

- i. authorise the relevant Voluntary Planning Agreement documentation to be completed under Council's Power of Attorney;
- ii. once executed, make the Voluntary Planning Agreement publicly available in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*; and
- iii. once executed, forward a copy of the Voluntary Planning Agreement to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

ORD77/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

Councillor McLean voted against the Motion.

ORD05 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2024

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council:

- i. approve the recommended allocation of funding for the Community Sponsorship Program of \$59,233 (excl. GST);
- ii. approve the recommended allocation of funding for the Inclusive Business Grant of \$14,045 (excl. GST); and
- iii. write to each applicant advising them of the outcome of this report and thanking them for their participation in the Program.

ORD78/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD06 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES (DISASTER RESILIENCE) - CAMDEN RESILIENCE PLAN

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council:

- i. accept the grant funding of \$166,667 (excl. GST) through the Australian Government's Protecting Our Communities (Disaster Resilience) program to develop the Camden Resilience Plan and allocate the funding in the 2024/25 Budget;
- ii. write to Senator The Hon. Murray Watt, Minister for Emergency Management, thanking him for the grant;
- iii. write to The Hon. Jihad Dib MP, NSW Minister for Emergency Services, and The Hon. Paul Scully MP, NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, thanking them for the grant;
- iv. write to The Hon. Angus Taylor MP, Member for Hume, and Dr Mike Freelander MP, Member for Macarthur, thanking them for their support; and
- v. write to Mrs Tanya Davies MP, Member for Badgerys Creek, Mrs Sally Quinnell MP, Member for Camden, and Mr Nathan Hagarty MP, Member for Leppington, thanking them for their support.

ORD79/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD07 DETERMINATION OF COUNCILLOR AND MAYORAL FEES 2024/25 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council fix the fees payable to Councillors and the Mayor as the maximum amounts permitted for the Medium Metropolitan category of councils in the 2024/25 financial year, as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

ORD80/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

Councillor McLean voted against the Motion.

ORD08 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DOWNER GROUP FOR NATIVE VEGETATION RESTORATION AT SPRING FARM

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council note funding of \$30,000 (excl. GST) provided by Downer BMD Joint Venture to deliver a restoration project within the public reserve located at 215 Richardson Road and 10B Marshall Avenue, Spring Farm and that the funds be allocated to the 2024/25 Budget.

ORD81/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD09 THE PARKS OPERATING MODEL

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council:

- i. receive and note the report on the governance model for The Parks, the strategic alliance of the eight Councils of the Western Parkland City led by the Mayors, and the need to update the governance model to increase effectiveness;
- ii. note that this updated governance model retains the autonomy of all member Councils and brings with it no additional financial costs on members;
- iii. endorse:
 - a. that the existing governance model for The Parks be updated to a section 358 entity under the *Local Government Act 1993* constituted as an incorporated association under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009* with primary responsibility for conducting research and gathering evidence to advocate effectively for the residents, businesses and visitors of the Western Parkland City and implement programs and initiatives that bring regional benefits;
 - b. the attached constitution as the constitution for this organisation, to be known as The Parks, Sydney's Parkland Councils, Inc.; and
- iv. subject to Ministerial consent, authorise the Mayor and General Manager to work with the other councils' Mayors and General Managers to establish the entity as per section 358 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Office of Local Government's Formation of Corporations and Entities (Section 358) Guideline.

ORD82/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD10 TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND POLICY - NEW

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council:

- i. consider the information provided in this report; and
- ii. adopt the Telecommunication Facilities on Council Owned Land Policy included as an attachment to this report.

ORD83/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

Councillor McLean voted against the Motion.

ORD11 INVESTMENT MONIES - APRIL 2024 AND REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council:

- i. note that the Responsible Accounting Officer has certified that all investments held by Council have been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Regulations, and Council's Investment Policy;
- ii. note the list of investments for April 2024;
- iii. note the weighted average interest rate return of 5.23% p.a. for the month of April 2024; and
- iv. adopt the draft revised Investment Policy as attached to this report.

ORD84/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD12 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER - REVISED

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council:

- i. adopt the revised Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference effective from 1 July 2024; and
- ii. adopt the revised Internal Audit Charter effective from 1 July 2024.

ORD85/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD13 TENDER T002/2024 - MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL'S AQUATIC AND LEISURE FACILITIES

Motion: Moved Councillor Zammit, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that Council:

- i. note the outcome of the negotiation process for T002/2024 Management of Council's Aquatic and Leisure Facilities;
- ii. note that BlueFit Pty Ltd has been awarded the contract to manage Council's Aquatic and Leisure Facilities; and
- iii. write to the Y NSW thanking them for their years of service and management of the Mount Annan Leisure Centre and Camden War Memorial Pool.

ORD86/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD14 TENDER T007/2024 - PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CAMDEN CIVIC CENTRE

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council accept the tender provided by Trinity Quality Interiors Pty Ltd trading as Trinity Fitout and Construction as per the terms and conditions of T007/2024 for the lump sum of \$6,950,862.69 (excl. GST) in accordance with Council's adopted budget.

ORD87/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

CLOSED COUNCIL**ORD15 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor McLean that Council hear any objection or submission by a member of the public, limited to a period of four minutes, concerning the closure of the meeting.

ORD88/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

MOTION

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council close the meeting to the media and public to discuss reports dealing with commercial matters in accordance with the provisions of Sections 10A(2)(c) and 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ORD89/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Following the resolution of ORD15, the meeting convened into Closed Council, the time being 7.10pm. The public and media left the Chamber.

OPEN COUNCIL**MOTION**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that the meeting reconvene into Open Council, the time being 7.14pm.

ORD90/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

The Council reconvened into Open Council, the time being 7.15pm. The following were the decisions of the Closed Council:

CC01 ACQUISITION OF LAND - KIRKHAM

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council:

- i. resolve to acquire part Lot 5 DP 882365 as identified in the report and classify the land as public road;
- ii. resolve to acquire the land for the agreed purchase price as outlined in this report; and
- iii. authorise execution of the Contract for Sale and all necessary documents to be completed under Council's Power of Attorney.

ORD91/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

CC02 CAMDEN SPORTS CLUB - 10, 10A AND 10B CAWDOR ROAD, CAMDEN

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council:

- i. note the information contained in this report;
- ii. waive the lease fee for Camden Sports Club for 2024/2025 financial year;
- iii. delegate the General Manager or his nominee the authority to implement the waiving of the associated fees; and
- iv. advise the Camden Sports Club of Council's decision.

ORD92/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

CC03 ACQUISITION OF LAND - 80 HEATH ROAD, LEPPINGTON NSW

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council authorise the General Manager, or his nominee, to negotiate and resolve the matter of the acquisition of 80 Heath Road, Leppington as recommended in this report.

ORD93/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, McLean and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.16PM

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