

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 Campbell
Cr Dommaraju
Cr Farrow
Cr McLean
Cr Zammit

Remote:

Cr Fedeli

STAFF

General Manager
Director Community Assets
Director Customer and Corporate Strategy
Director Growth and Finance
Director Planning and Environment
Director Sport, Community and Activation
Chief Financial Officer
Manager Legal and Governance
Manager Contribution Planning
Manager Strategic Planning
Manager Environment and Regulatory Services
Manager Sport and Recreation
Manager Public Affairs
Internal Audit Coordinator
Acting Team Leader Media and Communications
Senior Governance Officer
Governance Officer
Assistant Governance Officer

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

ORD31/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

APPROVAL TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

Motion: Moved Councillor Dommaraju, Seconded Councillor Campbell that the request from Councillor Fedeli to attend and participate in this Council meeting by audio-visual link be approved.

ORD32/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McLean declared a less than significant pecuniary interest in relation to ORD12 - Bicycle NSW Membership, advising that he is the CEO of Bicycle NSW, and that he would vacate the Chamber and not take part during discussion and voting on the matter.

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that the declaration be noted.

ORD33/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Ms Deborah Rouse on behalf of Love Rescue Collaborate addressed Council in relation to ORD06 - Post Public Exhibition – Cat Management Plan.

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor McLean that Ms Rouse be granted a two minute extension.

ORD34/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor McLean that the public address be noted.

ORD35/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held 5 March 2024 and the Ordinary Council Meeting held 12 March 2024, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

ORD36/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

MAYORAL MINUTE - DOOHAN RESERVE SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion: Moved Councillor A Cagney that Council:

- i. allocate \$60,000 in Ward Funds for Council to fund the installation of sandstone blocks and a ball stop fence extension at Doohan Reserve; and
- ii. write to the Oran Park Rovers Club to advise them of the works that will be undertaken.

ORD37/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

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

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

- i. endorse the following documents for the purposes of public exhibition:
 - Draft 2024/25 Operational Plan and Budget including Revenue Policy;
 - Draft 2024/25 Capital Works Program;
 - Draft 2024/25 Fees and Charges schedule; and
 - Draft Long-Term Financial Plan; and
- ii. note that a further report will be presented to Council at its meeting of 11 June 2024 to consider any submissions received during the public exhibition period and to adopt the documents outlined above.

ORD38/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD02 PRE-PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT WESTERN SYDNEY REGIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

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

- i. note the draft Western Sydney Regional Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme prepared through the Western Sydney Planning Partnership;
- ii. note that the regional approach to prepare the draft Western Sydney Regional Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme:
 - a. is an efficient way of councils meeting their local housing strategy assurance requirements set by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure;
 - b. fulfils actions for affordable rental housing set out in the Western City District Plan; and
 - c. will use existing legislative provisions to contribute towards improving affordable rental housing supply;
- iii. endorse the public exhibition of the draft Western Sydney Regional Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme; and
- iv. following the exhibition, report the results of the public exhibition to Council with a recommendation on whether to endorse implementation of the draft Scheme in the Camden Local Government Area.

ORD39/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD03 PRE-PUBLIC EXHIBITION – PONDICHERRY PLANNING AGREEMENT

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

- i. endorse the draft Pondicherry Planning Agreement, with the exclusion of all references to secondary recreation contact as a future option, to be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*; and
- ii. receive a further report on the outcomes of the public exhibition.

ORD40/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

Councillor McLean voted against the Motion.

ORD04 PRE PUBLIC EXHIBITION - COBBITTY PLANNING AGREEMENT

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

- i. endorse the draft Cobbitty Road, Cobbitty Planning Agreement to be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*; and
- ii. receive a further report on the outcomes of the public exhibition.

ORD41/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD05 PRE-PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT EVENTS STRATEGY 2024 - 2027

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

- i. endorse the draft Camden Events Strategy 2024 – 2027 to be placed on public exhibition from mid-April to mid-May 2024;
- ii. if no unresolved submissions are received during public exhibition, adopt the draft Camden Events Strategy effective from the day after the close of the exhibition period; or
- iii. if any unresolved submissions are received during public exhibition, receive a further report to consider the submissions.

ORD42/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD06 POST PUBLIC EXHIBITION - CAT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

- i. adopt the Cat Management Plan included as Attachment 2 to this report; and
- ii. write to the submitters thanking them for their submission and to advise them of the outcome of this report.

ORD43/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

Councillor Campbell voted against the Motion.

ORD07 TENDER T002/2024 - MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL'S AQUATIC AND LEISURE FACILITIES

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

- i. decline all tenders submitted for T002/2024 Tender for Management of Council's Aquatic and Leisure Facilities, in accordance with section 178(1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*;
- ii. decline to invite fresh submissions under sections 178(3)(b)-(d) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* because it would be of no benefit as submissions were received from the primary operators in aquatic and leisure industry, and the corresponding market has already been tested;
- iii. enter into negotiations with any person (whether or not the person was a tenderer), because of the specialised nature of the services, with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the management and operation of Council's aquatic and leisure centres, which ensures that Council's community, social and commercial outcomes are met, in accordance with section 178(3)(e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

ORD44/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD08 PROVISION OF EXPENSES AND FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS - JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that Council note the information in this report in relation to the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors for the period of 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023.

ORD45/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD09 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

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

- i. note the information in this report; and
- ii. submit the following motions to the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2024:
 - a. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to correct the base level of funding for Financial Assistance Grants to local government across Australia by including indexation from the three-year period of the indexation freeze following the 2014-15 Australian Government Budget.
 - b. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:
 1. Recognise the essential role councils play in delivering seniors programs which both benefit local communities and save the Australian and State Governments significant health care costs; and
 2. Support the capacity of councils to develop and deliver seniors programs which enhance health and wellbeing outcomes for older Australians, by increasing the funding provided for such programs and ensuring that the funding opportunities enable the longevity and sustainability of program delivery.

ORD46/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD10 INVESTMENT MONIES - FEBRUARY 2024

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Zammit 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 February 2024; and
- iii. note the weighted average interest rate return of 5.23% p.a. for the month of February 2024.

ORD47/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD11 MINUTES TO THE 21 FEBRUARY 2024 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council note the minutes of the 21 February 2024 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting.

ORD48/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

Councillor McLean vacated the Chamber, the time being 7.35pm.

**ORD12 BICYCLE NSW MEMBERSHIP
AMENDMENT**

Motion: Moved Councillor A Cagney, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council determine to join Bicycle NSW as a NSW Local Government Member.

ORD49/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell and Fedeli voted in favour of the Motion.

Councillors Dommaraju, Farrow and Zammit voted against the Motion.

Councillor McLean returned to the Chamber, the time being 7.44 pm.

NOTICES OF MOTION**ORD13 NOTICE OF MOTION - EXTENSION OF HOURS FOR SPLASH PARKS**

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

- i. investigate options to extend the hours of the splash parks in the Camden Local Government Area to provide further benefits to the Camden community, which may include:
 - a. both earlier opening times and later closing times;
 - b. modified operations and management of the facilities;
 - c. amendments of usage rules and terms;
 - d. other considerations relevant to splash parks elsewhere; and
- ii. receive a report back to Council on the costs, operational measures, benefits and any potential impacts.

ORD50/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**


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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.48PM

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