

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Camden Council
Administration Centre
70 Central Avenue
Oran Park

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MEETING COMMENCED AT 6.31PM**PRESENT****In person:**

Cr A Cagney (Mayor/Chairperson)
Cr C Cagney
Cr Campbell
Cr Dommaraju
Cr Farrow
Cr Fedeli
Cr McLean
Cr Symkowiak
Cr Zammit

Remote:

Nil

STAFF

General Manager
Director Customer and Corporate Strategy
Director Planning and Environment
Acting Director Community Assets
Director Sport, Community and Activation
Director Growth and Finance
Chief Financial Officer
Manager Legal and Governance
Manager Strategic Planning
Manager Assets and Design Services
Acting Manager Public Affairs
Manager Economic Development and Activation
Manager Sport and Recreation
Manager Community Outcomes
Manager Contribution Planning
Senior Media and Communications Advisor
Senior Governance Officer
Governance Officer
Governance Administration Officer.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

There were no leaves of absence to be granted.

APPROVAL TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dommaraju declared a pecuniary interest in relation to ORD01 - Pre Public Exhibition - Draft Planning Proposal for 3 Emerald Hills Boulevard, Leppington and ORD02 - Pre Public Exhibition - Camden Growth Areas Contributions Plan - Amendment 4 - Leppington Town Centre, advising that she and her husband own property in the vicinity of the land which is the subject of the Planning Proposal, and that she would vacate the Chamber and not take part during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor A Cagney declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in relation to ORD05 - Community Grants Program 2023/2024, advising that she is a Director on the board of Macarthur Football Association and, although member clubs of the Association applied for grants, she does not have an executive role with any of those clubs, and that she would remain in the Chamber during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Campbell declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in relation to ORD05 - Community Grants Program 2023/2024, advising that she has numerous affiliations with organisations including the Shining Stars Foundation, Camden Men's Shed, Camden Amateur Swimming Club, Camden RSL, Legacy, Lifeline Macarthur and Western Sydney, Camden RSL Youth Club, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Camden Show Society and Camden Meals on Wheels as a life member, ordinary member or patron and that she is a volunteer who is not on the board and does not have an executive role with any of those organisations, and that she would remain in the Chamber during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor McLean declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in relation to ORD05 - Community Grants Program 2023/2024, advising that he has an affiliation with some organisations, including as a member of the Camden Show Society, and that he would remain in the Chamber during discussion and voting on the matter.

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Farrow that the declarations be noted.

ORD191/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were no public addresses to be noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved Councillor Fedeli, Seconded Councillor Zammit that the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held 3 October 2023 and the Ordinary Council Meeting held 10 October 2023, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

ORD192/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

MAYORAL MINUTE - TURNING POINT CAMDEN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Motion: Moved Councillor A Cagney that Council write to Turning Point Camden and congratulate them on their 10-year anniversary.

ORD193/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

MAYORAL MINUTE - COUNCILLOR NUMBERS

Motion: Moved Councillor A Cagney that Council:

- i. determine not to conduct a constitutional referendum, in conjunction with its ordinary election in 2024, to propose changing the number of Councillors for the 2028-2032 term onwards to 12; and
- ii. notify the NSW Electoral Commission of this decision.

ORD194/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

MAYORAL MINUTE - COUNCILLOR RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

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

ORD195/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

Councillor Dommaraju vacated the Chamber, the time being 7.00pm.

ORD01 PRE PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR 3 EMERALD HILLS BOULEVARD, LEPPINGTON

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

- i. endorse the draft Planning Proposal to be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment for Gateway Determination;
- ii. endorse the draft amendment to the Camden Development Control Plan 2019 – Schedule 8 Emerald Hills;
- iii. subject to receiving a favourable response from the Department of Planning and Environment, proceed to public exhibition of the draft Planning Proposal and the draft Development Control Plan amendment in accordance with the requirements of the Gateway Determination and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*;
- iv. subject to no unresolved submissions being received, forward the draft Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment for finalisation;
- v. upon notification of the Local Environmental Plan amendment being made:
 - a. grant delegation to the General Manager to adopt the amendment to the Camden Development Control Plan 2019 – Schedule 8 Emerald Hills; and
 - b. publicly notify the adoption of the Development Control Plan in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*; or
- vi. if unresolved submissions are received, consider a further report outlining the results of the public exhibition period; or
- vii. should the draft Planning Proposal not receive Gateway Approval, notify the proponent that the draft Planning Proposal will not proceed.

ORD196/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD02 PRE PUBLIC EXHIBITION - CAMDEN GROWTH AREAS CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN - AMENDMENT 4 - LEPPINGTON TOWN CENTRE

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

- i. endorse Amendment 4 to the Camden Growth Areas Contributions Plan to be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*;
- ii. following the exhibition period be provided a further report to consider submissions made during the exhibition period; and
- iii. endorse Amendment 4 to the Camden Growth Areas Contributions Plan to be forwarded to IPART for review.

ORD197/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

Councillor Dommaraju returned to the Chamber, the time being 7.04pm

ORD03 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRANT FUNDING - NSW SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING - ESSENTIAL PUBLIC ASSET RECONSTRUCTION WORKS

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

- i. acknowledge the grant funding which has already been accepted and included in Council's budget as part of Council's budget processes;
- ii. write to The Hon. Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, to thank her for the funding;
- iii. write to Mrs Sally Quinnell MP, Member for Camden, Mr Nathan Hagarty MP, Member for Leppington and Mrs Tanya Davies MP, Member for Badgerys Creek, thanking them for their support.

ORD198/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD04 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - GREATER CITIES AND REGIONAL SPORTS FACILITY FUND - KIRKHAM RUGBY LEAGUE OVAL

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

- i. accept the grant funding of \$1,000,000 (excl. GST) through the NSW Government's Greater Cities and Regional Sport Facility Fund for the construction of female friendly change rooms and supporting amenities for Rugby League facilities at Kirkham Oval, and allocate the funding in the 2023/24 budget;
- ii. write to The Hon. Stephen Kamper MP, Minister for Sport, thanking him for the grant; and
- iii. write to Mrs Sally Quinnell MP, Member for Camden, Mr Nathan Hagarty MP, Member for Leppington and Mrs Tanya Davies MP, Member for Badgerys Creek, thanking them for their support.

ORD199/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD05 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2023/2024

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

- i. approve the recommended allocation of funding for the Community Small Grants Program of \$92,148 (excl. GST);
- ii. approve the recommended allocation of funding for the Community Sponsorship Program of \$70,500 (excl. GST);
- iii. allocate an additional \$10,100 to the 2023/24 Community Sponsorship Program to be funded at the December Quarterly Budget Review; and
- iv. write to each applicant advising them of the outcome of this report and thanking them for their participation in the program.

ORD200/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD06 PRE PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

- i. endorse the draft Camden Destination Management Plan to be placed on public exhibition for an extended period commencing from mid-November 2023 to February 2024;
- ii. if no unresolved submissions are received during the public exhibition period, adopt the draft Camden Destination Management Plan effective from the day after the close of the exhibition period; and
- iii. if any unresolved submissions are received during the public exhibition period, receive a further report to consider the submissions.

ORD201/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD07 PRE PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

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

- i. endorse the Community Financial Assistance Policy to be placed on an extended public exhibition from November 2023 to February 2024;
- ii. if no unresolved submissions are received during the public exhibition period, adopt the Community Financial Assistance Policy effective from the day after the close of the exhibition period; and
- iii. if any unresolved submissions are received during the public exhibition, receive a further report to consider the submissions.

ORD202/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD08 PRE PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT CHILD SAFE POLICY

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

- i. endorse the draft Child Safe Policy to be placed on an extended public exhibition period from mid-November 2023 to February 2024; and
- ii. if no unresolved submissions are received during the public exhibition period, adopt the draft Child Safe Policy effective from the day after the close of the exhibition period; or
- iii. if any unresolved submissions are received during the public exhibition period, receive a further report to consider the submissions.

ORD203/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD09 POST PUBLIC EXHIBITION - PLACES TO ROAM - JOHN OXLEY RESERVE RECREATIONAL TRAIL

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

- i. endorse the revised draft Concept Masterplan for the Places to Roam – John Oxley Reserve Recreational Trail, as attached to this report; and
- ii. notify the submitters of the outcome of this report.

ORD204/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD10 RESULTS AGAINST BUDGET AND REVOTES FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023

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

- i. approve the budget variations contained within this report;
- ii. approve the allocation of the 2022/23 cash budget surplus of \$801,028 to the Working Funds Reserve, to assist with funding the 2023 Local Government (State) Award increase at the September 2023 Quarterly Review;
- iii. approve the expenditure revotes program totalling \$1,491,781 as outlined in Attachment 2 to this report; and
- iv. approve the transfer of \$6,265,458 to the revotes and works in progress reserve, representing the general fund portion of the revotes and works in progress program.

ORD205/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD11 RATES, ANNUAL CHARGES AND SUNDRY DEBTORS WRITTEN OFF FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council authorise the write off of rates, annual charges and sundry debtors as outlined in this report totalling \$1,145,888 for the 2022/23 financial year.

ORD206/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD12 SEPTEMBER REVIEW OF THE 2023/24 BUDGET

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

- i. adopt the budget variations contained within this report and transfer \$801,000 from the Working Funds Reserve to balance the projected 2023/24 budget position;
- ii. endorse the closure of the Camden Region Economic Taskforce (CRET) Reserve (\$50,446) with the balance of the reserve to be transferred to 2023/24 budget, to be used for objectives or purposes similar to those of Camden Region Economic Taskforce Ltd in accordance with its constitution;
- iii. endorse the closure of the Camden Parking Fund Reserve (\$121,000) with the balance of the reserve to be transferred to 2023/24 budget, to be used for projects that improve carparking in the Camden business district.

ORD207/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD13 INVESTMENT MONIES - SEPTEMBER 2023 AND REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY

Motion: Moved Councillor Fedeli, Seconded Councillor C Cagney 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 September 2023;
- iii. note the weighted average interest rate return of 4.93% p.a. for the month of September 2023; and
- iv. adopt the draft revised Investment Policy as attached to this report.

ORD208/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD14 DRAFT SUBMISSION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL 2024 ANNUAL DETERMINATION

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

- i. endorse the draft submission on the 2024 annual determination of the fees payable to mayors and councillors by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, provided as Attachment 1 to this report; and
- ii. forward a copy of the endorsed submission to the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

ORD209/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD15 COUNCILLOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND ADVICE POLICY – REVISED

Motion: Moved Councillor Fedeli, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that Council adopt the revised Councillor Access to Information and Advice Policy included as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.

ORD210/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD16 COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGES

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

- i. not schedule an Ordinary Meeting in September 2024; and
- ii. vary the scheduled date of its Ordinary Meeting in October 2024 from 8 October 2024 to 15 October 2024.

ORD211/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD17 ALTERNATE PANEL MEMBERS FOR THE SYDNEY WESTERN CITY PLANNING PANEL

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Fedeli that Council reappoint the existing alternate (non-councillor) representatives on the Sydney Western City Planning Panel for a period of up to 3 years.

ORD212/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD18 CAMDEN LOCAL PLANNING PANEL - DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS RETURNS 2022/23

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council note the tabling of the Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Returns lodged by members of the Camden Local Planning Panel for the 2022/23 financial year.

ORD213/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**


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

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.26PM

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