

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 Cagney (Mayor/Chairperson)
Cr Campbell
Cr Fedeli
Cr Ferreri
Cr Quinnell
Cr Rahman
Cr Sicari
Cr Suri

Remote:

Cr McLean

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
Chief Information Officer
Manager Corporate Performance and Customer Experience
Manager Open Space and Sustainability
Manager Major Projects
Manager Public Affairs
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

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

ORD44/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

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 Ferreri, Seconded Councillor Quinnell that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 11 March 2025, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

ORD45/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD01 PRE-PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN, DRAFT RESOURCING STRATEGY, DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2025/26 - 2028/29, DRAFT 2025/26 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET (INCLUDING THE DRAFT REVENUE POLICY, DRAFT CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM AND DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES)

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

- i. endorse the following documents for the purposes of public exhibition:
 - Draft Community Strategic Plan 2025 – 2040 (Attachment 1);
 - Draft Resourcing Strategy Executive Report (Attachment 2);
 - Draft Long-Term Financial Plan (Attachment 3);
 - Draft Workforce Management Plan (Attachment 4);
 - Draft Asset Management Policy, Strategy and Plans (Attachment 5);
 - Draft Delivery Program 2025/26 - 2028/29 and Draft Operational Plan 2025/26 and Budget including Revenue Policy (Attachment 6);
 - Draft 2025/26 Capital Works Program (Attachment 7); and
 - Draft 2025/26 Fees and Charges Schedule (Attachment 8); and
- ii. note that a further report will be presented to Council at its meeting of 10 June 2025 to consider any submissions received during the public exhibition period and to adopt the documents outlined above.

ORD46/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD02 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATIONS

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

- i. accept the grant funding of \$121,250 (excl. GST) and \$4,403.63 (excl. GST) from the Local Small Commitments Allocation grant program for inclusion in the 2025/26 budget;
- ii. write to The Hon. John Graham MLC, Special Minister of State, thanking the NSW Government for the grants; and
- iii. write to Mrs Sally Quinnett MP, Member for Camden, and Mr Nathan Hagarty MP, Member for Leppington, thanking them for their support.

ORD47/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnett, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD03 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - CARING FOR COUNTRY COUNCIL GRANTS PROGRAM

Motion: Moved Councillor Rahman, Seconded Councillor Ferreri that Council:

- i. accept the grant funding of \$25,000 (excl. GST) from the Caring for Country Council Grants Program, for inclusion in the 2024/25 Budget, to undertake engagement with the local community that will support the development of on ground caring for country projects, and to build the capacity of key staff to assist with project delivery.
- ii. write to The Hon. Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, thanking him for the grant funding.
- iii. write to Mrs Sally Quinnett MP, Member for Camden, thanking her for her support.
- iv. write to Mrs Tania Davies MP, Member for Badgerys Creek, thanking her for her support; and
- v. write to Mr Nathan Hagarty MP, Member for Leppington, thanking him for his support.

ORD48/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnett, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD04 T006/2025 - PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR FOR RECTIFICATION OF LITTLE SANDY BRIDGE ELDERSLIE

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

- i. accept the tender provided by Menai Civil Contractors Civil Pty Ltd as per the terms and conditions of T006/2025 – Principal Contractor for Rectification of Little Sandy Bridge Elderslie for the lump sum of \$3,722,171.97 (excl GST); and

- ii. allocate \$799,300 from the Capital Works Reserve to the current approved budget for the Rectification of Little Sandy Bridge and that the funds be allocated into the Draft 2025/26 Budget.

ORD49/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD05 EXEMPTION FROM TENDER - SELECT IT CONTRACTS

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

- i. pursuant to section 55(3(i)), approve an exemption from the tender requirements for the provision of the maintenance, support, upgrades, subscription and licensing of the software applications, platforms and hardware appliances provided in the confidential attachment to this report, upon the expiry of the current agreements, for the respective extension period along with the optional extension, if appropriate, noting that because of extenuating circumstances and the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders;
- ii. note the reasons (as provided in the confidential attachment of the report) why a satisfactory outcome would not be achieved by inviting tenders for each application, platform or appliance include:
 - a) each product and service is customised and extremely interconnected with other products and services and substitute products and services are highly unlikely to feature equivalent interoperability; and
 - b) cost to procure an alternative customised solution of products and services, if one existed, would be very disproportionate to any potential increased value of change;
- iii. enter into the contractual agreements with the suppliers upon the expiry of the current agreements for the respective extension period along with the optional extension, if appropriate, provided in the confidential attachment of the report; and
- iv. delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise, execute and administer (including exercising options, if appropriate) the subscription, licensing, maintenance and support agreements with the relevant suppliers provided in the confidential attachment of the report.

ORD50/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD06 PRE-PUBLIC EXHIBITION - REVISED SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM

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

- i. endorse the Revised Swimming Pool Inspection Program to be placed on public exhibition; and
- ii. if no unresolved submissions are received during the public exhibition period, adopt the Swimming Pool Inspection Program 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.

ORD51/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD07 PROVISION OF EXPENSES AND FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS - JULY TO DECEMBER 2024

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Fedeli 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 2024 to 31 December 2024.

ORD52/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

ORD08 INVESTMENT MONIES - FEBRUARY 2025

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Quinnell 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 2025; and
- iii. note the weighted average interest rate return of 5.03% p.a. for the month of February 2025.

ORD53/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

NOTICES OF MOTION**ORD09 NOTICE OF MOTION - NATIVE TREES**

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

- i. consider the implementation of a program for the gifting of native trees to families of newborns within the Camden LGA, in celebration of new life and as a lasting tribute to the families of our community;
- ii. recognise that, if feasible, the following elements of the program are introduced:
 - a. Select suitable and appropriate native trees species to be either gifted for use on private property or gifted for planting in public spaces as part of existing programs to benefit our local environment and biodiversity;
 - b. Consider local partnerships and existing programs which can be used to distribute or help plant the trees, including information on how to care for and manage the trees;
 - c. Promote this initiative as an opportunity to strengthen community spirit, encourage environmental stewardship and foster pride in our local community by celebrating both new life and the natural environment;
 - d. Work with neighbouring councils to share this as a region-wide initiative to celebrate new life and increase tree canopy cover across the region;
 - e. Identify ways to collaborate with the South Western Sydney Local Health District to ensure cross promotional opportunities for Council to connect as a soft entry point for families who need access to information or referrals to community and social services; and
- iii. receive a report on how this can be achieved within existing budgets, programs and operations.

ORD54/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **LOST**

Councillors Campbell, McLean and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

Councillors Cagney, Fedeli, Ferreri, Quinnell, Rahman and Sicari voted against the Motion.

ORD10 NOTICE OF MOTION - SHARED PATHWAY AT SPRING FARM

Motion: Moved Councillor Quinnell, Seconded Councillor Rahman that Councillors be provided with a briefing prior to the 13 May 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting on the planned location of the shared pathway on Macarthur Road, Spring Farm being relocated from the western side to the eastern side of the road, to convey further background, the reason for this design change, communication with residents up to this point and a recommended solution.

ORD55/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

CLOSED COUNCIL

ORD11 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

No applications were received from members of the public to speak as to whether the Council Meeting should be closed.

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Fedeli 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)l and 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ORD56/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Following the resolution of ORD11, the meeting convened into Closed Council, the time being 7.13pm. The public and media left the Chamber.

OPEN COUNCIL

MOTION

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Ferreri that the meeting reconvene into Open Council, the time being 7.17pm.

ORD57/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

The Council reconvened into Open Council, the time being 7.18pm. The following were the decisions of the Closed Council:

CC01 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND - ACQ/2023/29

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

- i. compulsorily acquire part of the property as described in this report (Property), pursuant to section 177 of the *Roads Act 1993*;
- ii. compulsorily acquire the property for the purpose of exercising its service functions under the *Roads Act 1993* to facilitate the road widening of Kirkham Lane and Camden Valley Way;

- iii. make an application to the Minister for Local Government through the Office of Local Government, pursuant to section 187(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, for approval to acquire the land by compulsory process by the issue of proposed acquisition notices to the owners of the property;
- iv. make an application to the Governor through the Office of Local Government, under section 19 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, for approval to acquire the land by compulsory process by the publication of an acquisition notice in the NSW Government Gazette;
- v. classify the future road as public road under the *Roads Act 1993*;
- vi. resolve that should any agreement be reached, authorise execution of the Contract for Sale and all necessary documents to be completed under Council's Power of Attorney; and
- vii. authorise the General Manager or their delegate to finalise and execute all relevant documents relating to the acquisition of the land.

ORD58/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

CC02 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND - LEPPINGTON ACQ/2022/21 ACQ/2022/25

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

- i. compulsorily acquire part of the properties as described in this report (Properties), pursuant to section 377(1)(h) of the *Local Government Act 1993*;
- ii. compulsorily acquire the Properties for the purpose of exercising its service functions under the *Local Government Act 1993* of providing drainage infrastructure to support the Leppington Town Centre and Leppington North Precinct;
- iii. compulsorily acquire the Properties with the consent of the owner of the Properties under section 29 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*;
- iv. make an application for the approval of the Governor, through the Office of Local Government, under section 19 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, to acquire the land by compulsory process by the publication of an acquisition notice in the NSW Government Gazette;
- v. classify the drainage infrastructure properties on acquisition as operational land under section 31 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
- vi. authorise the General Manager or their delegate to finalise and execute all relevant documents and compensation payable relating to the acquisition of the land.

ORD59/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

CC03 SALE OF LAND - GRASMERE

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

- i. endorse the process outlined in this report for the disposal of the subject land; and
- ii. authorise the execution of the Contract for Sale and all necessary documents to be completed under Council's Power of Attorney.


ORD60/25 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Cagney, Campbell, Fedeli, Ferreri, McLean, Quinnell, Rahman, Sicari and Suri voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.22PM

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