

MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

at 5:00pm

Monday 11 May 2020

Present

Lord Mayor – Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM (in the Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor – Councillor Tania Brown
Councillor Ann Martin
Councillor Cameron Walters
Councillor Cath Blakey
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Dom Figliomeni
Councillor Janice Kershaw

Councillor Jenelle Rimmer
Councillor John Dorahy
Councillor Leigh Colacino
Councillor Mithra Cox

In Attendance

General Manager
Director Infrastructure + Works, Connectivity Assets + Liveable City
Director Planning + Environment, Future City + Neighbourhoods
Director Corporate Services, Connected + Engaged City
Director Community Services, Creative + Innovative City
Manager Governance + Customer Service
Chief Financial Officer
Chief Information Officer
Manager Project Delivery
Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning (Acting)
Manager City Works (Acting)
Manager Open Space + Environmental Services
Manager Library + Community Services

Greg Doyle
Andrew Carfield
Linda Davis
Renee Campbell
Kerry Hunt
Todd Hopwood
Brian Jenkins
Ingrid McAlpin
Glenn Whittaker
Mark Roebuck
Corey Stoneham
Joanne Page
Jenny Thompson

Note: Due to current government requirements around social distancing obligations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Councillors and staff attended the Meeting of Council via Skype. The Lord Mayor and General Manager were present in the Council Chambers for this meeting.

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CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Councillor T Brown declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant, perceived conflict of interest in Item 1 Draft Revised Delivery Program 2018-2022 Operational Plan 2020-2021 and Budget for Public Exhibition, as her employer the University of Wollongong, and Council, are research collaborators in the smart city space. Councillor T Brown advised she would remain in the chamber during debate and voting on this item.

In relation to the Public Access Forum speaker Dr Cole Hendrigan, Councillor T Brown also declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant, perceived conflict of interest as they are colleagues at University of Wollongong's SMART Infrastructure Facility. As Dr Hendrigan has advised he would be speaking in his capacity as a resident and not in any formal University of Wollongong capacity, Cr T Brown advised she will remain in the chamber during his address to Council.

At this stage and prior to the commencement of the Public Access Forum, Councillor Martin joined the meeting, the time being 5:02 pm.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

ITEM	TITLE	NAME OF SPEAKER
1	Draft Revised Delivery Program 2018-2022 Operational Plan 2020-2021 and Budget for Public Exhibition	Clementina Velasco Against Recommendation
1	Draft Revised Delivery Program 2018-2022 Operational Plan 2020-2021 and Budget for Public Exhibition	Adam Zarth For Recommendation
1	Draft Revised Delivery Program 2018-2022 Operational Plan 2020-2021 and Budget for Public Exhibition	Dr Cole Hendrigan For Recommendation

380 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Figliomeni that all speakers be thanked for their presentation and invited to table their notes.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 1, Councillor Martin departed the meeting due to loss of connectivity with the electronic meeting and returned to the meeting, the time being from 5:20 pm to 5:30 pm.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Rimmer seconded Councillor Figliomeni that Councillor Blakey be granted an additional one (1) minute to address the meeting in relation to Item 1.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Walters seconded Councillor Figliomeni that Councillor Colacino be granted an additional three (3) minutes to address the meeting in relation to Item 1.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 1, Councillor Martin departed the meeting due to loss of connectivity with the electronic meeting and returned to the meeting, the time being from 6:26 pm to 6:27 pm.

ITEM 1 - DRAFT REVISED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2018-2022 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020-2021 AND BUDGET FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

381 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor T Brown that -

- 1 Council endorse the draft revised Delivery Program 2018–2022 and Operational Plan and suite of documents to be placed on exhibition from 13 May to 9 June 2020.
- 2 Following public exhibition, a revised Delivery Program 2018–2022 and Operational Plan 2020-2021, be presented to Council for adoption.
- 3 Council write to the NSW Government requesting:
 - a Funding assistance for those ratepayers experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19, similar to the assistance package offered to bushfire affected councils in February 2020
 - b Suspension of the Planning Reform Fee (Plan First Levy) which is a component of our Development Application fees for a period of at least 12 months.
- 4 Council add to the resolution of 6 April 2020, to allow the extension of the deferred payment period for the fourth Rates and Annual Charges instalment from 31 August 2020 to 30 September 2020. Council approves:
 - a Extension of the interest free period to 30 September 2020
 - b Continuation of the cessation of legal recovery, otherwise required under Council's Debt Recovery and Hardship Assistance Policy, to outstanding accounts until 30 September 2020 while continuing to issue all annual, instalment and revised reminder notices to keep ratepayers informed.
- 5 Council approve a payment arrangement for all ratepayers who have not been able to pay their fourth Rates & Annual Charges instalment for 2019–2020, which will allow that outstanding instalment to spread equally over each of the four instalments for 2020–2021. This will ensure a double instalment payment is not required by 30 September 2020.
- 6 Council approve an extension of waiver for late payment fees on Sundry Debtors greater than 60 days until 30 September 2020.
- 7 Council approve the following transfers from internally restricted cash to fund COVID-19 related impacts:
 - a \$4 million from Strategic Projects Restricted Asset
 - b \$5 million from Property Investment Fund Restricted Asset.
- 8 Council revise the approved usage of the City Parking Strategy restricted asset to redirect the net revenue from parking meters in the City centre to enhanced City centre activation and marketing initiatives that support regional and local economic recovery from COVID-19. The City Centre reactivation fund post COVID be also used to stimulate the "5pm to midnight" economy. To this end explore opportunities to subsidise arts and cultural events in the CBD especially live music provided by local musicians.
- 9 The Draft Infrastructure Delivery Program "Helensburgh Library" project be amended in 2023/24 from "Design" to "Construction".
- 10 The Draft Revised Delivery Program 2018-2022 and Operational Plan 2020-2021 action 2.3.1.1.2 "Provide funds to support Wollongong's ability to attract and retain a tourist ship visitor economy through on shore day visits" be extended to also include the years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.

Variations The variation moved by Councillor Cox (the addition of the final two sentences in point 8) was accepted by the mover and seconder.

The variations moved by Councillor Colacino (the replacement of the words "also be used to" to "be also used to" in point 8 and the addition of points 9 and 10) were accepted by the mover and seconder.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:33PM

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on Monday 25 May 2020.

Chairperson