

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

at 6:00 PM

Monday 7 April 2025

**Present**

Lord Mayor – Councillor Tania Brown (in the Chair)	
Deputy Lord Mayor – Councillor Linda Campbell	
Councillor Andrew Anthony	Councillor Ryan Morris
Councillor David Brown	Councillor Tiana Myers
Councillor Kit Docker	Councillor Thomas Quinn
Councillor Dan Hayes	Councillor Deidre Stuart
Councillor Ann Martin	Councillor Jess Whittaker
Councillor Richard Martin	

**In Attendance**

General Manager	Greg Doyle
Director Infrastructure + Works, Connectivity Assets + Liveable City	Joanne Page
Director Planning + Environment, Future City + Neighbourhoods	Linda Davis
Director Corporate Services, Connected + Engaged City	Renee Campbell
Director Community Services, Creative + Innovative City	Kerry Hunt
Chief Financial Officer	Brian Jenkins
Chief Digital + Information Officer	Ingrid McAlpin
General Counsel (attended via audio-visual link)	Jeff Reilly
Manager City Strategy	Chris Stewart
Manager City Works (Acting)	Greg Knight
Manager Commercial Operations + Property (Acting)	Roisin OSullivan
Manager Customer + Business Integrity	Todd Hopwood
Manager Development Assessment + Certification	Mark Adamson
Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning	Nathan McBriarty
Manager Libraries + Community Facilities	Sarah Taylor
Manager Open Space + Environmental Services	Paul Tracey
Manager Project Delivery (Acting)	Jeremy Morgan
Manager Regulation + Enforcement	Corey Stoneham
Manager Sport + Recreation	Mark Berriman
Senior Manager People + Culture (Acting)	Olivia Holmes

Note: In accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice, participants in the meeting can participate via audio-visual link. Those who participated via audio-visual link are indicated in the attendance section of the Minutes.

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## CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ann Martin declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 - Public Exhibition - Draft Wollongong Local Strategic Planning Statement and Item 4 - Post Exhibition - West Dapto Development Contributions Plan 2025, due to her employment at the Department of Planning and Environment. As she is not involved in planning matters related to the Wollongong LGA, Councillor A Martin advised she would remain in the meeting during debate and voting on the items.

Councillor Ann Martin declared non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 - Policy Review - Wollongong Memorial Gardens & Cemeteries Council Policy, as she Chairs the Our Community Project which operates Tender Funerals. Councillor A Martin advised that she would depart the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Thomas Quinn declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7- Tender T1000173 - Memorial Drive (Albert Street) Debris Control Structure, as he has previously studied with the business development manager of one of the companies that tendered. Councillor Quinn advised he would remain in the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2025

- 30 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 17 March 2025 (a copy having been circulated to Councillors) be taken as read and confirmed.

## PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

ITEM NO	TITLE	NAME OF SPEAKER
11	NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JESS WHITTAKER - ADVOCATE FOR THE UNDERPASS TO THE F6 FREEWAY AT WATERFALL TO BE REOPENED FOR CYCLISTS	CRAIG VERNON <b>FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
12	NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR KIT DOCKER AND COUNCILLOR ANDREW ANTHONY - EXTENDING THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE CONTINENTAL POOL	REBECCA SCHMIDT-LACHLAN <b>FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
12	NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR KIT DOCKER AND COUNCILLOR ANDREW ANTHONY - EXTENDING THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE CONTINENTAL POOL	AMABILE CUNZOLO <b>FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
NON-AGENDA ITEM	SOUTHERN CYCLEWAY SAFETY UPGRADES	KATHRYN MORGAN – UNDERSTOREY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
NON-AGENDA ITEM	BIKE RACK AT THE CONTINENTAL POOL	MANUEL NAVARRETE

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

### **CALL OF THE AGENDA**

- 32 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that the staff recommendations for Items 2 to 4 inclusive then 7 to 9 inclusive be adopted as a block.

### **ITEM A - LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - BESTOWING THE KEYS TO THE CITY TO THE ILLAWARRA HAWKS**

- 33 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor T Brown that the City of Wollongong, in line with our Community Recognition Program, bestow the Keys to the City on the Illawarra Hawks for winning the 2025 National Basketball League Championship.

### **ITEM 1 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT OUR WOLLONGONG OUR FUTURE 2035 - INTEGRATED PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

- 34 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Morris that -
- 1 Council endorse the Draft Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 Community Strategic Plan, Draft Resourcing Strategy 2025-2035, Draft Asset Management Policy, Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026, including the Draft Budget 2025-2026, Draft Infrastructure Delivery Program 2025-2026 to 2028-2029 and Draft Revenue Policy, Rates, Annual Charges and Fees 2025-2026 to be placed on public exhibition for the period 9 April to 7 May 2025.
  - 2 Following public exhibition, the post-exhibition Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 Community Strategic Plan, Resourcing Strategy 2025-2035, Asset Management Policy, Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026, including the Budget 2025-2026, Infrastructure Delivery Program 2025-2026 to 2028-2029 and Revenue Policy, Rates, Annual Charges and Fees 2025-2026 be presented to Council for adoption.

### **ITEM 2 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL POLICY**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 32)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that Council endorse the draft Financial Sustainability Policy to be placed on exhibition with Council's Integrated Planning suite of documents.

### **ITEM 3 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT WOLLONGONG LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 32)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that the draft Wollongong Local Strategic Planning Statement be exhibited for a minimum of 28 days.

#### **ITEM 4 - POST EXHIBITION - WEST DAPTO DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2025**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 32)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that the West Dapto Development Contributions Plan 2025 (Attachment 1) be adopted and a notice placed on Council's Public Notices webpage.

#### **ITEM 5 - POLICY REVIEW - COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

- 35 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Hayes seconded Councillor D Brown that Council adopt the updated Compliance and Enforcement Policy

#### **DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR**

Due to a disclosed conflict of interest, Councillor A Martin departed the meeting at 7:09 pm and was not present for the debate nor voting on 6. Councillor A Martin returned to the meeting at 7:09 pm at the conclusion of Item 6.

#### **ITEM 6 - POLICY REVIEW - WOLLONGONG MEMORIAL GARDENS & CEMETERIES COUNCIL POLICY**

- 36 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Hayes seconded Councillor Campbell that Council endorse the revised Wollongong Memorial Gardens and Cemeteries Policy.

#### **ITEM 7 - TENDER T1000173 - MEMORIAL DRIVE (ALBERT STREET) DEBRIS CONTROL STRUCTURE**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 32)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that -

- 1 In accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accept the tender of Select Civil Pty Ltd for Memorial Drive (Albert Street) Debris Control Structure, in the sum of \$537,388.00 including GST.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 3 Council grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

#### **ITEM 8 - FEBRUARY 2025 FINANCIALS**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 32)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that the financials be received and noted.

#### **ITEM 9 - STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT - FEBRUARY 2025**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 32)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that Council receive the Statement of Investment for February 2025.

**ITEM 10 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR DAN HAYES - SAFER SCHOOL ROUTES PROGRAM**

**37 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Hayes seconded Councillor R Martin that Council receives a report in 2025 outlining –

- a The challenges and opportunities in delivering the Safer School Routes Program.
- b Current budget allocations to the project and timeframes.
- c The future roll out of the program to other schools and implementation of future projects.
- d Opportunities to expedite the projects identified.

**ITEM 11 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JESS WHITTAKER - ADVOCATE FOR THE UNDERPASS TO THE F6 FREEWAY AT WATERFALL TO BE REOPENED FOR CYCLISTS**

**38 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Whittaker seconded Councillor Hayes that Wollongong City Council write to the NSW Minister for Roads, Jenny Aitchison MP and Maryanne Stuart MP, requesting that the NSW State Government investigate the feasibility of reopening the toll booth tunnel under the F6 Freeway at Waterfall. This action will provide cyclists with a safe crossing location at the freeway when travelling south to the Old Princes Highway.

*Variation* The variation moved by Councillor Hayes (the addition of Maryanne Stuart MP) was accepted by the mover and seconder.

**ITEM 12 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR KIT DOCKER AND COUNCILLOR ANDREW ANTHONY - EXTENDING THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE CONTINENTAL POOL**

MOVED by Councillor Docker seconded Councillor Anthony that a report come to Council outlining the potential benefits and additional costs associated with extending the operating hours of the Continental Pool to 6:00 pm during the months of May and June.

**39 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion (AMENDMENT) of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Quinn that –

- 1 That the options for extended or varied opening hours of supervised pools, and associated costs, be included in a councillor briefing or information note on the Aquatic and Indoor Sports Strategy.
- 2 That the information presented include transport and access issues related to pool use.

Councillor D Brown's AMENDMENT on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED to become the MOTION.

*In favour* Councillors Hayes, R Martin, Quinn, D Brown, Myers, A Martin, Campbell, Whittaker, Docker, Stuart, Morris and T Brown

*Against* Councillor Anthony

The motion (AMENDMENT) on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7:33 PM**

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on Monday 5 May 2025.

Chairperson