

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WAVERLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SUNDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2016

Present:

Councillor Sally Betts (Mayor) (Chair) **Hunter Ward** Councillor Tony Kay (Deputy Mayor) Waverley Ward Councillor Bill Mouroukas Waverley Ward Councillor Angela Burrill Lawson Ward **Councillor Andrew Cusack Lawson Ward** Councillor Paula Masselos Lawson Ward Councillor Leon Goltsman **Hunter Ward** Councillor Joy Clayton Bondi Ward Councillor John Wakefield Bondi Ward Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak Bondi Ward

Staff in attendance:

Cathy Henderson Acting General Manager

Jane Worthy Manager, Internal Ombudsman's Office

At the commencement of proceedings at 9.30AM those present were as listed above.

PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

The Mayor read the following Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage:

God, we pray for wisdom to govern with justice and equity. That we may see clearly and speak the truth and that we work together in harmony and mutual respect. May our actions demonstrate courage and leadership so that in all our works thy will be done. Amen.

Waverley Council respectfully acknowledges our Indigenous heritage and recognises the ongoing Aboriginal traditional custodianship of the land which forms our Local Government Area.

1. Apologies/Leaves of Absence

Council has previously granted Cr Strewe a leave of absence for this meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cr Guttman-Jones.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The Chair called for declarations of interest and none were received.

3. Addresses to Council by Members of the Public

There were no Addresses to Council by members of the public.

4. Reports

CM/4.1/16.02 Submission to the Local Government Reform Delegate

MOTION Mover: Cr Betts

Seconder: Cr Kay

That Council's submission to the Local Government Reform Delegate includes:

- 1. The options for number of Councillors being:
 - (a) 5 wards of 3 Councillors;
 - (b) 7 wards of 3 Councillors, in the event of State Government legislative amendments to increase the number of Councillors.
- 2. A Council ward structure and a process of ward determination as set out in the section 'Wards' in this report.
- 3. A recommendation that the election of the Mayor be determined by Councillors.

- 4. A requirement to consult with the community of the new council area on naming the new entity before the local government election under part 'f' of the criteria.
- 5. An operating and governance structure for the new merged entity as set out in the revised 'Interim Governance Model' document and Diagram 1, both tabled at the meeting and dated 21 February 2016.
- 6. A recommendation that the Delegate include the options for Paddington in his report to the Minister for Local Government as set out in the section 'Paddington' in this report.

AMENDMENT 1 Mover: Cr Wakefield Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak

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That Council's submission to the Local Government Reform Delegate includes a requirement to hold a plebiscite to determine if a merger will occur.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Division

For the Amendment: Crs Masselos, Wakefield and Wy Kanak.

Against the Amendment: Crs Betts, Burrill, Clayton, Cusack, Goltsman, Kay and Mouroukas.

AMENDMENT 2 Mover: Cr Wy Kanak

Seconder: Cr Wakefield

That the Motion be adopted subject to Council's submission to the Local Government Reform Delegate includes submissions from councillors of the minority view.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Division

For the Amendment: Crs Masselos, Wakefield and Wy Kanak.

Against the Amendment: Crs Betts, Burrill, Clayton, Cusack, Goltsman, Kay and Mouroukas.

AMENDMENT 3 Mover: Cr Wakefield

Seconder: Cr Masselos

That the Motion be adopted subject to the addition of the following clause:

"A statement that the recommendations contained in the Motion have been considered by Waverley Council without the support of Woollahra Council and forms the view only of Waverley Council".

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Division

For the Amendment: Crs Masselos, Wakefield and Wy Kanak.

Against the Amendment: Crs Betts, Burrill, Clayton, Cusack, Goltsman, Kay and Mouroukas.

AMENDMENT 4 Mover: Cr Wakefield

Seconder: Cr Masselos

That the Motion be adopted subject to Council's submission to the Local Government Reform Delegate noting that Woollahra Council does not support a merger with Waverley and Randwick councils.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Division

For the Amendment: Crs Masselos, Wakefield and Wy Kanak.

Against the Amendment: Crs Betts, Burrill, Clayton, Cusack, Goltsman, Kay and Mouroukas.

AMENDMENT 5 Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Wakefield

That the Motion be adopted subject to the addition of the following clause:

"A statement that Council does not support the forced merger of Waverley, Woollahra and Randwick".

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Division

For the Amendment: Crs Masselos, Wakefield and Wy Kanak.

Against the Amendment: Crs Betts, Burrill, Clayton, Cusack, Goltsman, Kay and Mouroukas.

THE MOVER AND SECONDER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED THE ADDITION OF CLAUSE 1 (C) SUCH THAT THE MOTION NOW READS AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION:

That Council's submission to the Local Government Reform Delegate includes:

- 1. The options for number of Councillors being:
 - (a) 5 wards of 3 Councillors;
 - (b) 7 wards of 3 Councillors, in the event of State Government legislative amendments to increase the number of Councillors:
 - (c) 5 wards of 5 Councillors.
- 2. A Council ward structure and a process of ward determination as set out in the section 'Wards' in this report.
- 3. A recommendation that the election of the Mayor be determined by Councillors.
- 4. A requirement to consult with the community of the new council area on naming the new entity before the local government election under part 'f' of the criteria.
- 5. An operating and governance structure for the new merged entity as set out in the revised 'Interim Governance Model' document and Diagram 1, both tabled at the meeting and dated 21 February 2016.

6. A recommendation that the Delegate include the options for Paddington in his report to the Minister for Local Government as set out in the section 'Paddington' in this report.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

DECISION: That the Motion be adopted.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Betts, Burrill, Clayton, Cusack, Goltsman, Kay and Mouroukas.

Against the Motion: Crs Masselos, Wakefield and Wy Kanak.

5. Closed Session

There were no items dealt with in Closed Session.

6. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.30AM.

SIGNED AND CONFIRMED MAYOR

15 MARCH 2016