



WAVERLEY
COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE WAVERLEY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT WAVERLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CNR PAUL STREET AND BONDI ROAD, BONDI JUNCTION ON
TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2024**

Present:

Councillor Paula Masselos (Mayor) (Chair)	Lawson Ward
Councillor Sally Betts	Hunter Ward
Councillor Angela Burrill	Lawson Ward
Councillor Ludovico Fabiano	Waverley Ward
Councillor Leon Goltsman	Bondi Ward
Councillor Michelle Gray	Bondi Ward
Councillor Tony Kay	Waverley Ward
Councillor Elaine Keenan	Lawson Ward
Councillor Steven Lewis	Hunter Ward
Councillor Tim Murray	Waverley Ward
Councillor Will Nemes	Hunter Ward
Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak	Bondi Ward

Staff in attendance:

Emily Scott	General Manager
Sharon Cassidy	Director, Assets and Operations
Tara Czinner	Director, Corporate Services
Fletcher Rayner	Director, Planning, Sustainability and Compliance
Ben Thompson	Director, Community, Culture and Customer Experience

At the commencement of proceedings at 7.00 pm, those present were as listed above.

Crs Burrill, Gray and Wy Kanak attended the meeting by audio-visual link.

PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

The General Manager read the following Opening Prayer:

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.

The Mayor read the following Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage:

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

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The Chair called for declarations of interest and the following was received:

- 2.1 Cr Kay declared a pecuniary interest in item CM/7.3/24.03 – Planning Agreement – 154 Ramsgate Avenue, North Bondi and informed the meeting that his mother-in-law owns property in the unit block directly across the road from the subject property, and that he will leave the meeting for the consideration and vote on this item.

3. Obituaries

Jack Fitzgibbon

Council rose for a minute's silence for the souls of people generally who have died in our local government area.

4. Addresses by Members of the Public

- 4.1 D Lesmond – CM/8.1/24.03 – RESCISSION MOTION – PD/5.3/24.03 – Waverley Development Control Plan 2022 (Amendment No. 2) – Flood Planning – Adoption.
- 4.2 H Brown – CM/8.1/24.03 – RESCISSION MOTION – PD/5.3/24.03 – Waverley Development Control Plan 2022 (Amendment No. 2) – Flood Planning – Adoption.
- 4.3 H Petrie – CM/8.1/24.03 – RESCISSION MOTION – PD/5.3/24.03 – Waverley Development Control Plan 2022 (Amendment No. 2) – Flood Planning – Adoption.
- 4.4 A Richards – CM/8.1/24.03 – RESCISSION MOTION – PD/5.3/24.03 – Waverley Development Control Plan 2022 (Amendment No. 2) – Flood Planning – Adoption.

ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconded: Cr Keenan

That the recommendations for the following items be adopted as recommended in the business paper:

- CM/5.1/24.03 Confirmation of Minutes – Council Meeting – 20 February 2024.
- CM/5.2/24.03 Confirmation of Minutes – Extraordinary Council Meeting – 27 February 2024.
- CM/7.1/24.03 Investment Portfolio Report – February 2024.
- CM/7.2/24.03 Planning Proposal – Waverley Local Environmental Plan – General Update – Exhibition.
- CM/7.4/24.03 Bondi Pavilion – Bar and Catering Services Licence – Exhibition.
- CM/7.6/24.03 Bus Industry Taskforce – Submission.
- CM/8.2/24.03 Motion for 2024 ALGA National General Assembly – Environmental Services and Infrastructure.
- CM/8.3/24.03 Motion for 2024 ALGA National General Assembly – Affordable Housing.
- CM/8.4/24.03 Motion for 2024 ALGA National General Assembly – Closing the Gap.

5. Confirmation and Adoption of Minutes**CM/5.1/24.03 Confirmation of Minutes - Council Meeting - 20 February 2024 (A23/0761)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconded: Cr Keenan

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 February 2024 be received and noted, and that such minutes be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CM/5.2/24.03 Confirmation of Minutes - Extraordinary Council Meeting - 27 February 2024 (A23/0761)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconded: Cr Keenan

That the minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on 27 February 2024 be received and noted, and that such minutes be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CM/5.3/24.03 Adoption of Minutes - Waverley Traffic Committee Meeting - 22 February 2024 (A23/0764)**MOTION / DECISION**

Mover: Cr Masselos
Seconder: Cr Kay

That Part 1 of the minutes of the Waverley Traffic Committee meeting held on 22 February 2024 be received and noted, and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Save and except the following:

1. TC/C.01/24.02(2) – Bennett Street and Ewell Lane, Bondi – Pedestrian Safety Improvements

And that this item be dealt with separately below.

CM/5.3.1/24.03 Adoption of Minutes - Waverley Traffic Committee Meeting - 22 February 2024 - TC/C.01/24.02(2) - Bennett Street and Ewell Lane, Bondi - Pedestrian Safety Improvements (A20/0069)**MOTION**

Mover: Cr Murray
Seconder: Cr Fabiano

That Council adopts the Traffic Committee's recommendation subject to the deletion of clause 3 such that the recommendation now reads as follows:

That Council:

1. Installs a stop sign, associated stop line and a caution/beware pedestrian sign on the light post in Ewell Lane, Bondi, facing cars travelling westbound.
2. Installs 'piano key' line marking in Ewell Lane immediately east of the footpath at the intersection of Ewell Lane and Bennett Street.
3. Delegates authority to the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to modify the design should on-site circumstances warrant refinements.

AMENDMENT

Mover: Cr Kay
Seconder: Cr Betts

That Council adopts the Traffic Committee's recommendation, which reads as follows:

That Council:

1. Installs a stop sign, associated stop line and a caution/beware pedestrian sign on the light post in Ewell Lane, Bondi, facing cars travelling westbound.
2. Installs 'piano key' line marking in Ewell Lane immediately east of the footpath at the intersection of Ewell Lane and Bennett Street.
3. Investigates reversing the traffic movement in Ewell Lane to eastbound, and then, if this reversal is supported by officers, considers pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Ewell Lane and Ocean Street, with a further report to be prepared for the Traffic Committee.

4. Delegates authority to the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to modify the design should on-site circumstances warrant refinements.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Division

For the Amendment: Crs Betts, Burrill, Goltsman, Kay and Nemesh.

Against the Amendment: Crs Fabiano, Gray, Keenan, Lewis, Masselos, Murray and Wy Kanak.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council adopts the Traffic Committee's recommendation subject to the deletion of clause 3 such that the recommendation now reads as follows:

That Council:

1. Installs a stop sign, associated stop line and a caution/beware pedestrian sign on the light post in Ewell Lane, Bondi, facing cars travelling westbound.
2. Installs 'piano key' line marking in Ewell Lane immediately east of the footpath at the intersection of Ewell Lane and Bennett Street.
3. Delegates authority to the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to modify the design should on-site circumstances warrant refinements.

6. Mayoral Minutes

CM/6.1/24.03 Women's Emergency and Short-Term Accommodation (A20/0402)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Masselos

That Council:

1. Notes that:
 - (a) In Waverley, during the 12 months to March 2022, violence against women incident rates were higher than for either Randwick or Woollahra.
 - (b) There is also an increase in older, unpartnered women, experiencing financial and housing insecurity.
 - (c) A key priority of the Waverley Women's Council is the provision of affordable, social and women's refuge housing.
2. Investigates:
 - (a) Council's property portfolio for allocation as potential women's emergency and short-term accommodation.

- (b) Models of operation of the service, including existing services wishing to expand their services in Waverley.

3. Officers prepare a report to the May Council meeting.

Background

According to the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR), the average number of DV domestic-violence-related incidents in the Eastern Suburbs for the five-year period from October 2018– September 2023 was 707 per year. For Waverley specifically, over this period, the average number of incidents was 188 or about 27% of the total Eastern suburbs figure. While the number of incidents can vary from year to year, Waverley is recorded as stable; although the number for of incidents for the Eastern Suburbs increased in the period October 2021– September 2023 from 672 to 785.

In Waverley, violence against women is an ongoing concern and although rates are under the State average, during the 12 months to March 2022 domestic assaults in Waverley were higher than for either Randwick or Woollahra. The Bondi Beach Cottage reports seeing more than 235 women a year.

BOCSAR also reports that reporting of domestic violence incidents is not a well-documented phenomenon, so actual incidents are likely to be higher. This is corroborated by local services in Waverley.

In Waverley, there is also an increase in older, unpartnered women, experiencing financial and housing insecurity.

A key priority of the Women’s Council to the Mayor is the provision affordable, social and women’s refuge housing.

Council officers report that the most commonly reported abuse towards older people is verbal abuse, financial exploitation and failure to meet support needs. While there is no direct correlation between abuse findings and the number of older women/women with disability experiencing domestic violence, there is some evidence to suggest that services see more clients in this age group desperately looking to secure long-term housing. Bondi Beach Cottage has commented on this issue.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 3.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council:

1. Notes that:

- (a) In Waverley, during the 12 months to March 2022, violence against women incident rates were higher than for either Randwick or Woollahra.
- (b) There is also an increase in older, unpartnered women, experiencing financial and housing insecurity.
- (c) A key priority of the Waverley Women’s Council is the provision of affordable, social and women’s refuge housing.

2. Investigates:

- (a) Council's property portfolio for allocation as potential women's emergency and short-term accommodation.
 - (b) Models of operation of the service, including existing services wishing to expand their services in Waverley.
3. Officers prepare a report to the May Council meeting, including a review of the statistics and circumstances of younger women escaping abuse at home.

**CM/6.2/24.03 Bondi Junction Commercial Precinct - Creating a Vision and Place Identity
(A16/0262)****MOTION**

Mover: Cr Masselos

That:

1. Council notes existing initiatives to revitalise Bondi Junction, including:
 - (a) The recent interim upgrade of Oxford Street Mall.
 - (b) The design competition to make Bondi Junction a destination, which is being released this month.
 - (c) The Rowe and Oxford Street redevelopment.
 - (d) Complete Streets projects, including the cycleway renewal.
 - (e) The Council resolution to undertake activation strategies in Oxford Street Mall.
 - (f) The recent proposal to amend the Development Control Plan to allow Oxford Street Mall trading hours between 6.00 am and 3.00 am.
2. Officers prepare a business case for Council's consideration to develop a strategic vision and place identity for the Bondi Junction Commercial Precinct that:
 - (a) Facilitates strategic, appropriate and sustainable growth in the commercial centre, including small and medium enterprises, while protecting the residential amenity within the precinct.
 - (b) Creates dynamic and vibrant meeting places, great public spaces and buildings, public art and walkable streets.
 - (c) Enhances the strategic and economic importance of Bondi Junction as a knowledge and innovation precinct and facilitates the growth of 21st century jobs, as per Council's Innovation Road Map.
 - (d) Accelerates the transition of the precinct to a net zero future by 2035.
 - (e) Identifies various diversified activities specific to certain locations and builds appropriate brand identities, such as:
 - (i) Oxford Street Mall as a family-friendly dining precinct that enhances community safety and promotes a vibrant night-time economy.
 - (ii) Spring Street as an innovation and tech precinct, building upon Council's Innovation Road Map and resolution on jobs for the 21st century.
 - (f) Showcases environmental excellence and supports and facilitates innovative and sustainable infrastructure, businesses and design.
 - (g) Investigates partnership opportunities to deliver efficient and integrated public transport solutions.
 - (h) Increases the provision of affordable and social housing within the precinct.

- (i) Protects, enhances, and celebrates our significant local heritage.
3. The business case should include:
- (a) Consideration of previous policy work and resolutions in respect of the Bondi Junction Commercial Precinct.
 - (b) A key stakeholder and community engagement strategy to assist in the development of the vision and place identity for Bondi Junction.
 - (c) A timeline for the development and implementation of the vision including:
 - (i) Short-term immediate: 2024–2027.
 - (ii) Medium-term: 2027–2035.
 - (iii) Long-term: 2035–2050.
 - (d) Identification of appropriate potential grants and subsidies, including the Uptown Grant Program and grants.
 - (e) A top-line budget estimate that can be incorporated into the Long Term Financial Plan.
 - (f) Officers prepare a report to Council no later than June 2024.

Background

Council's Community Strategic Plan 2032 outlines the strategic importance of Bondi Junction as a commercial centre linked to the Sydney global economy. The Community Strategic Plan theme of 'Place' identifies Bondi Junction as a focal point with actions to create a liveable and vibrant strategic centre. In 2017, Council endorsed the Bondi Junction – Heartbeat of the East 2030 vision that focused on delivering a range of actions under three key themes: great places, improved transport and sustainability. Whilst a small number of actions were successfully delivered, the implementation of the strategy did not progress.

Council is committed to preserving and growing the commercial centre in order to maintain its status as a regional centre and to ensure that Bondi Junction and Oxford Street Mall specifically are seen as a vibrant destination gateway into Waverley.

Over the years, there have been many disparate policies governing Bondi Junction but there is no overarching strategic vision that harmonises all the policy work done to date or establishes discrete brand identities for the various and disparate areas of the Bondi Junction commercial centre.

The time is right now, given the range of State government programs and funding sources, to work collaboratively with our community and the NSW Government in developing and realising an exciting and strategic vision for this regionally significant place.

However, in developing this vision we must be cognisant in acknowledging the diverse range of stakeholders, including that much of the commercial centre impacts significant residential areas. Any policy must chart a course that protects the residential amenity while developing a vibrant commercial destination which looks to the future and jobs for the 21st century.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED THE ADDITION OF NEW CLAUSES 1(g) and 2(j).

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That:

1. Council notes existing initiatives to revitalise Bondi Junction, including:
 - (a) The recent interim upgrade of Oxford Street Mall.
 - (b) The design competition to make Bondi Junction a destination, which is being released this month.
 - (c) The Rowe and Oxford Street redevelopment.
 - (d) Complete Streets projects, including the cycleway renewal.
 - (e) The Council resolution to undertake activation strategies in Oxford Street Mall.
 - (f) The recent proposal to amend the Development Control Plan to allow Oxford Street Mall trading hours between 6.00 am and 3.00 am.
 - (g) The recent proposal to designate Bondi Junction as an entertainment precinct.
2. Officers prepare a business case for Council's consideration to develop a strategic vision and place identity for the Bondi Junction Commercial Precinct that:
 - (a) Facilitates strategic, appropriate and sustainable growth in the commercial centre, including small and medium enterprises, while protecting the residential amenity within the precinct.
 - (b) Creates dynamic and vibrant meeting places, great public spaces and buildings, public art and walkable streets.
 - (c) Enhances the strategic and economic importance of Bondi Junction as a knowledge and innovation precinct and facilitates the growth of 21st century jobs, as per Council's Innovation Road Map.
 - (d) Accelerates the transition of the precinct to a net zero future by 2035.
 - (e) Identifies various diversified activities specific to certain locations and builds appropriate brand identities, such as:
 - (i) Oxford Street Mall as a family-friendly dining precinct that enhances community safety and promotes a vibrant night-time economy.
 - (ii) Spring Street as an innovation and tech precinct, building upon Council's Innovation Road Map and resolution on jobs for the 21st century.
 - (f) Showcases environmental excellence and supports and facilitates innovative and sustainable infrastructure, businesses and design.
 - (g) Investigates partnership opportunities to deliver efficient and integrated public transport solutions.

- (h) Increases the provision of affordable and social housing within the precinct.
- (i) Protects, enhances, and celebrates our significant local heritage.
- (j) Examines the suitability of current planning controls in Bondi Junction to facilitate the revitalisation of Bondi Junction as envisaged by this mayoral minute.

3. The business case should include:

- (a) Consideration of previous policy work and resolutions in respect of the Bondi Junction Commercial Precinct.
- (b) A key stakeholder and community engagement strategy to assist in the development of the vision and place identity for Bondi Junction.
- (c) A timeline for the development and implementation of the vision including:
 - (i) Short-term immediate: 2024–2027.
 - (ii) Medium-term: 2027–2035.
 - (iii) Long-term: 2035–2050.
- (d) Identification of appropriate potential grants and subsidies, including the Uptown Grant Program and grants.
- (e) A top-line budget estimate that can be incorporated into the Long Term Financial Plan.
- (f) Officers prepare a report to Council no later than June 2024.

7. Reports

CM/7.1/24.03 Investment Portfolio Report - February 2024 (SF23/4025)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council:

1. Notes the Investment Summary Report for February 2024 attached to the report.
2. Notes that the Executive Manager, Finance, as the responsible accounting officer, advises that all investments have been made in accordance with the requirements of section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and directions from the Minister for Local Government, including Ministerial Investment Orders, and Council's Investment Policy.

CM/7.2/24.03 Planning Proposal - Waverley Local Environmental Plan - General Update - Exhibition (PP-1/2024)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Masselos
Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council:

1. Forwards the planning proposal attached the report (Attachment 1) on a general update to the *Waverley Local Environmental Plan 2012* to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for Gateway Determination for the purposes of public exhibition.
2. Publicly exhibits the planning proposal in accordance with any conditions of the Gateway determination or amendments requested by the DPHI.
3. Requests and accepts, if offered, the role of the Local Plan Making Authority from the DPHI to exercise the delegations issued by the Minister under section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to amend the *Waverley Local Environmental Plan 2012*.
4. Publicly exhibits the draft Display of Goods on Footpath Policy attached to the report (Attachment 2) for a minimum of 42 days.
5. Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Betts, Burrill, Fabiano, Goltsman, Gray, Kay, Keenan, Lewis, Masselos, Murray, Nemesh and Wy Kanak.

Against the Motion: Nil.

CM/7.3/24.03 Planning Agreement - 154 Ramsgate Avenue, North Bondi (SF24/38)

Cr Kay declared a pecuniary interest in this item and informed the meeting that his mother-in-law owns property in the unit block directly across the road from the subject property. Cr Kay was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting for the consideration and vote on this item.

MOTION / DECISION

Mover: Cr Gray
Seconder: Cr Lewis

That Council:

1. Approves the planning agreement attached to the report applying to land at 154 Ramsgate Avenue, North Bondi, offering a total monetary contribution of \$238,920, with \$179,190 (75%) to be allocated to the North Bondi Shops and Bus Terminus Upgrade and \$59,730 (25%) to be allocated to Waverley's Affordable Housing Program, in accordance with Council's Planning Agreement Policy.
2. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to sign and execute the agreement and affix the Council seal to the documentation.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Betts, Burrill, Fabiano, Goltsman, Gray, Kay, Lewis, Masselos, Murray, and Nemesh.

Against the Motion: Crs Keenan and Wy Kanak.

CM/7.4/24.03 Bondi Pavilion - Bar and Catering Services Licence - Exhibition (A21/0525)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Masselos
Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 47A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, publicly notifies and exhibits for 28 days the proposal to grant a licence of up to five years for the provision of bar and catering services on the first floor of the Bondi Pavilion.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period should any submissions be received.
3. Subject to no submissions being received, approves in principle the granting of the licence.
4. Notes that a tender process will be undertaken to seek a licensee, with a report to be prepared to Council to grant the licence to the preferred tender.
5. Extends the term of the current licence with Glory Days Bondi Pty by four months for the reasons set out in the report.
6. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to complete negotiations and execute all necessary documentation to finalise the variation.

CM/7.5/24.03 Resident Parking Scheme Review (A20/0271)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Murray
Seconder: Cr Fabiano

That Council:

1. Establishes a Resident Parking Scheme Review Committee.
2. Notes the draft terms of reference for the Committee, as set out in the report.
3. Appoints the Mayor and Cr Fabiano and Cr Kay to the Committee up to and including 13 September 2024.
4. Calls for expressions of interest for up to three community representatives to be appointed to the Committee for the duration of the project.

CM/7.6/24.03 Bus Industry Taskforce - Submission (A20/0076)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Masselos
Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council approves the submission to Transport for NSW attached to the report on the Bus Industry Taskforce's First Report and Second Report.

8. Notices of Motions

CM/8.1/24.03 **RESCISSION MOTION - PD/5.3/24.03 - Waverley Development Control Plan 2022 (Amendment No. 2) - Flood Planning - Adoption (SF21/4935)**

MOTION

Mover: Cr Lewis
Seconder: Cr Fabiano

That Council rescinds resolution PD/5.3/24.03 – Waverley Development Control Plan 2022 (Amendment No. 2) – Flood Planning – Adoption, passed at the Strategic Planning and Development Committee meeting on 5 March 2024.

FORESHADOWED MOTION

Mover: Cr Lewis
Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council:

1. Adopts the Waverley Development Control Plan (Amendment No. 2) on flood planning attached to the report (Attachments 1 and 2), to take effect when notified on Council’s website.
2. Writes to all those who made submissions advising them of Council’s decision.
3. Notes that the draft budget 2024-25 will propose a reduction in fees for Council’s TUFLOW Flood Model for smaller developments.

AT THIS STAGE IN THE PROCEEDINGS, A PROCEDURAL MOTION THAT CR BETTS BE GRANTED AN ADDITIONAL MINUTE TO SPEAK, MOVED BY CR KAY, WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST ON THE CASTING VOTE OF THE CHAIR.

Cr Wy Kanak requested that his vote for the procedural motion be recorded in the minutes.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Goltsman, Gray, Keenan, Lewis, Masselos and Murray.

Against the Motion: Crs Betts, Burrill, Kay, Nemes and Wy Kanak.

THE FORESHADOWED MOTION THEN BECAME THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

DECISION

That Council:

1. Adopts the Waverley Development Control Plan (Amendment No. 2) on flood planning attached to the report (Attachments 1 and 2), to take effect when notified on Council’s website.
2. Writes to all those who made submissions advising them of Council’s decision.
3. Notes that the draft budget 2024-25 will propose a reduction in fees for Council’s TUFLOW Flood Model for smaller developments

Division

For the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Keenan, Goltsman, Gray, Lewis, Masselos and Murray.

Against the Motion: Crs Betts, Burrill, Kay, Nemes and Wy Kanak.

D Lesmond, H Brown, H Petrie and A Richards addressed the meeting.

CM/8.2/24.03 Motion for 2024 ALGA National General Assembly - Environmental Services and Infrastructure (A13/0314)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council submits the following motion for consideration by the 2024 Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to strengthen Australia's environmental services and infrastructure by engaging in strategic partnerships with local governments. Potential areas of collaboration and new programs that can be implemented include:

1. Environmental services and infrastructure:
 - (a) Biodiversity conservation programs: collaborate on initiatives to protect and enhance biodiversity, including the restoration of natural habitats, conservation of endangered species, and reforestation projects.
 - (b) Waste management and recycling infrastructure: partner with local governments to improve waste management systems, invest in recycling infrastructure, and promote community awareness campaigns to reduce waste generation.
 - (c) Green energy projects: support local governments in implementing green energy projects, such as solar and wind farms, and explore funding mechanisms to incentivise the transition to renewable energy sources.
 - (d) Urban water management and conservation: develop programs to improve urban water management and conservation, including investments in water infrastructure and initiatives to reduce water consumption.
2. Programs to progress local, regional and national objectives:
 - (a) Climate resilience initiatives: work with local governments to assess and enhance climate resilience in communities through infrastructure improvements, early warning systems, and climate adaptation planning.
 - (b) Smart city initiatives: support local governments in adopting smart city technologies to improve efficiency, reduce environmental impact, and enhance the quality of urban living.
 - (c) Community-based conservation projects: establish programs that empower local communities to participate in conservation efforts, including tree planting, wildlife monitoring and sustainable land management projects.
 - (d) National clean energy transition strategy: develop a comprehensive strategy in partnership with local governments to transition Australia to a clean energy economy, incorporating regional and local perspectives.

- (e) Circular economy programs: collaborate on initiatives to promote a circular economy, focusing on reducing waste, promoting reuse and recycling, and supporting sustainable production practices.
- (f) Transportation infrastructure for sustainability: Invest in sustainable transportation infrastructure, including public transit systems, cycling infrastructure, and electric vehicle charging stations, to reduce carbon emissions.
- (g) Indigenous land management partnerships: foster partnerships with Indigenous communities for sustainable land management practices, incorporating traditional knowledge and practices into environmental conservation efforts.
- (h) Incentives for sustainable development: provide financial incentives or grants to local governments for sustainable development projects, such as eco-friendly housing, energy-efficient buildings, and environmentally conscious urban planning.
- (i) Innovation hubs for environmental solutions: establish innovation hubs that bring together local governments, businesses, and research institutions to collaborate on developing and implementing innovative environmental solutions.

**CM/8.3/24.03 Motion for 2024 ALGA National General Assembly - Affordable Housing
(A13/0314)**

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council submits the following motion for consideration by the 2024 Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to address the need for more affordable housing and to tackle homelessness by developing a range of programs and policies in collaboration with local governments. Potential affordable housing programs and homelessness prevention initiatives include:

1. Increase funding for affordable housing:
 - (a) Allocate additional funding to support the construction and maintenance of affordable housing projects.
 - (b) Provide grants or low-interest loans to developers focusing on affordable housing.
2. Land use planning and zoning policies:
 - (a) Work with local governments to review and amend zoning regulations to facilitate the development of affordable housing.
 - (b) Streamline approval processes for affordable housing projects.
3. Incentives for private sector involvement:
 - (a) Introduce tax incentives for developers who invest in affordable housing projects.

- (b) Explore public-private partnerships to encourage private sector involvement in affordable housing initiatives.
4. Community land trusts: Support the establishment of community land trusts that can acquire and manage land for affordable housing purposes.
 5. Rent assistance programs: expand rental assistance programs to help low-income households afford private rental accommodation.
 6. Wrap-around support services: invest in support services such as mental health counselling, addiction treatment, and job training to address the root causes of homelessness.
 7. Emergency shelter expansion: increase funding for emergency shelters and temporary housing options to provide immediate relief for those experiencing homelessness.
 8. Housing first approach: adopt a 'housing first' approach, prioritising providing stable housing as the first step in addressing homelessness, and then offering support services as needed.
 9. Collaborative data collection: work with local councils to establish comprehensive data collection systems to understand the causes and demographics of homelessness better. This can inform targeted interventions.
 10. Community engagement and education: develop public awareness campaigns to reduce stigma associated with homelessness and encourage community support for homeless individuals.
 11. Employment programs: implement programs that focus on skill development and job placement for individuals experiencing homelessness.
 12. Integration of housing and health services: foster collaboration between housing and health services to address the unique needs of homeless individuals, especially those with mental health or substance abuse issues.
 13. Rental assistance for vulnerable populations: provide targeted rental assistance for vulnerable populations, such as youth aging out of foster care or individuals leaving correctional facilities.
 14. Long-term housing solutions: develop long-term housing solutions, including transitional housing and permanent supportive housing for those with complex needs.
 15. Policy coordination: establish a coordinated approach between federal, state, and local governments to ensure policies and programs are aligned and effective in addressing homelessness.

CM/8.4/24.03 Motion for 2024 ALGA National General Assembly - Closing the Gap (A13/0314)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council submits the following motion for consideration by the 2024 Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to advance reconciliation and close the gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the rest of the Australian population

through a comprehensive and collaborative approach from both the Australian Government and local governments. Potential trust-building initiatives include:

1. Truth and Reconciliation Commission: consider the establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to address historical injustices and promote healing.
2. Cultural exchange programs: facilitate cultural exchange programs between Indigenous communities and local governments, fostering mutual understanding and respect.
3. Government accountability measures: implement transparent mechanisms to ensure government accountability in delivering on commitments to Indigenous communities.
4. Cultural competency evaluation: regularly assess and enhance cultural competency within government agencies, seeking feedback from Indigenous communities on their experiences.
5. Ongoing dialogue: foster ongoing dialogue between government representatives and Indigenous communities, creating spaces for open communication and collaboration.
6. Traditional decision-making processes: recognise and respect traditional decision-making processes within Indigenous communities, incorporating them into governance structures where appropriate.

CM/8.5/24.03 Footpath Seating (A08/0935-02)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Masselos
Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council:

1. Amends the footpath dining permit system to only prescribe the area available for seating.
2. Officers notify Councillors once the footpath dining permit system process has been amended.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 1.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council:

1. Amends the footpath dining permit system to only prescribe the area available.
2. Officers notify Councillors once the footpath dining permit system process has been amended.

9. Questions with Notice

There were no questions with notice.

10. Urgent Business**CM/10.1/24.03 Planning Proposal - 34 Flood Street, Bondi - Heritage Listing (PP-1/2023)**

The Chair ruled that this matter was urgent.

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Kay

That Council deals with this item as urgent business.

MOTION

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council:

1. Writes to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Paul Scully, and the Minister for Heritage and Environment, Penny Sharpe, seeking a second Interim Heritage Order (IHO) to delay the finalisation of planning proposal 2023-1224 so that the ongoing State Heritage Register (SHR) assessment process for the Harry-Seidler-designed synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi, can be properly completed before the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) finalises its decision on the local heritage listing of 34 Flood Street based on the Independent Planning Commission's (IPC) recommendation attached to the report.
2. Publishes a media release, e-newsletter post and social media posts to inform the community and the synagogue's heritage advocates of the IPC's recommendation, the likely next steps and the options available to the community to advocate further for the heritage listing of the site.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED THE ADDITION OF A NEW CLAUSE 3.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council:

1. Writes to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Paul Scully, and the Minister for Heritage and Environment, Penny Sharpe, seeking a second Interim Heritage Order (IHO) to delay the finalisation of planning proposal 2023-1224 so that the ongoing State Heritage Register (SHR) assessment process for the Harry-Seidler-designed synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi, can be properly completed before the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) finalises its decision on the local heritage listing of 34 Flood Street based on the Independent Planning Commission's (IPC) recommendation attached to the report.
2. Publishes a media release, e-newsletter post and social media posts to inform the community and the synagogue's heritage advocates of the IPC's recommendation, the likely next steps and the options available to the community to advocate further for the heritage listing of the site.
3. Officers urgently action the bullet points on page 10 of the urgent business agenda.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Betts, Burrill, Fabiano, Goltsman, Gray, Kay, Keenan, Lewis, Masselos, Murray, Nemes and Wy Kanak.

Against the Motion: Nil.

11. Closed Session

There were no matters dealt with in closed session.

12. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.28 PM.

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SIGNED AND CONFIRMED
MAYOR
16 APRIL 2024