

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Minutes of the Public Voice Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall, 290 King Street, Newcastle on Tuesday 5 December 2017 at 5.34pm.

PRESENT

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor D Clausen), Councillors M Byrne, J Church, K Elliott, B Luke, J Mackenzie and A Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Bath (Interim Chief Executive Officer), A Baxter (Interim Director Corporate Services), K Liddell (Director Infrastructure), P Chrystal (Director Planning and Regulatory), M Blackburn-Smith (Manager Development and Building), P Nelson (Manager Property Services), M Murray (Policy Officer), D Fischetti (Communications), K Sullivan (Council Services/Minutes) and J Redriff (Council Services/Webcasting).

MESSAGE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Deputy Lord Mayor read the message of acknowledgement to the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

PRAYER

The Deputy Lord Mayor read a prayer and a period of silence was observed in memory of those who served and died so that Council might meet in peace.

APOLOGIES

MOTION

Moved by Cr Byrne, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

The apologies submitted on behalf of Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes, Councillors Duncan, Dunn, Rufo, White and Winney-Baartz be received and leave of absence granted.

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Clausen

Councillor Clausen declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 - DA 2014/1214.01 - 10/569 and 11/569 Hunter Street Newcastle stating that he had been contacted by a number of people in relation to the DA who had made donations to the Labor Party in the past. Councillor Clausen stated that the DA Applicant was not a political donor nor a member of any political party and he would remain in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS

ITEM-1 PV 5/12/17 - DA2014/1214.01 - 10/569 AND 11/569 HUNTER STREET NEWCASTLE WEST

A Section 96(1A) application has been received to modify the approved operating hours at the Star Hotel to allow trading to extend to 1:00am from Monday to Saturday on a permanent basis. The current DA stipulates a closing time of 12.00am.

An all Councillor memo was tabled by the Director Planning and Regulatory in respect of this item. For the information of Councillors attention was drawn to an incorrect attachment that had been included in the report and the correct attachment, a response from NSW Police, was tabled at the meeting.

Ms Prue Perram addressed Council in relation to the Development Application and outlined her objections to the proposed extension to trading hours.

Mr Chris Mills, DA Applicant, addressed Council in support of the Development Application.

Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues of concern.

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm.