

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall on Tuesday 26 April 2016 at 5.36pm.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors D Clausen D Compton, T Crakanthorp, T Doyle, J Dunn, B Luke, M Osborne, S Posniak, A Robinson and A Rufo.

IN ATTENDANCE

F Cordingley (Interim Chief Executive Officer), G Cousins (Director Corporate Services), K Liddell (Acting Director Infrastructure), P Chrystal (Director Planning and Regulatory), F Giordano (Manager Legal and Governance), L Burcham (Cultural Director), J Gaynor (Manager Strategic Planning Services), R Bales (Manager Customer Service), K Hyland (Manager Communications and Engagement), A Glauser (Manager Finance), G Holland (Manager Human Resources), G Sainsbury (Manager Projects and Contracts), I Challis (Contracts Management Specialist), D North (Manager Waste Management), N Baker (Chief of Staff to the Lord Mayor), K Baartz (Communications), B Johnson (Communications), A Knowles (Council Services/Webcasting/) and A Leach (Council Services/Minutes).

MESSAGE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

PRAYER

The 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 Luke, seconded by Cr Doyle

The apologies submitted on behalf of Councillors Tierney and Waterhouse be received and leaves of absence granted.

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Luke

Councillor Luke declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 35 Executive Monthly Performance Report, as Council may invest with businesses he is associated with. Councillor Luke said the interest was less than significant as the report to Council was to be received and he was not involved in any decision making processes.

Councillor Clausen

Councillor Clausen declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 35 Public exhibition of the draft 2013-2017 Delivery Program and draft 2016/17 Operational Plan and draft 2016/17 Fees and Charges and said a number of projects within the program were co-funded between his employer and Council, however, as he was not involved in any of the decision making process he would remain in the Chamber when the item was discussed.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 22 MARCH 2016

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Dunn

The draft minutes as circulated be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

REPORTS BY COUNCIL OFFICERS

**ITEM-33 CCL 26/04/16 - CORRECTION TO COUNCIL MINUTES 8
DECEMBER 2015**

Councillor Osborne gave notice to table a 600 signature petition entitled No Business in Abuse.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Compton

Council correct the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting of 8 December 2015 - *Item 138 Supplementary Report - Review of Instrument of Delegations* by removing the words 'as advised by the Acting Interim Chief Executive Officer' (as was amended at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 23 February 2016) and replace with 'as the Lord Mayor understood it to be' (as recommended in the ICEO's memo to Councillors dated 16 March 2016).

AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Dunn

- 1 Council correct the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting of 8 December 2015 - *Item 138 Supplementary Report - Review of Instrument of Delegations* by removing the words 'as advised by the Acting Interim Chief Executive Officer' (as was amended at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 23 February 2016) and replace with 'as the Lord Mayor understood it to be' (as recommended in the ICEO's memo to Councillors dated 16 March 2016); and
- 2 That Council receives an update report on the investigation into the unauthorised dissemination of confidential legal advice, including an update on the advice provided to the Lord Mayor by the Acting Interim Chief Executive Officer regarding the forwarding of confidential advice via email.

Councillor Luke raised a Point of Order that part 2 of the amendment should be brought forward as a separate motion.

The Lord Mayor upheld Councillor Luke's Point of Order and requested Councillor Clausen bring forward his amended motion as a foreshadowed motion.

Councillor Dunn raised a Point of Order that the item be ruled out of order and said that the motion changed a previous decision of Council and was in effect a rescission motion and should be treated as so.

Following advice from the Manager Legal and Governance that Council was seeking to correct the previously adopted minutes which had been amended by Council and were not accurate, as required by s. 375 of the Local Government Act, rather than seeking to rescind a resolution of Council, the Lord Mayor ruled that the item was not out of order.

Councillor Posniak raised a Point of Order that Council could not amend minutes that had been adopted by Council and the matter should be brought to Council as a Rescission Motion.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Osborne, seconded by Cr Crakanthorp

The item lay on the table and Council seek further legal advice on whether part 1 of the motion should be dealt with as a Rescission Motion.

For the Motion:

Lord Mayor, Councillor Nelmes and Councillors Clausen, Crakanthorp, Doyle, Dunn, Osborne, Posniak

Against the Motion:

Councillors Compton, Luke, Robinson and Rufo.

Carried

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Posniak

That Council receives an update report on the investigation into the unauthorised dissemination of confidential legal advice, including an update on the advice provided to the Lord Mayor by the Acting Interim Chief Executive Officer regarding the forwarding of confidential advice via email.

For the Motion:

Lord Mayor, Councillor Nelmes and Councillors Clausen, Compton, Crakanthorp, Doyle, Dunn, Luke, Osborne, Posniak, Robinson and Rufo

Against the Motion:

Nil.

Carried

Councillor Luke called a Point of Order that Councillor Clausen should raise the matter as a late item of business.

The Lord Mayor ruled the Point of Order not upheld.

ITEM-34 CCL 26/04/16 - EXHIBITION OF 2013/17 DELIVERY PROGRAM, 2016 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND FEES AND CHARGES

MOTION

Moved by Cr Dunn, seconded by Cr Clausen

- 1 Council endorses the revised draft 2013-2017 Delivery Program and draft 2016/17 Operational Plan and draft 2016/17 Fees and Charges (excluding pages 124-131) and places these documents on public exhibition for 28 days prior to final consideration by Council; and
- 2 The 2016/17 Fees and Charges for Beresfield Swimming Pool remain the same as the fees and charges for the previous year (2015/16).

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Nelmes and Councillors Clausen, Compton, Crakanthorp, Doyle, Dunn, Osborne, Posniak, Robinson and Rufo

Against the Motion: Councillor Luke.

Carried

ITEM-35 CCL 26/04/16 - EXECUTIVE MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - MARCH 2016

Councillor Luke left the Chamber at 6.19pm.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Doyle, seconded by Cr Osborne

The report be received with the addition of a compliance report on Council's adopted clauses on ethical and social responsibility set out in Council's Investment Policy to be included under the section "Investment Policy Compliance Report".

Carried

Councillor Luke returned to the Chamber at 6.19pm.

ITEM-36 CCL 26/04/16 - TABLING OF PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS (COMMENCING EMPLOYEES)

MOTION

Moved by Cr Osborne, seconded by Cr Posniak

Council to note the pecuniary interest returns as tabled by the Interim Chief Executive Officer.

Carried

**ITEM-37 CCL 26/04/16 - EXHIBITION OF DRAFT COUNCIL STREET
 COOKS HILL INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION DESIGN**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Rufo

- 1 Council endorses Option 1, the preferred design option, for Council Street Cooks Hill being Council Street one way (westbound from Darby Street to Bruce Street).
- 2 Council place the preferred design option on public exhibition for a period of four weeks.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Osborne, seconded by Cr Doyle

Council place all design options on public exhibition for a period of four weeks and not endorse any option on public exhibition.

Carried

The amendment was put to the meeting and declared carried and became the motion before the Chair.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Rufo

Council place all design options on public exhibition for a period of four weeks and not endorse any option on public exhibition.

Carried

**ITEM-38 CCL 26/04/16 - STATION STREET WICKHAM, ROAD
 RECONFIGURATION AND ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Crakanthorp, seconded by Cr Posniak

- 1 Council approves the road configuration changes and one-way traffic flow east to west of Station Street from Charles Street to Union Street as part of the Wickham Transport Interchange Project.
- 2 Council approves projects identified in Paragraphs 4 and 8 of this report on the basis that these projects are fully funded by Transport for NSW through the Wickham Transport Interchange Project.
- 3 That the Traffic Committee investigate the banning of right turn movement of westbound traffic from Station Street to Union Street.

Carried

Councillor Crakanthorp thanked the Traffic Committee and particularly the Acting Director Infrastructure for securing an additional \$1.5 million funding from Transport for NSW towards the projects.

Councillor Clausen gave notice of a late item of business called Submission to IPART on Review of Local Government rating structure.

ITEM-39 CCL 26/04/16 - ADOPTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA 2016

MOTION

Moved by Cr Posniak, seconded by Cr Doyle

That Council approves the establishment of the Hamilton Train Station Park as a 24 hour Alcohol Prohibited Area (**Attachment A**).

Carried

ITEM-40 CCL 26/04/16 - ADOPTION OF NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHARTER

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Osborne

Council adopts the revised Newcastle Youth Council Committee Charter (**Attachment A**) *with references to General Manager amended to Chief Executive Officer throughout the document.*

Carried

ITEM-41 CCL 26/04/16 - ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.02 SINGLE DWELLINGS - NEWCASTLE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2012

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Osborne

Council adopts the amended Section 3.02 Single Dwellings and Ancillary Development of the Newcastle DCP 2012 in the form as set out in (**Attachment A**).

For the Motion:

Lord Mayor, Councillor Nelmes and Councillors Clausen, Compton, Crakanthorp, Luke Osborne, Posniak, Robinson and Rufo

Against the Motion:

Nil.

Carried

**ITEM-42 CCL 26/04/16 - DUAL NAMING RECOMMENDATION TO
THE GEOGRAPHIC NAMES BOARD**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Osborne, seconded by Cr Rufo

Council re-endorse the eight Aboriginal dual names for landforms as proposed by Council's Guraki Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

Carried

**ITEM-43 CCL 26/04/16 - EXHIBITION OF THE SECTION 94A
DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2009**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Posniak

Council resolves to place the Draft Section 94A Development Contributions Plan 2009 on public exhibition for 28 days.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Dunn

- 1 Council resolves to place the Draft Section 94A Development Contributions Plan 2009 on public exhibition for 28 days.
- 2 Council receives a report on the impact of the reduction of section 94A levy by the previous Council. The report is to consider:
 - a) Economic analysis of success of the reduced levy in incentivising development on Newcastle compared with other measures available to Council to boost confidence and incentivise development.
 - b) The impact of the current levy rate on the delivery of community projects.
 - c) Comparison of the Section 94A levy rates currently applicable in other NSW growth centres including but not limited to, Sydney, Parramatta and Wollongong.
- 3 Council receives a memo on the cost of the economic analysis report.

Councillor Osborne gave notice of a foreshadowed motion that Council resolve to place the draft Section 94A Development Contributions Plan 2009 on public exhibition for 28 days including an option that the City Centre levy be set at 3%.

The mover and seconder accepted the amendment which became the motion before the Chair.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Posniak

- 1 Council resolves to place the Draft Section 94A Development Contributions Plan 2009 on public exhibition for 28 days.
- 2 Council receives a report on the impact of the reduction of section 94A levy by the previous Council. The report is to consider:
 - a) Economic analysis of success of the reduced levy in incentivising development on Newcastle compared with other measures available to Council to boost confidence and incentivise development.
 - b) The impact of the current levy rate on the delivery of community projects
 - c) Comparison of the Section 94A levy rates currently applicable in other NSW growth centres including but not limited to, Sydney, Parramatta and Wollongong.
- 3 Council receives a memo on the cost of the economic analysis report.

For the Motion:

Lord Mayor, Councillor Nelmes and Councillors Clausen, Compton, Crakanthorp, Dunn, Luke, Posniak, Robinson and Rufo

Against the Motion:

Councillors Doyle and Osborne.

Carried

ITEM-44

CCL 26 04 2016 - PUBLIC ART MANAGEMENT MODELS

MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Osborne

- 1 Council resolves to:
 - i) Adopt the included Public Art Management Framework in the form as provided in **Attachment A**; and
 - ii) Appoint the following four Councillors to the Public Art Reference Group; Councillors Doyle, Dunn, Posniak and Rufo.

Carried

**ITEM-45 CCL 26/04/16 - HERITAGE AMENDMENTS - ENDORSEMENT
OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO NEWCASTLE LOCAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Posniak

1 Council resolves to:

- i) Endorse the attached Planning Proposal (**Attachment A**), prepared in accordance with Section 55 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), to amend Newcastle LEP 2012 in order to address various heritage matters.
- ii) Forward the Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning and Environment for Gateway Determination pursuant to Section 56 of the EP&A Act 1979.
- iii) Advise the Secretary of Planning and Environment that Council does not seek to exercise delegations for undertaking Section 59(1) of the EP&A Act 1979.
- iv) Receive a report back if a written objection is received during consultation with the community, otherwise forward the Planning Proposal to the Secretary, Planning and Environment requesting the proposed amendment to Newcastle LEP 2012 be made.

For the Motion:

Lord Mayor, Councillor Nelmes and Councillors Clausen, Compton, Crakanthorp, Doyle, Dunn, Luke, Osborne, Posniak, Robinson and Rufo

Against the Motion:

Nil.

Carried

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM-2 NOM 26/04/16 - URBANGROWTH / COUNCIL CONSULTATION

MOTION

Moved by Cr Doyle, seconded by Cr Osborne

That Council invite community representatives, Dr Patricia Gillard and Fred Dumbrell to present their comments about UrbanGrowth's *Engagement Outcomes* Report December 2015, related user research and how they could be used in transport planning for the city and region, at the next Public Voice session of Tuesday 17 May 2016.

Carried

ITEM-3 NOM 26/04/16 - NO BUSINESS IN ABUSE

MOTION

Moved by Cr Osborne, seconded by Cr Doyle

That Council expresses its respect for the fundamental human rights of asylum seekers.
Therefore Newcastle City Council.

- 1 Agrees, in principle, to only support and/or contract companies, institutions and organisations that do not support or profit from practices which abuse the fundamental human rights of asylum seekers. A company that is not abusive is one which¹:
 - a) Has zero tolerance for child abuse, in policy and practice;
 - b) Respects people's fundamental rights to freedom from arbitrary and indefinite detention;
 - c) Does not treat people in a cruel, inhumane or degrading manner;
 - d) Commits to transparency and independent monitoring to ensure these principles are upheld.

- 2 Commission a report mapping Newcastle City Council's exposure to Broadspectrum and its associated entities. The report shall include:
 - a) A list of all current contracts and investments with Broadspectrum and Wilson Security;
 - b) The possibility of future contracts and investments with Broadspectrum and Wilson Security;
 - c) The possibility and legality of Newcastle City Council excluding Broadspectrum and Wilson Security from any future contracts, tenders or other business dealings.

¹ The full text of the No Business in Abuse pledge is included below.

- d) Recommendations to Newcastle Council for appropriate action in relation to the above.
- 3 Newcastle City Council review its procurement policy to incorporate the four principles of the *No Business in Abuse* (NBIA) pledge, thereby excluding from future contracts, tenders or business dealings any companies involved in Australia's offshore and onshore immigration processing system that fail to meet the NBIA pledge requirements.

Councillor Posniak raised a Point of Order that the motion would breach the Office of Local Government Guidelines on Council decision making during the Merger Proposal period and tabled a procedural motion.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Posniak, seconded by Cr Rufo

Council lays the item on the table until the proposed merger process is known on the basis of legal advice from officers which stated the Notice of Motion may breach the Office of Local Government Guidelines 'Council decision making during the Merger Proposal periods' dated 18 December 2015. Council notes the officers report which states that Council does not currently have any contracts with either Broadspectrum Limited or Wilson Security Pty Ltd and that the City of Newcastle is formally registered as a Refugee Welcome Zone.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Nelmes and Councillors Clausen, Compton, Crakanthorp, Dunn, Posniak, Robinson and Rufo

Against the Motion: Councillors Doyle, Luke and Osborne.

Carried

ITEM-4 NOM 26/04/16 - LIGHT RAIL

MOTION

Moved by Cr Doyle, seconded by Cr Osborne

- 1 That Council express its concern to the State Government regarding the following aspects of the light rail system and route proposed in its *Review of Environmental Factors*:
 - deferral of consideration of streetscapes and cycleways until a later date, rather than integrating planning for all aspects of the revitalization process;
 - failure to consider options that include using the length of the rail corridor for transport purposes;
 - lack of clear long-term planning and commitment to extending the light rail system to key destinations such as Callaghan campus of the University, John Hunter Hospital, Hunter Stadium and the airport;
 - failure to analyse and consider the 285 submissions made by community members to the *UrbanGrowth/ NCC Community Engagement*.

- 2 That Council Officers prepare a report and draft submission for the Ordinary Council meeting to the Minister for Transport, Andrew Constance and Transport for NSW.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Posniak, seconded by Cr Crakanthorp

- 1 That Council express its concern to the State Government regarding the following aspects of the light rail system and route proposed in its *Review of Environmental Factors*:
 - deferral of consideration of streetscapes and cycleways until a later date, rather than integrating planning for all aspects of the revitalization process;
 - failure to consider options that include using the length of the rail corridor for transport purposes;
 - lack of clear long-term planning and commitment to extending the light rail system to key destinations such as Callaghan campus of the University, John Hunter Hospital, Hunter Stadium and the airport;
 - failure to analyse and consider the 285 submissions made by community members to the *UrbanGrowth/ NCC Community Engagement*

- 2 Council reiterates support for the Council's Connecting Newcastle vision which advocates for mixed running allowing for delivery of urban renewal objectives including significant public domain improvements such as widened footpaths, greater pedestrian accessibility, parking, extension of cycle ways, street trees and outdoor dining. In the event that the State Government refuses a mixed running option, Council's position is that the Light Rail route should remain the rail corridor so that urban renewal objectives in Hunter Street can be realised.

- 3 That Council Officers prepare a report and draft submission for Council's consideration. Council seeks an extension from Transport for NSW to enable submission following the next Ordinary meeting of Council. Should an extension not be granted, Council holds an extraordinary meeting on 17 May 2016 to enable consideration before the submission cut off 19 May 2016.

The amendment with the words "**Connecting Newcastle**" removed from part 2 was accepted by the mover and seconder and became the motion before the Chair.

Councillor Luke left the chamber at 7.49pm and returned at 7.50pm.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Doyle, seconded by Cr Osborne

- 1 That Council express its concern to the State Government regarding the following aspects of the light rail system and route proposed in its *Review of Environmental Factors*:
 - deferral of consideration of streetscapes and cycleways until a later date, rather than integrating planning for all aspects of the revitalization process;
 - failure to consider options that include using the length of the rail corridor for transport purposes;
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- 2 Council reiterates support for the Council's vision which advocates for mixed running allowing for delivery of urban renewal objectives including significant public domain improvements such as widened footpaths, greater pedestrian accessibility, parking, extension of cycle ways, street trees and outdoor dining. In the event that the State Government refuses a mixed running option, Council's position is that the Light Rail route should remain the rail corridor so that urban renewal objectives in Hunter Street can be realised.
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**Carried
Unanimously**

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

**ITEM-11 CON 26/04/16 - CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF
ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM
- CONTRACT NO. 2016/455T**

Council resolved into confidential session at 7.26pm and reconvened into open session at 8.26pm.

The Interim Chief Executive Officer gave a report to open Council the items resolved in confidential session.

MOTION

- 1 Council authorises the Interim Chief Executive Officer (Interim CEO) to award the contract for \$188,500 (exc. GST) to Locomotive Consulting for the provision of:
 - i) 26 Red-Green-Blue Bus™ workshops; and
 - ii) 13 Blue Bus Edge™ workshops.

Council is satisfied that due to the program content being trademarked and licenced to Locomotive Consulting, a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders due to the unavailability of competitive tenderers.

- 2 This confidential report relating to the matters specified in sections and 10A(2)(d) of the Act be treated as confidential and remain confidential until Council determines otherwise.

Carried

Councillor Osborne requested his name be recorded as voting against the motion.

**ITEM-12 CON 26/04/16 - CONSIDERATION OF SALE OF AA
COMPANY HOUSE THROUGH PUBLIC TENDER**

MOTION

The matter lay on the table until Council receives further information on the amount of the grant received from NSW Heritage Office (now Heritage Division of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage) in 1997 and the terms and conditions of the grant.

Carried

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ITEM-13 CON 26/04/16 - EVENTS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SOLUTION CONTRACT NO. 2016/325T

MOTION

- 1 Council accepts the tender of Ungerboeck Systems International in the amount of \$215,084 (excluding GST) for Events Management Software Solution for Contract No.2016/325T.

- 2 This confidential report relating to the matters specified in s. 10A(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993* be treated as confidential and remain confidential until Council determines otherwise.

Carried

ITEM-14 CON 26/04/16 - NEWCASTLE WAR MEMORIAL CULTURAL CENTRE - WINDOW UPGRADE AND STRUCTURAL WORKS CONTRACT NO. 2016/388T

MOTION

The matter lay on the table until Council receive a workshop on the project.

Carried

ITEM-15 CON 26/04/16 - SUMMERHILL WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE - WHOLE OF LIFE PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 2015/419T

MOTION

- 1 Council accept the tender of Golder Associates Pty Ltd in the amount of \$157,959.09 (excluding GST) for the preparation of the Summerhill Waste Management Centre Landfill Whole of Life Plan Contract No. 2015/419T.

- 2 This confidential report relating to the matters specified in s10A(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993* be treated as confidential and remain confidential until Council determines otherwise.

Carried

ITEM-16 CON 26/04/16 - NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FACADE REPAIR AND DRIVEWAY UPGRADE CONTRACT NO. 2016/317T

MOTION

The matter lay on the table until Council received a workshop on the project.

Carried

MOTION

Moved by Cr Osborne, seconded by Cr Doyle

Council receive the 600 signature petition "No Business in Abuse".

Carried

LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen

Council receive a late item of business - Review of Local Government rating system Submission to IPART by 15 May 2016.

Lord Mayor ruled that the matter be heard as a late item of business.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Osborne

That:

1. Council notes:

- (a) that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is presently undertaking a review of Council rating for the Premier of NSW. Submissions on an issues paper close on 15 May.
- (b) Section 4.6 of the Issues Paper requests views on rates policy that encourages urban renewal.
- (c) Section 5.2 of the Issues Paper requests views on concessions made available to pensioners.

2. Council makes a submission prior to the 15 May stating its preference for amendment to the Local Government Act to enable Council's to utilise Value Capture methodology for the delivery of urban renewal and new infrastructure. Council includes copies of the Future Cities Exchange Report: Funding Australia's Future City Exchange on Local Funding and Financing Mechanisms and AECOM's report on Value Capture.

3. Council's submission reiterates Council's commitment to more equitable rebates for pensioners as per previous Lord Mayoral Minute.

4. Officers circulate a copy of the submission prior to lodgment with IPART.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 8.53pm

