

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Minutes of the Briefing Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 290 King Street, Newcastle on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 6.33pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

F Cordingley (Acting Interim Chief Executive Officer), G Cousins (Director Corporate Services), K Liddell (Acting Director Infrastructure), A Baxter (Acting Director Planning and Regulatory), F Giordano (Manager Legal and Governance), M Blackburn-Smith (Manager Development and Building), Ngaire Baker (Chief of Staff), Kathleen Hyland (Communications Manager), Natalie McCabe (Senior Strategist Transport), Jill Gaynor (Manager Strategic Planning) 6.50pm, Patty McCarthy (Team Coordinator Strategic Planning), Clare Hogue (Community Engagement Coordinator), A Knowles (Council Services/Minutes) and Jodie Redriff (Council Services/Webcast).

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The Lord Mayor called for declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

Councillor Waterhouse

Councillor Waterhouse declared a potential significant non-pecuniary interest in respect of Item-3 Newcastle 500 Community Engagement, as previously declared. The potential conflict arises due to residing in the vicinity of the proposed track and will manage the conflict by leaving the chamber when this matter is discussed.

BRIEFING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM-1 BR 21/02/17 - EXHIBITION OF NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS - RANKIN PARK TO JESMOND

Natalie McCabe, Council's Senior Strategist Transport provided a briefing in response to Council's resolution of 13 December 2016 requesting a Public Voice session and a briefing from Council officers on the proposed Newcastle Inner City Bypass - Rankin Park to Jesmond.

An outline was given around the projects background, the project itself and the key issues that have been raised. Ms McCabe reiterated that both a submission and letters were given to the RMS on Council's position in June and December 2016 together with Council's support for a further investigation of an over/under pass as an alternative option to address cycleway issues. Council Officers will meet with RMS to continue discussions.

Questions raised by Councillor's related to whether Council had undertaken its own traffic modelling and identified any comparisons, any conversations round linking the current rail system, the new policy being developed by Transport NSW and any options Council may have to further impress Council's position on the matter.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Osborne, seconded by Cr Clausen

The briefing be received.

Carried.

ITEM-2 BR 21/02/17 - PROPOSED CHANGES TO PLANNING LEGISLATION

Patricia McCarthy, Team Coordinator, Development and Building, and Jill Gaynor, Manager Strategic Planning, gave a presentation to Council on the NSW Government's draft changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 and to receive advice on matters Councillors would like included in Council submission on the draft changes.

Councillors raised questions around whether local clauses will still be available in the DCP, what the changed conditions are around stop work orders, the impacts of s 96 no longer being available for retrospective approvals. Councillors noted that Newcastle is a trial site for the online portal and asked if any information was available on how it would operate.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Osborne, seconded by Cr Luke

The briefing be received.

Carried.

ITEM-3 BR 21/02/17 - NEWCASTLE 500 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Claire Hogue, Community Engagement Coordinator and Kathleen Hyland, Communications Manager, provided a briefing in response to Council's resolution of 22 November 2016 requesting Council Officers to provide an update on the engagement program for the inaugural Newcastle 500 event to be held in the Newcastle Local Government Area from 22-24 November 2017.

Ms Hogue advised Supercars' intention to set up a residents information centre in April 2017, including a presence from Destination NSW (DNSW) primarily to provide information on issues that are not Council's responsibility. Furthermore, a Major

Events Resident Working Group (MERWG) would be calling for nominations in March 2017 and a Supercars Committee (not a Council Committee) to include two Council officers and one community member.

Councillors raised questions around the MERWG charter and whether it will be a constituted Council Committee and how members were being selected. Councillors also enquired on the status of a MOU and whether this had been finalised.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Osborne, seconded by Cr Rufo

The briefing be received.

Carried.

The meeting concluded at 7.56pm