

## **CITY OF NEWCASTLE**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall on Tuesday 24 January 2017 at 5.30pm.**

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### **PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

P Chrystal (Interim Chief Executive Officer), G Cousins (Director Corporate Services), F Cordingley (Director Infrastructure), A Baxter (Director Planning and Regulatory), F Giordano (Manager Legal and Governance), B Johnson (Media Officer), D Silcock (IT Services), A Knowles (Council Services/Minutes) and K Sullivan (Council Services/Webcasting).

### **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.

### **MESSAGE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

### **APOLOGIES**

No apologies received.

### **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

The Lord Mayor called for declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. There being none the Lord Mayor moved for confirmation of the minutes.

### **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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#### **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD 13 DECEMBER 2016**

#### **RECORD OF THE RECONVENED MEETING THAT WAS ADJOURNED FROM TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016**

#### **MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 20 DECEMBER 2016 THAT WAS RECONVENED AFTER THE ADJOURNED ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2016**

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## **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Nelmes, seconded by Cr Posniak.

The draft minutes as circulated including amendments as indicated in the Memo distributed to Councillors on Friday 20 January 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

The two amendments were:

- A) On page 5 of the Council papers, a typo correction is required to the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 December 2016.

Amend the heading of Attachment A such that it reads "... Tuesday, 13 December 2016 at 5.38pm" in lieu of "... Tuesday 13 October 2016 at 5.38pm"

- B) On page 9 of the Council papers, (Attachment C), deletion of the words "and leaves of absence granted" in the penultimate line of the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 December 2016.

- The corrected sentence will then read as follows:

"The apologies submitted on behalf of Councillors Tierney and Waterhouse be received".

**Carried**

## **LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

### **ITEM-1 LMM 24/01/17 - GRAHAM BARRIE - 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL**

## **MOTION**

Moved by Lord Mayor Cr Nelmes

That Newcastle City Council -

Award a Service Medal commemorating Graham Barrie's 50 years of service with Newcastle City Council and Councillors officially thank him for his dedication and incredibly long record of employment.

**Carried  
Unanimously**

**ITEM-2**

**LMM 24/01/17 - LORD MAYOR'S WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP -  
UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE**

**MOTION**

Moved by Lord Mayor Cr Nelmes

That Newcastle City Council -

- A Approve the increase of \$1,500 for the Scholarship Program to the new value of \$4,000.
- B Known as the Lord Mayor's Women's Scholarship the amount be prepared for inclusion in the Draft Operational Plan and Delivery Plan for 2017/18.

**Carried**

**ITEM-11 LMM 13/12/16 - INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
RECRUITMENT PANEL - SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF  
INTEIRM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Lord Mayor was of the understanding that the investigation had not concluded and that the report continue to lay on the table until the investigation is concluded.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

Moved by Lord Mayor Cr Nelmes

The matter lay on the table until the investigation is concluded so Council can deal with the matter properly and is not required to enter into confidential session.

Councillor Clausen suggested the process be time limited.

The ICEO advised the matter was with the Office of Local Government and the advice received from the Office of Local Government indicated it could be several weeks.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

Moved by Lord Mayor Cr Nelmes, seconded by Cr Osborne.

This matter lay on the table with the expectation that the Interim Chief Executive Officer pursue the Office of Local Government to finalise their report so Council can discuss the matter at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 28 February 2017.

**Carried**

## **LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **ITEM-1                      CCL 24/1/17 - COUNCIL WRITE TO PREMIER BEREJIKLIAN AND DEPUTY PREMIER BARILARO**

#### **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Posniak.

The matter of the appointment of a new Premier which occurred on Monday 23 January 2017 be heard as a late item of business in accordance with Clause 20 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

The Lord Mayor ruled the matter was urgent and that it be accepted and that the proposed late item of business be heard.

**Carried**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Dunn

That Council:

Write to Premier Berejiklian and Deputy Premier Barilaro to congratulate them on their appointment, outlining Newcastle City Council's strong performance, strategic direction and growth, and Council's evidence based preference to remain stand alone.

**Carried**

**The meeting concluded at 5.51pm.**