

## 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 21 February 2017 at 5.34pm**

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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 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) (arrived 5.56pm), Clare Hogue (Community Engagement Coordinator) (arrived 5.56pm), A Knowles (Council Services/Minutes) and Jodie Redriff (Council Services/Webcast).

### 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

#### MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Waterhouse.

The apology submitted on behalf of Councillor Tierney be received.

**Carried**

### DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

#### Councillor Clausen

Councillor Clausen declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in respect of Item 1 DA 2015/0820 - 30 Fleet Street New Lambton. He declared that he received a non-significant donation during his election campaign from a resident that lives in close proximity to the property and will remain in the chamber to hear the Public Voice session.

#### Lord Mayor Cr Nuatali Nelmes

The Lord Mayor declared a significant pecuniary interest in respect of Item 1 DA2015/0820 - 30 Fleet Street New Lambton and would recuse herself from the

discussions at public voice as close family members live adjacent to the property. The Lord Mayor advised that she would ask the Deputy Lord Mayor to chair the Public Voice session in her absence.

### **Councillor Rufo**

Councillor Rufo declared a non-pecuniary significant interest and conflict in respect of Item 1 DA 2015/0820 - 30 Fleet Street New Lambton. He indicated that he was only advised today that a resident that lives next the development is a work colleague and as such will remove himself from the discussions and hearing.

The Lord Mayor and Councillor Rufo left the chamber.

## **PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS**

**ITEM-1                      PV 21/02/2017 - DA2015/0820 - 30 FLEET STREET NEW LAMBTON - DEMOLITION OF DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS, ERECTION OF 9 ATTACHED TWO STOREY UNITS, ASSOC. SITE WORKS, BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT, 2 LOT SUBDIVISION (LOT1) AND 7 LOT STRATA SUBDIVISION (LOT13 SEC W)**

An application has been received by Council seeking consent for the demolition of dwellings and outbuildings with the erection of nine attached two-storey dwellings. The proposal was notified to neighbouring properties for fourteen days in accordance to Council's policy on two occasions to adjoining property owners.

The initial notification period received 32 submissions with the most recent notification period receiving 36 submissions. Three public voice applications were received during the second notification period.

Susan Morris and Mark Kenny addressed Council and outlined various concerns and their objection in regards to the proposal on behalf of New Lambton residents.

Adam Piper from Piper Planning also addressed Council on behalf of the applicant.

Councillors raised questions on a number of different matters including what is the difference between a multiple dwelling development and row housing. Clarification was sought on the number of dwellings permissible on the site, car parking and visitor parking and whether there is adequate access from the front to the rear of the site.

Councillors also sought details on usability criteria of the landscaped area due to potential storm water and drainage issues on the site.

Mark Kenny advised Councillors that mediation was not entered into.

**ITEM-2****PV 21/02/17 - NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS - RANKIN PARK TO JESMOND**

Council resolved at the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 December 2016 to invite a representative from RMS, a McCaffrey Drive resident and a representative from Newcastle Cycleways to present at a Public Voice session in February 2017 on the project together with a briefing from Council Officers on the proposal.

Presentations were received from Ben Ewald on behalf of Newcastle Cycleways Movement and Rob Brook on behalf of McCaffrey Drive Residents.

The Lord Mayor advised Council that Matthew Mate from RMS was invited to attend the Public Voice Session however the RMS had declined the invitation.

Councillors raised questions on a number of issues and were advised that the information and recommendations presented to Council have been provided to the RMS on three separate occasions. Discussions continue to occur between some RMS planners however no current solutions have been offered.

The Lord Mayor requested information on the projected traffic increases and whether the presenters agreed on the estimates provided by RMS.

**The meeting concluded at 6.33pm.**