

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 17 March 2020 at 6.02pm.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors M Byrne, J Church, D Clausen, C Duncan, K Elliott, J Mackenzie, A Robinson, A Rufo, E White and P Winney-Baartz.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Bath (Chief Executive Officer), D Clarke (Director Governance), B Smith (Director Strategy and Engagement), F Leatham (Director People and Culture), A Jones (Interim Director City Wide Services), J Rigby (Manager Assets and Projects), E Kolatchew (Manager Legal), M Bisson (Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment), K Hyland (Manager Major Events and Corporate Affairs), M Murray (Chief of Staff, Lord Mayor's Office), K Simpson (Senior Project Planner), A Knowles (Council Services/Minutes) and K Sullivan (Council Services/Webcasting).

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 Rufo, seconded by Cr Byrne

The apologies submitted on behalf of Councillors Dunn and Luke be received and leave of absence granted.

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Elliott

Councillor Elliott declared a non-pecuniary less than significant interest in Item 1 – DA2019/01146 – 106 Gosford Road, Adamstown as a presenter was known to her and remained in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

Councillor Winney-Baartz

Councillor Winney-Baartz declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 2 – DA2019/01255 – 25 Llewellyn Street, Merewether as she resided close to the property and managed the conflict by remaining in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS

ITEM-1 **PV 17/03/20 - DA2019/01146 - 106 GOSFORD ROAD, ADAMSTOWN - MULTI DWELLING HOUSING - DEMOLITION OF DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS ERECTION 12 ATTACHED UNITS AND 12 LOT STRATA SUBDIVISION**

Mr Andrew Biller and Ms Kathy Rowarth addressed Council and outlined concerns and objections to the development application. Mr Nathan Farr, Plan Centre on behalf of the DA applicant addressed Council in support of the development application.

Councillor Church questioned how issues raised during Public Voice sessions were considered. The Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment confirmed that issues raised were considered and included in the assessment reports prepared for the Development Applications Committee.

ITEM-2 **PV 17/03/20 - DA2019/01255 - 25 LLEWELLYN STREET, MEREWETHER - VETERINARY HOSPITAL - CHANGE OF USE FROM A COMMERCIAL PREMISE**

Ms Erin Daniel, Perception Planning and Ms Felicity Cole, Merewether Veterinary Clinic on behalf of the DA applicant addressed Council in support of the development application.

ITEM-3 **PV 17/03/20 - DA2019/00603 - 26 SMITH STREET, HAMILTON SOUTH - DWELLING HOUSE - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLING AND ANCILLARY STRUCTURE**

Ms Kathy Hartigan addressed Council and outlined concerns and objections to the development application. Mr Andrew Doring, Doring Design and Ms Linda Babic Heritas Architecture on behalf of the DA applicant, addressed Council in support of the development application.

ITEM-4 **PV 17/03/20 - SAVE OUR OCEAN BATHS - CONTRACT 2020/152E AND 2020/157E**

Ms Penelope Maxwell and Ms Jessica Miller addressed Council outlining their concerns and comments in relation to the Newcastle Ocean Baths redevelopment.

Ms Kristy Simpson, Senior Project Planner, City of Newcastle addressed Council and provided an update on the Newcastle Ocean Baths and Merewether Ocean Baths revitalisation projects.

Councillor Elliott questioned how much City of Newcastle spent on the last Merewether Ocean Baths upgrade, which included changing of the blocks. The Director Infrastructure and Property took the question on notice.

The meeting concluded at 9.08pm.