

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held via video conferencing platform Zoom on Tuesday 22 September 2020 at 6.03pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

J Bath (Chief Executive Officer), D Clarke (Director Governance), K Liddell (Director Infrastructure and Property), B Smith (Director Strategy and Engagement), F Leatham (Director People and Culture), A Jones (Interim Director City Wide Services), E Kolatchew (Manager Legal), S Moore (Acting Chief Financial Officer), M Bisson (Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment), J Rigby (Manager Assets and Projects), L Duffy (Manager City Wide Services), S Grierson (Manager Transport and Compliance), P Jukes (Interim Manager Community Strategy and Innovation), I Challis (Contracts Coordinator), K Sullivan (Councillor Services, Minutes), E Horder (Councillor Services, Meeting Support), G Axelsson, (Information Technology Support) and S Ray (Information Technology Support).

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 Rufo, seconded by Cr Luke

The apology submitted on behalf of Councillor Robinson be received and leave of absence granted.

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Church

Councillor Church declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 69 - Public Exhibition of Draft Planning Agreement - 73-79 Railway Lane, Wickham stating that he worked with the applicant in a previous job in the past. He stated there was no current commercial agreement in place but would manage the conflict by leaving the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 25 AUGUST 2020

MINUTES - EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Byrne

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

**Carried
unanimously**

LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

**ITEM-19 LMM 22/09/20 ENSURING COVID-SAFE BEACHES FOR
NEWCASTLE**

MOTION

Moved by Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 Notes that on 21 September 2020, the NSW Government released their COVID Safe Summer Plan, recommending that suspected breaches to the Public Health Order can be reported to Crime Stoppers, but falling short of adopting the recommendations of Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and Surf Life Saving NSW to fund COVID marshals for the state's City beaches over Summer;
- 2 Acknowledges the incredible and difficult work that our wonderful staff have undertaken to keep our community and visitors safe throughout the COVID-19 global pandemic, noting that it has now been more than 6-weeks since a positive COVID-19 case in Newcastle;
- 3 Notes that local government has a critical role in supporting our communities to be COVID-safe as managers of beaches, but requires additional assistance from the NSW Government to ensure that their Public Health Orders are adhered to over Summer;
- 4 Notes that LGNSW has written to the NSW Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, calling on the NSW Government to make a commitment to:
 - a) Develop a NSW Government funded COVID Communications Strategy and Campaign for NSW beaches and open spaces;
 - b) Fund COVID-safe marshals in local government areas with major beaches;

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- 5 Joins with LGNSW in calling on the NSW Government to provide support to the Newcastle Local Government Area, including the development of a COVID Communications Strategy and Campaign and funding to support COVID-Safe marshals at our beaches, to ensure Newcastle's beaches and open spaces remain safe throughout Summer;
- 6 Notes that City of Newcastle staff have already been developing a COVID Safe Summer Guide for the Newcastle LGA, with Surf Life Saving NSW, Hunter Surf Life Saving, and neighbouring councils to take a collaborative approach to managing our local beaches, including promoting social distancing and strict compliance with the Public Health Orders, ahead of the Summer Beach Patrol Season which commences on Saturday, 26 September 2020; and
- 7 Writes to the Hon. Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, calling on the NSW Government to assist City of Newcastle to keep our beaches safe over Summer by funding COVID-safe marshals at our City beaches.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Byrne, Church, Clausen, Duncan, Elliott, Mackenzie, Rufo, White and Winney-Baartz.

Against the Motion: Councillor Luke.

Carried

REPORTS BY COUNCIL OFFICERS

ITEM-63 CCL 22/09/20 - ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND ASSOCIATED PROCEDURES

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Winney-Baartz

That Council:

- 1 Adopt the Code of Conduct for Councillors at **Attachment A**;
- 2 Adopt the Code of Conduct for Staff at **Attachment B**;
- 3 Adopt the Code of Conduct for Council Committee Members, Delegates of Council and Council Advisors at **Attachment C**; and
- 4 Adopt the Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct at **Attachment D**.

**Carried
unanimously**

ITEM-70 **CCL 22/09/20 - EXECUTIVE MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

- 1 Receives the Executive Monthly Performance Report for August 2020.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Byrne, Clausen, Duncan, Luke, Mackenzie, Rufo, White and Winney-Baartz.

Against the Motion: Councillors Church and Elliott.

Carried

ITEM-71 **CCL 22/09/20 - ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Clausen

That Council:

- 1 Relocate the Customer Experience Service Unit from the City Wide Services Directorate to the Strategy and Engagement Directorate within the organisational structure to enable the effective alignment and delivery of the Customer Experience Strategy (**Attachment A**).

**Carried
unanimously**

ITEM-64 **CCL 22/09/20 - ENDORSEMENT OF MOTIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE 2020 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Clausen

That Council:

- 1 Endorse the motions for submission to the 2020 LGNSW Annual Conference as set out at **Attachment A**.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Church, seconded by Cr Duncan

Council deal with the motions for submission to the 2020 LGNSW Annual Conference in seriatim.

Defeated

The motion moved by Councillor Mackenzie and seconded by Councillor Clausen was put to the meeting.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Byrne, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, Rufo, White and Winney-Baartz.

Against the Motion: Councillors Church, Elliott and Luke.

Carried

ITEM-65 CCL 22/09/20 - THE JUNCTION TO MEREWETHER CYCLEWAY

In moving the motion, Councillor Clausen stated he was moving a Part B to the motion.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Winney-Baartz

PART A

That Council:

- 1 Approve the following traffic changes for The Junction to Merewether cycleway project at **Attachment A**:
 - i) Raised pedestrian / cycle crossing on Watkins Street at The Junction Public School.
 - ii) Re-line marking of the raised crossing on Patrick Street as a pedestrian / cycle crossing.
 - iii) Continuous path treatments across Chester Lane, Buchanan Street and Coane Street.
 - iv) Upgrade of the pedestrian crossing on Helen Street to a raised pedestrian / cycle crossing.
 - v) Traffic calming on Helen Street, comprising road cushions and kerb extensions.
- 2 Approve raised pedestrian crossings on John Parade at Watkins Street and Coane Street.
- 3 Approve a combined pedestrian / cycle crossing on Berner Street.
- 4 Provide in principle approval for 'No Right Turn' from Watkins Street into Helen Street (as exhibited) for implementation later, subject to traffic assessment following a period of operation of the cycleway and advice to Councillors.

- 5 Provide in principle support to reduce the speed limit to 30km/h on:
 - i) Watkins Street between Glebe Road and John Parade.
 - ii) John Parade and Berner Street between Frederick Street and the roundabout at Dixon Park.
- 6 Refer the proposals for speed reduction to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) for determination.
- 7 Note that CN will undertake a comprehensive education campaign in conjunction with project implementation, including to encourage desired behaviours by cyclists, pedestrians and drivers on roads and paths.

PART B

That Council:

- 1 Notes that Transport for NSW is the approval authority for speed limit changes along Watkins St (between Glebe Rd and John Parade), and John Parade and Berner St (between Frederick St and the Dixon Park roundabout); and
- 2 Requests that community consultation is undertaken as part of the Transport for NSW process for the proposed reduction in speed limit.

The Lord Mayor declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 65 - The Junction to Merewether Cycleway stating that the cycleway was a long linear piece of infrastructure and that she lived in the vicinity of one part of it but not adjacent to it. The Lord Mayor stated that she would remain in the meeting for discussion on the item.

Councillor Mackenzie foreshadowed a substantive motion that being the recommendation of Council Officers as outlined in the business papers.

The motion moved by Councillor Clausen and seconded by Councillor Winney-Baartz was put to the meeting.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Byrne, Clausen, Church, Duncan, Elliott, Luke, Mackenzie, Rufo, White and Winney-Baartz.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**Carried
unanimously**

ITEM-66**CCL 22/09/20 - NEWCASTLE PORT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION FUND**

In moving the motion, Councillor Clausen stated he was moving a Part B to the motion.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Luke

PART A

That Council:

- 1 Endorses the inclusive playspace and waterplay project at Foreshore Park, part of CN's Harbour Foreshore Masterplan (Masterplan), as its nominated project for the 2020 NPCC. The aim of the Masterplan is to rejuvenate the precinct to meet the needs of the community and future generations through increased accessibility along the foreshore, a separated cycleway along Wharf Road, and improved amenities, landscaping and inclusive playspaces at Foreshore Park.

PART B

That Council:

- 1 Notes its previous success in receiving funding under the NPCC including Nobby's Surf Club restoration, South Stockton Reserve Active Hub, and Camp Shortland precinct playground and active space. These three projects have provided significant community benefit for both residents and visitors.
- 2 Thanks the Port of Newcastle for the provision of these funds, which has supported the delivery of revitalised infrastructure in the City of Newcastle. The Port of Newcastle provides approximately \$1 million annually to the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund, which is administered by the NSW Government (Department of Regional NSW).
- 3 Writes to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, and State Member for Newcastle, highlighting the successful delivery of popular community facilities by CN with the support of NPCC funding, noting the importance of local government in the delivery of community infrastructure projects, particularly during this COVID-19 pandemic. The delivery of community infrastructure by local government promotes local employment, supports local business and stimulates the economy with local construction projects known to have an employment multiplier of 2.9.

Councillor Mackenzie proposed that Part A, 1 be amended to include the words 'in principle' and to read as follows:

- 1 *Endorses in principle the inclusive playspace and waterplay project at Foreshore Park, part of CN's Harbour Foreshore Masterplan (Masterplan), as its nominated project for the 2020 NPCC. The aim of the Masterplan is to rejuvenate the precinct to meet the needs of the community and future generations through increased accessibility along the foreshore, a separated cycleway along Wharf Road, and improved amenities, landscaping and inclusive playspaces at Foreshore Park.*

Councillor Clausen and Councillor Luke accepted Councillor Mackenzie's amendment to the motion.

The motion moved by Councillor Clausen and seconded by Councillor Luke, as amended, was put to the meeting.

**Carried
unanimously**

ITEM-67 CCL 22/09/20 - NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY TRIAL - DPIE PUBLIC EXHIBITION

In moving the motion, Councillor Clausen stated he was moving a Part B to the motion.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Duncan

PART A

That Council:

- 1 Receives the report on the outcome of DPIE's public exhibition of a 'Proposed SEPP to amend the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 to temporarily extend trading hours in small bars and restaurants'.
- 2 Supports a controlled trial of amended late-night trading hours of operation conditions on specific and targeted low-impact and low-risk venues in the Newcastle City Centre to promote the activation and recovery of the Newcastle night-time economy, as proposed in the approved Newcastle After Dark Strategy 2018-2022.
- 3 Endorses the temporary amendment to the Newcastle Local Environment Plan to facilitate the trial, as requested by the Minister for Planning, and following the public exhibition for a period of 14 days, which concluded 17 September 2020.

PART B

That Council:

Endorses the extension of the trial to 12-months, to provide certainty to participants and the community, noting the gradual return of business as part of the ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councillor Rufo declared a non-pecuniary, significant conflict of interest in Item 67 – Night-Time Economy Trial - DPIE Public Exhibition stating that members of his family owned and ran small bars in Newcastle and would manage the conflict by leaving the meeting.

Councillor Rufo left the meeting at 6.56pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Church, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

Parts A and B of the motion be dealt with seriatim.

Defeated

The motion moved by Councillor Clausen and seconded by Councillor Duncan was put to the meeting.

For the Motion:

Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Byrne, Clausen, Duncan, Luke, White and Winney-Baartz.

Against the Motion:

Councillors Church, Elliott and Mackenzie.

Carried

Councillor Rufo returned to the meeting at 7.14pm.

ITEM-68 CCL 22/09/20 - ADOPTION OF THE BLACKBUTT VILLAGE, ORCHARDTOWN ROAD, NEW LAMBTON, LOCAL CENTRE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND TRAFFIC PLAN

MOTION

Moved by Cr Winney-Baartz, seconded by Cr Duncan

That Council:

- 1 Adopt the Blackbutt Village Orchardtown Road, New Lambton, Public Domain and Traffic Plan as set out at **Attachment A**

**Carried
unanimously**

ITEM-69**CCL 22/09/20 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT PLANNING AGREEMENT - 73-79 RAILWAY LANE, WICKHAM**

Councillor Church left the meeting for discussion on the item at 7.22pm.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Byrne

That Council:

- 1 That Council places the draft Planning Agreement for 73 - 79 Railway Lane, Wickham (**Attachment A**) on public exhibition for 28 days and considers a report back to Council on the draft Planning Agreement following the public exhibition period.

For the Motion:

Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Byrne, Clausen, Duncan, Elliott, Luke, Mackenzie, Rufo, White and Winney-Baartz.

Against the Motion:

Nil.

Carried

Councillor Church returned to the meeting at 7.25pm.

ITEM-72**CCL 22/09/20 - SALE OF PART 63 WALLSEND ROAD, SANDGATE****MOTION**

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Elliott

That Council:

- 1 Resolve to sell part of 63 Wallsend Road, Sandgate as shown at **Attachment A** to the adjoining landowner.
- 2 Grant authority to the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate to execute all relevant documentation to give effect to the transaction.
- 3 Resolve that the proceeds from the sale be allocated to City of Newcastle's (CN) 'Works Program: Specific Projects'.

For the Motion:

Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Byrne, Church, Clausen, Duncan, Elliott, Luke, Mackenzie, Rufo, White and Winney-Baartz.

Against the Motion:

Nil.

Carried

ITEM-73 **CCL 22/09/20 - TENDER REPORT - SOUTH NEWCASTLE BEACH SKATEPARK - 2020/239T**

MOTION

Moved by Cr White, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

The recommendation at **Attachment A** be adopted.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Byrne, Clausen, Duncan, Luke, Mackenzie, Rufo, White and Winney-Baartz.

Against the Motion: Councillors Church and Elliott.

Carried

The Chief Executive Officer reported the outcome of Item 73 - Tender Report - South Newcastle Skatepark - 2020/239T.

- 1 Council accept the tender of Convic Pty Ltd in the amount of \$1,370,000 (excluding GST) for South Newcastle Beach Skate Park for Contract No. 2020/239T.
- 2 The confidential attachment relating to the matters specified in s10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993 be treated as confidential and remain confidential until the Chief Executive Officer determines otherwise.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM-19 **NOM 22/09/20 - CITY OF NEWCASTLE AND UBE CITY SISTER CITY 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 Notes that on 21 November 1980, the City of Newcastle officially established a Sister City Affiliation with Ube City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan, thanks to significant relationship building by then Lord Mayor, Joy Cummings;
- 2 Recognises that 21 November 2020 will mark the 40th anniversary of our Sister City relationship with Ube City;
- 3 Notes with sadness that we will be unable to host a delegation from Ube City and that City of Newcastle cannot visit our friends in Ube City, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

- 4 Asks our Major Events and Corporate Affairs and Community Strategy & Innovation teams to work with our Local History Library to mark this important occasion, through an appropriate civic gift such as a commemorative booklet, to be sent to Ube City Mayor Kimiko Kubota, local Newcastle schools and to be made available at our Libraries, the Newcastle Museum and Newcastle Visitor Information Centre, to mark this very significant anniversary and the deep importance of our ongoing relationship with Ube City.

**Carried
unanimously**

**ITEM-20 NOM 22/09/20 - WICKHAM SCHOOL OF ARTS - STATE
HERITAGE LISTING**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Duncan, seconded by Cr Byrne

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 Notes that on 1 May, 2018, it was resolved by Notice of Motion to establish a Newcastle Heritage Working Party to assist in identifying areas for possible inclusion as Heritage Conservation Areas, and the protection of our historically significant sites;
- 2 Notes that the Wickham School of Arts has been identified as a site of significant historical and cultural value to Newcastle and New South Wales, with the NSW Government Statement of Significance noting '*The Former Wickham School of Arts has both social and historical significance*' and the building's association with Henry Lawson and as the first meeting place of the Newcastle Permanent Building Society;
- 3 Notes that on 21 July 2020, Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes wrote to the NSW Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, asking the NSW Government to implement a Heritage Protection Plan, to ensure that the former Wickham School of Arts Building is not demolished; and
- 4 Calls on the NSW Government to list the former Wickham School of Arts Building on the NSW Government's State Heritage Register, to protect this significant historical asset, following Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation's public declaration that they have no intention of demolishing the building.

Councillor Duncan moved that *Notice of Motion Item 24 – Wickham School of Arts* be included as a Part B to the motion.

As authors of Notice of Motion Item 24 – Wickham School of Arts, Councillors Church, Elliott and Rufo agreed that the motion be dealt with in conjunction with Notice of Motion Item 20 and included as Part B.

With the addition of Part B, the substantive motion read as follows:

PART A

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 Notes that on 1 May, 2018, it was resolved by Notice of Motion to establish a Newcastle Heritage Working Party to assist in identifying areas for possible inclusion as Heritage Conservation Areas, and the protection of our historically significant sites;
- 2 Notes that the Wickham School of Arts has been identified as a site of significant historical and cultural value to Newcastle and New South Wales, with the NSW Government Statement of Significance noting '*The Former Wickham School of Arts has both social and historical significance*' and the building's association with Henry Lawson and as the first meeting place of the Newcastle Permanent Building Society;
- 3 Notes that on 21 July 2020, Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes wrote to the NSW Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, asking the NSW Government to implement a Heritage Protection Plan, to ensure that the former Wickham School of Arts Building is not demolished; and
- 4 Calls on the NSW Government to list the former Wickham School of Arts Building on the NSW Government's State Heritage Register, to protect this significant historical asset, following Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation's public declaration that they have no intention of demolishing the building.

PART B

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 Notes the historical significance of the Wickham School of Arts building, located on land owned by the Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation.
- 2 Notes the connection with Henry Lawson who improved his education on the site in 1891 and went on to become one of Australia's much loved writers.
- 3 Notes the building has a Local Heritage Protection order and seeks to work with the State Government to place the building on the NSW Heritage register
- 4 Seeks written assurances from HCCDC that it has no plans to demolish the building.

- 5 Works with the State Government to develop a plan for the building and the surrounding site which would see the structure repaired and refurbished for a future adaptive reuse and the adjacent land preserved as green space for public recreation and for enhancing the city's connections with the harbour.

The motion moved by Councillor Duncan and seconded by Councillor Byrne, as amended, was put to the meeting.

**Carried
unanimously**

ITEM-21 NOM 22/09/20 - MAKING PARKING EASY

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Byrne

That City of Newcastle

- 1 Notes that the City is currently reviewing its Parking and Cycling Plans, with stakeholder input currently underway, and public exhibition scheduled before the end of 2020;
- 2 Notes the rapid uptake of the EasyPark app since its introduction in 2018, currently outranking both cash and credit card as a form of payment for parking (45,000 transactions on the app per month prior to COVID-19);
- 3 Notes that the app significantly improves the user experience, including advanced predictive technology that assists users in quickly locating vacant parks, the ability to seek an instant refund for any unused parking, and immediate digital receipting;
- 4 Notes that car parking transactions made through the EasyPark app are currently subject to a 10 per cent surcharge (set by the app manufacturer) which covers the application's cost;
- 5 Notes that local health workers have contacted City of Newcastle to request changes to this surcharge so that using EasyPark is no more expensive for commuters than using a credit card at a physical parking meter; and
- 6 Amends the surcharge on the EasyPark App so that the total cost is no greater than paying via credit card at a physical parking meter, to ensure equity across the two contactless payment methods.

**Carried
unanimously**

ITEM-22 **NOM 22/09/20 - FORT SCRATCHLEY AND FORT SCRATCHLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Winney-Baartz, seconded by Cr Duncan

That Council:

- 1 Recognises and acknowledges the historical and cultural importance of Fort Scratchley;
- 2 Recognises and acknowledges the work undertaken by The Fort Scratchley Historical Society (FSHS) to preserve this invaluable piece of Newcastle's military history; and
- 3 Drafts a Memorandum of Understanding between CN and FSHS recognising the importance of Fort Scratchley to the people of Newcastle and committing to the ongoing support of FSHS.

Councillor Church proposed that the Memorandum of Understanding come back to Council for endorsement.

Councillor Winney-Baartz and Councillor Duncan accepted Councillor Church's amendment to the motion.

The motion moved by Councillor Winney-Baartz and seconded by Councillor Duncan, as amended, was put to the meeting.

**Carried
unanimously**

ITEM-23 **NOM 22/09/20 - ONE HOUR FREE PARKING TRIAL ON HUNTER STREET**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Church, seconded by Cr Elliott

That City of Newcastle

- Notes the progress on the city's Parking Plan and the anticipated completion of a draft plan for consultation before the end of the year;
- Accepts and notes a petition signed by more than 658 residents seeking the introduction of one-hour free parking in Hunter Street;
- Notes the negative impact on inner city businesses due to the Light Rail construction, Supercars street closures and now Covid-19 Pandemic;
- Notes that Council received approx. \$8million in fees from parking meters and parking stations and another \$4million in parking fines during the 2018-2019 financial year;

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- Conducts a trial of one-hour free parking in Hunter Street, and provides Councillors with a report on the costs and benefits of such an arrangement becoming permanent; and
- Writes to the petition organiser to inform them of the outcome of this motion.

Councillor Clausen foreshadowed a substantive motion that being the recommendation of Council Officers as outlined in the business papers.

For the Motion: Councillors Church, Elliott, Luke, Mackenzie and Rufo.

Against the Motion: Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Byrne, Clausen, Duncan, White and Winney-Baartz.

Defeated

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Winney-Baartz

That Council:

- 1 Notes that two previous trials of free timed parking have been ceased due to resulting reductions in parking availability, and didn't deliver increases in visitation or business turnover.
- 2 Promotes an evidence-based discussion about parking via City of Newcastle's upcoming Parking Plan and engagement.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Byrne, Clausen, Duncan, Luke, Mackenzie, White and Winney-Baartz.

Against the Motion: Councillors Church, Rufo and Elliott.

Carried

ITEM-24 NOM 22/09/20 - WICKHAM SCHOOL OF ARTS

Item 24 – Wickham School of Arts was dealt with in conjunction with Item 20 – Wickham School of Arts – State Heritage Listing.

ITEM-25 NOM 22/09/20 - MANAGEMENT OF AMMONIUM NITRATE STOCKPILES

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Elliott

That City of Newcastle

- Request a briefing from Orica on current and proposed safety and risk management measures associated with the production, storage and transport of ammonium nitrate; and

- Works collaboratively with Orica and Crawfords to support the relocation of their stocks of ammonium nitrate away from all residential areas in the Newcastle LGA.

Councillor Clausen proposed the following revised wording to the motion.

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 Requests a briefing from Orica and its regulatory authorities (the NSW EPA and Safe Work NSW) on current and proposed safety and risk management measures associated with the production, storage and transport of ammonium nitrate;*
- 2 Writes to the Minister responsible for SafeWork NSW, Minister Anderson, and the Minister responsible for the EPA, Minister Kean, seeking assurances that the regulation of Orica meets world's best practice.*

Councillor Mackenzie and Councillor Elliott accepted Councillor Clausen's revised wording providing that the revised motion also include 'Crawfords' as outlined in points one and two.

The motion moved by Councillor Mackenzie and seconded by Councillor Elliott, as amended, was put to the meeting.

**Carried
unanimously**

**ITEM-26 NOM 22/09/20 - UPDATE ON SMART DRUMLINE TRIALS IN
NEWCASTLE**

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Clausen

That City of Newcastle

- Request a briefing from the NSW Department of Primary Industries on the outcomes of the trials of SMART drumlines undertaken across Newcastle beaches in 2019.

**Carried
unanimously**

The meeting concluded at 9.07pm.