

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall on Tuesday 13 December 2016 at 5.38pm.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors D Clausen D Compton, T Doyle, J Dunn, B Luke (retired 6.29pm), M Osborne, S Posniak, A Robinson (retired 6.28pm) and A Rufo (retired 6.29pm).

IN ATTENDANCE

P Chrystal (Interim Chief Executive Officer), G Cousins (Director Corporate Services), F Cordingley (Director Infrastructure), A Baxter (Acting Director Planning and Regulatory), M Blackburn-Smith (Manager Development & Building Services), F Giordano (Manager Governance and Legal), N Baker (Chief of Staff), K Baartz (Communications Manager), B Johnson (Media Officer), A Leach (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 Doyle, seconded by Cr Osborne

The apologies submitted on behalf of Councillor Waterhouse be received and leave of absence granted.

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor B Luke

Councillor Luke declared a non-pecuniary less than significant conflict of interest in general as Council may invest with businesses he is associated with.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MINUTES - PUBLIC VOICE 15 NOVEMBER 2016

MINUTES - BRIEFING COMMITTEE 15 NOVEMBER 2016

MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 22 NOVEMBER 2016

MOTION

Moved by Cr Osborne, seconded by Cr Posniak

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

Carried

LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM-10 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS

MOTION

Moved by Cr Nelmes

That Newcastle City Council -

1. Reiterates its motion of 28 June 2016, supporting residents and cyclists' calls for RMS to deliver a full interchange at McCaffrey Drive, and for RMS to implement design changes to mitigate the need for cyclists to traverse three additional sets of traffic lights when travelling east/west to/from Wallsend on the off road cycle path through Jesmond Park.
2. Endorses Council making a submission to RMS' EIS by Friday 16 December which highlights these concerns and requests design changes
3. Invites 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
4. Receives a briefing from Council Officers on the proposal in February 2017

Carried

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

MOTION

Moved by Cr Posniak, seconded by Cr Doyle

The discussion of this report take place in a closed session, with the press and public excluded, for the following reasons:

- a) The matter relates to section 10A(2)(a) of the Act – personnel matters concerning particular individuals;
- b) The closed session involves only as much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security; and
- c) The selection and appointment of an Interim Chief Executive Officer will be discussed during the closed session.

Carried

Council moved into confidential session at 6.08pm. Council staff present during confidential session were Council Executive Support Officers Amy Leach and Kerry Sullivan and Manager Governance and Legal, Frank Giordano.

The Lord Mayor tabled the individually named confidential reports.

The Lord Mayor stated that the Council meeting was inquorate at 6.29pm. Following the departure from the Council Chamber of Councillors Robinson, Luke, Compton and Rufo, the remaining Councillors were the Lord Mayor and Councillors Clausen, Doyle, Dunn, Osborne and Posniak.

The Lord Mayor adjourned the Council meeting for 30 minutes at 6.32pm.

The Lord Mayor announced at 7.00pm that the meeting was inquorate and informed the remaining Councillors that she had spoken to Mr Stephen Blackadder, Executive Director, Blackadder Associates who confirmed that he was available to attend a meeting early next week and she rescheduled the adjourned meeting to 7.30pm Monday 19 December 2016. The Lord Mayor noted that Mr Blackadder would be providing a supplementary report.

The Lord Mayor collected the confidential reports and noted that reports were returned from Councillors Posniak, Dunn, Doyle, Osborne, Waterhouse, Compton, Rufo, Tierney and Luke. However, she stated that Councillor Robinson's confidential report was not returned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.05pm.