
Minutes of the Council Meeting 3 June 2020

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm

Present:

Steve Christou (Mayor)	Councillor
Eddy Sarkis (Deputy Mayor)	Councillor
Ned Attie	Councillor
George Campbell	Councillor (via web conferencing joined 6:31pm)
Greg Cummings	Councillor
Glenn Elmore	Councillor
Ola Hamed	Councillor (via web conferencing joined 6:32pm)
Kun Huang	Councillor (via web conferencing)
Lisa Lake	Councillor
Joseph Rahme	Councillor
Suman Saha	Councillor
Michael Zaiter	Councillor
Tom Zreika	Councillor (via web conferencing)
Hamish McNulty	General Manager
Melissa Attia	Acting Director Community and Organisation Development
Daniel Cavallo	Director Environment & Planning
Peter Fitzgerald	Director Works & Infrastructure
Richard Sheridan	Director Finance & Governance

Also Present:

Charlie Ayoub	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Colin McFadzean	General Counsel
Carol Karaki	Governance Coordinator
Laith Jammal	Governance Officer

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was read by the Mayor, Councillor Christou.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor, Councillor Christou opened the Meeting with the following Acknowledgement of Country:

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land – the Darug People, and pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging."

National Anthem

At this point in the meeting the Mayor, Councillor Christou asked all of those in attendance to stand for the playing of the Australian National Anthem.

Notice of Live Streaming of Council Meeting

The Mayor, Councillor Christou advised that the Council meeting was being streamed live on Council's website and members of the public must ensure their speech to the Council is respectful and use appropriate language.

Min.713 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Resolved (Attie/Sarkis)

That Councillor Garrard be granted Leave of Absence for this Council Meeting.

Declarations of Pecuniary & Non Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Confirmation of Minutes

Min.714 C06/20-461 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 20 May 2020

Resolved (Attie/Sarkis)

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 May 2020.

Min.715 C06/20-462 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council - 27 May 2020

Resolved (Attie/Sarkis)

That Council confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 May 2020.

Min.716 MM06/20-31 Mayoral Minute - Council's Support and Commitment to Mens Sheds

Resolved (Christou)

That Council agree to waive all future lease charges for Mens Sheds operating out of Cumberland City Council owned buildings.

Councillor Hamed left the Meeting at 6:36pm and returned to the Meeting at 6:37pm during the consideration of this item.

Min.717 MM06/20-32 Mayoral Minute - Progressing Prospect Hill Project

Resolved (Christou)

That Council:

1. Note the ongoing dialogue and challenges with Heritage NSW on the delivery of the Prospect Hill project.

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2. Agree in principle to commit the net funds from the sale of 615A Great Western Highway, Pemulwuy towards the purchase of the land identified in the Prospect Hill Masterplan on the western side of Prospect Hill that is under private ownership.
 3. Ensure that the areas to be purchased are identified on the acquisitions list.
 4. Write to the Minister Energy & Environment, notifying him of this Mayoral Minute and requesting his full support to progress this matter.

Min.718 Items by Exception

Resolved (Sarkis/Attie)

That Council adopt item C06/20-463 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendation in the report.

Min.719 C06/20-463 Emergency Relief Fund Applications

Resolved (Sarkis/Attie)

That Council adopt the one application recommended for funding as outlined under attachment 1 of this report and allocate \$3,819.50 from the 2019/20 Emergency Relief Fund to support vulnerable community members affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Min.720 C06/20-464 Review of Mayoral Community Fund Guidelines

Motion (Lake/Saha)

That Council re-adopt the *Mayoral Community Fund Guidelines* subject to the following amendments:

1. Omit “The final decision to approve funding is at the discretion of the Mayor.”
2. Insert “However, the final decision to approve the funding is at the discretion of the Council”.

Amendment (Sarkis/Attie)

That Council re-adopt the *Mayoral Community Fund Guidelines* and that all grants be reported to Council at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Amendment moved by Councillor Sarkis seconded by Councillor Attie on being Put was declared CARRIED.

A division was called, the result of the division required in accordance with Council’s Code of Meeting Practice is as follows:

Councillor(s) For the Amendment: Attie, Christou, Cummings, Rahme, Sarkis, Zaiter and Zreika.

Councillor(s) Against the Amendment: Campbell, Elmore, Hamed, Huang, Lake and Saha.

The Amendment moved by Councillor Sarkis seconded by Councillor Attie then became the motion.

The motion moved by Councillor Sarkis seconded by Councillor Attie on being Put was declared CARRIED to become the resolution of Council (as shown in the amendment).

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Councillor(s) For the Motion: Attie, Christou, Cummings, Rahme, Sarkis,
Zaiter and Zreika.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Campbell, Elmore, Hamed, Huang, Lake and
Saha.

Min.721 C06/20-465 Draft Companion Animal Policy

Resolved (Saha/Cummings)

That Council adopt the *Draft Companion Animal Policy* as attached.

Carried Unanimously

**Min.722 C06/20-466 Response to Notice of Motion - Responsible Pet
Ownership Education Program**

Resolved (Cummings/Sarkis)

That Council receive and note the report.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Saha left the Meeting at 7:25pm during the consideration of this item and did not return to the Meeting.

Councillor Hamed left the Meeting at 7:27pm during the consideration of this item and did not return to the Meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor Christou closed the meeting at 7:28pm.

Chairperson 

General Manager 