
Minutes of the Council Meeting 27 August 2025

Present:

Councillors

Ola Hamed (Mayor)	Councillor
Michael Zaiter (Deputy Mayor)	Councillor
Steve Christou	Councillor
Dr Diane Colman	Councillor
Glenn Elmore	Councillor
Paul Garrard	Councillor
Helen Hughes	Councillor
Nadima Kafrouni-Saba	Councillor
Ahmed Ouf	Councillor (Exited 9.38pm)
Joseph Rahme	Councillor
Suman Saha	Councillor
Eddy Sarkis	Councillor (Arrived 6:11pm)
Sujan Selventhiran	Councillor
Steve Yang	Councillor
Enver Yasar	Councillor

Officers

Peter Fitzgerald	General Manager
Melissa Attia	Director Corporate Performance (Deputy General Manager)
Daniel Cavallo	Director Environment & Planning
Brendan Govers	Director City Services
Nicole Byrn	Director Community & Culture
Charlie Ayoub	Director Governance & Risk
Colin McFadzean	General Counsel
Bianca Mourched	Acting Governance Manager
Paulette Maroon	Governance Officer

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed declared the meeting open at 6.06pm.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was read by Reverend Meredith Williams from Wentworthville Uniting Church.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed read 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 Hamed asked all of those in attendance to stand for the playing of the Australian National Anthem.

Min.999 Apologies / Requests for Leave of Absence/ Requests for Attendance by Audio-Visual Link

Nil.

Notice of Live Streaming of Council Meeting

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed advised that the Council meeting was being streamed live on Council's website and all in attendance must ensure their speech to the Council is respectful and use appropriate language.

Confirmation of Minutes

Min.1000 C08/25-162 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 30 July 2025

Motion (Elmore/Saha)

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 30 July 2025.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Declarations of Pecuniary & Non Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor Elmore declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to item C08/25-168 Letter of Offer - 86-96 Station Street, Wentworthville as he is a member of the Sydney Central Planning Panel which may determine the matter at a future date. As such, he will leave the Chamber during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Elmore declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report as his home is located close to the area effected by the planning proposal. As such, he will leave the Chamber during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Selventhiran declared a Non Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to item C08/25-167 Outcome of Expression of Interest Process - Council Advisory

Committees as 2 community members who registered to partake in the Advisory committees are known to him personally, as one is a friend and the other is a distant relative.

Councillor Colman declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C08/25-167 Outcome of Expression of Interest Process - Council Advisory Committees as she knows a number of community members who are nominating for the Advisory Committees.

Councillor Zaiter declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to item C08/25-168 Letter of Offer - 86-96 Station Street, Wentworthville as he is a member of the Sydney Central planning panel which may determine the matter at a future date. As such, he will leave the chamber during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Zaiter declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report as a client of his firm owns a property in the corridor. As such, he will leave the chamber during the consideration of this item.

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report given this is a broad planning instrument being considered by Council, she is aware of individuals within the subject area. As such she will remain in the Chamber during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis entered the Meeting at 6:11pm during declarations of interest.

Min.1001 Mayoral Minute – Support to Council’s Impacted by Recent Flood Events**Motion (Hamed)**

That Council:

1. Note the Mayoral Minute;
2. Provide a one off adjustment to seasonal hirer sporting groups to assist with the impacts experienced from wet weather field closures throughout the winter 2025 season; and
3. Note the minor impact to Council's forward operational revenue will be offset within Council's operational budget.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Public Forum:

Speakers on Items on the Council Meeting Agenda

Speaker	Item #	Suburb
Ms Jackie Osborne (On behalf of Mr Alan Flower)	C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report	Granville
Miss Caroline Reid	C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report	Granville
Ms Marina Pozzi	C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report	Guildford
Mr Lin Li	C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report	Granville
Mr David Tran	C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report	Lidcombe
Mr Mark Hanna	C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report	North Sydney
Mr Baris Demirci	C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report	Merrylands
Ms Alice Wong	C08/25-172 Notice of Motion - Falun Dafa Day.	Parramatta
Ms Yildiz Yigiter	C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report	Granville
Ms Nina Gordan	C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report	Merrylands

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 6:30pm and returned to the Meeting at 6:32pm during Public Forum.

Min.1002 Alteration of Order of Business

Motion (Colman/Kafrouni-Saba)

That in accordance with Clause 8.2 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, Council alter the order of business to allow items **C08/25-169** and **C08/25-172** to be brought forward for consideration at this time of the Meeting.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.1003 C08/25-169 Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal - Post Exhibition Report

Note: Councillor Elmore exited the Chamber at 6:52pm prior to the consideration of this item as he had declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item. He returned to the Meeting following the consideration of this item at 7:01pm.

Note: Councillor Zaiter exited the Chamber at 6:52pm prior to the consideration of this item as he had declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item. He returned to the Meeting following the consideration of this item at 7:01pm.

Motion (Colman/Selventhiran)

That Council:

1. Adopt the Woodville Road Corridor Strategy, as provided in Attachment 1.
2. Endorse the planning proposal and planning controls for the Woodville Road Corridor, as provided in Attachments 2 and 3.
3. Adopt the Woodville Road Corridor Public Domain Plan, as provided in Attachment 4.
4. Adopt the Woodville Road Corridor Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme, as provided in Attachment 5, noting that the Scheme comes into force on the date of Gazettal of the Local Environmental Plan amendment.
5. Adopt amendments to Cumberland Development Control Plan 2021, as provided in Attachment 6, noting that the amendments come into force on the date of Gazettal of the Local Environmental Plan amendment.
6. Endorse that Council write to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and request that it finalise the Woodville Road Corridor Planning Proposal, as per the conditions of the Gateway Determination.
7. Delegate authority to the General Manager to make administrative, mapping and other related changes to documents associated with the Planning Proposal, consistent with the endorsed recommendations of Council.
8. Note that the Local Environmental Plan amendment will be published on the New South Wales legislation website and in the Government Gazette upon finalisation.
9. Endorse that the following new sites are further considered as part of the review of the Cumberland Local Environmental Plan, as outlined in this report:
 - a. Woodville North Precinct: Wallace Street (northern side), between Blaine Street and Union Street; and
 - b. Merrylands East Precinct: Kimberley Street to Linthorne Street transition zone (properties adjoining sites facing Woodville Road).

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Saha, Sarkis, Yasar.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Hughes, Ouf, Rahme, Selventhiran and Yang.

Min.1004 C08/25-172 Notice of Motion - Falun Dafa Day

Motion (Garrard/Hughes)

That Council:

1. Recognises Falun Dafa Day annually on 13 May;
2. Includes Falun Dafa Day in Council's Annual Cultural Program from 2026, and identifies local Falun Dafa group to collaborate with Council to organise activities; and
3. Promotes Falun Dafa Day through Council communication channels.

The Motion on being Put was declared **LOST**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Garrard, Hughes, Ouf, Sarkis, Selventhiran and Yang.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Colman, Elmore, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Rahme, Saha, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor Zaiter left the Meeting at 7:02pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:03pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 7:02pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:06pm during the consideration of this item.

Min.1005 Items Resolved by Exception

Motion (Sarkis/Saha)

That Council adopt items **C08/25-163, C08/25-164, C08/25-165, C08/25-166, C08/25-176, C08/25-177, C08/25-178** and **C08/25-179** on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the report.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

C08/25-163 Legal Report

Resolved by Exception

That the report be received.

C08/25-164 Investment Report - July 2025

Resolved by Exception

That Council receive the July 2025 Investment Report.

C08/25-165 Status Update on Notices of Motion Resolved by Council

Resolved by Exception

That Council receive the report.

C08/25-166 Council Motions for Submission to LGNSW Annual Conference 2025

Resolved by Exception

That Council endorse the following Motions being lodged to Local Government NSW for consideration ahead of the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2025:

Motion 1:

That Local Government NSW:

- 1. Makes urgent representations to the NSW Government, to increase support and funding for Councils in addressing youth-related crime, including the provision of additional resources such as CCTV, additional police patrols, and early intervention programs through funding youth hubs.*
- 2. Advocate for stronger collaboration between the Police, local councils, schools, youth services, and community organisations to identify and support initiatives that prevent young people from engaging in criminal activity.*

Motion 2:

That Local Government NSW calls on the State Government to develop a common planning framework for the installation of EV charging infrastructure for residential, commercial and industrial development across NSW.

Motion 3:

That Local Government NSW:

- 1. Makes urgent representations to the NSW and Federal Governments, to provide ongoing funding for Councils to administer assistance to women and children through Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) hub models.*
- 2. Recognise councils as key partners in the DFV response system and ensure funding models support local flexibility with existing community services that can provide emergency relief around housing stability and cost of living issues for women and children.*

C08/25-176 Tender Evaluation Report - Bathurst Street Park Floodlighting Upgrade Project (RFx1196)***Resolved by Exception***

That Council:

1. Accept the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to award the contract to REES Electrical Pty Ltd t/as REES Sports Lighting (ABN: 59 088 295 792) in accordance with section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, for \$806,000.00 excluding GST.
2. Delegate to the General Manager the authority to execute the contract and any associated documents.

C08/25-177 Tender Evaluation Report - Webbs Avenue Reserve Floodlighting Upgrade Project (RFx1222)***Resolved by Exception***

That Council:

1. Accept the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to award the contract to REES Electrical Pty Ltd t/as REES Sports Lighting (ABN: 59 088 295 792) in accordance with section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, for \$1,026,000.00 excluding GST.
2. Delegate to the General Manager the authority to execute the contract and any associated documents.

**C08/25-178 Tender Evaluation Report - Lidcombe Remembrance
Park Upgrade (RFx1223)**

Resolved by Exception

That Council:

1. Accept the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to award the contract to Greater West Landscapes Pty Ltd (ABN: 44160584083) in accordance with Clause 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, for \$2,985,651.65 ex GST.
2. Delegate to the General Manager the authority to execute the contract and any associated documents.

**C08/25-179 Response to Notice of Motion - Legal Advice - Local
Government Amendment Act 2024**

Resolved by Exception

That Council:

1. Delegate authority to the General Manager to prepare a business case for a potential proposal based on Council's priorities; and
2. Receive the business case in a report to a future Council meeting for Council's determination.

**Min.1006 C08/25-167 Outcome of Expression of Interest Process - Council
Advisory Committees**

Motion (Colman/Saha)

That Council:

1. Appoint the community members to each committee as outlined in the report.
2. Adopt the attached *Flood Risk Management Committee* Terms of Reference.
3. Proceed with Option 1 as outlined in the report and conduct a further EOI process for community membership for the Library Committee.
4. Notify all applicants of Council's resolution.

Amendment (Ouf/Sarkis)

Add 'Heritage Committee and the Youth, Recreation and Sports Advisory Committee' to point 3 of the Motion.

The proposed Amendment was accepted by the Mover and Seconder of the Motion, and was incorporated to become the substantive Motion as follows:

Motion (Colman/Saha)

That Council:

1. Appoint the community members to each committee as outlined in the report.
2. Adopt the attached *Flood Risk Management Committee* Terms of Reference.
3. Proceed with Option 1 as outlined in the report and conduct a further EOI process for community membership for the Library Committee and Heritage Committee and the Youth, Recreation and Sports Advisory Committee.
4. Notify all applicants of Council's resolution.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 7:38pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:43pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 7:55pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:58pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Ouf left the Meeting at 7:55pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:58pm during the consideration of this item.

Min.1007 C08/25-168 Letter of Offer - 86-96 Station Street, Wentworthville

Note: Councillor Elmore exited the Chamber at 7:59pm prior to the consideration of this item as he had declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item. He returned to the Meeting following the consideration of this item at 8:02pm.

Note: Councillor Zaiter exited the Chamber at 7:59pm prior to the consideration of this item as he had declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item. He returned to the Meeting following the consideration of this item at 8:02pm.

Motion (Colman/Yang)

That Council:

1. Endorse in-principle the Letter of Offer for 86-96 Station Street, Wentworthville, regarding the implementation of local infrastructure in the Wentworthville Town Centre through the dedication and construction of a laneway within the subject site; and

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2. Note that the Council resolution on the Letter of Offer will be considered as part of the assessment of the development application on site.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang and Yasar.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.1008 Closed Session

At this stage of the meeting being 8:04pm, the Mayor advised that in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, it is proposed to move into Closed Session to consider the following item:

- C08/25-170 Property Committee - Minutes of Meeting Held 4 August 2025 as the item contained the following considerations under the Act:

(2)(c) - information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Motion (Elmore/Yasar)

That in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council enter into Closed Session to determine Item C08/25-170.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.1009 C08/25-170 Property Committee - Minutes of Meeting Held 4 August 2025

Motion (Yasar/Zaiter)

That Council:

1. Receive the Minutes of the Cumberland Property Committee meeting held on 4 August 2025, and adopt the recommendations contained therein;
2. Include a copy of the resolutions of Council in the Minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:25pm The Mayor, Councillor Hamed adjourned the meeting during closed session.

8:40pm The Mayor, Councillor Hamed resumed the meeting in closed session.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Colman, Elmore, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Saha, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Christou, Hughes, Garrard, Rahme and Sarkis.

Min.1010 Open Session

Motion (Kafrouni-Saba/Zaiter)

That Council resume the public meeting.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

On resumption of the public meeting at 8:41pm, the Mayor, Councillor Hamed read out the resolution made in Closed Session.

Min.1011 C08/25-171 Notice of Motion - Establishment of an Environment Advisory Committee

Motion (Yasar/Elmore)

That Council:

1. Establish a new Environment Advisory Committee to provide strategic advice to Council on environmental matters, including but not limited to sustainability, biodiversity, climate adaptation, green space planning, natural resource management, and the delivery of relevant Council strategies and programs.
2. Request Council staff to draft the committee's Terms of Reference, including:

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- a) Membership criteria that allow for community members with a strong interest in environmental issues and a demonstrated commitment to local sustainability and conservation; and
 - b) Alignment with Council’s existing environmental strategies, including the Urban Tree Strategy, Biodiversity Strategy, Environmental Management Framework, and Green Corridor initiatives.

3. Direct the General Manager to:

- a) Open expressions of interest for the Environment Advisory Committee as soon as possible, ensuring the process is aligned as quickly as possible with the establishment of other Council advisory committees; and
- b) Provide a brief report back within one month outlining the updated Terms of Reference and timeframes for implementation.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Colman, Elmore, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Christou, Garrard and Sarkis.

Councillor Kafrouni-Saba left the Meeting at 8:56pm and returned to the Meeting at 9:01pm during the consideration of this item.

Min.1012 C08/25-173 Notice of Motion - Feasibility of Light-Themed Evening Event at Auburn Botanic Gardens

Motion (Ouf/Garrard)

That Council:

1. Investigates the feasibility of hosting a large-scale, light-themed evening event at Auburn Botanic Gardens—similar in concept to “Lightscape”—to create an engaging, inclusive, and culturally resonant attraction for the Cumberland community and visitors from across Sydney.
2. Considers potential partnerships with event producers, artists, and sponsors, including examples of successful installations such as Lightscape in Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney, as well as similar events in Brisbane and Cranbourne.
3. Examines the economic, tourism, and community benefits, with attention to:
 - Increased local business patronage.
 - Showcasing Cumberland’s cultural diversity through curated themes, music, and storytelling.

- Enhancing the reputation of Auburn Botanic Gardens as a premier destination
- 4. Provides a report back to Council within two months on options, estimated costs, funding models, event timing, and potential cultural programming.
- 5. Notes that, if successful, this event could become a signature annual celebration — elevating our city’s profile, strengthening community pride, and showcasing Cumberland as a vibrant, must-visit destination.
- 6. Refers the report to the Arts, Culture and Events Advisory Committee in the event of Councils support.

Amendment (Yang/Rahme)

That an additional point be inserted as follows:

- 7. The event to be provided at any park or suitable location in each of the other wards.

The Amendment moved by Councillor Yang seconded by Councillor Rahme on being Put was declared **LOST**.

Councillor(s) For the Amendment: Rahme and Yang.

Councillor(s) Against the Amendment: Christou, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yasar and Zaiter.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Colman left the Meeting at 9:09pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 9:21pm and returned to the Meeting at 9:25pm during the consideration of this item.

Min.1013 C08/25-174 Notice of Motion - Audit and Permanent Restoration of Footpaths and Roads

Motion (Selventhiran/Zaiter)

That Council receive a report to a future meeting detailing the following considerations:

1. Investigate the feasibility of an audit to identify all outstanding footpath and road breakouts across the LGA that have not been permanently restored.
 - The audit is to commence from the Wentworthville Ward and extend suburb by suburb across the LGA.
 - Utilise existing internal resources and systems (e.g. mapping, asset management tools, service request logs) to identify and track these breakouts.
2. Provide a breakdown of outstanding restoration sites by suburb, including the type of restoration required and the responsible utility provider.
3. Confirm the utility service provider responsible for each breakout and ensure they are held accountable for permanent restoration costs. Where possible, initiate cost recovery for restorations undertaken by Council on their behalf.
4. Prepare and implement a Council-managed plan to ensure:
 - All future utility breakouts have a clearly monitored timeline for permanent restoration.
 - Inspections are conducted at the completion of work to confirm compliance.
 - Utility providers are formally notified of their obligations, and penalties considered for non-compliance.
5. Provide Councillors with regular progress updates on:
 - The audit outcomes.
 - Restoration completion dates; and
6. Identify any costs associated with actions detailed above, with potential funding sources outlined.

Councillor Colman returned to the Meeting at 9:31pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 9:31pm and returned to the Meeting at 9:32pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 9:31pm during the consideration of this item.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.1014 C08/25-175 Notice of Motion - Review and Expansion of Venue Operating Hours and Facilities

Motion (Selventhiran /Saha)

That Council receive a report to a future meeting detailing the following considerations:

1. Investigate the feasibility of increasing Council owned venue operating hours where practical, with:
 - Opening hours from 6:00am.
 - Closing hours up to midnight.
 - Consideration of staffing, security, and local amenity impacts.
2. Identify any Council owned venues that require Development Application (DA) modifications or other planning adjustments to allow extended hours.
 - Include analysis of potential additional revenue and associated expenses.
 - Assess the community demand for extended use.
3. Status of current Wi-Fi access at all Council-owned venues:
 - Availability for venue hirers and the general public.
 - Infrastructure and cost implications for expanding or upgrading access.
4. Engage with local community organisations, hirers, and stakeholders to gauge interest, concerns, and suggestions related to extended Council owned venue hours and improved facilities; and
5. Identify any costs associated with actions detailed above, with potential funding sources outlined.

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 9:38pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Ouf left the Meeting at 9:38pm during the consideration of this item and did not return.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.1015 AR08/25-1 Notice of Motion to Alter Council Resolution - C07/25-161 Update - Property Sale, Merrylands CBD

Pursuant to Notice, Councillors Garrard, Hughes and Ouf move that Council alter the below resolution of Council made at the Council Meeting on 30 July 2025 in relation to C07/25-161 Update - Property Sale, Merrylands CBD.

Min.997

That Council:

1. Note the outcome of negotiations as detailed within the report;
2. Approve the sale of Council surplus land at 28-36 McFarlane Street, Merrylands (*Part Folio Identifiers 40/A/7916, 41/A/7916, 42/A/7916, 43/A/7916, 45/A/7916 & 44/657042*) to Coronation Property Co. Pty Ltd (ACN: 163 703 839) for \$25,000,000 excluding GST, inclusive of all terms within the offer including the following community benefit to be provided as part of any future development on site:
 - a. An increase to the site's existing parking capacity through the provision of a minimum of 100 public car spaces;
 - b. Improved car parking wayfinding signage to Council's satisfaction;
 - c. Increase from 2 to 3 hours free public parking;
 - d. Greater than 10% mix of 3 bedroom units;
 - e. Public domain improvements along McFarlane St, Main Lane and Civic Square, Merrylands; and
 - f. Delivery of 'Build to Rent' and 'Affordable Housing' unit types to address housing needs across the Cumberland area;
3. Note that the sale price is exclusive of GST, and the purchaser is required to pay the applicable GST in addition to the purchase price; and
4. Delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise and execute the contract subject to independent legal advice.

Motion to Alter (Garrard /Hughes)

That Council:

1. Note the outcome of negotiations as detailed within the report;
2. Approve the sale of Council surplus land at 28-36 McFarlane Street, Merrylands (*Part Folio Identifiers 40/A/7916, 41/A/7916, 42/A/7916, 43/A/7916, 45/A/7916 & 44/657042*) to Coronation Property Co. Pty Ltd (ACN: 163 703 839) for \$25,000,000 excluding GST, inclusive of all terms within the offer including the following community benefit to be provided as part of any future development on site:
 - a) An increase to the site's existing parking capacity through the provision of a minimum of 100 public car spaces;
 - b) Improved car parking wayfinding signage to Council's satisfaction;

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- c) Increase from 2 to 3 hours free public parking;
 - d) Greater than 10% mix of 3 bedroom units;
 - e) Public domain improvements along McFarlane St, Main Lane and Civic Square, Merrylands; and
 - f) Delivery of 'Build to Rent' and 'Affordable Housing' unit types to address housing needs across the Cumberland area.
3. Note that the sale price is exclusive of GST, and the purchaser is required to pay the applicable GST in addition to the purchase price;
 4. Delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise and execute the contract subject to independent legal advice; and
 5. Place the proceeds of sale into an externally restricted reserve for the purpose of funding future major capital projects at Council's discretion by resolution.

The Motion on being Put was declared **LOST**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Garrard, Hughes and Sarkis.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Colman, Elmore, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Saha, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Min.1016 Matter of Urgency - Councillor Garrard

In accordance with Clause 9.3(b) of the adopted *Code of Meeting Practice* the Mayor, Councillor Hamed ruled that the business raised without notice by Councillor Garrard in relation to Canarvon Golf Course be heard by Council as a matter of urgency, as to satisfy the timeline for the public consultation process.

Motion (Garrard/Yasar)

That in accordance with Clause 9.3(a) of the adopted *Code of Meeting Practice*, the business raised by Councillor Garrard in relation to Canarvon Golf Course be considered at this meeting as a Matter of Urgency.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Christou returned to the Meeting at 9:48pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme returned to the Meeting at 9:54pm during the consideration of this item.

Min.1017 Matter of Urgency - Carnarvon Golf Course

Motion (Garrard/Yasar)

That the General Manager take necessary action to develop a submission on behalf of Cumberland Council opposing the creation of a cemetery on the site of Carnarvon Golf Course and Coleman Park so as to satisfy the timeline for consultation as now established by the NSW Government.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed closed the meeting at 9:58pm.

Chairperson  _____

Appendix 1 Resolutions of the Council following consideration of the recommendations of the Property Committee Meeting held at Merrylands Administration Building, 16 Memorial Avenue, Merrylands NSW 2160 on Monday 4 August 2025.

ITEM PC022/25 - Update on Committee Resolutions

RESOLVED

That the Property Committee receive the status update on Committee resolutions.

ITEM PC023/25 - Update on General Property Leases/Transactions

RESOLVED

That the Property Committee:

1. Receive and note the update.
2. Recommend that Council endorse the Licence Agreement to Botanica Community Garden Incorporated (INC: 2500379) to establish and operate a community garden over the land identified as Central Park (Part Lot 41 in Deposited Plan 1089707) located at Botanica Drive, Lidcombe for a term of three (3) years with an option to renew for a further term of two (2) years.
3. Receive a future report considering the multiple issues around Lidcombe Town Centre including but not limited to parking, land holdings and traffic.

ITEM PC024/25 - GoGet Carshare Trial in Cumberland City Council Carparks

RESOLVED

That Property Committee recommend that Council:

1. Endorse the proposal by GoGet Carshare to provide trial carshare service in Council carparks as outlined in this report; and
2. Delegate to the General Manager to negotiate and execute the necessary documentation to give effect to an agreement.
3. Explore options in other locations including Merrylands.

ITEM PC025/25 - Harmonisation of Generic Plans of Management for Cumberland**RESOLVED**

That the Property Committee recommend that Council endorse that the harmonisation of generic Plans of Management for Cumberland be undertaken for:

- Natural areas;
- Parks ;
- Sportsgrounds; and
- General community use.

ITEM PC026/25 - Further Report - Request to Purchase Council Land - Bangor Street, Guildford**RESOLVED**

The Property Committee recommend that Council:

1. Not support the request to purchase Council land at Bangor Street, Guildford, given the clear flooding risks and limited site re-development potential outlined in the report; and
2. Notify the applicant of Council's determination.

ITEM PC027/25 - Former Oriole Park Site - Tavistock Street, Auburn**RESOLVED**

That the Property Committee call for a new Expression of Interest process be undertaken for a long-term lease over the former Oriole Park site.

ITEM PC028/25 - Request To Purchase Council Land - Tamplin Road, Guildford**RESOLVED**

That the Property Committee receive the report.

ITEM PC029/25 - Verbal Update on General & Strategic Property Matters**RESOLVED**

That the Property Committee receive the update.