
Minutes of the Council Meeting 19 June 2024

Present:**Councillors**

Lisa Lake (Mayor)	Councillor
Ola Hamed (Deputy Mayor)	Councillor
Steve Christou	Councillor
Greg Cummings	Councillor
Glenn Elmore	Councillor
Sabrin Farooqui	Councillor
Paul Garrard	Councillor
Kun Huang	Councillor
Helen Hughes	Councillor
Mohamad Hussein	Councillor
Joseph Rahme	Councillor (arrived 6:32pm)
Suman Saha	Councillor
Eddy Sarkis	Councillor (arrived 6:31pm)
Michael Zaiter	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	Coordinator Governance
Lyndall Thompson	Senior Governance and Civic Events Officer

The Mayor, Councillor Lake declared the meeting open at 6:30pm.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was read by Major Robyn Black from Auburn Salvation Army.

Acknowledgement of Country

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

Min.761 Apologies / Requests for Leave of Absence/ Requests for Attendance by Audio-Visual Link**Motion (Sarkis/Hamed)**

That in accordance with Clause 5.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice, an apology be accepted on behalf of Councillor Colman for this Council meeting.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Notice of Live Streaming of Council Meeting

The Mayor, Councillor Lake 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.762 C06/24-535 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 05 June 2024****Motion (Elmore/Saha)**

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 05 June 2024.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 6:34pm during the consideration of this item.

Declarations of Pecuniary & Non Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Saha declared a Less than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C06/24-540 Cumberland Local Planning Panel - Appointment of Chair, Alternate Chairs, Expert Members, and Community Representatives as he has a close relationship with a person who has applied to become a panel member. He advised that he is not a part of the appointment process and would remain in the Chamber and vote on the matter.

The Mayor, Councillor Lake declared a Less than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C06/24-540 Cumberland Local Planning Panel - Appointment of Chair, Alternate Chairs, Expert Members, and Community Representatives as she has a personal relationship with Mr Robert Herlinger who has been recommended for appointment as a community representative of the Planning Panel. Mr Herlinger is also a member of the Labor Party and a friend, however the nature of this relationship is not so close that it would cause her to put any private interests above her public duty. As such, she will remain in the Chamber and vote on the matter.

The General Manager declared a pecuniary interest in item C06/24-541 Nomination of Third Panel Member to undertake the review of the Performance of the General Manager as the item directly related to his employment. As such, the General Manager indicated that he would be exiting the Chamber upon the consideration of this item.

Min.763 Mayoral Minute – Kings Birthday Honours List 2024**Motion (Lake)**

That Council:

1. Congratulate Mr Gleeson, Mrs Previtera and Mrs Maria McConville on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.
2. Organise a Mayoral reception to congratulate individuals awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Rahme returned to the Meeting at 6:41pm during the consideration of this item.

Min.764 Mayoral Minute – Cumberland Council Local Government Awards**Motion (Lake)**

That Council congratulate the Deputy General Manager Melissa Attia and the Audit Safety and Risk Team on their 2024 Local Government Excellence Awards, and their outstanding contributions to Council and the Cumberland local government area.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Public Forum

Nil.

Min.765 Alteration of Order of Business**Motion (Sarkis/Saha)**

That in accordance with Clause 8.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Council alter the order of business to allow Item AR06/24-2 and C06/24-530 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, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.766 AR06/24-2 Notice of Motion to Alter Council Resolution - C05/24-521 Notice of Motion - Removal of Berala from the Transport Oriented Development Program

Note: Council resumed discussion on this matter following the deferral of consideration of this matter at the previous Council meeting held on 5 June 2024.

Pursuant to Notice, Councillors Hughes, Garrard and Christou move that Council alter the below resolution of Council made at the Council Meeting on 15 May 2024 C05/24-521 Notice of Motion - Removal of Berala from the Transport Oriented Development Program.

Min. 751

That Council:

1. Undertakes a further information session and consultation with the community regarding the proposed Berala Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Program, including the proposed new planning controls.
2. Continues to advocate for Berala under the proposed TOD program on State Government funding for necessary growth infrastructure and to increase social and affordable housing provision, and
3. Writes to the State Member for Auburn, requesting that she strongly represent and advocate on behalf of the Berala community in relation to this Program.

Motion (Hughes/Garrard)

That Council:

1. Undertakes a further information session and consultation with the community regarding the details now provided, and provide explicit requirements of residents;
2. Continues to fight this proposed rezoning development for Berala under the current Transport Oriented Development Program arrangement and implement a community action plan against the TOD;
3. Writes to the State Member for Auburn, requesting that she strongly represent and advocate on behalf of the Berala community in pursuing that Berala be removed from the Transport Oriented Development Program.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Garrard, Huang, Hughes, and Rahme.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Elmore, Farooqui, Hamed, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

During the consideration of this item, whilst Councillor Huang was speaking, Councillor Elmore raised a Point of Order, stating that Councillor Christou made an unfavourable remark toward another Councillor. The Mayor, Councillor Lake did not uphold the Point of Order instead requesting that all Councillors comply with the *Code of Meeting Practice* and remain seated in silence during a Councillors speech.

Min.767 C06/24-530 Notice of Motion - Increase to Council's Voluntary Pensioner Council Rates Rebate**Motion (Zaiter/Rahme)**

That Council:

1. Increase the 'Additional Voluntary Rebate' for all eligible pensioners who own and live in a property within the Cumberland local government area ('LGA') for 5 or more continuous years from \$75 to \$100 per year;
2. Establish an advertising campaign in the top 5 languages used in the Cumberland LGA to notify all residents who may be eligible to receive the 'Additional Voluntary Rebate'; and
3. Write to the Minister of Local Government and all our local State MPs requesting that they advocate on behalf of our pensioners for an Increase to the Mandatory \$250 pensioner rebate by CPI as it has not increased for many years.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.768 Items by Exception**Motion (Cummings/Christou)**

That Council adopt items C06/24-524, C06/24-536 and C06/24-537 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Saha and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 7:36pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 7:36pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 7:36pm during the consideration of this item.

**C06/24-524 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal
Determination - Mayor and Councillor Remuneration 2024/25*****Resolved by Exception***

That Council:

1. Set the annual Councillor Fee for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 at \$33,810 in accordance with the provisions of Section 248 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
2. Set the annual Mayoral Fee for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 at \$98,510 in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

C06/24-536 Legal report***Resolved by Exception***

That the report be received.

C06/24-537 Investment Report - May 2024***Resolved by Exception***

That Council receive the May 2024 Investment Report.

**Min.769 C06/24-538 Adoption of the Draft Operational Plan and Fees and
Charges 2024-2025 - Post Exhibition****Motion (Saha/Hamed)**

That Council adopt the Operational Plan 2024-2025 and Fees and Charges 2024-2025 as provided in Attachments 1 and 2 of this report.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Hamed, Huang, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

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

Councillor Zaiter left the Meeting at 7:37pm and returned at 7:38pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 7:38pm and returned at 7:40pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Hussein left the Meeting at 7:50pm and returned at 7:51pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis returned to the Meeting at 7:39pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Huang returned to the Meeting at 7:39pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme returned to the Meeting at 7:42pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 7:59pm and returned at 8:02pm during the consideration of this item.

During the consideration of this item, Councillor Elmore raised a Point of Order, citing an alleged breach of Clause 15.11 (d) of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, advising that Councillor Christou made a personal insult toward another Councillor. The Mayor, Councillor Lake upheld the point of order, and requested that Councillor Christou withdraw his comment without reservation. Councillor Christou withdrew his comment without reservation.

Min.770 C06/24-539 Making and Levying of Rates and Fixing of Charges for the 2024/25 Financial Year

Motion (Saha/Sarkis)

That:

1. In accordance with Section 494 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes the Ordinary Rates for the following rating structures for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Former Auburn City Council Rate Path

An Ordinary Residential rate of zero point zero zero one one eight nine nine (0.0011899) cents in the dollar applied to the land value of all rateable land categorised as Residential in the former Auburn City Council area, subject to a minimum ordinary rate of \$860 per assessment be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

An Ordinary Business Commercial General rate of zero point zero zero three zero two five three (0.0030253) cents in the dollar applied to the land value on all parcels of rateable land categorised as Business Commercial General in the former Auburn City Council area, subject to a minimum ordinary rate of \$1,316 per assessment be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

An Ordinary Business Industrial rate, including Multi-Level Shopping Centre, amount of zero point zero zero three one six zero three (0.0031603) cents in the dollar applied to the land value on all parcels of rateable land categorised as Business Industrial or Multi-Level Shopping Centre in the former Auburn City Council area, subject to a minimum ordinary rate of \$1,316 per assessment be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Former Holroyd City Council Rate Path

An Ordinary Residential rate of zero point zero zero one two three zero one (0.0012301) cents in the dollar applied to the land value of all rateable land categorised as Residential in the former Holroyd City Council area, subject to a minimum ordinary rate of \$860 per assessment be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

An Ordinary Business Commercial General rate of zero point zero zero two nine three one four (0.0029314) cents in the dollar applied to the land value on all parcels of rateable land categorised as Business General in the former Holroyd City Council area, subject to a minimum ordinary rate of \$1,316 per assessment be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

An Ordinary Business Industrial rate, including Multi-Level Shopping Centre, amount of zero point zero zero two nine seven five (0.002975) cents in the dollar applied to the land value on all parcels of rateable land categorised as Business Industrial or Multi-Level Shopping Centre in the former Holroyd City Council area, subject to a minimum ordinary rate of \$1,316 per assessment be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Former Parramatta City Council Rate Path

An Ordinary Residential rate of zero point zero zero one two nine zero seven (0.0012907) cents in the dollar applied to the land value of all rateable land categorised as Residential in the former Parramatta City Council area, subject to a minimum ordinary rate of \$860 per assessment be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

An Ordinary Business Commercial General rate of zero point zero zero three three zero three six (0.0033036) cents in the dollar applied to the land value on all parcels of rateable land categorised as Business General in the former Parramatta City Council area, subject to a minimum ordinary rate of \$1,316 per assessment be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

An Ordinary Business Industrial rate, including Multi Level Shopping Centre, amount of zero point zero zero three five nine one eight (0.0035918) cents in the dollar applied to the land value on all parcels of rateable land categorised as Business Industrial in the former Parramatta City Council area, subject to a minimum ordinary rate \$1,316 per assessment be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

2. In accordance with Section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council adopts the overdue Rates and Charges interest rate, as advised by the Minister for Local Government, of 10.5% for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.
3. In accordance with Section 575 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, eligible pensioners receive a maximum rates rebate of \$250. A \$25 voluntary rebate shall continue to apply for eligible pensioner rate payers in accordance with Council Policy. Eligible pensioners that have owned and resided in the Cumberland City LGA for 5 consecutive years will also receive an additional voluntary rebate of \$100.

4. In accordance with Section 496A of *Local Government Act 1993*, the following Stormwater Management Levy be made:

Residential - \$25 per property
 Residential (Strata lots) - \$12.50 per Strata Unit
 Business - \$25 per 350 sqm capped at \$500 per property maximum
 Business (Strata lots) - \$12.50 per Strata Unit.

5. In accordance with Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make the following annual charges for Domestic Waste/ Recycling Services for 2024/2025:

240L garbage bin, 240L green waste and 240L recycling bin (single unit dwellings only)	Service	\$832
240L garbage bin and 240L recycling bin (former Holroyd only)	Service	\$746
120L/140L garbage bin, 240L green waste and 240L recycling bin	Service	\$641
120L/140L garbage bin, 240L recycling bin (strata properties only)	Service	\$615
Availability charge	Service	\$201
Additional 240L recycling bin	Service	\$109.50
Additional 240L green waste bin	Service	\$109.50

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

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

Councillor Cummings left the Meeting at 8:11pm and returned at 8:14pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 8:27pm and returned at 8:30pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 8:27pm and returned at 8:29pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Zaiter left the Meeting at 8:34pm and returned at 8:36pm during the consideration of this item.

Min.771 C06/24-540 Cumberland Local Planning Panel - Appointment of Chair, Alternate Chairs, Expert Members, and Community Representatives**Motion (Hamed/Saha)**

That Council:

1. Appoint Mr. Michael Leavey as Chair of the Cumberland Local Planning Panel, as selected by the Minister for Planning, for a term from 1 July 2024 up to 30 June 2027;
2. Appoint Ms. Heather Warton and Mr. Michael File as Alternate Chairs of the Cumberland Local Planning Panel, as selected by the Minister for Planning, for a term from 1 July 2024 up to 30 June 2027;
3. Appoint the Expert Members of the Cumberland Local Planning Panel, as selected by Council and outlined in Table 1 of the report, for a term from 1 July 2024 up to 30 June 2027;
4. Appoint the Community Representatives of the Cumberland Local Planning Panel, as selected by Council and outlined in Table 2 of the report, for a term from 1 July 2024 up to 30 June 2027; and
5. Set the Panel Remuneration in accordance with the Remuneration Determination from the Minister of Planning and outlined Attachment 3.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.772 C06/24-541 Nomination of Third Panel Member to undertake the review of the Performance of the General Manager**Motion (Hamed/Farooqui)**

That Council nominate Councillor Zaiter as its member to form the Review Panel, to conduct the review of the General Manager's performance for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 as per the *Procedure for the Review of the Performance of the General Manager*.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.773 C06/24-528 Update on Council Resolution of 17 April 2024 - Legal Advice on Deferred ATSC Committee Recommendation

Motion (Cummings/Sarkis)

That Council receive the report.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Hamed, Huang, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

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

Councillor Hussein left the Meeting at 8:46pm and returned at 8:48pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 8:59pm and returned at 9:00pm during the consideration of this item.

ADJOURNMENT

9:13pm The Mayor, Councillor Lake adjourned the meeting.

9:23pm The Mayor, Councillor Lake resumed the meeting.

Min.774 C06/24-529 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 20 May 2024 and Implementation of New Office of Local Government Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit

Motion (Elmore/Farooqui)

That Council:

1. Receive the Draft Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 20 May 2024.
2. Re-appoint the three existing independent members to the Cumberland Council Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee from 1 July 2024 for an initial 4 year term at the remuneration outlined in the report:
 - a) Mark Sercombe
 - b) Jason Young
 - c) Rhonda Wheatley
3. Adopt the *Draft ARIC Charter Terms of Reference* and *Draft Internal Audit Charter*.

4. Place the *Draft Risk Management Policy* on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, and subsequently adopt the Draft Policy if no adverse submissions are received.
5. Determine Councillor Zaiter as the non-voting Councillor member (unable to be the Mayor) on the ARIC for the remainder of the current Council term.
6. Write to the Minister for Local Government expressing disappointment in relation to the removal of Councillors as voting members on ARIC Committees.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 9:26pm and returned at 9:29pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Hamed returned to the Meeting following the adjournment at 9:26pm.

Councillor Christou returned to the Meeting following the adjournment at 9:29pm.

Councillor Hussein returned to the Meeting following the adjournment at 9:29pm.

Councillor Rahme returned to the Meeting following the adjournment at 9:29pm.

Min.775 C06/24-542 Quarterly Progress Report on Council's Section 355 Committee and Community Advisory Committees

Motion (Elmore/Hamed)

That Council receive the report noting the Draft Minutes of Council's Section 355 and Community Advisory Committees recently convened, and endorse the Committee's recommendation for the Heritage Rebate Program.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Farooqui left the Meeting at 9:33pm and returned at 9:38pm during the consideration of this item.

Min.776 AR06/24-1 Notice of Motion to Alter Council Resolution - C05/24-511 Response to Notice of Motion - Promotion of Opportunities in Development Industry

Pursuant to Notice, Councillors Huang, Colman and Elmore move that Council alter the below resolution of Council made at the Council Meeting on 1 May 2024 C05/24-511 Response to Notice of Motion - Promotion of Opportunities in Development Industry (C04/24-502).

Min.725

That Council receive the report and determine to proceed with an Option which introduces a temporary deferral on the payment of development contributions upon development with no capital value threshold subject to a Construction Certificate being issued within two years of the commencement date of the temporary deferral arrangement.

Motion (Huang/Elmore)

That Council receive the report and determine to proceed with option 1, that no changes undertaken to arrangements on the payment of developer contributions upon development outlined in the report.

Min. 777 Extension of Time**Motion (Sarkis/Rahme)**

That Council in accordance with Clause 18.2 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, extend the meeting by 1 hour to conclude at 11:00pm, or if an item being discussed is unfinished at 11:00pm, at the conclusion of that item.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Debate then resumed on Item AR06/24-1.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Elmore, Huang, Lake, Rahme and Saha.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Sarkis and Zaiter

Councillor Hussein left the Meeting at 9:44pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Hussein returned to the Meeting at 10:11pm following the consideration of this item.

Councillor Farooqui left the Meeting at 10:11pm following the consideration of this item and did not return.

Min.778 Closed Session Reports**Motion (Elmore/Hamed)**

At this stage of the meeting being 10:11pm, the Mayor advised that in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993, the meeting would now move into Closed Session to consider item C06/24-532 as the item contains the following:

10A(2)(d)(i) as the information involves commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.780 C06/24-532 Tender Evaluation Report - Cleaning of Buildings and Facilities**Motion (Elmore/Hamed)**

That Council:

1. Accept the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to award the contract to TST Property Services Pty Ltd (ABN 37 122 687 898) in accordance with Clause 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, for \$7,034,609.52 (excluding GST) for a three (3) year contract with the option to renew the agreement for a further two (2) years subject to contractor performance and approval of the General Manager.
2. Delegate to the General Manager the authority to execute the contract and any associated documents.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein Lake, Saha and Sarkis.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.779 Open Session**Motion (Hamed/ Sarkis)**

That Council resume the public meeting.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Huang,
Hughes, Hussein Lake, Saha and Sarkis.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

On resumption of the public meeting at 10:25pm, the Mayor, Councillor Lake read out the resolution made in Closed Session.

The Mayor, Councillor Lake closed the meeting at 10:26pm.

Chairperson_____