
Minutes of the Council Meeting 30 July 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
Joseph Rahme	Councillor
Suman Saha	Councillor
Eddy Sarkis	Councillor
Sujan Selventhiran	Councillor (via Audio-Visual) (exited 7:51pm)
Steve Yang	Councillor
Enver Yasar	Councillor

Officers

Melissa Attia	Acting 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
Carol Karaki	Manager Governance
Joyti Sharma	Governance Officer

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed declared the meeting open at 6:03pm.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was read by Pdt Jatin Bhatt from Sri Mandir Hindu Temple, Auburn.

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.975 Apologies / Requests for Leave of Absence/ Requests for Attendance by Audio-Visual Link**Motion (Sarkis/Saha)**

That Councillor Yasar be granted Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 24 September 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, Sarkis, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.976**Motion (Zaiter/Kafrouni-Saba)**

That in accordance with Clause 5.24 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, Council approve the attendance of Councillor Selventhiran at this meeting via Audio/Visual Link due to work commitments.

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.

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.977 C07/25-146 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 18 June 2025

Motion (Elmore/Saha)

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 June 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, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Declarations of Pecuniary & Non Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Min.978 Mayoral Minute – Support for Greater Cumberland Chamber of Commerce

Motion (Hamed)

That Council:

1. Approves a sponsorship of \$10,000 to The Greater Cumberland Chamber of Commerce (ABN 13 633 810 179) to support local business programs and activities, funded from the Community Reserve; and
2. Ensure that the sponsorship aligns with Council's economic development goals and strategies, and seeks to deliver tangible community benefits, including potential local job creation, business development opportunities, skills training, and activation of local precincts.

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.

Min.979 Mayoral Minute – Passing of Former MP and WSROC CEO, Charles Casuscelli RFD**Motion (Hamed)**

That Council:

1. Notes the passing of Mr. Charles Casuscelli RFD, CEO of WSROC and former Member for Strathfield;
2. Sends a copy of this Mayoral Minute to WSROC and the Casuscelli family acknowledging his service and dedication to Western Sydney; and
3. Undertake a minute of silence to honour the life of Charles Casuscelli.

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.

Note: Council observed a minute of silence following the consideration of this item.

Min.980 Mayoral Minute – Passing of Mustafa El Saddik**Motion (Hamed)**

That Council:

1. Express its sincerest condolences to the El Saddik family for the passing of Mustafa El Saddik;
2. Observe a Minute of Silence to honour his life;
3. Take appropriate steps to commemorate his life through the installation of a plaque at a suitable location; and
4. Provide a copy of this Mayoral Minute to the El Saddik family, and invite the family to the unveiling of the above plaque once installed.

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.

Note: Council observed a minute of silence following the consideration of this item.

Min.981 Alteration of Order of Business**Motion (Sarkis/Zaiter)**

That in accordance with Clause 8.2 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, Council alter the order of business to allow item C07/25-160 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.982 C07/25-160 Notice of Motion - The Late Luke Manassa**Motion (Kafrouni-Saba/Rahme)**

That Council:

1. Pays tribute to the life of Luke Manassa, a 21-year-old local resident who tragically lost his life in an apparent case of mistaken identity.
2. Extends our condolences to Luke's family, friends, and the broader community during this time of grief.
3. Acknowledges the growing concerns around youth violence and the impact this senseless tragedy has had.
4. Subject to completion of the ongoing police investigation and in consultation with Luke's family, requests that Council staff investigate and report back on the feasibility of installing a commemorative plaque and/or renaming a suitable location (such as the basketball court) in Luke's honour and if required in the process, investigate the ability to upgrade the park.
5. Invite the family of the Late Luke Manassa to the unveiling of the plaque.
6. Makes urgent representations to NSW Police and relevant authorities regarding increased support to address youth-related crime in the Cumberland LGA, including more resources, patrols, and early intervention programs.
7. Commits to working with schools, youth services, and local organisations to identify and support initiatives that help prevent young people from engaging in crime.

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.

Note: Council observed a minute of silence following the consideration of this item.

Public Forum:

Speakers on Items on the Council Meeting Agenda

Speaker	Item #	Suburb
Mrs Fang Fang Chen	C07/25-155 – Notice of Motion – Falun Dafa Day	Auburn
Ms Emmy Pfister	C07/25-155 - Notice of Motion – Falun Dafa Day	Ryde
Mrs Amanda Bailey	AR07/25-1 - Notice of Motion to Alter Council Resolution - C06/25-140 Property Committee - Minutes of Meeting held 2 June 2025	Lidcombe

Councillor Kafrouni-Saba left the Meeting at 6:39pm and returned to the Meeting at 6:40pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 6:39pm and returned to the Meeting at 6:40pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Zaiter left the Meeting at 6:39pm and returned to the Meeting at 6:41pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Colman left the Meeting at 6:39pm and returned to the Meeting at 6:42pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 6:39pm and returned to the Meeting at 6:42pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Ouf left the Meeting at 6:41pm and returned to the Meeting at 6:42pm during Public Forum.

Min.983 Alteration of Order of Business

Motion (Sarkis/Ouf)

That in accordance with Clause 8.2 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, Council alter the order of business to allow items C07/25-155 and AR07/25-1 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.984 C07/25-155 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;
3. Allocates funding from the Community Reserve to fund the program in 2026; and
4. Promotes Falun Dafa Day through Council communication channels.

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

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

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

Min.985 AR07/25-1 Notice of Motion to Alter Council Resolution - C06/25-140 Property Committee - Minutes of Meeting held 2 June 2025

Pursuant to Notice, Councillors Hughes, Garrard and Selventhiran move that Council alter the below resolution of Council made at the Council Meeting on 18 June 2025 C06/25-140 Property Committee - Minutes of Meeting held 2 June 2025.

Min.968

That Council:

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

Motion (Hughes/Garrard)

That Council:

1. Receive the Minutes of the Cumberland Property Committee meeting held on 2 June 2025, and adopt the recommendations contained therein with the exception of Item PC017/25 25 - Request For Removal of Land Acquisition Reservation - 31 Cambridge Street, Lidcombe which is to be referred back to the Property Committee for further consideration.
2. Include a copy of the resolutions of Council in the Minutes.

Councillor Ouf left the Meeting at 7:18pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:19pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 7:18pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:20pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 7:20pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:29pm during the consideration of this item.

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed cautioned Councillors in relation to discussing confidential business papers and advised that any confidential matters should be discussed in closed session.

Closed Session

Motion (Garrard/Christou)

That in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council enter into Closed Session to determine Item AR07/25-1.

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

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

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

Debate on the item continued in open session.

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

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

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

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 7:33pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:35pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Ouf left the Meeting at 7:44pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Yang left the Meeting at 7:45pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:48pm following the consideration of this item.

Min.986 Items Resolved by Exception**Motion (Saha/Sarkis)**

That Council adopt items C07/25-147, C07/25-148, C07/25-149, C07/25-152 and C07/25-161 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.

Councillor Ouf returned to the Meeting at 7:49pm during the consideration of this item.

ADJOURNMENT

7:51pm The Mayor, Councillor Hamed adjourned the meeting.

8:11pm The Mayor, Councillor Hamed resumed the meeting.

Councillor Selventhiran left the Meeting during the Adjournment and did not return.

Councillor Colman requested the Chairperson recommit the earlier resolution of Council in relation to Items by Exception to clarify an error, as one item was not proposed to be passed unanimously by exception.

Min.987 Recommittal of Item**Motion (Colman/Elmore)**

That Council recommit the previous resolution and correct the record as follows:

That Council adopt items C07/25-147, C07/25-148, C07/25-149 and C07/25-152 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, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

C07/25-147 Legal Report***Resolved by Exception***

That the report be received.

C07/25-148 Investment Report - June 2025***Resolved by Exception***

That Council receive the June 2025 Investment Report.

C07/25-149 Adoption of Code of Conduct and Delegations of Authority to the General Manager***Resolved by Exception***

That Council:

1. Revoke the previous '*Delegations of Authority to the General Manager - Instrument of Delegation*'.
2. Adopt the '*Delegations of Authority to the General Manager - Instrument of Delegation*' (Attachment 1).
3. Adopt the *Code of Conduct and Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct* as per Attachment 2 and Attachment 3 to this report.

C07/25-152 Cumberland Local Traffic Committee - Meeting of 4 June 2025***Resolved by Exception***

That Council:

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Cumberland Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 4 June 2025, as provided in Attachment 1.
2. Note the items considered under delegated authority by the Cumberland Local Traffic Committee at the 4 June 2025 meeting, as provided in Attachment 2.
3. Endorse the recommendations for items considered by the Cumberland Local Traffic Committee at the 4 June 2025 meeting, as provided in Attachment 3.

Min.988 C07/25-150 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2025**Motion (Colman/Saha)**

That Council:

1. Nominates the following Councillors as Voting Delegates at the 2025 LG NSW conference:
 - Hamed
 - Colman
 - Elmore
 - Saha
 - Yasar
 - Zaiter
 - Kafrouni- Saba
 - Yang
 - Selventhiran
 - Hughes
2. Give consideration to submitting motion(s) to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 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, Sarkis, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.989 C07/25-153 Notice of Motion - Easter Extravaganza 2026**Motion (Rahme/Zaiter)**

That:

1. Council deliver an annual 'Easter Extravaganza Fair' to be held in the Granville Ward;
2. This 2-night event be held in the car park precinct bounded by the Granville Town Hall, the old Library, and the Police station or the surrounding area of the Granville Centre;
3. This fair will consist of performance areas, food trucks, and market stalls; and
4. The event be funded through the Community Reserve.

During the consideration of this item, Councillor Colman raised a point of order, citing an alleged breach of Clause 15.11(d) of the *Code of Meeting Practice* by Councillor Ouf, stating that he insulted and disrespected her.

ADJOURNMENT

8:18pm The Mayor, Councillor Hamed adjourned the meeting.

8:31pm The Mayor, Councillor Hamed resumed the meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed upheld the Point of Order raised by Councillor Colman, stating that the words “shut your mouth” were used on more than one occasion. The Mayor requested that Councillor Ouf withdraw his remarks and apologise. Councillor Ouf subsequently withdrew and apologised.

Debate then continued on the Motion.

Amendment (Yang/Yasar)

That point one be amended to omit “in the Granville Ward” and insert “across a different ward each year”.

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

Councillor(s) For the Amendment: Elmore, Hughes, Garrard, Sarkis, Yasar and Yang.

Councillor(s) Against the Amendment: Christou, Colman, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha and Zaiter.

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, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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

Min.990 C07/25-151 Letter of Offer - 3 Centenary Road, Merrylands**Motion (Zaiter/Ouf)**

That Council:

1. Endorse in-principle the Letter of Offer for 3 Centenary Road, Merrylands, regarding future public domain improvements and construction of a shared pathway to be dedicated at no cost to Council; and
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**.

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

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

Min.991 C07/25-154 Notice of Motion - Implementation of Electronic Access System for Council's Hireable Facilities**Motion (Saha/Colman)**

That:

1. The General Manager prepare a report to a future Council meeting in relation to the implementation of an electronic access system for Council's hireable buildings and facilities; and
2. The report covers all potential operational considerations, including the implementation of a user friendly and cost saving solution for the community, and potential budget implications and funding sources to deliver this.

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, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.992 C07/25-156 Notice of Motion - Preservation and Conservation of Historic Sites**Motion (Garrard/Hughes)**

That:

1. Council develop submissions to have the former Lidcombe Police Station and the premises at 102 William Street, Granville, the former 'John Nobbs residence' placed upon the State Heritage Register.
2. Acknowledging that Council has previously investigated the purchase of the former Lidcombe Police Station, that Council still pursue this matter, and investigate the opportunity to purchase 102 William Street, Granville.
3. Council seek to identify appropriate funding sources at both a state and a national level which could be used to allow the further public ownership of these sites.
4. Consideration be given to these sites when Council is undertaking a review of its present LEP.
5. Council seek support from the state and federal members in addressing the future state significant status of these heritage sites.
6. The General Manager provide a report to Council upon the progression of the actions listed above.

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

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

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

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 9:18pm during the consideration of this item.

C07/25-157 Notice of Motion - Public Toilet Strategy and Improvements

This Motion was withdrawn.

Min.993 C07/25-158 Notice of Motion - Expansion of Inclusive and Accessible Playgrounds across Cumberland LGA**Motion (Kafrouni-Saba/Zaiter)**

That Council:

1. Ensure that all new playgrounds and upgrades to existing playgrounds include, where possible, features such as but not limited to:

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- i) Wheelchair-accessible play equipment
 - ii) Sensory play elements for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and sensory sensitivities
 - iii) Soft fall and non-slip surfaces
 - iv) Communication boards and inclusive signage
2. Seek funding opportunities from state and federal governments to support the development of inclusive play spaces.
 3. As part of the community consultation process for new and upgraded playgrounds, engage with local disability advocacy groups, and other relevant organisations to ensure playground designs meet the diverse needs of the community.

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, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

During the consideration of this item, Councillor Rahme raised a point of order, citing an alleged breach of Clause 15.11(d) of the *Code of Meeting Practice* by Councillor Garrard, stating that he interjected and used inappropriate language. The Mayor, Councillor Hamed requested that Councillor Garrard withdraw and apologise. Councillor Garrard refused to withdraw and apologise. The Mayor, Councillor Hamed advised that this refusal would be recorded in the Minutes.

During the consideration of this item, Councillor Rahme raised a point of order, citing an alleged breach of Clause 15.11(d) of the *Code of Meeting Practice* by Councillor Garrard, stating that he made an unfavourable remark towards him. The Mayor, Councillor Hamed requested that Councillor Garrard withdraw and apologise for use of the words "gutless pig". Councillor Garrard subsequently withdrew his comment and apologised.

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 9:26pm and returned to the Meeting at 9:28pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis returned to the Meeting at 9:26pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 9:32pm and returned to the Meeting at 9:33pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Ouf left the Meeting at 9:36pm and returned to the Meeting at 9:38pm during the consideration of this item.

Min.994 Extension of Council Meeting**Motion (Elmore/Saha)**

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, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.995 C07/25-159 Notice of Motion - Expanding Council's Advocacy to Include Coleman Park**Motion (Yasar/Elmore)**

That Council:

1. Notes that Coleman Park sits on the same Crown Land Reserve as Carnarvon Golf Course and is included in the area identified for potential repurposing.
2. Extends its previous resolution regarding Carnarvon Golf Course to include Coleman Park, affirming Council's strong opposition to any proposal that would reduce or repurpose Coleman Park for non-recreational uses.
3. Writes to the Hon. Steve Kamper MP, Minister for Lands and Property, and the Hon. Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, to request that Coleman Park be protected alongside Carnarvon Golf Course.
4. Updates all Council communications and campaign materials to reflect that both Carnarvon Golf Course and Coleman Park are at risk and should be retained in full for public recreation.

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, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

AR07/25-2 Notice of Motion to Alter Council Resolution - C06/25-145 Tender Evaluation Report - Roads Infrastructure Services (RFx942)

This Motion was withdrawn.

Min.996 Closed Session

At this stage of the meeting being 9:55pm, 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:

- C07/25-161 Update - Property Sale, Merrylands CBD

as the item contained the following considerations under the Act:

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

Motion (Kafrouni-Saba/Saha)

That in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council enter into Closed Session to determine Item C07/25-161.

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, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.997 C07/25-161 Update - Property Sale, Merrylands CBD**Motion (Zaiter/Saha)**

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.

ADJOURNMENT

10:25pm The Mayor, Councillor Hamed adjourned the meeting during closed session.

10:47pm The Mayor, Councillor Hamed resumed the meeting in closed session.

Debate on the item resumed.

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

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

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

Min.998 Open Session

Motion (Colman/Saha)

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, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

On resumption of the public meeting at 10:52pm, the Mayor, Councillor Hamed read out the resolution made in Closed Session.

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed closed the meeting at 10:53pm.

Chairperson_____