
Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 16 October 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
Joseph Rahme	Councillor
Suman Saha	Councillor
Sujan Selventhiran	Councillor
Steve Yang	Councillor
Enver Yasar	Councillor

Officers

Daniel Cavallo	Acting General Manager
Melissa Attia	Director Corporate Performance (Deputy General Manager)
Nicole Byrn	Director Community & Culture
Charlie Ayoub	Director Governance & Risk
Elias Elias	Acting Director Environment & Planning
Warrick Hay	Acting Director City Services
Colin McFadzean	General Counsel
Carol Karaki	Manager Governance
Bianca Mourched	Coordinator Governance

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed declared the meeting open at 6:05pm.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was read by the Acting General Manager.

Acknowledgement of Country

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

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

National Anthem

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

Notice of Live Streaming of Council meeting

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

Min.1033 Apologies / Requests for Leave of Absence/ Requests for Attendance by Audio-Visual Link

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed noted that Councillor Ouf and Councillor Sarkis are an apology for tonight's Council Meeting.

Motion (Zaiter/Kafrouni-Saba)

That Councillor Rahme be granted Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 29 October 2025.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Kafrouni-Saba, Rahme, Saha, 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.

Note: At this point of the meeting, the Acting General Manager confidentially tabled the Annual Disclosure of Interest Returns, in accordance with requirements under Clause 4.25 of the *Code of Conduct*.

Min.1034 EC10/25-195 Election of Deputy Mayor**Motion (Elmore/Saha)**

That:

1. Council determine that a Councillor will be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing term to 30 September 2026, in accordance with Section 231(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*;
2. Council determine the method of voting for the Election of the Deputy Mayor be undertaken by the open voting method, show of hands; and

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3. In accordance with Schedule of 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the General Manager as the Returning Officer proceed to conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor.

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

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

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Election of Deputy Mayor

The Acting General Manager was the Returning Officer for the election of the Deputy Mayor.

The Acting General Manager advised that he had received one compliant nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor.

The Acting General Manager advised that the nomination received for the position of Deputy Mayor was received for Councillor Kafrouni-Saba, nominated by the Mayor, Councillor Hamed and Councillor Zaiter.

There being no other nominations, the Acting General Manager declared Councillor Kafrouni-Saba elected as Deputy Mayor.

The Acting General Manager subsequently returned control of the meeting to the Mayor, Councillor Hamed.

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed thanked the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and congratulated the new Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kafrouni Saba.

Following post election speeches, the Mayor, Councillor Hamed closed the meeting at 6:33pm.

Chairperson_____