

COMMENCEMENT

The meeting opened with Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer at 6.00pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Mayor Zac Miles, Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston, Councillors Carla Kassab, Marc Lane, Carol Tannous Sleiman, Tatyana Virgara and Ross Williams.

ALSO PRESENT

Acting General Manager Nick Tobin, Director Community and Customer Services Annie Goodman, Director Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability Samantha Urquhart, Director People and Culture Rosanna Guerra, Director Town Planning Steve Kourepis, Chief Financial Officer Christian Munday, Manager Communications and Events Shery Demian, Recording Jade Reed, Minute-taker Jackie St. Jacques.

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor called for Declarations of Interest without response.

ADDRESSES FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- 1.1 DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

MOVED on the MOTION of Councillor Tannous Sleiman, seconded Deputy Mayor Prieston

RECOMMENDATION

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4. That a further report be brought back to the June Council Meeting outlining community feedback received and for Council to adopt the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Cllr Marc Lane seconded by Cllr Ross Williams that:

1. Prior to exhibition, amend the CSP as follows:

P23 Vision

Infrastructure and Accessibility

Amend final bullet to better reflect previous version, as “Sustainable transport options particularly walking and cycling are supported and encouraged and with improved infrastructure”

Restore “Levels of service and community need are reflected in Asset Management Plans”

Community and Belonging

Restore “Services and” before ‘facilities’

Restore “Activities and Programs are designed to be welcoming, inclusive and promote safety”

Character Heritage and Places

Split the final bullet into the two constituent parts in the previous CSP (one ‘Healthy Urban Environments’ the other ‘Parks, sports fields and playgrounds’ - wording as previously.

Governance and Participation - retain former title by adding ‘and partnerships’, and

In Priorities” replace “innovative” with “collaborative” before ‘solutions’. Restore bullet “Community is aware of decisions through transparent and democratic process”

2. During exhibition of the CSP, council is to:

- Review p18 Sustainable Development Goals to better align the CSP to the SDGs, by referencing specific SDG target topics, and the CSP actions that relate to them.

For example, SDG 11 which references on Council’s Sustainability Strategy does not take account of Target 11.1 Adequate, affordable and safe housing, Target 11.2 Safe, affordable and accessible transport...

- Community priority surveys make sense as a measure for Community and Belonging but otherwise are not a trackable measure for interim improvement particularly on ‘hard’ infrastructure. Review measures pp27 - 31 to identify more objective SMART goals than community priority surveys in relation to infrastructure and access, environment and sustainability and character and heritage, and consider:

- i. A level of service or % in each category class for 1.1 (or restored Objective 1.4)
 - ii. A km of connected and safe cycle infrastructure, km of footpath, speed compliance for 1.2
 - iii. Frequency and hours of operation of public transport operations by area for 1.3
 - iv. % delivery of Bike Plan, number of crossings in villages for 1.3
 - v. % tree canopy for 2.1
 - vi. % approvals and % appeals for 4.1
 - vii. Referrals to CAP and appeals won for 4.2
3. Prior to exhibition of the DP, council is to amend the delivery plan Major Projects to reflect items that have been agreed and exhibited in Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement, by:
- Adding the Green Grid (Parramatta River and Sydney Harbour Foreshore walk and Lane Cove River and National Park walk, Map 14 and p31)
 - Amending "Hunters Hill Museum" to "Upgrade works to Hunters Hill Town Hall" with subtitle "improve event spaces and amenities and to improve separation between administration duties and the hall, to enable the space to be used and hired on a more regular basis by the community" (both verbatim from LSPS).
4. Prior to exhibition of the DP, council is to:
- add an item to 1.3 to "review and deliver the PAMP and Bike Plan" as there is no reference for walking and cycling despite references to the PAMP throughout.
 - Replace 2.3.1 with an action allocated to the Director for Infrastructure and Sustainability, with an assessment method being "Complete the Resilience Strategy and implement resilience education, enhanced recycling, sustainable materials and procurement" (and as per the LSPS p.35)
 - Add to 4.1.1 an additional assessment method "number of appeals, and percentage appeals won"
 - Replace "up-to-date" in 4.2.1 with "less than 5 years old"
 - Replace 4.3.2 with "Director Infrastructure and Sustainability" and assessment method "percentage street tree cover, for all major roads", and "ease of crossing at Village centres"
 - Replace assessment method in 4.3.3 with "percentage of LGA within 10 minutes' walk of a playground"
 - Add to 5.1.1 "Summaries no more than 4 pages long of all key policies and proposals including master plans are published during consultation"
 - Add to new 5.4.1 (under 'Community is aware of decisions through a transparent and democratic process' - see 1 above): "5.4.1 Activity: Communication - Services: All major consultations - Responsible: Director of

Community and Customer Service - Assessment Method : Council follows the Gunning Principles for all major consultations” 5.4.2 Activity: Transparency - Services : Deliberative governance - Responsible: Director of Community and Customer Service - Assessment Method: Council publishes a background paper along with each draft policy and paper to show how outcomes have been arrived at. [Example: Appendices to the draft Integrated Transport Strategy, pp 46 - 120].

5. Prior to exhibiting the DP and OP, Council to review the section “Financing the DP” and “Detailed Capital Works” to reflect prevailing rates for road and footpath works in surrounding LGAs, or failing to arrive at this, using the benchmark rates in the MosPlan Asset Management Plan 2025 : Roads, being (among other thing):
 - \$25.24 - \$42.07 per sqm for a standard asphalt road surface
 - \$33.46 - \$58.57 per sqm for flexible pavement (road surface)
 - \$90.09 per sqm for asphalt footpaths
 - \$119.12 per sqm for concrete footpaths
 - \$258.42 per sqm for brick footpaths
 - \$121.28 per linear metre for concrete kerb and gutter
 - \$358.05 per linear metre for sandstone kerb and concrete gutter
 - \$495.60 per linear metre for sandstone kerb and gutter
 - \$105.24 per sqm for concrete driveways, and
 - \$700 for concrete pram ramps.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Councillor Marc Lane	Mayor Zac Miles
Councillor Ross Williams	Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston
	Councillor Carla Kassab
	Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman
	Councillor Tatyana Virgara

The MOTION was LOST.

An amendment was moved by Deputy Mayor Prieston and accepted by the mover Cllr Tannous Sleiman. The MOTION became:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. Prior to the placement of the CSP delivery program and operational plan on public exhibition;
 - a) Council staff review the documents to ensure that Council’s LCSP objectives have been captured including projects that Council has previously committed to, and

- b) Council staff ensure benchmark rates detailed in the sections Financing the DP and Detailed Capital Works, are in line with comparable NSROC benchmark rates.
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RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Tannous Sleiman, seconded Deputy Mayor Prieston

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The MOTION was CARRIED.

1.2 DRAFT 2025-26 BUDGET (INCLUDING LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND FEES & CHARGES)

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

MOVED on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor Prieston, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That Council place on public exhibition for 28 days the:
 - a. Draft Operational Budget and Fees and Charges for FY2025-26;
 - b. Draft Long-term Financial Plan FY2026-35.
3. That the following rates and charges are adopted, subject to any changes arising from supplementary rate levies:

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Stormwater Management Charge – Business	\$25 per rateable land parcel		
Stormwater Management Charge – Strata unit	\$12.50 per strata unit		

MOVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Williams

An AMENDMENT was moved by Cllr Marc Lane that:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That Council place on public exhibition for 28 days the:
 - a. Draft Operational Budget and Fees and Charges for FY2025-26, noting the following alteration:
 - Subpoena - subpoena file retrieval rate to \$55 for both financial years, and processing (per hour) to \$30/hr for both financial years, consistent with NSW Government.
 - Roads and Footpath Opening and Restoration - all rates to reflect prevailing rates detailed in the delivery plan.

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Clr Lane made a further amendment to the amendment. The MOTION became:

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Councillor Carla Kassab	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

070/25 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor Prieston, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman that:

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The MOTION was CARRIED.

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

071/25 MOVED on the MOTION of Councillor Kassab, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

1. THAT pursuant to Section 10A subsections 2 & 3 and Section 10B of the *Local Government Act, 1993* (as amended) the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:
2. The press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Council in Closed Session on the basis that these items are considered to be of a confidential nature.

1.1 Selection of recruitment agency for GM recruitments

Item 1.1 is confidential in accordance with s10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act* because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

3. That the Minutes and Business Papers including any reports, correspondence, documentation or information relating to such matter be treated as confidential and be withheld from access by the press and public, until such time as the Council resolves that the reason for confidentiality has passed or become irrelevant.

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Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

The Council proceeded to move into Committee of the Whole at 07.12pm.

REPORT OF COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

The Mayor advised that during closed session, one resolution was passed.

PRESENT

The Mayor Zac Miles, Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston, Councillors Carla Kassab, Marc Lane, Carol Tannous Sleiman, Tatyana Virgara and Ross Williams.

Also present Director People and Culture Rosanna Guerra.

OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED

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RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Tannous Sleiman, seconded Councillor Kassab

That at 8.04 pm the meeting resume in Open Council and the gallery be invited back into the Chamber.

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Councillor Carla Kassab	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

Recording staff and minute taker returned to the meeting at 8.05pm.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

073/25 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Tannous Sleiman, seconded Councillor Kassab that:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That Capstone be appointed the recruitment agency for the General Manager process.

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Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 8.06pm.

I confirm that these Minutes are a true and accurate record of Extraordinary Meeting No. 4544 held on 5 May 2025.

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Councillor Zac Miles
MAYOR

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Nick Tobin
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER