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# MINUTES

## **EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

held at the Civic Centre, Dee Why on

**TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021**

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Council Meeting**  
**Commencing at 12:00pm on Tuesday 12 January 2021**  
**at the Civic Centre, Dee Why**  
**and concluding on Tuesday 23 February 2021**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Councillors**

Michael Regan (Mayor)  
Candy Bingham (Deputy Mayor)  
Rory Amon  
Pat Daley OAM  
Vincent De Luca OAM  
Sarah Grattan  
Roslyn Harrison  
Sue Heins  
Penny Philpott  
Stuart Sprott  
David Walton  
Ian White

**Officers**

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| Ray Brownlee PSM | Chief Executive Officer                      |
| Jeff Smith       | Director Corporate and Legal                 |
| David Kerr       | Director Community and Belonging             |
| Todd Dickinson   | Director Environment and Sustainability      |
| Peter Robinson   | Acting Director Planning and Place           |
| Steve Lawler     | Acting Director Transport and Assets         |
| Karen Twitchett  | Director Workforce and Technology            |
| Eskil Julliard   | General Counsel                              |
| Sarah Dunstan    | Acting Executive Manager Governance and Risk |
| Lesley Milbourne | Acting Manager Governance                    |
| Katie Kirwan     | Governance Officer                           |
| Ximena Von Oven  | Governance Officer                           |
| Brendan Shaw     | Information Management Technology Officer    |

**Notes**

The meeting commenced at 12:00pm, adjourned at 2:13pm, resumed at 2:23pm and adjourned at 2:27pm until 6:00pm on 23 February 2021.

The meeting resumed at 6:02pm on Tuesday 23 February 2021 and concluded at 6:04pm.

Councillors Ferguson and McTaggart were present for the resumption of the meeting on 23 February 2021.

## 1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*NOTE: The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting gathered, and paid respect to Elders past and present.*

## 2.0 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

001/21 RESOLVED

**Cr Regan / Cr Heins**

That apologies for non-attendance be received from Councillors Alex McTaggart, Kylie Ferguson and Natalie Warren.

### VOTING

**FOR:** Cr White, Cr Daley, Cr Philpott, Cr Grattan, Cr Amon, Cr Heins, Cr Bingham, Cr De Luca, Cr Walton, Cr Sprott, Cr Harrison and Cr Regan

**CARRIED**

## 3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Sprott declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to Items 5.3 and 5.4. He chose to take no part in the discussion or voting on this item. The reason provided was:

*'My partner owns a café that has outdoor dining'.*

## 4.0 PUBLIC ADDRESS

- **Item 5.1 – COVID-19 Relief Package: Parking Fees Waiver**

Colin Haskell, on behalf of Scotland Island Residents Association addressed Council speaking against this item.

Michael Wiener, on behalf of West Pittwater Community Association addressed Council speaking against this item.

- **Item 5.5 – COVID-19 Relief Package: Ferry Fares to the Northern Beaches**

David Lovell addressed Council in support of this item.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

002/21 **RESOLVED**

***Cr Heins / Cr Bingham***

That items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6 and 5.7 be dealt with collectively.

**VOTING**

**FOR:** Cr White, Cr Philpott, Cr Grattan, Cr Heins, Cr Bingham, Cr Harrison and Cr Regan

**AGAINST:** Cr Daley, Cr Amon, Cr De Luca, Cr Walton and Cr Sprott

***CARRIED***

**MOTION OF DISSENT**

***Cr De Luca / Cr Amon***

That Council dissent from the ruling of the Chair on a point of order.

**VOTING**

**FOR:** Cr Daley, Cr Amon, Cr De Luca, Cr Walton and Cr Sprott

**AGAINST:** Cr White, Cr Philpott, Cr Grattan, Cr Heins, Cr Bingham, Cr Harrison and Cr Regan

***LOST***

**MOTION OF DISSENT**

***Cr De Luca / Cr Daley***

That Council dissent from the ruling of the Chair on a point of order.

**VOTING**

**FOR:** Cr Daley, Cr Amon, Cr De Luca, Cr Walton and Cr Sprott

**AGAINST:** Cr White, Cr Philpott, Cr Grattan, Cr Heins, Cr Bingham, Cr Harrison and Cr Regan

***LOST***

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

003/21 **RESOLVED**

**Cr Daley / Cr Walton**

That as a matter of urgency Council considers a motion in relation to the Northern Beaches response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### VOTING

**FOR:** Cr White, Cr Daley, Cr Philpott, Cr Grattan, Cr Amon, Cr Heins, Cr De Luca, Cr Walton, Cr Sprott and Cr Regan

**AGAINST:** Cr Bingham and Cr Harrison

**CARRIED**

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

*NOTE: Cr Sprott left the Chamber at 12:23pm due to a declared pecuniary interest in items 5.3 and 5.4.*

004/21 **RESOLVED**

**Cr Amon / Cr Daley**

That as a matter of urgency Council considers a motion in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### VOTING

**FOR:** Cr White, Cr Daley, Cr Philpott, Cr Grattan, Cr Amon, Cr Heins, Cr Bingham, Cr De Luca, Cr Walton and Cr Regan

**AGAINST:** Cr Harrison

**CARRIED**

## MOTION

**Cr Amon / Cr Walton**

That:

### Parking Waiver

1. Council reduces to NIL all Pay & Display and parking station fees currently charged by Council until 28 February 2021, excluding the Church Point Car Parks, with Council to consider a further extension of this waiver at its February 2021 meeting.
2. All timed parking restrictions remain in force and are to otherwise be enforced by Council Rangers.
3. Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to implement this resolution, including making determinations regarding how timed parking is to be managed in Council's parking stations which are regulated by boom gates.

### Outdoor Dining Fees

4. The current waiver of outdoor dining fees until 31 March 2021 continues until 30 June 2021.
5. Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer until 30 June 2021 to do all things necessary to facilitate the expansion of outdoor dining areas (in a safe and practical manner) so that businesses may continue to operate, noting the likely future restrictions around social distancing at hospitality venues.
6. Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer until 30 June 2021 to do all things necessary to facilitate the licensing of outdoor areas (in a safe and practical manner) so that businesses may provide additional facilities to the community, such as coffee carts, sanitising facilities and so on.
7. As far as practical, Council communicates with all local businesses with outdoor dining spaces and inform them of the relaxed restrictions regarding expanding outdoor dining areas.

### Public transport fares

8. Council writes to the NSW Premier and Minister for Transport seeking that all public transport fees to and from the Northern Beaches **are reduced** by at least 50% until at least 28 February 2021.

### Destination Northern Beaches COVID Recovery Plan

9. Council implements the recommendations set out in the Destination Northern Beaches COVID Recovery Plan within 3 to 12 months, not 12 to 18 months.

## **AMENDMENT**

*NOTE 1: Councillor Grattan left the chamber at 1:42pm and returned at 1:44pm.*

*NOTE 2: Councillor Harrison left the chamber at 2:01pm.*

*NOTE 3: Councillor Daley left the chamber at 2:03pm.*

*NOTE 4: Councillor Walton left the chamber at 2:04pm.*

### **Cr Heins / Cr Bingham**

That:

1. Council formally acknowledges all residents and local businesses and thanks them for their incredible efforts in getting tested, and for supporting each other during the lockdown. In particular a special acknowledgment to those in the 'North Zone'.
2. Council thanks the staff and the Local Business Chambers of Commerce for their assistance to date with identifying areas for the expanded dining licences and to the State Government for its assistance to help fund it. (Locations in Manly, Dee Why, Mona Vale and Newport in particular were identified). Also notes that the licensed food trucks and coffee vans have received Council support to enable them to trade throughout the lockdowns of 2020/21.
3. Council:
  - A. acknowledges the adoption of the Mayoral Minute of 15 December 2020 that extended the waiving of the outdoor dining fees until March 2021, along with other fees and charges contained in the Business Support package adopted in the 20/21 budget.
  - B. notes the Chief Executive Officer is due to bring a report back to a Councillor briefing prior to the March meeting in anticipation of a report to Council for possible further actions.

4. Council notes that the Mayor has written to the Premier, relevant Minister and local State MPs on behalf of local businesses requesting that NSW *Dine and Discover* vouchers be distributed to the Northern Beaches as a priority. The State has agreed to this request.
5. Council notes that:
  - A. the Mayor has written to the Premier, the relevant Minister and local State MPs requesting that Destination NSW undertakes a tourism campaign to promote the Northern Beaches.
  - B. Council is represented on the Manly State MP's Tourism Taskforce.
  - C. Council has begun the process of implementing the Destination Management Plan for the Northern Beaches. Council thanks the local Business Chambers for their input to this plan, and for their ongoing commitment to partner with Council on this and the other Place Plans which are relevant to their areas.
6. Council:
  - A. notes the Councillors' unanimous support of the Notice of Motion from Deputy Mayor Bingham on 20 October 2020 to Save the Manly Freshwater Class Ferries
  - B. undertakes a campaign to retain all four Freshwater Class ferries, which includes the promotion of the petition to the NSW Parliament.
7. Council notes that due to the COVID-19 outbreak on the Northern Beaches in December, many staff have had to cancel their plans with family (including holidays) and work around the clock to support our community and NSW Health. Council formally thanks the Staff, the Incident Management Team, the Executive and the Mayor for their continued efforts and support of the community through this current COVID-19 outbreak on the Northern Beaches.
8. Council notes that Council has received a letter from Elizabeth Koff, Secretary of NSW Health dated 11 January 2021, which is glowing in its praise and thanks to Council for its support during the recent outbreak and resolves to publish the letter in full in the minutes of today's meeting and on Council's website.
9. Council notes Council's Incident Management Team has coordinated with NSW Health and Northern Sydney Local Health District during this phase of the pandemic response. (An outline of activities undertaken being listed at the end of this motion).
10. Council notes that staff called over 7,400 local residents in our community during the recent outbreak, checking in on their wellbeing and offering support.
11. Council:
  - A. notes it has received great support from the local Business Chambers and businesses working with Council to lobby for Federal and State Government support
  - B. formally thanks the Business Chambers and their volunteers for their continued efforts, in particular for assisting Council to set up a Business Support Service.
12. Council formally acknowledges the leadership of the Mayor working with the Incident Management Team and staff every day during the lockdown and acting as the spokesperson for the Northern Beaches.
13. Council writes to the Premier, the Minister for Health, Dr Kerry Chant, her teams, the local Police and local State MPs acknowledging their leadership and efforts during the recent lockdown on the Northern Beaches.
14. Council writes to the NSW Treasurer in support of the businesses calling for immediate financial support and the expansion of the Dining & Entertainment Vouchers program to

include other types of businesses.

15. Follows up with the Prime Minister and Federal Treasurer seeking financial assistance for local businesses as outlined in the letter sent on 31 December 2020.
16. Council:
  - A. notes that Councillors Amon, Sprott, Walton, Daley and De Luca have submitted to have their Councillor fees reduced from the maximum amount of \$30,410 to \$18,430 for the remainder of the financial year 2020/21
  - B. acknowledges that the role of the Mayor is a full-time commitment with significant responsibilities and that no reduction in his fees, which do not include any superannuation payments, is justified or supported.

### **MOTION BE PUT**

*NOTE 1: Councillor De Luca left the chamber at 2:13pm.*

*NOTE 2: In accordance with Clause 6.13 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor suspended the meeting for a period of 10 minutes at 2:13pm due to a quorum not being present.*

*NOTE 3: In accordance with Clause 6.11 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor adjourned the meeting and deferred all remaining items to the ordinary meeting of Council at 6:00pm on 23 February 2011 in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why.*

*NOTE 4: In accordance with Clause 6.12 of the Code of Meeting Practice a quorum was not present due to absences resulting from apologies, a declared interest and councillors vacating the meeting. Councillors Regan, Bingham, Amon, Heins, Philpott, Grattan and White were present.*

#### **Cr Grattan**

That the motion be now put.

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*NOTE 1: The meeting resumed at 6:02pm on Tuesday 23 February 2021, with the following Councillors present: Regan, Bingham, Amon, Daley, De Luca, Ferguson, Grattan, Harrison, Heins, McTaggart, Philpott, Sprott, Walton and White.*

*NOTE 2: The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting gathered, and paid respect to Elders past and present.*

*NOTE 3: The Mayor invited declarations of interest from Councillors not present at the extraordinary meeting on 12 January 2021.*

*NOTE 4: Cr Sprott left the meeting at 6:02pm due to a disclosed interest.*

### **MOTION BE PUT**

#### **Cr Grattan**

That the motion be now put.



**VOTING**

**FOR:** Nil

**AGAINST:** Cr White, Cr Daley, Cr Philpott, Cr Grattan, Cr Amon, Cr Heins, Cr McTaggart, Cr Bingham, Cr De Luca, Cr Ferguson, Cr Walton, Cr Harrison and Cr Regan

**ABSENT:** Cr Sprott

**LOST**

*NOTE 1: Councillors Heins and Bingham withdrew their amendment.*

*NOTE 2: Councillors Amon and Walton withdrew their motion.*

*NOTE 3: Councillors Daley and Walton withdrew their motion of urgency.*

*NOTE 4: Councillors Amon and Daley withdrew their motion of urgency.*

*The meeting was closed at 6:04pm*

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 9 pages  
numbered 1 to 9 of the Extraordinary Council Meeting  
held on Tuesday 12 January 2021 and concluded on 23 February 2021.

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Mayor

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Chief Executive Officer