



MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.05PM

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor P Veitch (West Ward)

Central Ward	-	Councillors K Chapple, D Parker & D Rosenfeld
East Ward	-	Councillors J McCafferty, M Olive & M Wilson
North Ward	-	Councillors C Hamilton; K Neilson & R Pandolfini
South Ward	-	Councillors B Burst, N D'Souza & D Said
West Ward	-	Councillors A Hay & A Luxford (Deputy Mayor)

Officers Present:

General Manager	Mr R Brownlee
Director City Planning	Mr K Kyriacou
Director City Services	Mr T Clarke
Director Community & Culture	Ms K Anderson
Director Corporate Services	Mr J Frangoples
Manager Customer & Compliance	Mr D Kelly
Communications Manager	Mr J Hay
Chief Financial Officer	Mr S Wong

Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous People & Prayer

The Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous People was read by Cr Neilson. The Council Prayer was read by Cr Luxford.

Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

Nil.

Requests to attend meeting by audio-visual link

A request to attend the meeting by audio-visual link was received from Cr Parker.

RESOLVED: (D'Souza/Luxford) that the request from Cr Parker to attend this meeting by audio-visual link be approved.

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Nil.

Address of Council by Members of the Public

Nil.

Director City Planning Reports

CP1/24 Director City Planning Report - Results of Community Consultation on Continuing Randwick's Environmental Levy (Special Rate Variation) on a Permanent Basis and Adoption of the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2023-2033 (F2019/00323)

RESOLUTION: (Olive/D'Souza) that Council:

- a) notes the extensive consultation carried out with the Randwick community on the proposal to continue Randwick's Environmental Levy Special Rate Variation (SRV);
- b) applies to IPART for a single-year increase under section 508(2) to incorporate the Environmental Levy into the rating structure on a permanent basis resulting in Special Rate Variation application for an increase of 11.67% including the rate peg at 4.90%;
- c) notes that IPART will also place Randwick's application on exhibition for public comment from March to April 2024, before providing its determination on Randwick's proposal for the permanent Environmental Levy; and
- d) adopt the updated Long Term Financial Plan 2023-33.

MOTION: (Olive/D'Souza) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

AMENDMENT: (Hay/Burst) that Council:

- a) notes the extensive consultation carried out with the Randwick community on the proposal to continue Randwick's Environmental Levy Special Rate Variation (SRV);
- b) applies to IPART for a single-year increase under section 508(2) to incorporate the Environmental Levy into the rating structure for a period of ten years resulting in Special Rate Variation application for an increase of 11.67% including the rate peg at 4.90%;
- c) notes that IPART will also place Randwick's application on exhibition for public comment from March to April 2024, before providing its determination on Randwick's proposal for the temporary Environmental Levy;
- d) adopt the updated Long Term Financial Plan 2023-33;
- e) endorse that the project plan for the environment levy change its scope, to target infrastructure spending and easing the cost of living crisis, particularly with regard to construction of stormwater drainage design. The estimates in the five year plan should be varied from what is written on pages 14 and 15 of this business report to instead read:
 - Community Education \$0 (was \$4.5M);
 - Water Savings \$0M (was \$2m), though the funding could be restored if it looks like we could be entering a drought;
 - Climate & Resilience \$1.5M (was \$5.5M), to only be allocated to rebates, microgrid investigations and a Power Purchasing Agreement as these can ease the burden of increased living expenses;
 - Food \$0 (was \$2M);
 - Active Transport \$0 (was \$4M);
 - Other \$0 (was \$2M);
 - Stormwater and Drainage \$20M, to be spent on infrastructure design and major works; and
- f) that in five years' time, a report be prepared allowing councillors to discuss and allocate funding for the next five years. **LOST.**

Note: Crs Burst, Hay and Rosenfeld requested that their names be recorded as opposed to the resolution.

There being no further business, Her Worship the Mayor, Cr P Veitch, declared the meeting closed at 7.37pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Randwick City Council held on Tuesday, 27 February 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON