

Meeting Date: Tuesday 10 December 2024
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.20pm

Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Lo, Maggio, Pedersen and Tracey.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Han.

Apologies: Nil.

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting at 9.12pm and did not return. He was not present for consideration or voting on Confidential Item 22.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Chief Property Officer, City Architect, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Fabric, Executive Officer – City Resilience, Executive Officer – City Economy, Executive Officer – City Transport, Communications Coordinator, IT System Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Reverend Seung Jae Yeon of the Eastwood Uniting Church was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was sung prior to the commencement of the meeting.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Arya requested a Leave of Absence for the period 2 January 2025 to 17 January 2025 inclusive.

Councillor Tracey requested a Leave of Absence for the period 3 January 2025 to 14 January 2025 inclusive.

Councillor Deshpande requested a Leave of Absence for the period 11 December 2024 to 15 December 2024 inclusive.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Lo)

- (a) That Councillor Arya's Leave of Absence for the period 2 January 2025 to 17 January 2025 inclusive be approved.
- (b) That Councillor Tracey's Leave of Absence for the period 3 January 2025 to 14 January 2025 inclusive be approved.
- (c) That Councillor Deshpande's Leave of Absence for the period 11 December 2024 to 15 December 2024 inclusive be approved.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 5 – Investigation into Sunlight Glare at Ryde Community Sports Centre for the reason that she lives close to ELS Hall and plays in the hall.

Councillor Tracey disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 4 – Investigation and Potential Upgrade of Sportsground Lighting at Christie Park Fields 1 and 2 for the reason that Christie Park is the home ground of football for the team/club her sons play at and she is also on the Committee of the Club that hires this field from Council.

Councillor Kordrostami disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 2 – Recognise and Support the Iranian Community in the City of Ryde and Establish Annual Iranian New Year Celebrations for the reason that she is an Iranian member of the community and will be benefiting from this recognition and celebration.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAM

A representative of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea Sydney's GAROK Office, Ms Young Cha, presented the Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown with an award for Council's International Relations Program.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Howison and Lara-Watson)

That Council adopt Mayoral Minute 45/24, Item 2, Item 3, Item 4, Item 6, Item 7, Item 8, Item 9, Item 10, Item 11, Notice of Motion 1 and Notice of Motion 6 on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the Reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MAYORAL MINUTE

**MM45/24 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – Mayor,
Councillor Trenton Brown**

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note the need for ongoing work to support victims of domestic and family violence.
- (b) That Council support work which educates the community about domestic and family violence and how to seek assistance.
- (c) That a minute's silence be observed to pay respect to the 84 people who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence in the last 12 months.

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 26 November 2024

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 14/24, held on 26 November 2024 be confirmed.

3 ADOPTION OF THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That in accordance with Section 419 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council receive and note the Auditor's Reports on the 2023/24 Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.
- (b) That any public submissions about the FY23/24 Financial Statements be referred to the Auditor in accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

4 2024-2025 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RESOLUTION:

That Council, pursuant to Section 351(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, temporarily appoints Michael Galderisi, General Manager – City Shaping as Chief Executive Officer for the period between 12.00am on 19 December 2024 to 12 midnight on 12 January 2025, while the incumbent Chief Executive Officer is on annual leave.

6 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

RESOLUTION:

That the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns be noted.

7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL SUBMISSION

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council considers and endorses the lodgment of the attached submission to the Local Government Remuneration for recategorisation of City of Ryde (ATTACHMENT 3).
- (b) That the submission is lodged with the Tribunal by the due date of 20 December 2024.

8 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR DANIEL HAN REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE – 29 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

RESOLUTION:

That Council receive and note the report.

9 DRAFT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN

RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse proceeding with a 60-day public exhibition of the Draft Flood Risk Management Study and Plan, as provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**, allowing for submissions to be received from the community.

10 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

RESOLUTION:

That Council receives and notes the tabling of the City of Ryde's Community Engagement Strategy (CES) as provided in ATTACHMENT 1.

11 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPEN SPACE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note the current status of the park masterplans listed under the Council resolution "Critical Infrastructure and Open Space Protection and Enhancement (MM37/24)," dated 22 October 2024, potential project timelines for the delivery of these masterplans, and funding sources identified in the report.
- (b) That Council allocates a budget of \$200,000 from the Section 7.11 Open Space and Public Domain reserve to commence preliminary planning for the following projects:
 - *Christie Park; Stages 3 and 4*
 - *Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC); multi-deck car park and tennis courts*
 - *ELS Hall expansion – courts and car parking*
 - *Putney Park Masterplan; implementation*
 - *Ryde Park Masterplan; implementation*
 - *Field of Mars Masterplan; implementation*
 - *Brush Farm Park – Irrigation and Netball Courts*
 - *Shrimpton's Creek Corridor Masterplan; implementation.*
- (c) That a further report is provided to Council by the June 2025 Council meeting with the outcome of the preliminary planning identifying recommended priorities and project deliverables within this term of Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 EXPANDING AND DIVERSIFYING OUR COMMUNITY CENTRES – Councillor Tina Kordrostami

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- (a) Prioritises the updating of the City of Ryde Halls and Facilities Strategy as part of preparing the 2025/2026 Operational Plan.
- (b) As part of the update of the City of Ryde Halls and Facilities Strategy, undertake community engagement, including with the Mayor and Councillors, to understand the types of halls and facilities required to meet the current and future needs of the community.
- (c) Consider the need to improve and expand our places and spaces that can be used to support our local communities as the Integrated Open Space Plan, Social Plan and Creativity Strategy are finalised.

6 COUNCIL'S CHIPPING AND MULCHING SERVICE – Councillor Lyndal Howison

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council staff explore the feasibility and costs of an electronic customer satisfaction survey of future and recent past users of Council's chipping and mulching service to determine their satisfaction with the service level delivered, including the volume of returned mulch.
- (b) That this survey be promoted in appropriate Council communications and users proactively invited to provide feedback.
- (c) That the results of this survey should be included as a consideration when the tender is next reviewed.
- (d) That Council's chipping and mulching service be included in its online booking services to improve take-up, and to improve access to those residents who find it difficult to make personal phone calls during business hours.

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM44/24 MEET THE MAYOR - LOCAL PARK VISITS - Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Brown)

- (a) That Council endorse the conduct of three “Meet the Mayor” events to be held in local parks during early 2025.
- (b) That the cost of the events be funded from the Mayor’s Councillor Discretionary Fund.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM45/24 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISIM - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

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5 DETERMINATION OF WORKING GROUPS

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Arya)

- (a) That the following Working Groups be convened for the 2024 – 2028 term of Council:-
- Festival and the Arts Working Group
 - Heritage Working Group
 - Inclusion and Wellbeing Working Group
 - Multicultural Working Group
 - Ryde Youth Council
 - Small and Family Business Working Group
 - Sport, Recreation and Leisure Working Group
 - Sustainability Working Group
- (b) That all Councillors are eligible to attend and participate in each City of Ryde Working Group, without formal membership, in accordance with their Terms of Reference noting that the position of Chairperson on each of the Working Groups (with the exception of Ryde Youth Council) is to be held by the appointed staff convenor.
- (c) That all Working Group meetings are to be hybrid meetings with attendance either in person or via remote audio-visual attendance.
- (d) That Council confirm the commencement of an Expression of Interest process to identify interested and committed people from the City of Ryde community, to become members of each of the Working Groups.
- (e) That following Council's endorsement of the above recommendations, Council officers review the Working Groups' Terms of Reference, which are subsequently to be confirmed at each Working Group's first meeting and then reported back to Council.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

- (a) That city of Ryde endorse the following Working Groups for the 2024 – 2028 term of Council:-
- **Status of Women Working Group**
 - Festival and the Arts Working Group
 - Heritage Working Group
 - Inclusion and Wellbeing Working Group
 - Multicultural Working Group
 - Ryde Youth Council
 - Small and Family Business Working Group
 - Sport, Recreation and Leisure Working Group
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- (d) That Council confirm the commencement of an Expression of Interest process to identify interested and committed people from the City of Ryde community to become members of each of the Working Groups.
- (e) That following Council's endorsement of the above recommendations, Council officers review the Working Groups' Terms of Reference, which are subsequently to be confirmed at each Working Group's first meeting and then reported back to Council.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was five (5) For and eight (8) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Arya)

- (a) That the following Community Committees be convened for the 2024 – 2026 term of Council:-
 - Festival and the Arts Community Committee
 - Heritage Community Committee
 - Inclusion and Wellbeing Community Committee
 - Multicultural Community Committee
 - Ryde Youth Council
 - Small Business Community Committee
 - Sport, Recreation and Leisure Community Committee
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- (b) That all Councillors are eligible to attend and participate in each City of Ryde Community Committee, without formal membership, in accordance with their Terms of Reference noting that the position of Chairperson on each of the Community Committees (with the exception of Ryde Youth Council) is to be held by the appointed staff convenor.

- (c) That all Community Committee meetings are to be hybrid meetings with attendance either in person or via remote audio-visual attendance.
- (d) That Council confirm the commencement of an Expression of Interest process to identify interested and committed people from the City of Ryde community, to become members of each of the Community Committees.
- (e) That following Council's endorsement of the above recommendations, Council officers review the Community Committees Terms of Reference, which are subsequently to be confirmed at each Community Committee's first meeting and then reported back to Council.
- (f) A mid-term review of the performance of all Community Committees be conducted in mid-2026 and a report presented to Council prior to December 2026 outlining any recommended changes to enhance the membership, and / or performance of these committees.

Note: The Mover and Seconder of the Motion, Councillor Deshpande and Councillor Arya accepted the Amendment. The Amendment therefore became the Motion.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That the following Community Committees be convened for the 2024 – 2026 term of Council:-
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- (c) That all Community Committee meetings are to be hybrid meetings with attendance either in person or via remote audio-visual attendance.

- (d) That Council confirm the commencement of an Expression of Interest process to identify interested and committed people from the City of Ryde community, to become members of each of the Community Committees.
- (e) That following Council's endorsement of the above recommendations, Council officers review the Community Committees Terms of Reference, which are subsequently to be confirmed at each Community Committee's first meeting and then reported back to Council.
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On being put to the meeting, Councillor Pedersen abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Lo, Maggio and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillor Pedersen

6 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

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7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL SUBMISSION

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9 DRAFT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN

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10 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the Meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

11 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPEN SPACE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the Meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

12 UPDATE - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Han and Tracey)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge the economic importance of the Macquarie Park Innovation District and the fact that its economic functions – education, R&D, health services, and knowledge-intensive industries – are global in their outlook.
- (b) Acknowledge the economic centres of Eastwood, West Ryde-Meadowbank, and Gladesville are also economically diverse and growing.
- (c) Acknowledge the City of Ryde’s international relations activities play a critical role in:
 - (i) Strengthening local business connections with international markets
 - (ii) Supporting student numbers at Macquarie University, and thus the pipeline of talent feeding into businesses across the City of Ryde
 - (iii) Attracts international investment into new businesses and jobs within the Macquarie Park Innovation District
 - (iv) Attracts international investment into R&D within the Macquarie Park Innovation District
 - (v) Contributes to State and National policy agendas, such as the ‘Future Made in Australia’ agenda and the NSW Government’s \$96 million RNA Research and Pilot Manufacturing Facility in the Macquarie Park Innovation District, and
 - (vi) Improves social outcomes for our City’s culturally diverse community.

- (d) Acknowledge the efforts of Council staff in having their International Relations program acknowledged by leading domestic and international academics, peak bodies, and most recently by the Consulate of the Republic of Korea.
- (e) Acknowledge the critical importance of hosting and participating in international delegations to secure international cooperation on investment and trade.
- (f) Approve Council staff working with local businesses, consulates, peak bodies, and Macquarie University to develop cost-effective plans for international delegations to and from Taiwan, the Republic of Korea, and Japan in 2025 and that these cost-effective plans and budgets be brought to Council for endorsement.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

INFORMATION REPORTS

13 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

14 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - ANNUAL REPORT ON CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2024

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Li)

That the Information Report be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

15 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - DEFERRAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

16 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - DEFERRAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

17 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - DEFERRAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

18 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - DEFERRAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

19 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - DEFERRAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 LETTER TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES, THE HON. PAUL SCULLY MP REGARDING MACQUARIE PARK TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) ACCELERATED PRECINCT REZONING

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Deshpande)

That the correspondence be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 EXPANDING AND DIVERSIFYING OUR COMMUNITY CENTRES - Councillor Tina Kordrostami

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the Meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

2 RECOGNISE AND SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION OF NOWRUZ IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Tina Kordrostami and Councillor Keanu Arya

Note: The title of this Notice of Motion was amended and updated at the meeting by Councillor Kordrostami and Councillor Arya.

Note: Councillor Kordrostami disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is an Iranian member of the community and will be benefiting from this recognition and celebration.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Kordrostami and Arya)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges Nowruz as a symbol of peace, unity, and renewal, promoting cultural diversity and community engagement.
- (b) Acknowledge Nowruz, the Persian New Year, as an important cultural celebration in the City of Ryde, encourage residents to honour the traditions associated with it, and display this recognition on Council's website and other platforms, and include a ceremony to welcome the New Year on 20 March 2025.
- (c) Investigate hosting an annual Nowruz celebration in the City of Ryde with community representatives who can coordinate and share their cultural knowledge and contribute to the celebration of the New Year.
- (d) Convene a Councillor workshop to explore the delivery of the first annual Nowruz celebration, noting that the City of Ryde Council will lead the planning, coordination, and execution of the event, with input from relevant community organisations to ensure the event is inclusive and representative of all communities who observe Nowruz.
- (e) Provide an update on the outcome of the investigation of this event to Council via a Councillor Information Bulletin including funding sources.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 COMMUNITY HALLS IN RYDE - Councillor Kathy Tracey

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Howison)

That Council:

- (a) Provide an overview of Council's current leased and hired Community Facilities through a Councillor Workshop by March 2025 (noting that staff are currently reviewing the licensing policies for community halls and leased buildings which will come back to Council later in 2025).

- (b) Bring a report back to Council that includes, but is not limited to, the following details:
 - i. A summary of feedback from Councillors.
 - ii. A summary of identifiable improvements and amendments to the Councils Policies and Procedure for the Management of Community Facilities.
 - iii. Identification of potential suitable locations for an additional hall in each of the City of Ryde wards.
 - iv. Supporting information to assist in the planning, financing and development of each potential facility for consideration by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 INVESTIGATION AND POTENTIAL UPGRADE OF SPORTSGROUND LIGHTING AT CHRISTIE PARK FIELDS 1 AND 2 - Councillor Kathy Tracey

Note: Councillor Tracey disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that Christie Park is the home ground of football for the team/club her sons play at and she is also on the Committee of the Club that hires this field from Council.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Last)

- (a) That Council conduct an investigation into the current performance of sportsground lighting at Christie Park Fields 1 and 2 (CP1 and CP2). That this work be included as part of the investigations and designs when planning for the Stage 2b and Stage 3 MasterPlan implementation works.
- (b) That the investigations include the following:-
 - i. Assess the adequacy of the lighting at Christie Park Fields 1 and 2 to ensure it effectively supports night time games for both grassroots Association matches and National Premier League (NPL) club games. This evaluation should include consideration of an energy-efficient LED lighting upgrade, factoring in both the improved performance and the long-term cost savings associated with reduced energy consumption and maintenance.
 - ii. Ensure that any lighting upgrades at Christie Park Fields 1 and 2 comply with safety standards.

- iii. Given proximity to Lane Cove National Park which is habitat for threatened nocturnal wildlife, that a biodiversity and Environmental impact study be included in the investigation report.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Lo abstained from voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Maggio, Pedersen and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillor Lo

5 INVESTIGATION INTO SUNLIGHT GLARE AT RYDE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE - Councillor Lyndal Howison

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she lives close to ELS Hall and plays in the hall.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Howison and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council staff work with YMCA staff to investigate the current conditions in relation to sunlight glare and the lack of fans and ventilation on the indoor courts at Ryde Community Sports Centre and assess the feasibility of installing shutters or shade sails, to manage sunlight glare issues.
- (b) That Council staff provide a cost estimate for the proposed infrastructure works and identify suitable funding sources, including grants from state or federal governments.
- (c) That Council staff table a report by the April 2025 Council meeting, detailing the findings of the investigation, cost estimates, timeline and potential funding options.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 COUNCIL'S CHIPPING AND MULCHING SERVICE - Councillor Lyndal Howison

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the Meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

CLOSED SESSION

ITEM 20 - 1 DEVLIN STREET, RYDE - SITE OPTIONS

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; AND (d) (ii) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; AND (d) (iii) information that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret.

ITEM 21 - TG MILLNER ADDITIONAL FUNDING ALLOCATION

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; AND (d) (ii) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

ITEM 22 – ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

ITEM 23 – CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2023-2024

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Deshpande)

That the Council resolve into Closed Session to consider the above matters.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Pedersen abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillor Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 7.59pm. The public and media left the chamber and the webcast.

PROCEDURAL MOTION – ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Last and Tracey)

That Council now consider the following Items, the time being 8.00pm:-

- **Item 20** – 1 Devlin Street, Site Options
- **Item 21** – TG Millner additional funding allocation
- **Item 23** – CEO Performance Review – 2023-2024
- **Item 22** – Organisational Structure – Ryde for the Future

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20 1 DEVLIN STREET, RYDE - SITE OPTIONS

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Last)

That Council:

- (a) Engage a suitably qualified company to seek Expressions of Interest (EOI) for 1 Devlin Street, Ryde (known as Ryde Central), to:
 - Test the market potential of the site for long-term leasehold,
 - Identify suitably interested and appropriately qualified parties, and
 - Test other options put forward by the market (where Council retains ownership of the site) and ensure the approach is supported by Council.
- (b) Be informed of the outcomes of the Expression of Interest.
- (c) Support progressing with the schematic design and related investigations (including Carpark utilisation study) for a potential Town Hall and any additional cultural and community facilities located at 150-156 Blaxland Road, Ryde.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

- (a) That Item 20 be deferred to the Ordinary Council meeting in March 2025.
- (b) That a report and recommendations be brought back to an open (not confidential) Council meeting with all 'commercial in confidence' information redacted.
- (c) That the report includes an investigation, identifying funding, for running a thorough community consultation with workshops on the proposed options.
- (d) That all proposed options for the use of land at the old Civic Centre site at 1 Devlin Street and surrounds, be put on exhibition for a period of 60 days until a mandate is achieved and endorsed by the full Council to move forward on a plan for the use of the site.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was four (4) For and nine (9) Against. The Amendment was LOST. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo and Pedersen

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Maggio and Tracey

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- (a) Engage a suitably qualified company to seek Expressions of Interest (EOI) for 1 Devlin Street, Ryde (known as Ryde Central), to:
- Test the market potential of the site for long-term leasehold,
 - Identify suitably interested and appropriately qualified parties, and
 - Test other options put forward by the market (where Council retains ownership of the site) and ensure the approach is supported by Council.
- (b) Be informed of the outcomes of the Expression of Interest.
- (c) Support progressing with the schematic design and related investigations (including Carpark utilisation study) for a potential Town Hall and any additional cultural and community facilities located at 150-156 Blaxland Road, Ryde.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

21 TG MILLNER ADDITIONAL FUNDING ALLOCATION

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Tracey)

That Council resolve to allocate the funding detailed in this report for the purpose of compulsory acquisition of the TG Millner Fields, being the property at 146 Vimiera Road, Marsfield. The funding amounts as detailed in the report be allocated from the following internal reserves:

- i. Ryde Central Reserve
- ii. Voluntary Planning Agreement Reserve

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillor Pedersen)

Note: Councillor Pedersen moved an Amendment in relation to this Item. The Mayor, Councillor Brown ruled that implementation of the Amendment would be unlawful and accordingly ruled the Amendment Out of Order.

FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillor Howison)

Note: Councillor Howison moved a Further Amendment in relation to this Item. The Mayor, Councillor Brown ruled that the Amendment was unlawful and accordingly ruled the Amendment Out of Order.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Tracey)

That Council resolve to allocate the funding detailed in this report for the purpose of compulsory acquisition of the TG Millner Fields, being the property at 146 Vimiera Road, Marsfield. The funding amounts as detailed in the report be allocated from the following internal reserves:

- i. Ryde Central Reserve
- ii. Voluntary Planning Agreement Reserve

On being put to the meeting, Councillors Howison and Lo abstained from voting and accordingly, their votes were recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillors Howison, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

Note: All staff with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Manager – People and Business, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance and Civic Services Manager (Administration Officer) left the meeting at 8.57pm.

23 CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2023-2024

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Han and Lara-Watson)

- (a) That Council notes the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel Report 2023-2024 and an overall performance rating of Very Satisfactory.

- (b) That Council endorses the Performance Panel's recommendation contained within the report with regard to the Chief Executive Officer's Annual Total Remuneration Package.
- (c) That the Mayor notify the Chief Executive Officer of the outcome of this performance review and the feedback provided and confirm any changes for the CEO's Performance Agreement.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Pedersen abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Lo, Maggio and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillor Pedersen

Note: The Executive Manager – People and Business left the meeting at 9.12pm. The Chief Executive Officer, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance and Civic Services Manager (Administration Officer) remained in the meeting for consideration of Item 22.

22 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE – Ryde for the Future

Note: Councillor Maggio left the meeting at 9.12pm and did not return. He was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Last)

- (a) That Council endorse, pursuant to Section 332 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Chief Executive Officer to consult with staff and unions regarding implementation on the proposed new structure as recommended in this report.
- (b) That Council endorse the creation of a role of Deputy Chief Executive Officer in the organisational structure, in line with the previous term of office.
- (c) That Council endorse the appointment of the General Manager – City Shaping, Mr Michael Galderisi to the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

23 CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2023-2024

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the Meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

OPEN SESSION

Note: Councillor Maggio was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Deshpande)

- (a) That the Council resolve itself into open Council.
- (b) That the recommendations of Items considered in Closed Session be received and adopted as resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.
- (c) That the Minutes of the Closed Session be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Open Council resumed at 9.28pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

Chairperson