

Meeting Date: Tuesday 22 October 2024

Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online

Time: 6.00pm

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

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors Arya and Lara-Watson.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Acting Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Manager – Parks and Open Spaces, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Fabric, Communications Coordinator, IT System Support Officers, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Reverend Oto Favia of the 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 Last requested a Leave of Absence for the period 25 November 2024 to 8 December 2024 inclusive.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Deshpande)

That Councillor Last's Leave of Absence for the period 25 November 2024 to 8 December 2024 inclusive be approved.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosures of Interest.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Michelle McDowell	Notice of Motion 4 – Completion of current Council projects

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Grish Shah	Increasing Noise Pollution – 1 Rothesay Avenue, Meadowbank
Vicky Sun	Bin Collection – Lucinda Road, Marsfield

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Last)

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 3, Item 5, Item 7, Item 9, Notice of Motion 1 and Notice of Motion 6 listed on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the Reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 27 August 2024

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 11/24, held on 27 August 2024 be confirmed.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 15 October 2024

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 12/24, held on 15 October 2024 be confirmed.

5 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024

RESOLUTION:

That the Register of Pecuniary Interest Disclosures is tabled as required under Clause 4.25 of the *City of Ryde Code of Conduct*.

7 REPORT ON COUNCILLOR EXPENSES – 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2024

RESOLUTION:

That Council receive and note the report and Attachment 1 regarding Councillor expenses and facilities for the period 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024.

9 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Councillor Daniel Han

RESOLUTION:

That Councillor Han's Leave of Absence for the period from Saturday, 26 October 2024 to Sunday, 3 November 2024 inclusive be approved.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 INVESTIGATION INTO THE INSTALLATION OF KERB, GUTTER AND DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG QUEBEC ROAD, CHATSWOOD WEST – Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council staff investigate the current conditions on Quebec Road, Chatswood West, and assess the feasibility of constructing kerb & gutter,

and accompanying drainage infrastructure to manage surface runoff and mitigate flooding issues.

- (b) That Council staff provide a cost estimate for the proposed infrastructure works and identify suitable funding sources.
- (c) That Council staff develop a timeline for integrating these works into future capital works programs.
- (d) That Council staff table a report by the February 2025 Council meeting, detailing the findings of the investigation, cost estimates, timeline and potential funding options.

6 PUTNEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE – Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council approve the community initiative of lighting the Putney Village trees with low voltage lighting.
- (b) That a Christmas tree be installed annually, at a suitable location on public land within the Putney Village.
- (c) That Councillor Maggio's discretionary fund be utilised to carry out the works.

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM36/24 RYDE CENTRAL – Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Brown)

That staff hold a workshop with Councillors prior to the end of 2024 that explores potential options for the 1 Devlin Street, Ryde site that could provide the required funding source for a new, larger town hall than that proposed by the 2017 Council, without selling the site.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM37/24 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPEN SPACE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT – Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Brown)

That staff report back to the December 2024 Council meeting, identifying potential project timelines and funding sources to advance the following critical infrastructure and open space projects within this term of Council:

- 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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM38/24 CAGE FIGHTING – Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown**MOTION:** (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Brown)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the Minns Labor Government has negotiated a \$16m deal to bring cage fighting to Sydney.
- (b) Joins with Domestic Violence NSW and Full Stop Australia who have expressed concerns that the move is counterproductive in addressing the rising scourge of domestic violence.
- (c) Notes the Men's Referral Service experiences a significant increase in calls after a major sporting event from men needing help with violent behaviour.
- (d) Recommends the \$16m be spent on local sporting infrastructure in Ryde, rather than on sporting events that promote violence.
- (e) Calls on the Premier, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Women to instead reallocate this funding to the acquisition of TG Millner, a significant piece of green sporting space in Marsfield.

- (f) Writes to the Minister for Local Government recommending that he support this reallocation, and subsequently reverse his recent decision to block Councils application to make TG Millner public land.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED IN SERIATIM

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Maggio)

That this Item be dealt with in Seriatim.

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

Record of Voting:

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

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Brown)

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On being put to the meeting, Councillors Howison, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen 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, Lara-Watson, Kordrostami, Last, Li and Tracey

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 27 August 2024

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

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 15 October 2024

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

**4 (1) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DELEGATION AND
(2) INTERFACE AND DAY TO DAY OVERSIGHT OF THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER BY THE MAYOR INCLUDING THE MAYOR'S ROLES
AND RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY**

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Deshpande)

- (a) That in accordance with Section 380 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council confirms that the delegation (**ATTACHMENT 1**) be granted to the Chief Executive Officer for the 2024-2028 term of office for the Council.
- (b) That Council adopt the Interface and Day to Day Oversight of the Chief Executive Officer by the Mayor including Mayor's Roles and Responsibilities Policy – October 2024 (**ATTACHMENT 2**).

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillor Howison and Pedersen)

- (a) That in accordance with Section 380 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council confirms that the delegation (**ATTACHMENT 1**) be granted to the Chief Executive Officer for the 2024-2028 term of office for the Council.

- (b) That Council adopt the Interface and Day to Day Oversight of the Chief Executive Officer by the Mayor including Mayor's Roles and Responsibilities Policy – October 2024 (**ATTACHMENT 2**), subject to Item 4 Clause 20 being amended to read as follows:-

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer may agree to fortnightly meetings including with members of the Executive Leadership Team and Manager Business Assurance and Governance. In accordance with Council's resolution of 27 August 2013, these meetings should be minuted and the minutes distributed to Councillors.

Record of Voting:

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

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

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Deshpande)

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- (b) That Council adopt the Interface and Day to Day Oversight of the Chief Executive Officer by the Mayor including Mayor's Roles and Responsibilities Policy – October 2024 (**ATTACHMENT 2**).

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

5 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024

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

6 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY 2024

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

That the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 15 July 2024 be noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 REPORT ON COUNCILLOR EXPENSES - 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2024

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

8 COUNCILLOR DANIEL HAN - ATTENDANCE AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE - 29 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Deshpande)

- (a) That Council notes Councillor Daniel Han's attendance at the Global Strategy Special Committee Conference in Washington D.C. from 29 October 2024 to 31 October 2024.
- (b) That Council notes that Councillor Han has advised that he will be attending the Conference as a member of the Australian Chapter of PUAC and not as a City of Ryde Councillor.
- (c) That Council notes that Councillor Daniel Han will be accepting subsidised accommodation, meals and a partial travel rebate from the organisers of the Conference, the Peaceful Unification Advisory Committee (PUAC) as outlined in the report and accordingly must complete the necessary Gifts and Benefits Form.
- (d) That Councillor Han provide a report to Council regarding the Conference upon his return.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Maggio)

That Council:

- (a) Note that Councillor Han is free to travel and attend conferences at his own expense as private citizen.
- (b) Not endorse the use of Councillor Han's title (as Councillor at City of Ryde) to register at the conference or have it printed on any name badges or materials at the conference as he is not representing Council outside of Australia.
- (c) That the Chief Executive Officer works with Councillor Han to make sure all required gift declarations for travel and accommodation are lawfully declared.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Kordrostami abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Motion. The voting on the Amendment was four (4) For and nine (9) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

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

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

FURTHER AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillor Maggio)

- (a) That Council notes Councillor Daniel Han's attendance at the Global Strategy Special Committee Conference in Washington D.C. from 29 October 2024 to 31 October 2024.
- (b) That Council notes that Councillor Han has advised that he will be attending the Conference as a member of the Australian Chapter of PUAC and not as a City of Ryde Councillor.
- (c) That Councillor Daniel Han should not be accepting subsidised accommodation, meals and a partial travel rebate from the organisers of the Conference, the Peaceful Unification Advisory Committee (PUAC) as outlined in the report and accordingly must complete the necessary Gifts and Benefits Form.

Note: The Motion lapsed due to the lack of a Secunder.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Deshpande)

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- (c) That Council notes that Councillor Daniel Han will be accepting subsidised accommodation, meals and a partial travel rebate from the organisers of the Conference, the Peaceful Unification Advisory Committee (PUAC) as outlined in the report and accordingly must complete the necessary Gifts and Benefits Form.
- (d) That Councillor Han provide a report to Council regarding the Conference upon his return.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

9 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Councillor Daniel Han

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

10 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

11 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

12 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - STATE OF OUR CITY REPORT 2021-2024

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 INVESTIGATION INTO THE INSTALLATION OF KERB, GUTTER AND DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG QUEBEC ROAD, CHATSWOOD WEST - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

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

2 BUILDING OF NEW EASTWOOD CAR PARK AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES - Councillor Justin Li

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Last)

(a) Council notes:

- it is a major priority of a majority of Councillors elected to this new Council term to replace the ageing Glen Street car park in Eastwood with a new car park and also provide new indoor community facilities on the Western side of Eastwood as soon as possible; and
- although artist impressions of a proposed new replacement car park and public plaza on the western side of Eastwood had been published by Council in 2019, funds were not set aside in Council Reserves for this project which would require in the vicinity of \$80m.

(b) That in order to progress this critical project, the Chief Executive Officer provide a report back to Council by end of March 2025 outlining the following:

- i. the best use options for the current Glen Street car park land that would enable Council to unlock the funds needed to build the replacement car park and community facilities on the western side of Eastwood while retaining Council's ownership of the site; and
- ii. recommendations on the best possible location for the new Eastwood car park on the western side of Eastwood (noting that in the short term the existing Glen Street car park must remain operational until a new replacement car park is built).

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 24/7 LIBRARY IN CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Justin Li

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Han)

(a) Council notes:

- previous Council reports have considered and researched extended library hours and models of unmanned 24/7 libraries in other local government areas; and
- it is a major priority of a majority of Councillors elected to this new Council term to open Ryde's first 24/7 Library as soon as practicable.

(b) That the Chief Executive Officer provides a report back to Council on the following by end of March 2025:

1. the most suitable location within the City of Ryde to conduct a 12 month trial of its first 24/7 library.
2. the required resourcing and budget required to conduct such a trial so that it may be included in upcoming Operational and Delivery plans, Halls and Facilities Strategy, and the new Libraries Strategy to be developed in 2025.
3. feedback from a broad range of community members such as existing users, students, workers, professionals, local businesses and families on their needs.
4. the availability of additional funding sources, including but not limited to:
 - i. Council's Capital Works Budget,
 - ii. State and Federal Government grants,
 - iii. Public-private partnerships, and
 - iv. Any other suitable funding opportunities.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 COMPLETION OF CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS - Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: Councillor Maggio withdrew this Motion.

5 RYDE CENTRAL PROJECT - Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Brown ruled that this Motion not be considered by Council as a substantially similar Motion had already been dealt with by Council at this meeting.

6 PUTNEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024

Chairperson