

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 15 October 2024

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

**Time:** 6.06pm

**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, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Fabric, Acting Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Communications Coordinator, IT System Support Officers and Civic Support Officer.

### **PRAYER**

The Mayor, Councillor Brown 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.

### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 7 – 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference – Tamworth – 17 to 19 November 2024 for the reason that she is a Board Member for Local Government NSW.

### **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.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **1 MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE**

In accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, Councillors (including Mayors) are required to take an Oath or Affirmation of Office at or before the first meeting of Council.

The Chief Executive Officer invited each Councillor to stand and undertake either the Oath or Affirmation of Office.

The following Councillors undertook the Oath of Office:-

- The Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown
- Councillor Daniel Han
- Councillor Lyndal Howison
- Councillor Cameron Last
- Councillor Justin Li
- Councillor Roy Maggio
- Councillor Kathy Tracey

The following Councillors undertook the Affirmation of Office:-

- Councillor Shweta Deshpande
- Councillor Tina Kordrostami
- Councillor Dr Felix Lo
- Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson previously undertook the Oath of Office before the Chief Executive Officer in the Council Chambers on 4 October 2024.

Note: Councillor Keanu Arya previously undertook the Affirmation of Office before the Chief Executive Officer in the Council Chambers on 4 October 2024.

**2 DETERMINATION OF OFFICE AND FEE OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Han and Li)

- (a) That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period until September 2025, then annually for a 12 month term.
- (b) That where the Deputy Mayor is to act in the Office of the Mayor, that this is to be done by way of a Council resolution.
- (c) That where there is a Council resolution in accordance with (b) above, the Deputy Mayor will be paid a fee to undertake the responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor on a pro rata basis, deducted from the Mayoral Fee.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, presented the options on the method of voting for Deputy Mayor and requested a motion in respect of this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Li and Deshpande)

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor be open voting by show of hands.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period until September 2025 by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

As a result, THE METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR WAS OPEN VOTING BY SHOW OF HANDS.

The Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, advised that there were two (2 ) nominations for Office of Deputy Mayor, namely Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson and Councillor Felix Lo.

The Chief Executive Officer invited further nominations. There were no further nominations.

THE ELECTION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR was conducted by the Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, which resulted in the following voting:

**Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson**                      **8 votes**

Voting in favour: The Mayor, Councillor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, and Tracey

**Councillor Felix Lo**                                      **5 votes**

Voting in favour: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

As a result of the voting, COUNCILLOR SOPHIE LARA-WATSON WAS DULY ELECTED DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING PERIOD UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2025.

**4 CASUAL VACANCIES OCCURRING IN THE OFFICE OF A COUNCILLOR WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF THE ORDINARY ELECTION HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Li and Tracey)

That pursuant to Section 291A(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act* 1993 (the Act), City of Ryde Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a Councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of Councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with Section 291A of the Act, and directs the Chief Executive Officer to notify the NSW Electoral Commissioner of the Council's decision within seven days of the decision.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**5 SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MEETING DATES**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Tracey)

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Schedule of Meeting Dates as detailed in the report and provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**, noting that the schedule may be amended at any time, subject to one month transition period to allow for public notices to be given.
- (b) That Council endorse a Council meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of December 2024, being 10 December 2024.

- (c) That Council note that the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 22 April 2025 has been moved to Tuesday, 29 April 2025.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**6 EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Appointment of Delegates**

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Lara-Watson)

- (a) That Council appoint the following delegates to NSROC:-

- The Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown
- Councillor Shweta Deshpande as a formal delegate
- Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson and Councillor Keanu Arya as alternate delegates

- (b) That Council appoint Councillor Cameron Last, Councillor Keanu Arya, Councillor Tina Kordrostami and Councillor Kathy Tracey as Council's delegates to the Sydney North Planning Panel.

- (c) That Council appoint Councillor Penny Pedersen as a formal delegate and Councillor Tina Kordrostami and Councillor Shweta Deshpande as alternate delegates to the Parramatta River Catchment Group.

- (d) That Council appoint Councillor Penny Pedersen as a formal delegate and Councillor Daniel Han as an alternate delegate to the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) Committee.

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

- (a) That Council appoint the following delegates to NSROC:-

- The Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown
- Councillor Penny Pedersen as a formal delegate
- Councillor Lyndal Howison and Councillor Felix Lo as alternate delegates

- (b) That Council appoint Councillor Tina Kordrostami and Councillor Felix Lo as delegates and Councillor Penny Pedersen and one other Councillor as alternate delegates to the Sydney North Planning Panel.

- (c) That Council appoint Councillor Penny Pedersen as a formal delegate and Councillor Tina Kordrostami as an alternate delegate to the Parramatta River Catchment Group.

- (d) That Council appoint Councillor Penny Pedersen as a formal delegate and Councillor Daniel Han as an alternate delegate to the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) Committee.
- (e) That Council appoint Councillor Penny Pedersen as a delegate to the Hunters Hill/Lane Cove/Parramatta/Ryde Bush Fire Management Committee.

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

**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

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

- (a) That Council appoint the following delegates to NSROC:-
- The Mayor, Councillor Trenton Brown
  - Councillor Shweta Deshpande as a formal delegate
  - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson and Councillor Keanu Arya as alternate delegates
- (b) That Council appoint Councillor Cameron Last, Councillor Keanu Arya, Councillor Tina Kordrostami and Councillor Kathy Tracey as Council's delegates to the Sydney North Planning Panel.
- (c) That Council appoint Councillor Penny Pedersen as a formal delegate and Councillor Tina Kordrostami and Councillor Shweta Deshpande as alternate delegates to the Parramatta River Catchment Group.
- (d) That Council appoint Councillor Penny Pedersen as a formal delegate and Councillor Daniel Han as an alternate delegate to the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) Committee.

**Record of Voting:**

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Howison and Pedersen

**7 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - TAMWORTH  
- 17 TO 19 NOVEMBER 2024**

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is a Board Member for Local Government NSW.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Li and Last)

- (a) That Council resolve to not send any voting delegates to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.
- (b) That Council recommend to the CEO that no staff attend the LGNSW Annual Conference.

**Record of Voting:**

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Howison, Lo and Pedersen

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

Chairperson