



MINUTES: 3725th EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT

The Mayor, Jilly Gibson, in the Chair, and Councillors Baker, Barbour, Beregi, Brodie, Drummond, Keen and Mutton.

At the commencement of business (7.01pm) those present were:
The Mayor, and Councillors Baker, Barbour, Beregi, Brodie, Drummond, Keen and Mutton.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Councillor Keen.

317. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Apologies and Applications for Leave of Absence by Councillors

318. Item 1: Leave of Absence – Crs Carr and Gunning

Report of Ian Curry, Manager Governance and Committee Services

Councillor Carr is seeking leave of absence for the period 18 to 24 November 2019 inclusive as he will be interstate.

A leave of absence is a formal permission granted by way of council resolution to a Councillor excusing that Councillor's attendance at a particular meeting. It is sought by way of application to the Council. It is recognised in the Code of Meeting Practice.

Recommending:

1. THAT Councillor Carr be granted leave of absence for the period 18 to 24 November 2019 inclusive.

Councillor Gunning has also indicated his inability to attend the Extraordinary Council meeting on 18 November 2019.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Beregi,

1. THAT Councillor Carr be granted leave of absence for the period 18 to 24 November 2019 inclusive.

2. THAT Councillor Gunning be granted leave of absence for the meeting of

18 November 2019.

The Motion was put and **carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8/0

| Councillor | Yes | No | Councillor | Yes | No |
|------------|---------------|----|------------|---------------|----|
| Gibson | Y | | Barbour | Y | |
| Beregi | Y | | Drummond | Y | |
| Keen | Y | | Gunning | Absent | |
| Brodie | Y | | Mutton | Y | |
| Carr | Absent | | Baker | Y | |

RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Councillor Carr be granted leave of absence for the period 18 to 24 November 2019 inclusive.
- 2. THAT** Councillor Gunning be granted leave of absence for the meeting of 18 November 2019.

Reports to Council

319. **Item 2: Ward Boundaries – Amended Proposal for 2020 Election**

Report of Ian Curry, Manager Governance and Committee Services

At its meeting on 23 September 2019, Council considered a report submitted to the Governance and Finance Committee regarding the Ward boundaries and resolved:

- 1. THAT Option 1 be selected as Council's preferred option for the revised North Sydney Council Ward boundaries.*
- 2. THAT the NSW Electoral Commission be advised of Council's resolution.*
- 3. THAT a further report be submitted to Council following public advertising of the approved option.*

Option 1 made minor boundary alterations to the current three ward structure to ensure the number of electors in each remained within quota.

After submitting the proposed boundaries to the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC), Council was advised that, due to the result of the 2012 and 2017 referendum regarding the election of the Mayor by Councillors, Council will continue to have ten (10) civic offices or councillor positions (including the Mayor) at the next election and not nine (9) as previously thought. As there must be an equal number of Councillors in each ward and the Mayor is no longer to be elected by all the electors of the Local Government area, it is necessary to alter the number of wards.

Council has received a cost estimate from NSWEC of \$491,557 (excl GST) to conduct the 2020 Council elections. This quote was provided prior to the advice regarding the number of councillors to be elected and is subject to change should extra costs be incurred, such as the preparation of new electoral rolls.

Council Staff will attempt to minimise the actual cost in consultation with NSWEC as more detailed planning takes place and bookings for polling places are finalised.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council note the advice from the Office of Local Government regarding the number of civic offices to be elected at the 2020 elections and the need to alter the Ward structure.
- 2. THAT** Council endorse the revised two (2) Ward boundary proposal attached to this report.
- 3. THAT** Council name the proposed two new Wards North and South.

4. **THAT** the proposed two (2) Ward structure be placed on public exhibition in accordance with s210(A) of the Local Government Act.
5. **THAT** a further report be provided to Council to consider any submissions received.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Barbour,

Resolution 1

1. **THAT** Council note the advice from the Office of Local Government regarding the number of civic offices to be elected at the 2020 elections and the need to alter the Ward structure.
2. **THAT** Council endorse the revised two (2) Ward boundary proposal attached to this report.
3. **THAT** the proposed two (2) Ward structure be placed on public exhibition in accordance with s210(A) of the Local Government Act.
4. **THAT** a further report be provided to Council to consider any submissions received.

The Motion was put and **carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 4/4

| Councillor | Yes | No | Councillor | Yes | No |
|------------|---------------|----|------------|---------------|----|
| Gibson | Y | | Barbour | Y | |
| Beregi | | N | Drummond | Y | |
| Keen | | N | Gunning | Absent | |
| Brodie | Y | | Mutton | | N |
| Carr | Absent | | Baker | | N |

**The Mayor used her casting vote to vote For the Item*

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** Council note the advice from the Office of Local Government regarding the number of civic offices to be elected at the 2020 elections and the need to alter the Ward structure.
2. **THAT** Council endorse the revised two (2) Ward boundary proposal attached to this report.
3. **THAT** the proposed two (2) Ward structure be placed on public exhibition in accordance with s210(A) of the Local Government Act.
4. **THAT** a further report be provided to Council to consider any submissions received.

Resolution 2 – Naming of the Ward

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Barbour,

1. **THAT** Council name the proposed two new Wards Cammeraygal North and Cammeraygal South.
2. **THAT** Council specifically seek community feedback through the exhibition period on the naming of the Wards.

An Amendment was moved by Councillor Brodie, seconded by Councillor Baker,

1. **THAT** Council name the proposed two new Wards St Leonards (North) and Cammeraygal (South).
2. **THAT** Council specifically seek community feedback through the exhibition period on the naming of the Wards.

The Amendment was put and **carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8/0

| Councillor | Yes | No | Councillor | Yes | No |
|------------|---------------|----|------------|---------------|----|
| Gibson | Y | | Barbour | Y | |
| Beregi | Y | | Drummond | Y | |
| Keen | Y | | Gunning | Absent | |
| Brodie | Y | | Mutton | Y | |
| Carr | Absent | | Baker | Y | |

The Amendment became the Motion and was put and **carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8/0

| Councillor | Yes | No | Councillor | Yes | No |
|------------|---------------|----|------------|---------------|----|
| Gibson | Y | | Barbour | Y | |
| Beregi | Y | | Drummond | Y | |
| Keen | Y | | Gunning | Absent | |
| Brodie | Y | | Mutton | Y | |
| Carr | Absent | | Baker | Y | |

RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council name the proposed two new Wards St Leonards (North) and Cammeraygal (South).
- 2. THAT** Council specifically seek community feedback through the exhibition period on the naming of the Wards.

320.

Item 3: Corporate Advertising

Report of Sandra Moore, Manager Communications & Events

Council advertises a wide range of information to the community, including development applications, notices of meetings, policies and major projects and community events. Legislation mandates advertising for a wide range of public notices to be in a widely circulated newspaper. While the legislation ensured transparency in the pre-digital era, readership of newspapers is declining and digital advertising (often less expensive) is increasing. IPART recommended the NSW Government review the legislation in this regard, however, the NSW Government did not support this recommendation.

An internal review of newspaper advertising options has been undertaken. As the review contains commercial-in-confidence financial and business information, it has been provided to Council as a confidential report in accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) and (d) of the Local Government Act.

In order for Councillors to discuss the content of this Confidential report it will be necessary to close the Council meeting to the public.

Funding for corporate advertising is included in the current operational budget. Council currently spends in the order of \$225,000 per year on newspaper advertising to meet the different legislative requirements.

Funding for the project is appropriate.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the proposed advertising plan for 2020.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Brodie, seconded by Councillor Gibson,

1. THAT Council note the report and continue to support the local paper (Mosman Daily) at this time.

The Motion was put and **carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 4/4

| Councillor | Yes | No | Councillor | Yes | No |
|------------|--------|----|------------|--------|----|
| Gibson | Y | | Barbour | Y | |
| Beregi | | N | Drummond | Y | |
| Keen | | N | Gunning | Absent | |
| Brodie | Y | | Mutton | | N |
| Carr | Absent | | Baker | | N |

**The Mayor used her casting vote to vote For the Item*

RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council note the report and continue to support the local paper (Mosman Daily) at this time.

The Meeting concluded at 7.38 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER