



Hawkesbury City Council

ordinary meeting minutes

date of meeting: 26 September 2006

location: council chambers

time: 5:00 p.m.

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on Tuesday, 26 September 2006, commencing at 5:02pm.

Captain Cheryl Symonds of the Salvation Army, representing the Hawkesbury Minister's Association, gave the opening prayer at the commencement of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councillor R Stubbs, Mayor, Councillor B Bassett, Deputy Mayor and Councillors T Books, B Calvert, K Conolly, T Devine, D Finch, C Paine, B Porter, P Rasmussen and N Wearne and L Williams

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Paine, B Calvert and L Williams

349 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Rasmussen that the apologies be accepted.

Councillor Williams arrived at the meeting at 5:06pm
Councillor Paine arrived at the meeting at 5:11pm
Councillor Calvert arrived at the meeting at 6:18pm

SECTION 1: Confirmation of Minutes

350 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen and seconded by Councillor Devine that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 12 September 2006, be confirmed with an alteration to Item 219 as follows:

Delete reference to South Windsor Tip and replace with Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility.

351 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Bassett and seconded by Councillor Wearne that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 19 September 2006, be confirmed.

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SECTION 3 - Notices of Motion

RM - Rescission Motion - Walk Against Warming - (80104, 80105, 80106, 79351)

MOTION:

A MOTION was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That the resolution to Item: 196 - "GM – Walk Against Warming" of the 29 August 2006 be rescinded.

The motion was lost.

SECTION 4 - Reports for Determination

CITY PLANNING

Item: 226 **CP - Strategic Planning Advisory Committee - Item 3 - Metropolitan Strategy & Rural Planning Issues - Part A - (95498, 91368)**

Councillor Devine declared an interest in this matter as he owns land in the South Windsor Extension Area. He left the meeting and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

Councillor Conolly declared an interest in this matter as his employer owns land in the South Windsor Extension Area. He left the meeting and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

Mr Neville Diamond and Mr Bill Sneddon, respondents, addressed the Council.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Porter.

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An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Paine, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

That Council continue to:

1. Lobby for the upgrading of the Blacktown-Richmond Road and its capacity for Regional Flood Evacuation.
2. Lobby for the preservation of the rail corridor to provide for the future extension of the North West Rail line to the Richmond Line.
3. Participate in sub regional planning work and the preparation of the sub regional strategies.
4. Pursue Vineyard and North Bligh Park/South Windsor for future urban development, as outlined in the report.

The amendment was lost.

The motion was put and carried

352 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Porter

That Council continue to:

1. Lobby for the upgrading of the Blacktown-Richmond Road and its capacity for Regional Flood Evacuation.

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2. Lobby for the preservation of the rail corridor to provide for the future extension of the North West Rail line to the Richmond Line.
3. Participate in sub regional planning work and the preparation of the sub regional strategies.
4. Pursue North Richmond, Wilberforce, Vineyard and North Bligh Park/South Windsor for future urban development, as outlined in the report.

Item: 227 **CP - Strategic Planning Advisory Committee - Item 3 - Metropolitan Strategy & Rural Planning Issues - Part B - (95498, 91368)**

Councillors Bassett, Porter and Rasmussen declared interests in this matter as they own land west of the River. They left the meeting and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Paine.

Refer to RESOLUTION

353 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Paine

That:

1. Council workshop the findings of the Rural Resource Lands Study.
2. The Mayor pursue the creation of the proposed Mayoral Taskforce for the co-ordinated management of the rural and resource lands for the greater metropolitan area.

Item: 228 **CP - Strategic Planning Advisory Committee - Item 3 - Metropolitan Strategy & Rural Planning Issues - Part C - (95498, 91368)**

Councillors Bassett, Porter and Rasmussen declared interests in this matter as they own land west of the River. They left the meeting and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

354 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That :

1. The information be received.
2. The report arising from the Notice of Motion be reported directly to Council following the Workshop instead of through the Strategic Planning Committee.

COMMERCIAL STRATEGY

Item: 229 **CS - Australian Sister Cities Association - (91811, 83119, 107)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

355 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That the attendance of 2 Councillors plus staff as considered appropriate by the General Manager, at the Australian Sister Cities Association National Conference in Devonport from 12 to 15 November 2006, be approved at a cost of approximately \$1,050 per delegate plus travel and accommodation.

356 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Finch.

That Councillors Finch and Paine represent Council as its nominated representatives at the Australian Sister Cities Association National Conference in Devonport from 12 to 15 November 2006.

EXTERNAL SERVICES

Item: 230 ES - Proposed Adoption of an Enforcement Policy - (95494, 96330)

Mr Neville Diamond and Mr Bill Sneddon, proponents, addressed the Council.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Williams.

Refer to RESOLUTION

357 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Williams

That the Enforcement Policy attached to the report in connection with this matter be advertised for 28 days for public comment.

Item: 231 ES - Customer Service and Communication Strategy - (95494)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Finch.

Refer to RESOLUTION

358 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Finch

That Council workshop the Customer Service and Communication Strategy for Hawkesbury City Council.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Item: 232 IS - Various Locations, Windsor - Road Naming Proposals - (79346)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Books.

Refer to RESOLUTION

359 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Books

That public comment be sought regarding naming of the following public roads as indicated:

1. The public road extending in a south-westerly direction between No's 19 and 25 Johnston Street, Windsor to the north-eastern boundary of Windsor Riverview Shopping Centre, as Union Lane; and,
2. The public road extending in a north-easterly direction between No 20 Fitzgerald Street and No 181 George Street, Windsor, as Pulsford Lane.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

Item: 233 SS - Monthly Investments Report - August 2006

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Books.

Refer to RESOLUTION

360 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Books

That the information be received.

**Item: 234 SS - Referral of Draft General Purpose Financial Report and Special Purpose
Financial Report for the Period Ended 30 June 2006 for Audit - (96332)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Books.

Refer to RESOLUTION

361 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Books

That Council refer the Draft General Purpose Financial Report and Special Purpose Financial Report for the period ended 30 June 2006 for audit.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

362 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

That the Confidential Reports be moved to the end of the Business Paper and dealt with as the last item.

363 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Porter.

That:

1. The Council meeting be closed to deal with confidential matters and in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993, members of the Press and the public be excluded from the Council Chambers during consideration of the following items:

Item: 235 IS - Tender 002FY07 - Building Painting Services Tender Evaluation Report

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to details concerning tenders for the supply of goods and /or services to Council and it is considered that the realisation of the information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person or organisation with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting, would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

2. In accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) & (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993 the reports, correspondence and other relevant documentation relating to these matters be withheld from the Press and public.

The Mayor asked for representation from members of the public as to why Council should not go into closed Council to deal with these confidential matters.

There was no response, therefore, the Press and the public left the Council Chambers.

364 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen that open meeting be resumed.

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Item: 235 **IS - Tender 002FY07 - Building Painting Services Tender Evaluation Report - (79340)**

Councillor Devine declared an interest in this matter as one of his family members works for one of the tenderers, he left the meeting and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

MOTION:

The Acting General Manager advised that whilst in closed session, Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Porter.

Refer to RESOLUTION

365 RESOLUTION:

The Acting General Manager advised that whilst in closed session, Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Porter

That:

1. The tender of Rapid Construction Pty Ltd of level 1, 407 Church Street, Parramatta NSW 2151 for the painting of various council buildings for the reduced sum of \$171,875.00, including GST be accepted.
2. Authority be given for documents in association with this matter to be executed under the Seal of Council, if necessary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

Item: 236 **IS - WSROC Asphalt Project - (79344, 74251)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Bassett.

Refer to RESOLUTION

366 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Bassett

That the WSROC Regional Asphalt Project be supported with Council's contribution to a maximum of \$7,700, including GST, be provided from the Roadworks, Maintenance and Construction Budget.

LATE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

Item: 237 **IS - Rural Fire Service Estimates 2007/2008 - Hawkesbury District - (95495, 79016, 73835)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Finch.

Refer to RESOLUTION

367 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Finch.

That:

1. The 2007/2008 Rural Fire Fighting Fund estimates as submitted by the NSW Rural Fire Service be endorsed in principle.
2. Based on the advice that there will be no additional discretionary funding greater than \$250,000 (indexed to the CPI), should the Rural Fire Service seek additional funds from the Rural Fire Fighting Fund, a request for an extension of time to allow further consideration by Council be requested.
3. Consideration of the request for additional funding above the existing 2006/2007 Budget Allocation be deferred until Council's 2007/08 Budget estimates are determined.

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1. Councillor Finch referred to an earlier request to name the Bridge between McGraths Hill and Windsor after a young man who was killed there. She commented that the request was forwarded to the RTA as it didn't come in under Council's jurisdiction. At the time, there were no objections and she had received a phone call today advising that the State Government has written two letters to Council asking that Council give them something in writing about there being no objections to the request. Councillor Finch asked, why, after two letters, Council hadn't been able to answer them.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that there hadn't been two letters and that he had been contacted by a representative from the RTA who advised that there was a letter coming. He advised that Council wrote to the RTA on the basis of Council's previous resolution. The RTA have now written back asking if it had the greater community support. The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the matter will need to be re-reported to Council to see if Council is satisfied that the matter does have the greater community support and how this will be done is by advertising the process.

Councillor Finch asked why Council would be requested to do this as it had already been reported to Council and there had been no previous objections.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that there was no advertising as part of the process and that the matter was reported to Council on the basis of the suggestion to forward it to the RTA, which is what occurred and the RTA has had someone who is concerned about the naming and they want to see the greater community canvassed on whether they are happy with the name.

2. Councillor Books asked if it was possible for Council to arrange a meeting with National Parks and Wildlife Service who are in charge of the area. He referred to the fire which occurred over the weekend over the National Parks Fire Wall and burnt out a few homes. Councillor Books had heard over the radio that there had been discussion with the NPWS about doing hazard reductions over the past four years. Councillor Books wanted to know who was responsible?

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that there is a Committee that operates as part of the RFS which includes all agencies including NPWS and local fire brigades. They discuss hazard reductions and identify and plan them as part of the Committee meetings and are undertaken on a plan basis to do back-burning and reduce hazards. He advised that Scheyville has been done and is being done in a mosaic pattern over the next few years.

3. Councillor Calvert referred to the BP Garage at Kurmond and advised that if travelling in an eastern direction, if someone is trying to turn into the garage, passing cars have to go around that car and that there had been a few cases of cars and trucks going on the footpath when going around. He asked if the matter could be referred to the Local Traffic Committee so the matter could be investigated.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the matter would be referred to the Local Traffic Committee.

4. Councillor Calvert referred to the investigations that were going to occur in relation to relocation a street light outside Windsor High School and asked if there had been any progress in relation to the matter.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that he met with the Deputy Principal last Friday afternoon and looked at some proposals. He advised that he had spoken with Integral Energy and we are waiting for them to come back with some suggestions on how we can accomplish moving the street light.

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5. Councillor Paine referred to the BP Service Station at Kurmond and the Council park beside it. She asked if it could be slashed or mowed as it is a site that periodically needs to be checked and there is apparently a snake there.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the matter would be investigated.

6. Councillor Paine wanted to thank the person who was responsible for responding to her in relation to the HARTDAC request at the last Council Meeting.
7. Councillor Paine referred to Country Week that was held at Rosehill Race Course recently and advised that the Mayor of Grenfell was speaking to a Hawkesbury Councillor in relation to exchanges between Grenfell and Hawkesbury Councils much like a Sister City style exchange. She advised that there was currently a successful program between Penrith City Council and Condobolin and asked if the matter could be investigated.

The Mayor advised that a matter, in the past, had been referred to the Sister City Association.

Councillor Paine asked if Council staff could contact Penrith City Council to find out how they are doing their exchanges.

8. Councillor Paine referred to the McQuade Park facilities that had been completed at a cost of \$27,000 and advised that it has been a great success for both McQuade Park and Council. Councillor Paine asked if Council had any further developments happening like that.

Councillor Devine, as Council's Sports Council Representative, commented that this was one of the projects that had been carried out by those sporting organisations that are associated with the Sports Council, a motion was moved some time ago acknowledging the efforts of those in the Sports Council. He advised that these sporting community has always pitched in and a lot of the improvements that have been done are not a one off, but a regular occurrence.

Councillor Paine commented that it was really important to Council to acknowledge the work that the community groups undertake.

9. Councillor Rasmussen advised that he attended the AGM for the Sports Council and referred to the \$6.50 per player fee and the large amount families have to pay out when you multiply the fee by three sports and two or three kids. He asked if Council could take the issue on board to try and find some way in which to review the fee, or find some way of reviewing the situation as it could be preventing kids from playing sports and this becomes a community issue when we are trying to get the kids up off the couch.

Councillor Devine, as Council's Sports Council representative, advised that the complaint originally came as a ground charge complaint and consumables. The complaint about the ground charge was dissipated fairly quickly when the charge was compared with Penrith Council's charges. The \$6.50 fee for consumables is not a weekly fee, but a season one off fee for the entire season and this was pointed out at the AGM. It works out to be approximately 30c per occasion/per game, which is a very low figure when you consider when you child is involved in swimming the admission fee is around \$4.00 each time. He advised that whilst the Sports Council is conscious of these charges, nevertheless, the expense has to come from somewhere.

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10. Councillor Rasmussen referred to a group called TRAX and they are seeking Council's support with Integral Energy to facilitate the movement of an easement up at the Timms Hill Road property that Integral owns as this is the place of the old Kurrajong Railway Station. Councillor Rasmussen wanted to know if Council had contacted Integral and if we had offered any support as apparently nothing more can happen unless Council supports it.

The Mayor advised that a meeting was held today and that the initial step will be a letter from them.

The Director City Planning advised that Council requested the organisations to make a submission to Council so it can be reported here to this forum and an official approach can be made about the transfer. He advised that in the meantime, the Director Infrastructure Services will be contacting Integral Energy to discuss it with them, but the presentation was only today with the Mayor.

The Mayor advised that the proposal does involve the relocation of an environmental heritage item from Australiana Pioneer Village being the old Goods Shed so that the concurrence of the Heritage Council is also required and it is a slightly involved process.

11. Councillor Rasmussen referred to the intersection of Windsor Street and Mosses Street in Windsor and advised that it is a major problem for most residents. He asked if there was any update from the Local Traffic Committee about that intersection and if there wasn't, could Council refer the matter to the Local Traffic Committee.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that Council can investigate the accident history of the intersection and investigate whether it warrants reporting to Local Traffic Committee.

12. Councillor Conolly referred to a Motion he moved in relation to the relocation of the Wilberforce Bush Fire Brigade Shed and the exploration of a site. He asked if the resolution for that Motion included a report back to Council regarding the outcome of that.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that it did and it will be forthcoming. He advised that there had been a lot of back and forth between the organisations. The site has been looked at and the basic shed design has been put on the site and it still has to be estimated for the work that needs to be done and it should be reported within the next few Council Meetings.

13. Councillor Porter referred to the Orange Spot and advised that a few kilometres either side of the Orange Spot, there are signs on every telegraph pole and post. He asked if there was anything Council could do to confiscate the signs as they are a traffic hazard and asked if the matter could be looked into it.

The Director External Services advised that it would be investigated.

The meeting terminated at 7:19pm

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on 10 October 2006.

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Mayor