

# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Camden Council  
Administration Centre  
70 Central Avenue  
Oran Park

14 May 2024



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**MEETING COMMENCED AT 6.30PM****PRESENT****In person:**

Cr A Cagney (Mayor/Chairperson)  
Cr C Cagney  
Cr Campbell  
Cr Dommaraju  
Cr Farrow  
Cr McLean  
Cr Symkowiak  
Cr Zammit

**Remote:**

Nil

**STAFF**

General Manager  
Director Community Assets  
Director Customer and Corporate Strategy  
Director Growth and Finance  
Director Planning and Environment  
Director Sport, Community and Activation  
Chief Financial Officer  
Manager Assets and Design Services  
Manager Community Outcomes  
Manager Legal and Governance  
Manager Major Projects  
Manager Open Space and Sustainability  
Manager Public Affairs  
Manager Sport and Recreation  
Manager Strategic Planning  
Senior Governance Officer  
Governance Officer  
Governance Administration Officer

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Motion: Moved Councillor Symkowiak, Seconded Councillor Farrow that Councillor Fedeli be granted leave of absence.

ORD51/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**APPROVAL TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK**

There were no requests to attend by audio-visual link.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations to be noted.

## **PUBLIC ADDRESSES**

Mr Thiruvasan Nagan addressed Council in relation to ORD14 - Notice of Motion - Repurposing of Courts at Cunningham Reserve, Gregory Hills.

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor McLean that Mr Nagan be granted a two minute extension.

ORD52/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Zammit that the public addresses be noted.

ORD53/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 9 April 2024, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

ORD54/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

## **ORD01 PRE-PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS - RIDGELINES AND STEEP LAND**

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that Council:

- i. endorse amendment of Camden Development Control Plan 2019, Growth Centres Development Control Plan and Oran Park Development Control Plan to include controls for ridgelines and steep land for the purposes of public exhibition;
- ii. exhibit the draft amendments to the Camden, Growth Centres and Oran Park Development Control Plans in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Regulations*;

- iii. notify the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure of the exhibition of the draft amendments to the Camden, Growth Centres and Oran Park Development Control Plans in accordance with the amended delegations issued by the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on 19 January 2015;
- iv. at the conclusion of the public exhibition period:
  - a. if there are no unresolved submissions, grant delegation to the General Manager to adopt the Development Control Plan amendments;
  - b. publicly notify the adoption of the Development Control Plans in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Regulations*; or
  - c. if unresolved submissions are received, consider a further report that outlines the results of the public exhibition for Council's consideration.

ORD55/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD02 PRE-PUBLIC EXHIBITION - SCOPING STUDY FOR VOLUNTARY HOUSE RAISING NEPEAN RIVER CATCHMENT**

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council:

- i. endorse the draft Scoping Study for Voluntary House Raising to be placed on public exhibition for 21 days; and
- ii. receive a further report following the public exhibition.

ORD56/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD03 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - SAVING OUR SPECIES - ELDERSLIE BANKSIA SCRUB FOREST**

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council:

- i. accept the grant funding of \$12,500 (excl. GST) through the NSW Government's Saving our Species program to undertake conservation works for Elderslie Banksia Scrub Forest in Spring Farm, and allocate the funding in the 2023/24 Budget;
- ii. write to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MP, Minister for the Environment and Heritage, thanking her for the grant; and

- iii. write to Sally Quinnell MP, Member for Camden, thanking her for her support.

ORD57/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD04 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - TRANSPORT FOR NSW – VIBRANT STREETS PACKAGE - OPEN STREETS PROGRAM 2024 - CAMDEN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council:

- i. accept the grant funding of \$140,000 (excl. GST) from the Transport for NSW Open Streets Program for inclusion in the 2024/25 budget to deliver the 2024 Camden Christmas Festival;
- ii. write to The Hon. Jo Haylen MP, Minister for Transport, thanking the NSW Government for the grant; and
- iii. write to Mrs Sally Quinnell MP, Member for Camden, Mr Nathan Hagarty MP, Member for Leppington, and Mrs Tanya Davies MP, Member for Badgerys Creek, thanking them for their support.

ORD58/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD05 MARCH REVIEW OF THE 2023/24 BUDGET**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council:

- i. adopt the budget variations contained within this report and confirm the allocation of the March 2024 Quarterly Budget Review surplus of \$88,224 be transferred to the Capital Works Reserve;
- ii. authorise an increase in the IT Master Operating Lease Facility to \$2,500,000 (excl. GST);
- iii. approve the allocation of \$850,000 for the Springs Road Roundabout Construction Project in the 2024/25 Budget and Capital Works Program be funded through the proceeds from sale of the part road closure (under the *Roads Act 1993*) at Macarthur Road Spring Farm; and
- iv. approve the reallocation of \$596,000 from the Nugget Beames Reserve Project to the Hilder Reserve Development Stage 1 Project in the 2024/25 Budget and Capital Works Program.

ORD59/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD06 SUBMISSION - PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO FUND INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES**

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor McLean that Council:

- i. endorse the attached submission in response to the Parliamentary *Inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services*.
- ii. provide a copy of the final endorsed submission to the Standing Committee on State development.

ORD60/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD07 T011/2023 - PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR FOR SPRINGS ROAD/MACARTHUR ROAD ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council accept the tender provided by Statewide Civil Pty Ltd as per the terms and conditions of T011/2023 - Principal Contractor for Springs Road/Macarthur Road Roundabout Construction for the lump sum of \$2,415,655.40 (excl. GST).

ORD61/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD08 T005/2024 - PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HILDER RESERVE REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 1**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council accept the tender from Lamond Contracting Pty Ltd as per the terms and conditions of T005/2024 Principal Contractor for Construction of Hilder Reserve Redevelopment Stage 1 for the lump sum of \$3,203,129.00 (excl. GST).

ORD62/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD09 T006/2024 - PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HARRINGTON PARK RESERVE REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 1**

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that Council accept the tender from Gauci Civil Contracting Pty Ltd as per the terms and conditions of T006/2024 Principal Contractor for Construction of Harrington Park Reserve Redevelopment Stage 1 for the lump sum of \$2,157,954.55 (excl. GST).

ORD63/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD10 ACQUISITION OF LAND - 150, 162 (LOT 504), 166A AND 176 DICKSON ROAD, LEPPINGTON NSW 2179**

Motion: Moved Councillor Dommaraju, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that Council:

- i. compulsorily acquires the property described in this report (Property), pursuant to section 377(1)(h) of the *Local Government Act 1993*;
- ii. compulsorily acquires the property for the purpose of exercising its service functions under the *Local Government Act 1993* of providing drainage infrastructure to support the Leppington Town Centre and Leppington North Precinct;
- iii. makes an application to the Minister for Local Government through the Office of Local Government, pursuant to section 187(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, for approval to acquire the land by compulsory process by the issue of a proposed acquisition notice to the owner of the property;
- iv. makes an application to the Governor through the Office of Local Government, under section 19 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, for approval to acquire the property by compulsory process by the publication of an acquisition notice in the NSW Government Gazette;
- v. classifies the property on acquisition as community land under section 31 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
- vi. authorises the General Manager or their delegate to finalise and execute all relevant documents relating to the acquisition of the property.

ORD64/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.



**ORD11 COMMUNITY BUS - SERVICE DELIVERY REVIEW OUTCOME**

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council:

- i. endorse the Community Transport Support Grant as Council's model of support for community transport needs;
- ii. approve the transfer of the annual operational budget for the Community Bus of \$24,800 to Council's community grants program budget; and
- iii. approve the disposal of the existing Community Bus through a government vehicle auction with the proceeds from sale to be transferred to Council's plant replacement reserve.

ORD65/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean and Symkowiak voted in favour of the Motion.

Councillors Campbell and Zammit voted against the Motion.

**ORD12 PROPOSED PARKS NAMING - ORAN PARK**

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Dommaraju that Council:

- i. endorse the park names Allworth Park, Billie Park, Curtis Park, Deer Park, Neville Beyer Park, and Volunteers Park within the Oran Park Precinct;
- ii. refer the application to the Geographical Names Board (GNB) in accordance with the GNB place naming process; and
- iii. write to Greenfields Development Company advising of Council's decision.

ORD66/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD13 INVESTMENT MONIES - MARCH 2024**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor McLean that Council:

- i. note that the Responsible Accounting Officer has certified that all investments held by Council have been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Regulations, and Council's Investment Policy;
- ii. note the list of investments for March 2024; and
- iii. note the weighted average interest rate return of 5.25% p.a. for the month of March 2024.

ORD67/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **ORD14 NOTICE OF MOTION - REPURPOSING OF COURTS AT CUNNINGHAM RESERVE, GREGORY HILLS**

##### **AMENDMENT**

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council investigate and report back to Councillors via a Councillor briefing on options to repurpose some of the netball and/or basketball courts (between two and four courts) at Cunningham Reserve in Gregory Hills into an all-weather playing surface to benefit all of the community, especially during periods of high rainfall, which should include, but are not limited to:

- a. the configuration of one or two mini football fields or one full size field using a rubber, synthetic or other all-weather surface;
- b. a new redesign to incorporate a larger footprint to accommodate potential use by Gregory Hills Public School and High School;
- c. further investigations to research and request Schools Infrastructure NSW to fund this project in full; and
- d. a combination of the above points or other alternatives to achieve the objectives.

ORD68/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

#### **ORD15 NOTICE OF MOTION - FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS AND/OR RATEPAYERS**

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council immediately investigate and report back to a Councillor briefing on options to provide some modest financial support to residents and/or ratepayers in the Camden local government area facing overwhelming cost of living pressures, which options could include, but are not limited to:

- a. a small cost of living rebate to residents and/or ratepayers which is opt in or community wide. An example includes the pensioner subsidy as well as the COVID19 rebate;
- b. provision of targeted support to local residents who need it the most; and
- c. other support which helps to provide a small but meaningful difference to our community.

ORD69/24 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors A Cagney, C Cagney, Campbell, Dommaraju, Farrow, McLean, Symkowiak and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.31PM**

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