

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 26 NOVEMBER 2024

PRESENT: Mayor, Councillor El-Hayek
Councillors Abu-Samen, Akther, Asfour, Blood, Cahill, Coorey, Harika, Lindsay,
Raffan, Saleh OAM, Stavrinis, Walsh, Walther, Zakhia

APOLOGIES Nil

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 7.22 PM.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

THE MAYOR ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND, WATER AND SKIES OF WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) PEOPLE AND PAID RESPECT TO DARUG CULTURAL HERITAGE, BELIEFS AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND. THE MAYOR ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED FIRST PEOPLES' CONTINUING IMPORTANCE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

SECTION 1: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

SECTION 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(33)

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 October 2024 be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 3: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In respect to Item 6.1 - Draft Bankstown City Centre Development Control Plan Post Exhibition Report, Mayor Clr El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given a reportable donation was made to his 2021 election campaign and that donor has property which is affected by this matter and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.1 - Draft Bankstown City Centre Development Control Plan Post Exhibition Report, Councillor Asfour declared a significant non-pecuniary Conflict of Interest given a reportable donation was made to his 2021 election campaign and that donor has property, which is affected by this matter and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

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In respect to Item 6.1 - Draft Bankstown City Centre Development Control Plan Post Exhibition Report, Councillor Walther declared a significant non pecuniary conflict of interest given her close working relationship with an owner of a property which is affected by the matter and as such she will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.4 – Planning Proposal – New Employment Zones, Councillor Zakhia declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he owns properties that are subject to the planning proposal and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.4 – Planning Proposal – New Employment Zones, Councillor Stavrinou declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he owns property subject to the planning proposal and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his affiliation and close relationship with owners of properties who are affected by the matter and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Asfour declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his working relationship with an owner of properties who is affected by the matter and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his affiliation and close relationship with owners of properties who are affected by the matter and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Akther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her close relationship with owners of properties who are affected by the matter and as such she will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Raffan declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her close relationship with an owner of a property who is affected by the matter and as such she will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her close working relationship with an owner

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of a property who is affected by the matter and as such she will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Stavrinou declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he owns property within the area referred to in the report and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Coorey declared a pecuniary interest given that she owns property in the vicinity of the proposed rezoning area and as such she will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 9.2 – Lakemba Nights Update, Councillor Akther declared a significant non pecuniary conflict of interest given her place of work is in the area and her relationship with other shopkeepers and as such she will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 "MUDCRAB" LETTER

(34)

CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 GREEK ORTHODOX 60TH ANNIVERSARY

(35)

CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

1. Council congratulates St Euphemia on their recent celebrations and supports the upcoming 60th Anniversary luncheon of All Saints Belmore on 8 December by purchasing a table of 10 at a cost of \$1000.
2. Council invite our Greek church leaders and others to a small morning tea and Certificate of Recognition presentation at Council's Chambers early in the New Year.

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3. The Anniversary luncheon and recognition presentation costs are to be met from funds allocated under Council's Grants and Sponsorship Policy.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.3 CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY 2024

(36) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.4 LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS

(37) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

1. Council support a donation of \$750 towards Bankstown Community Resource Group Christmas event for the hire of Yagoona Community Centre and Ron Whitehead Place.
2. These funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

- CARRIED

SECTION 5: ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

Nil

SECTION 6: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 6.1 DRAFT BANKSTOWN CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN POST EXHIBITION REPORT

In respect to Item 6.1 - Draft Bankstown City Centre Development Control Plan Post Exhibition Report, Mayor Clr El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given a reportable donation was made to his 2021 election campaign and

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that donor has property which is affected by this matter and as such he vacated the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.1 - Draft Bankstown City Centre Development Control Plan Post Exhibition Report, Councillor Asfour declared a significant non-pecuniary Conflict of Interest given a reportable donation was made to his 2021 election campaign and that donor has property, which is affected by this matter and as such he vacated the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.1 - Draft Bankstown City Centre Development Control Plan Post Exhibition Report, Councillor Walther declared a significant non pecuniary conflict of interest given her close working relationship with an owner of a property which is affected by the matter and as such she vacated the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK AND CLRS ASFOUR AND WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.38PM.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR CLR SALEH OAM ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

(38)

CLR. WALSH:/CLR. BLOOD

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023, as provided in Attachment 1.
2. Council grants delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to make administrative amendments and other changes required by the gazettal of the Bankstown Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy before the Bankstown City Centre Development Control Plan comes into effect and is published on Council's website.
3. The draft amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023 will apply to development applications lodged on or after the date that the Bankstown Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy comes into effect.

- CARRIED

For:- Ctrs Cahill, Harika, Saleh OAM, Raffan, Zakhia, Blood, Stavrinis, Akther, Lindsay, Abu-Samen and Walsh

Against:- Clr Coorey

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.41PM AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

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CLRS ASFOUR AND WALTHER RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.41PM.

ITEM 6.2 **REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR, CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATIONS APPROVED FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR, PLANNING RELATED LEGAL APPEALS, AND THE STATUS OF CURRENT PLANNING PROPOSALS**

(39) **CLR. WALSH:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 6.3 **CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN DESIGN REVIEW PANEL**

(40) **CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the revised Terms of Reference for the Design Review Panel, as provided in Attachment 1.
2. Council commence an Expressions of Interest process to procure and appoint new panel members for a three-year term.
3. Council extend the existing panel member contracts by six months to allow time to complete the Expressions of Interest process.

- CARRIED

For:- Clrs Asfour, Cahill, Coorey, El-Hayek, Harika, Saleh OAM, Raffan, Zakhia, Blood, Stavrinou, Akther, Walther, Lindsay, Abu-Samen and Walsh

Against:- Nil

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ITEM 6.4 PLANNING PROPOSAL – NEW EMPLOYMENT ZONES

In respect to Item 6.4 – Planning Proposal – New Employment Zones, Councillor Zakhia declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he owns properties that are subject to the planning proposal and as such he vacated the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.4 – Planning Proposal – New Employment Zones, Councillor Stavrinos declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he owns property subject to the planning proposal and as such he vacated the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

CLRS STAVRINOS AND ZAKHIA TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.46PM.

(41) CLR. WALSH:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the planning proposal to amend the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2023, as provided in Attachment 1.
2. Council submit the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to finalise and gazette.
3. Council adopt the amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023, as provided in Attachment 2.
4. The amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023 will apply to applications lodged on or after the date that the local environmental plan amendments are published on the NSW legislation website.

- CARRIED

For:- Cirs Asfour, Cahill, Coorey, El-Hayek, Harika, Saleh OAM, Raffan, Blood, Akther, Walther, Lindsay, Abu-Samen and Walsh

Against:- Nil

CLR ZAKHIA RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.47PM.

CLR STAVRINOS RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.48PM.

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ITEM 6.5

**BELMORE AND LAKEMBA TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PRECINCT
SUBMISSION AND ALTERNATE SCHEME**

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his affiliation and close relationship with owners of properties who are affected by the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Asfour declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his working relationship with an owner of properties who is affected by the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his affiliation and close relationship with owners of properties who are affected by the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Akther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her close relationship with owners of properties who are affected by the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Raffan declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her close relationship with an owner of a property who is affected by the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her close working relationship with an owner of a property who is affected by the matter.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Stavrinos declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he owns property within the area referred to in the report.

In respect to Item 6.5 - Belmore and Lakemba Transport Oriented Development Precinct Submission and Alternate Scheme, Councillor Coorey declared a pecuniary interest given that she owns property in the vicinity of the proposed rezoning area.

(42)

CLR. WALSH:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that Given the nature and number of disclosures of interest and the lack of quorum, Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer its functions in considering and determining the matter.

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For:- Clrs Asfour, Cahill, El-Hayek, Harika, Saleh OAM, Raffan, Zakhia, Blood, Stavrinou, Akther, Walther, Lindsay, Abu-Samen and Walsh

Against:- Clr Coorey

SECTION 7: POLICY MATTERS

Nil

SECTION 8: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS REPORT

CLRS RAFFAN AND BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.56PM AND RETURNED AT 7.57PM.

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 15.14 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ISSUED A FIRST WARNING AT 7.56PM TO COUNCILLOR COOREY FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

CLR COOREY TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.08PM AND RETURNED AT 8.09PM.

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 15.14 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ISSUED A FIRST WARNING AT 8.13PM TO COUNCILLOR ASFOUR FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

(43) CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.2 2023/24 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

CLR ABU-SAMEN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.43PM.

MS KAREN TAYLOR FROM AUDIT NSW ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

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(44) CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes the 2023/24 Annual Financial Reports and Auditors Reports.
2. In accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council:
 - a. Refer any submissions received regarding Council's Audited Financial Reports or the Auditors Report to Council's External Auditor for their consideration; and
 - b. A further report be prepared to consider any submissions received, if required.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.3 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE 2024/25 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

CLR STAVRINOS TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.41PM AND RETURNED AT 8.42PM.

(45) CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. Council note the quarterly review of the 2024/25 Operational Plan and 2022-25 Delivery Program to 30 September 2024.
2. Council adopt the quarterly review of the 2024/25 Budget to 30 September 2024, including proposed budget variations [Attachment 2 (Annexure C & H)] - as outlined in this report.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 8.4 **2023/24 ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING STATE OF OUR CITY**
(46) **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. WALSH**

RESOLVED that the 2023/24 Annual Report, incorporating State of Our City report, be endorsed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.5 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024**
(47) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. SALEH OAM**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 October 2024 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.6 **CALENDAR OF CITY EVENTS AND ACTIVATIONS 2025**
(48) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. SALEH OAM**

RESOLVED that Council endorse the proposed calendar of City Events and Activations 2025 as outlined in this report.

- CARRIED

SECTION 9: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 9.1 **UPDATE ON WESTERN SYDNEY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS PROGRAM (WSIG)**
(49) **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that the WSIG Project Update be received and noted.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 9.2 **LAKEMBA NIGHTS UPDATE**

In respect to Item 9.2 – Lakemba Nights Update, Councillor Akther declared a significant non pecuniary conflict of interest given her place of work is in the area and her relationship with other shopkeepers and as such she vacated the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

CLR ABU-SAMEN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.49PM.

CLRS AKTHER AND LINDSAY TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.50PM.

MOTION **CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

That

1. Council endorse the recommended stallholder fee of \$600 per night in 2025 to be incorporated into Council's Fees and Charges.
2. The event footprint be extended to include an area south of Gillies as per Attachment 4 with conditions as set out in this report. In addition, Railway Parade be open to traffic subject to an independent risk assessment.
3. Council maintain 'Ramadan' in the event name being; 'Lakemba Nights during Ramadan'.
4. In accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council acknowledge and agree to acquire the appropriate meridian barriers from the Meridian Defence Group, based on the extenuating circumstances as outlined in the report.
5. Council write to The Hon. John Graham, MLC, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism, seeking an urgent meeting regarding State Government funding for the event.

AMENDMENT **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. COOREY**

That

1. Council endorse the recommended stallholder fee of \$600 per night in 2025 to be incorporated into Council's Fees and Charges.
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4. In accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council acknowledge and agree to acquire the appropriate meridian barriers from the Meridian Defence Group, based on the extenuating circumstances as outlined in the report.
5. Council write to The Hon. John Graham, MLC, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism, seeking an urgent meeting regarding State Government funding for the event.
6. Council conduct a trial to allow the seven shop owners from 154-176 Haldon Street, Lakemba to have their stalls outside their shop front as part of the Lakemba Nights during Ramadan festival.

THE AMENDMENT WAS WITHDRAWN

(50)

CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

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5. Council write to The Hon. John Graham, MLC, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism, seeking an urgent meeting regarding State Government funding for the event.

- CARRIED

CLRS AKTHER AND LINDSAY RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.53PM.

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SECTION 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

SECTION 11: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

(51) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all of the recommendations of the Notice of Motions and Questions with Notice with the exception of Items 11.2, 11.4 and 11.5.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.1 STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - NOVEMBER 2024

(52) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.2 TICKETLESS PARKING LEGISLATION

(53) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that Council continues to voice its strong opposition against the NSW Government's legislation removing ticketless parking fines by:

1. Compiling bodycam footage of aggressive behaviour towards Council's parking officers and sending it to the NSW Minister for Finance, the Hon. Courtney Houssos MP, for review and assurance that our staff will be protected from such attacks.
2. Council prepares a report outlining the costs to implement the changes under the new legislation which takes into consideration the safety of our parking officers and the costs associated with providing physical tickets on vehicles.
3. Based on the report (point 2), engages with other Councils to form an alliance to call on the NSW Minister to detail her plan to compensate Councils for the

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costs to implement safety measures AND outline her plans for compensation and rehabilitation of rangers injured in the course of carrying out their duties.

4. Seeking legal advice about the implications of defying the new legislation and relinquishing our role in the enforcement of parking fines to the NSW police, or another NSW Government Department.
5. Write to the Minister for Finance the Hon. Courtney Houssos MP calling on her to:
 - (a) Provide information as to what stakeholders were consulted;
 - (b) Provide information on the impetus for the introduction of the Bill; and
 - (c) Provide a copy of the Minister's risk assessment of moving away from ticketless fines would have on Council and officers.
6. Council writes to NSW Minister for Finance the Honourable Courtney Houssos MP to assist Council's in delivering parking tickets in a faster and more accessible way for use when using physical tickets comprises the safety of parking officers.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.3 **PARKING MARKING IN BELMORE**
(54) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that Council investigate the feasibility of painting line-markings on the road in the Belmore Town Centre to maximise the number of parking spaces available. This report is to also investigate having angled parking in side streets in close proximity to the Belmore Town Centre.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4 **INVESTIGATIONS TO STAMP OUT DUMPING ON HENRY LAWSON DRIVE**
(55) **CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Investigate the installation of visible, solar-powered surveillance cameras as a deterrent to illegal dumping along Henry Lawson Drive, between Milperra and Padstow Heights, with consideration given to areas where dumping has been

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reported previously, and other known hot spots, and brief Council on the findings.

2. Write to the NSW State Government seeking:
 - a. Strengthening of penalties under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW) to address illegal dumping more effectively; and
 - b. Greater assistance in managing illegal dumping along Henry Lawson Drive, given its classification as a NSW State road passing through largely National Park area, to reduce the burden on Council.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.5
MOTION

SUPPORTING THE NSW NURSES AND MIDWIFES ASSOCIATION
CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. COOREY

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the importance of nurses and midwives as the backbone of our health system, and the critical role they play in supporting the health and wellbeing of residents in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area;
2. Calls on the Minns Labor Government to back the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association and agree to their current claims, in order to stem the flow of these skilled workers from the profession and interstate;
3. Writes to The Hon. Chris Minns MP, Premier of NSW, The Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC, Treasurer of NSW, The Hon. Sophie Cotsis MP, Minister for Industrial Relations, and The Hon. Ryan Park MP, Minister for Health, and send copies to local Member for Bankstown the Hon. Jihad Dib MP, and local Member for East Hills Ms Kylie Wilkinson outlining Council's resolution; and
4. Requests Clr Conroy Blood work with Mayor Bilal El-Hayek to draft the Council letter, taking into consideration the suggested template.

AMENDMENT

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. STAVRINOS

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the importance of nurses and midwives as the backbone of our health system, and the critical role they play in supporting the health and wellbeing of residents in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area;

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2. Calls on the Minns Labor Government to continue to negotiate in good faith with the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association to support the nurses and midwives at Canterbury and Bankstown Hospitals.

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED TO BECOME THE MOTION.

CLRS ZAKHIA AND LINDSAY STOOD FOR A DIVISION

For:- Clrs Raffan, Walsh, Abu-Samen, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Stavrinis, Saleh, Akther and El-Hayek

Against:- Clrs Blood, Zakhia, Coorey, Walther and Lindsay

(56) CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Acknowledges the importance of nurses and midwives as the backbone of our health system, and the critical role they play in supporting the health and wellbeing of residents in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area;
2. Calls on the Minns Labor Government to continue to negotiate in good faith with the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association to support the nurses and midwives at Canterbury and Bankstown Hospitals.

- CARRIED

CLR HARIKA TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 9.17PM AND RETURNED AT 9.19PM.

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 15.14 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ISSUED A SECOND WARNING AT 9.19PM TO COUNCILLOR COOREY FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

ITEM 11.6 BINS AND DOG OFF LEASH AREAS ALONG GOOLAY'YARI

(57) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Acknowledges the importance of the Cooks River foreshore as a sacred site for First Nations people, and as vital greenspace providing significant amenity;
2. Notes resident concerns with waste management, particularly with the bin at the end of the bridge near Foord Avenue;

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3. Council receives a briefing in February 2025 that:
 - a. Outlines current procedures for waste collection and cleaning procedures and considers alternatives that may inhibit the build-up of odours;
 - b. Explores the feasibility of increasing the number of bins between Illawarra Road and Maria Street along the Cooks River foreshore; and
 - c. Explores the feasibility of adding additional dog off-leash areas with necessary amenities, or dedicated dog parks, along the Cooks River foreshore.

- CARRIED

SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

(58) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. WALTHER

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Item 12.1 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 12.1 Old Bankstown Library Site – Property Update

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 9.20PM AND REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 9.25PM.

ITEM 12.1 OLD BANKSTOWN LIBRARY SITE – PROPERTY UPDATE

(59) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. Council approves the preparation and execution of a Termination Deed in relation to the Voluntary Planning Agreement for 62 The Mall, Bankstown, in accordance with s203(5) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021*, and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise all necessary arrangements to give effect to this resolution.

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2. A further report be presented to Council on the options for the Site, including their full financial benefits and implications.

- CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25PM.

Minutes confirmed 3 DECEMBER 2024

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Mayor