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**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANDWICK HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2015 AT 6:05PM**

**Present:**

The Mayor, Councillor T Seng (Chairperson) (Central Ward)

Councillor A Andrews (Deputy Mayor) (Central Ward)

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| North Ward   | - Councillors K Neilson, L Shurey & K Smith |
| South Ward   | - Councillors N D'Souza & R Belleli         |
| East Ward    | - Councillors T Bowen, M Matson & B Roberts |
| West Ward    | - Councillors G Moore, S Nash & H Stavrinou |
| Central Ward | - Councillor G Stevenson                    |

**Officers Present:**

General Manager	Mr R Brownlee
Director City Services	Mr J Frangoples
Director City Planning	Ms S Truuvert
Director Governance & Financial Services	Mr J Smith
Manager Administrative Services	Mr D Kelly
Manager Development Assessment	Mr K Kyriacou
Manager Business Performance Projects	Ms C Foley
Communications Manager	Mr J Hay
Manager Community Development	Ms T Mok
Manager Corporate and Financial Planning	Mr M Woods
Manager Corporate Improvement	Ms A Warner
Manager Strategic Planning	Mr A Bright
Chief Information Officer	Mr G Curley
Manager Infrastructure Services	Mr G Bounassif
Manager Technical Services	Mr J Ingegneri
Manager Waste & Cleaning Services	Mr M Bush
Manager Spatial Systems	Ms K Lasky
Communications Officer	Ms E Shanks

## **Prayer & Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous People**

The Council Prayer was read by Cr D'Souza. The Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous People was read by Cr Shurey.

## **Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences**

An apology was received from Cr Garcia.

**RESOLVED: (Andrews/Matson)** that the apology received from Cr Garcia be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

## **Confirmation of the Minutes**

### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2015**

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**RESOLUTION: (Andrews/Nash)** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2015 (copies of which were circulated to all Councillors) be and are hereby confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

## **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Nil.

## **Address of Council by Members of the Public**

Prior to consideration of the Agenda by the Council, deputations were received in respect of the following matters:

GM10/15 RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL FIT FOR THE FUTURE - OPTIONS ANALYSIS

Rosemary Mackenzie (representing KWK Precinct)

Andrew Roydhouse

NM23/15 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CR STEVENSON - PREPARATION OF COUNCIL IMPROVEMENT PROPOSAL

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## **Mayoral Minutes**

Nil.

## **Urgent Business**

Nil.

## **Director City Planning Reports**

Nil.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7.55pm and was resumed at 8.22pm.

## General Manager's Reports

### **GM10/15 General Manager's Report - Randwick City Council Fit for the Future - Options Analysis (F2014/00635)**

Note: A rescission motion on this item was submitted by Councillors Belleli, Bowen, Neilson and Stevenson in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice and will be considered at the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

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**RESOLUTION: (Nash/Smith) that:**

- a) Randwick City Council believes that it is Fit for the Future as evidenced by the following :
  - Council is financially strong, meeting all the Fit for the Future financial, asset and efficiency benchmarks now and into the future with the exception of the debt service ratio benchmark due to Council's debt free position;
  - Council has quality political and managerial leadership, with a proven track record of engagement, sound decision making and delivering for the community whilst being a capable partner for State and Federal agencies;
  - The Randwick City community has broadly indicated that they would prefer Council to remain as a stand-alone entity, rather than merge with other Councils;
- b) Randwick City Council acknowledges that based on the proposed IPART methodology for assessing Fit For The Future submissions it cannot meet the requirement for standing alone which is to demonstrate superior scale and capacity when compared to the Independent Local Government Review Panel's recommendation of the merger of Randwick City with City of Sydney, Woollahra, Waverley and Botany Bay (Global City);
- c) Randwick City Council and its community is strongly opposed to the Global City merger proposal and Council understands that the Global City merger proposal is the default position if it does not make an alternate merger submission that is broadly consistent with the recommendations of the Independent Local Government Review Panel;
- d) That Council submits a Council Merger Proposal (Template 1), in accordance with the Fit for the Future guidance material, proposing a merger of Randwick City with Waverley and Botany Bay Councils;
- e) That Council writes to its proposed merger partners:
  - advising of Council's resolution;
  - encouraging them to consider an identical resolution; and
  - offering to submit the Council Merger Proposal on behalf of the merger group;
- f) The Fit for the Future guidance material clearly states that a Council Merger Proposal must be endorsed by all Councils in the proposed group. Therefore,

Council recognises the importance of establishing, as a base case, a merger of Randwick City with Waverley (subject to their agreement) for the following reasons:

- Botany Bay Council have publicly expressed opposition to any amalgamation proposal on numerous occasions whilst Waverley's position is similar to Randwick's in that they would prefer to stand alone and are strongly opposed and would be disadvantaged by being part of the Global City model and have therefore worked collaboratively with Council;
- Randwick City and Waverley contain the two largest populations of the Eastern Suburbs Councils and can achieve an appropriate minimum population to demonstrate scale and capacity;
- Council's community consultation indicated a Randwick/Waverley merger as being the most favoured of the five alternate merger options to the Global City;

Therefore, in the event that unanimous agreement cannot be obtained from the proposed merger partners, in accordance with the Fit for the Future guidance material, Council will submit a Council Merger Proposal (Template 1) proposing a merger of Randwick and Waverley (subject to their agreement) as a base case. This proposal may also include Botany Bay subject to agreement of the base case merger partners. This proposal would include, within the 'Scale and Capacity' section, Randwick City Council's position that a merger of Randwick City with Waverley and Botany Bay Councils is considered the optimal outcome;

- g) A pre-condition of any merger is that the merger partners agree to accept the enhanced employment protections of 5 years contained within the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Randwick City Council and the Unions;
- h) The General Manager be given delegated authority to sign the MOU with the Unions and finalise the Fit for the Future submission, based on the due diligence undertaken in the development of the Options Analysis documentation, and submit it prior to the 30 June 2015 deadline;
- i) In the event of a merger, Randwick City Council's position is that the voting system should be proportional representation;
- j) That the General Manager bring a report to the July 2015 Council meeting regarding items for the Local Transition Committee including; number of Councillors, ward structures, the preservation of the history of Randwick City, centre of Government, and membership of the Local Transition Committee;
- k) Council write to the NSW Office of Local Government requesting that the membership of the proposed Local Transition Committee to be established to transition the merger partner Councils to the new amalgamated Council be changed from the Mayor, one other Councillor and the General Manager of each merger partner Council, to the Mayor, two other Councillors and the General Manager of each merger partner Council
- l) Randwick City Council acknowledges that due to:
  - The timing of the receipt of the proposed assessment methodology from

IPART; and

- NSW Electoral Commission's refusal to provide Council with copies of the electoral roll;

Council is no longer able to conduct a plebiscite of its residents as previously intended. As such, in accordance with the views of individual Councillors, Council requests the government permit a binding referendum on this issue prior to any merger being implemented and to request the NSW Electoral Commission to release the electoral rolls to Randwick City, Botany Bay, Waverley, Woollahra and City of Sydney Councils to enable this to occur.

**MOTION: (Nash/Smith) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**

Councillors Bowen and Belleli called for a **DIVISION**.

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Andrews	Councillor Belleli
Councillor D'Souza	Councillor Bowen
Councillor Matson	Councillor Moore
Councillor Nash	Councillor Neilson
Councillor Roberts	Councillor Shurey
Councillor Seng	Councillor Stevenson
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Stavrinou	
<b>Total (8)</b>	<b>Total (6)</b>

### **Director City Services Reports**

Nil.

### **Director Governance & Financial Services Reports**

Nil.

### **Petitions**

Nil.

### **Motion Pursuant to Notice**

#### **NM23/15 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Stevenson - Preparation of Council Improvement Proposal (F2014/00288)**

This motion was ruled out of order by the Mayor.

### **Notice of Rescission Motions**

A rescission motion on item GM10/15 (Randwick City Council Fit for the Future - Options Analysis) was submitted by Councillors Belleli, Bowen, Neilson and Stevenson in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice and will be considered at the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

There being no further business, His Worship the Mayor, Cr T Seng, declared the meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Randwick held on Tuesday, 23 June 2015.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**