



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF BURWOOD held in the Conference Room, Level 1, 2 Conder Street, Burwood on Tuesday 23 April 2024 commencing at 6:05 PM.

Attendance Councillor John Faker (Mayor)
Councillor Heather Crichton
Councillor Ned Cutcher
Councillor Pascale Esber
Councillor David Hull
Councillor George Mannah (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Hugo Robinson

Opening of Meeting by the Mayor

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and Acknowledgement of Country.

Open Forum

No:	Speaker's Name, Suburb	Agenda Item No. & Title	For/Against
1	In person - Chery Kemp (Croydon)	Item 21/24 – Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) – Low and Mid Rise Housing Reforms.	For
2	In person - Catriona McKenzie (Croydon)	MM3/24 - Encouraging the Innovative Use of Public Spaces for Recreation and Item 21/24 – Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) – Low and Mid Rise Housing Reforms.	For

Apologies

There were no apologies.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests by Councillors.

Mayor Faker declared a pecuniary interest in Item 21/24 - Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) - Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms as having observed the map this evening, I note that my home and my property at The Strand and property at Burwood Road, Enfield that myself and my family own is within the radius so on this basis will remove myself from the meeting and the Deputy Mayor will take the chair to preside over that item.

Cr Hull declared a pecuniary interest in Item 21/24 - Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) - Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms as he similarly resides within the radius of the map at the corner of Burwood Road and Ethel Street and will recuse himself from the item.

Declarations of Political Donations

There were no declarations of political interests by Councillors.

Confirmation of Minutes

35/24 RESOLVED

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024, as circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.

(Moved Councillor Hugo Robinson/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson

Against: Nil

Mayoral Minutes

(Item MM3/24) Encouraging the Innovative Use of Public Spaces for Recreation

File No: 24/11503

Summary

This Mayoral Minute explores the innovative use of public spaces for recreation and proposes a collaborative model for future developments. This is particularly timely, given the State Government's recent announcement to accelerate housing delivery in Croydon and responds to resident feedback emphasising the need for more open spaces in our community.

In an era of increasing urban density, the effective and imaginative use of public spaces for recreation is not just a matter of amenity but a vital aspect of urban planning. The importance of these spaces in promoting community wellbeing and environmental sustainability cannot be understated.

36/24 RESOLVED

I therefore move that the General Manager:

1. Write to the Minister for Transport and Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to highlight the opportunities associated with the delivery of public recreational spaces near transport hubs, including the connecting corridor between Burwood and Croydon Railway Stations.
2. Partner with key State Government departments, industry groups and universities to facilitate industry forums in order to identify best practice projects and opportunities to incentivise their delivery in Burwood LGA.
3. Pursue opportunities to deliver collaborative projects that integrate recreational spaces with urban development, including the use of rooftops and above-ground spaces for public recreation along the Burwood and Croydon railway corridors.
4. That Council staff continue to investigate temporary pop-up proposals for public recreation spaces.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson

Against: Nil

Procedural Motion**37/24 RESOLVED**

That there be a change in the order of business so that Item 21/24 be dealt with as the last item of business.

(Moved Councillor David Hull/Seconded Deputy Mayor George Mannah)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson

Against: Cr Cutcher

Reports to Council**(Item 22/24) Draft Multicultural Burwood Strategy 2024 - 2028 - For Adoption**

File No: 24/9277

Summary

The *Draft Multicultural Burwood Strategy 2024 - 2028* sets out a four-year roadmap to build a more informed, cohesive and connected community for people of all cultural backgrounds who live, work, visit and do business in the Burwood Local Government Area.

Following a 28-day public exhibition period, the *Draft Multicultural Burwood Strategy 2024 - 2028* is now submitted to Council for adoption.

Operational Plan Objective

A.5: Develop and implement the Multicultural Strategy.

A.8: Implement a social research program to identify and address existing and emerging community needs.

38/24 RESOLVED

That Council adopts the *Draft Multicultural Burwood Strategy 2024 – 2028* included under Attachment 1 of this report.

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Pascale Esber)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson

Against: Nil

(Item 23/24) Investment Report as at 31 March 2024

File No: 24/11297

Summary

In accordance with Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, this report details all money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Operational Plan Objective

A.103 Implement and monitor appropriate investment strategies and prepare monthly investment reports.

39/24 RESOLVED

1. That the investment report for 31 March 2024 be received and endorsed.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be received and noted.

(Moved Councillor Heather Crichton/Seconded Councillor Hugo Robinson)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson

Against: Nil

Reports of Committees**(Item RC3/24) Burwood Local Traffic Committee - April 2024**

File No: 24/10651

Summary

Attached are the Minutes of the Burwood Local Traffic Committee from its meeting held in April 2024. The Minutes are hereby submitted to the Ordinary Council Meeting for consideration and adoption by Council.

Operational Plan Objective

C.4.1 Plan and manage transport infrastructure to meet current and future community needs.
A.40 Investigate traffic hot spots and implement solutions such as pedestrian refuges, roundabouts or traffic calming devices.

40/24 RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Burwood Local Traffic Committee of April 2024 be noted and the recommendations of the Committee as detailed below be adopted as a resolution of the Council.

(Item LTC9/24) Elm Street, Burwood Heights - Changes to Parking Restrictions***Recommendation***

That Council approve the adoption of Option 1 to extend the 'No Parking' restrictions on the western side of Elm Street from '4:00am - 10:00am' to '4:00am - 12:00pm' on Mondays.

(Item LTC10/24) Yandarlo Street, Croydon Park - Changes to Parking Restrictions***Recommendation***

That Council approve the extension of 'No Parking' restrictions in front of the driveway at 16 Yandarlo Street, Croydon Park to include the on-street area up to the off-street parking bay.

(Item LTC11/24) Hunt Street, Enfield - Changes to Parking Restrictions***Recommendation***

That Council approve the formalisation of 'No Stopping' restrictions at the end of the Hunt Street cul-de-sac.

(Item LTC12/24) Quandong Avenue, Burwood - Changes to Parking Restrictions***Recommendation***

That Council approve the proposed parking restriction changes on Quandong Avenue:

- Conversion of 'No Parking 7AM – 6PM Mon-Fri, 7AM – 6PM Sat' to 'No Parking 6AM –

6PM Mon-Fri, 7AM – 6PM Sat’ on the eastern side.

- Conversion of unrestricted parking to ‘No Parking 6AM – 12PM Tue, Thu, Fri’ on the western side from Hume Highway to 11A Quandong Avenue.

(Item LTC13/24) BOUNDARY STREET CROYDON - PLC ANNUAL OPEN DAY & STREET FAIR - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Recommendation

That Council approve the Temporary Road Closure of Boundary Street between Robinson Street and Young Street on Saturday, 11 May 2024.

(Item LTC14/24) ACTON STREET, CROYDON - INSTALLATION OF A RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Recommendation

That Council approve the conversion of the existing at grade crossing in Acton Street at its intersection with Queen Street to a raised wombat crossing including relevant signs and line marking.

(Item LTC15/24) RAILWAY PARADE AND BURLEIGH STREET TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES - ST NECTARIOS EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Recommendation

That Council approve the procession and road closures associated with Saint Nectarios Easter Celebrations on Sunday 28 April 2024, Friday 3 May 2024 and Saturday 4 May 2024 subject to the following:

- a) Police agree to facilitate the road closure and rolling road closure on Friday 3 May 2024 between 8.00pm and 11.00pm and Saturday 4 May 2024 between 11.00pm and 12.30am;
- b) Emergency services and public transport operators are to be advised of the event (with a copy to be forwarded to Council);
- c) A copy of the Public Liability Insurance for the event (\$20 million) to be forwarded to Council;
- d) Barricades and signs to be provided in accordance with Work Cover requirements and AS1742.3 (2002) – Traffic Control for Works on Roads

(Moved Councillor Pascale Esber/Seconded Deputy Mayor George Mannah)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson

Against: Nil

The Mayor and Councillor Hull left the meeting, the time being 6:25 pm and the Deputy Mayor assumed the role of Chair.

(Item 21/24) Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) - Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms

File No: 24/7883

Summary

This report provides details of the low and mid-rise housing reforms drafted by the Department of Planning Housing & Infrastructure (DPHI) and outlines the extent to which these reforms will likely impact the Burwood Local Government Area (LGA). An Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) was released by DPHI on 15 December 2023 and was open for submissions until 23 February 2023.

An interim submission to the reforms was prepared by Council staff and issued to DPHI to ensure receipt within the formal exhibition period. This interim submission is provided to Councillors for endorsement and formal submission to DPHI.

The interim submission raises concern with the blanket application of increasing dwelling densities without any substantial place-based considerations. The submission states that this approach undermines the significant strategic evidence-based work undertaken by Council involving broad community engagement to date, to achieve the State Government objective of delivering more housing.

Operational Plan Objective

- C.3 An urban environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity and place.
- C.3.1 Facilitate well designed, high quality and sustainable land use and development that is appropriately scaled to complement its surroundings.
- C.3.2 Protect our unique built heritage and maintain or enhance local character.
- C.4 Sustainable, integrated transport, infrastructure and networks to support population growth and improve liveability and productivity.
- C.4.2 Plan for a city that is safe, accessible and easy to get to and move around in.

41/24 RESOLVED

1. That Council note the interim submission to DPHI on the EIE: Changes to Create Low and Mid-Rise Housing.
2. That the General Manager be delegated authority to make changes to the interim submission to include any changes requested by Council in order to submit a Council endorsed submission to DPHI.

(Moved Councillor Pascale Esber/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)

For: Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Robinson

Against: Nil

This concluded the business of the meeting and Council rose at 6:31pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 April 2024 will be submitted for confirmation by Council at its next meeting on 21 May 2024.