

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY CLOSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BURWOOD held in the Mayoral Meeting Room, 2 Conder Street, Burwood on Monday 3 March 2025 commencing at 5:32 PM.

Attendance

Councillor John Faker (Mayor)
Councillor George Mannah (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Sukirti Bhatta – by audio visual link
Councillor Pascale Esber – by audio visual link
Councillor David Hull – by audio visual link
Councillor De Yi Wu – by audio visual link
Councillor Alex Yang – by audio visual link

Opening of Meeting by the Mayor

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

Apologies and attendance via audio visual link

16/25 RESOLVED

That the following councillors be granted leave to attend the meeting by audio visual link:

- Cr Sukirti Bhatta
- Cr Pascale Esber
- Cr David Hull
- Cr De Yi Wu
- Cr Alex Young

There were no apologies.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

(Moved Mayor John Faker/Seconded Deputy Mayor George Mannah)

Declarations of Interest

Mayor John Faker disclosed a less than significant non pecuniary interest in Item 10/25, which is the property acquisition. The nature of the interest is that his family has an interest in 10 Britannia Avenue, Burwood, which is located in the Burwood North precinct. He will still participate in the meeting as the possible purchase of property will not affect Britannia Avenue.

Declarations of Political Donations

There were no declarations of political interests by Councillors.

Confidential items**(Item 10/25) Property Acquisition**

File No: 25/10267

17/25 RESOLVED

1. That Council notes that thorough due diligence is to be conducted by Council staff in relation to the property the subject of this report, including financial analysis, property valuations, and alignment with Council's asset management strategy.
2. That Council authorises the General Manager, or their delegate, to:
 - a) Brief the Mayor on the outcome of the due diligence and to determine the course of action
 - b) Negotiate and finalise the acquisition of the property for a total sum not exceeding the total amount as detailed in this report, subject to satisfactory completion of all necessary due diligence and endorsement by the Mayor.
 - c) Execute all required documentation to effect the purchase, including but not limited to contracts of sale and settlement documents.
 - d) Identify and make decisions on potential strategic divestment opportunities within Council's property portfolio, which may further support the funding strategy for this property acquisition and possible future acquisitions.
 - e) Execute all required documentation to effect the property divestment, including but not limited to contracts of sale and settlement documents.
3. That Council directs that the funding for this acquisition be sourced from a combination of s7.12, VPA funds and a loan arrangement.
4. That the General Manager tables a report to the first available Council meeting following the Expressions of Interest campaign period to update Council on the outcome.
5. Upon final settlement of the property acquisition the land be classified as Operational Land.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Alex Yang)

This concluded the business of the meeting and Council rose at 6.04pm

The Minutes of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3 March 2025 were confirmed by Council at its meeting on 25 March 2025.

Cr John Faker
MAYOR