Willoughby City Council

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

MINUTES

17 October 2022

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**Minutes of an Extraordinary Council meeting
held on Monday, 17 October 2022
at the Council Chamber, Chatswood commencing at 5:32pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors

Tanya Taylor (Her Worship the Mayor)
Brendon Zhu (Deputy Mayor)
Georgie Roussac
Nic Wright
Anna Greco
Hugh Eriksson
John Moratelli
Roy McCullagh
Robert Samuel
Craig Campbell
Jam Xia

Officers

Debra Just (Chief Executive Officer)
Maxine Kenyon (Customer & Corporate Director)
Linda Perrine (Community, Culture & Leisure Director)
Stephen Naven (Chief Financial Officer)]
Popy Mourgelas (Governance, Risk & Compliance Manager)
Samantha Connor (Media, Marketing & Events Manager)
Natalie Taylor (Council & Corporate Support Officer)
Adam Booth (Council & Corporate Support Officer)
Jason Racchi (Information Technology Team Leader)

ITEM - 7.1   **Referral Of Draft Financial Reports For The Year Ended 30 June 2022 To External Audit**

1   OPEN MEETING

2   ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As a sign of respect, Willoughby City Council acknowledges the traditional inhabitants of the land on which we stand, the Aboriginal people, their spirits and ancestors. We acknowledge the vital contribution indigenous people and cultures have made and still make to the nation we share, Australia.

3   REFLECTION OR PRAYER

Note: Councillor Roussac entered the meeting at 5:34pm.

4   APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

That Council accept the leave of absence submitted by Councillor Rozos for the 17 October 2022 Extraordinary Council meeting.

MOVED COUNCILLOR ERIKSSON / SECONDED COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL

<u>**CARRIED**</u>

Voting
For the Motion: Councillors Taylor, Campbell, Eriksson, Greco, McCullagh, Roussac, Samuel, Wright, Xia and Zhu
Against: Nil

That Council accept the tentative leave of absence submitted by Councillor Eriksson for the 31 October 2022 Council meeting.

MOVED COUNCILLOR ERIKSSON / SECONDED COUNCILLOR XIA

<u>**CARRIED**</u>

Voting
For the Motion: Councillors Taylor, Campbell, Eriksson, Greco, McCullagh, Roussac, Samuel, Wright, Xia and Zhu
Against: Nil

5   DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

- Councillor Wright declared a non-pecuniary less than significant interest in item 7.1: Referral of Draft Financial Reports for the Year Ended 30 June 2022 to External Audit. Councillor Wright chose to remain in the meeting and take part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided was:

    "I am an employee of Westpac Bank with whom Council has investments. I have no control or influence over an individual investment of this Council."

- Councillor Xia declared a non-pecuniary less than significant interest in item 7.1: Referral of Draft Financial Reports for the Year Ended 30 June 2022 to External Audit. Councillor Xia chose to stay in the meeting and take part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided was:

  "I am a full time employee of Commonwealth Bank (Commercial Banking) with whom Council has investments, but, I do not have any controls or influences over the investments held by Council."

Note: Councillor Moratelli entered the meeting at 5:36pm.

6   PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

7   REPORTS TO COUNCIL

CUSTOMER & CORPORATE DIRECTORATE

7.1   REFERRAL OF DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 TO EXTERNAL AUDIT

MOTION

That Council:

1. **Note that the draft annual financial reports for Willoughby City Council for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the *Australian Accounting Standards* and the Office of Local Government prescribed *Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2021/22.***

2. **Adopt the draft accounts and authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management as required under *Section 413 (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993* and Clause 215(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.***

3. **Resolve for the purposes of Section 413(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* to refer the draft financial reports for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 to the NSW Auditor General (Council's independent auditor) for external audit.**

4. **Resolve, for the purposes of section 417(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993* to send a copy of the audited financial reports and a copy of the auditor's report to**

the Office of Local Government and the Australian Bureau of Statistics immediately on receipt of the independent Auditor's Reports.

5.   **Resolve that the financial reports be placed on public exhibition for 7 days between 27 October 2022 and 3 November 2022 and that public notice be given of the presentation of the financial reports as prescribed by Section 418 of the *Local Government Act 1993.***

6.   **Resolve that 28 November 2022 be fixed as the date for the public meeting to present the audited financial reports and the audit reports for the year ended 30 June 2022 as required by Section 419 of the *Local Government Act 1993.***

7.   **Resolve to accept submissions on the financial reports and audit reports and refer these submissions to the auditor in accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993.***

MOVED COUNCILLOR ERIKSSON / SECONDED COUNCILLOR GRECO

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CARRIED
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Voting
For the Motion: Councillors Taylor, Campbell, Eriksson, Greco, McCullagh, Moratelli, Roussac, Samuel, Wright, Xia and Zhu
Against: Nil

8   CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Extraordinary Council meeting concluded at 5:42pm.

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 17 October 2022. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Mayor Tanya Taylor

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