

## CITY OF NEWCASTLE

### Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held remotely via audio visual platform Zoom on Tuesday 26 July 2022 at 6.03pm.

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#### PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors E Adamczyk, J Barrie, J Church, D Clausen, C Duncan, J Mackenzie, C McCabe, C Pull, D Richardson, K Wark, P Winney-Baartz and M Wood.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

D Clarke (Director Governance and Chief Financial Officer), F Leatham (Director People and Culture), D Manderson (Acting Director Infrastructure and Property), L Duffy (Acting Director City Wide Services), K Hyland (Interim Director Strategy and Engagement), A Jones (Director & Interim Manager Waste Services), S Moore (Manager Finance), M Bisson (Manager Regulatory Planning and Assessment), E Kolatchew (Manager Legal), A Knowles (Councillor Services/Minutes), E Horder (Councillor Services/Meeting Support) and R Garcia (Information Technology Support).

#### MESSAGE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Lord Mayor read the message of acknowledgement to the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

#### PRAYER

The Lord Mayor read a prayer and a period of silence was observed in memory of those who served and died so that Council might meet in peace.

#### ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL MEANS

##### PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Barrie

That Council:

- 1 Notes tonight's Ordinary Council meeting is livestreamed on Council's website providing for access to members of the public;
- 2 Permits all Councillors to attend the Ordinary Council meeting of 26 July 2022 by audio visual means.

**Carried**

#### APOLOGIES

Nil.

## DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

### Councillor Mackenzie

Councillor Mackenzie declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant interest in Item 24 – Notice of Motion - William Street Pedestrian Crossing stating that he lived in the neighbourhood and would manage the conflict by remaining in the meeting for discussion on the item.

## CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**MINUTES - PUBLIC VOICE COMMITTEE 14 JUNE 2022**  
**MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 28 JUNE 2022**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Winney-Baartz

The draft minutes as circulated be taken as read and confirmed.

**Carried**

## LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

**ITEM-15                      LMM 26/07/22 - NEW COLOMBO PLAN SCHOLARS**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 Acknowledges the New Colombo Plan Scholarship Program (NCPSP), whose scholars have achieved great success across the political, business, housing, development, transport and other spheres, benefiting many citizens around the world.
- 2 Notes the presentation made to, and induction of, six worthy NCPSP scholars to City of Newcastle's Ambassador Program with a Key to the City on 26 July 2022 in Singapore before many distinguished guests, including Australian High Commissioner to Singapore, the Hon. William Hodgman, and the NSW Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, the Hon. Stuart Ayres MP.
- 3 Notes the purpose of the City of Newcastle Ambassador Program is to highlight the efforts of Novocastrians, both born and adopted, who reside in Newcastle and other parts of Australia and the world.
- 4 Recognises the recipients and their achievements as follows:
  - a. Professor Cheong Koon Hean

Professor Cheong was the CEO of Singapore's Housing and Development Board from 2010-2020, overseeing the development and management of over 1 million public housing flats.

Professor Cheong was also the CEO of the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) from 2004-2010, and has extensive experience in strategic land use planning, conservation of built heritage and the real estate market.

Professor Cheong holds a First-Class Honours degree and University Gold Medal in Architecture and a Doctor of Architecture *honoris causa* conferred by the University of Newcastle; a Master's degree in Urban Development Planning from University College London and has completed the Advanced Management Programme in Harvard Business School.

b. Dr Khaw Boon Wan

Dr Khaw is a former politician who served as Minister for Health from 2003-2011, Minister for National Development from 2011-2015, and Minister for Transport from 2015-2020.

A member of the governing People's Action Party, he was a Member of Parliament representing Tanjong Pagar GRC from 2001-2006, and Sembawang GRC from 2006-2020.

During his career, he was noted for being appointed to ministerial portfolios dealing with issues such as housing and transport.

Dr Khaw completed a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Industrial Engineering with Honours Class I as well as a Bachelor of Commerce. He was also awarded the University Medal for academic excellence. In 2002, the University presented a Doctor of Engineering *honoris causa* to Dr Khaw. He is also recognised as a Patron of the University of Newcastle's Alumni Chapter in Singapore.

c. Dr Peter Tay Buan Huat

Dr Tay is a Corporate Advisor, engaging in business development and coaching budding business leaders. He serves on the boards of companies involved in food and education and writes on management issues in international food publications.

For 17 years, from 1989-2006, Mr Tay was the President and CEO of Singapore Food Industries Ltd (SFI), a publicly listed food distribution and manufacturing company in Singapore. Under his leadership, SFI expanded internationally from its base in Singapore to include operations in the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, China and Australia.

Dr Tay graduated with Bachelor's degrees in both Engineering (Honours) and Economics from the University of Newcastle. In 1986, he obtained an MSc in Management (Sloan Fellows Program) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of

Management Accountants, United Kingdom, and a Member of the Institution of Engineers, Australia.

d. Dr Tan Chin Nam

Dr Tan has 33 years' service in the Singapore Public Service holding various key appointments before completing his term as a Permanent Secretary in 2007. He held various top public leadership positions and played a leading role in the information technology, economic, tourism, manpower, library, media, arts and creative industries development of Singapore.

Dr Tan completed a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Industrial Engineering with Honours Class I as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Economics. In 1998, Dr Tan was awarded a Doctor of Engineering *honoris causa*.

e. Mr Bill Chua

Mr Chua has served on local and foreign boards for the past 20 years.

Mr Chua retired from United Overseas Bank as the Managing Director and Head Global Financial Institution Group in November 2014 after 34 years in the financial services sector. He was awarded the Public Service Medal (PBM) in 2004, and the Public Service Star (BBM) in 2016 by the Government of Singapore.

Mr Chua holds a Bachelor of Arts, and a Bachelor of Engineering Hons Class 1 from the University of Newcastle, Australia. He is a Fellow at the Singapore Institute of Directors, and at the Institution of Engineers, Singapore.

f. Mr Jaspal Singh

Mr Singh started his career with the Singapore Government Administrative Service (1978-2004), serving in the Ministries of Transport, Finance and Trade & Industry and on the boards of various statutory bodies and Government-linked corporates.

He was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 1998 and the Long Service medal in 2003 for 25 years of service.

He received a Colombo Plan scholarship at the University of Newcastle, Australia and completed post-graduate studies, sponsored by the Singapore Government, at Harvard University.

He currently serves as the High Commissioner to the Republic of Rwanda for Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

5 Congratulates each of our new Keys to the City recipients.

**Carried**

## REPORTS BY COUNCIL OFFICERS

### ITEM-58 CCL 26/07/22 - ADOPTION OF COUNCIL POLICIES

#### MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr McCabe

That Council:

- 1 Adopts the Planning Agreements Policy at Attachment C.
- 2 Adopts the Community Infrastructure Incentives Policy at Attachment D.
- 3 Places the Newcastle Heritage Policy and the Public Voice and Public Briefings Policy, at Attachment A and B respectively, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and receives a report on community submissions prior to adoption.

#### PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Church, seconded by Cr Pull

That the motion be dealt with in seriatim.

**Carried**

#### PART 1

#### MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr McCabe

That Council:

Adopts the Planning Agreements Policy at Attachment C.

**Carried  
unanimously**

#### PART 2

#### MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr McCabe

That Council:

Adopts the Community Infrastructure Incentives Policy at Attachment D.

**Carried**

PART 3

**MOTION**

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr McCabe

That Council:

Places the Newcastle Heritage Policy and the Public Voice and Public Briefings Policy, at Attachment A and B respectively, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and receives a report on community submissions prior to adoption.

**Carried**

**ITEM-59                      CCL 26/07/22 - ADOPTION OF WICKHAM MASTERPLAN 2021  
(2022 AMENDMENT)**

**MOTION**

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Adamczyk

That Council:

- 1 Adopts the Wickham Masterplan 2021 (2022 Amendment) as at **Attachment A**.

**For the Motion:**                      Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, Pull, Richardson, Winney-Bartz and Wood.

**Against the Motion:**              Councillors Barrie, Church, McCabe and Wark.

**Carried**

**ITEM-60                      CCL 26/07/22 - TENDER REPORT - HIRE OR PURCHASE  
OUTRIGHT OF HEAVY PLANT AT SUMMERHILL WASTE  
MANAGEMENT CENTRE - CONTRACT NO. 2022/101T**

**MOTION**

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That the recommendation at **Attachment A** be adopted.

- 1 Council accept the tender of Liebherr Australia in the amount of \$2,848,089 (excluding GST) for hire of heavy plant at Summerhill Waste Management Centre for Contract No. 2022/101T.
- 2 The confidential attachments relating to the matters specified in s10A(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993* be treated as confidential and remain confidential until the Chief Executive Officer determines otherwise.

**Carried  
unanimously**

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### ITEM-24                      **NOM 26/07/22 - WILLIAM STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, TIGHES HILL**

In moving the motion, Councillor Mackenzie stated he was moving an additional Part B that being the officer's recommendation as outlined in the business papers.

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr McCabe

#### **PART A**

That the City of Newcastle

- 1     Notes the concerns raised by residents regarding the pedestrian crossing on William Street in Tighes Hill.
- 2     Notes that the crossing is used by hundreds of children and their families each day due to its proximity to the local school, and that issues regarding kerb and guttering treatment, lighting and signage make this crossing a potential hazard for users.
- 3     Acknowledges the urgency of this matter due to the risks to children in our community walking and riding to school, and for people with a disability who are unable to use this crossing safely.
- 4     Prioritise the repair and upgrade of the William Street Tighes Hill pedestrian crossing in the forward works program, with consideration given to including the installation of a compliant kerb ramp, improved drainage and flood mitigation, and upgraded street lighting, signage and road markings.

#### **PART B**

That Council:

- 1     Notes the William Street Tighes Hill pedestrian crossing is scheduled for planning and design in CN's 2022/23 transport program.
- 2     Notes that once design and approvals are finalised, the project will be listed for consideration under CN's forward Capital Works program, including exploring opportunities for external funding support through eligible grant programs.

**Carried  
unanimously**

A question from Councillor Duncan as to whether School Infrastructure NSW had been consulted in relation to this project was taken on notice by the Director Governance.

A question from the Lord Mayor seeking an update around the process of obtaining collective feedback and receiving online petitions from residents was taken on notice by the Director Governance.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Director Governance reported the resolution of the partial confidential report.

**The meeting concluded at 6.43pm.**