

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Monday 10 November 2025

6:30 pm

Level 4 - Council Chambers

PHIVE

5 Parramatta Square, Parramatta

PRESENT - COUNCILLORS

Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Charles Chen, Councillor Kellie Darley, Councillor Anthony Ellard, Councillor Dr Hayley French, Councillor Dr Judy Greenwood, Councillor Cameron MacLean, Councillor Steven Issa, Councillor Manning Jeffrey, Councillor Michael Ng, Councillor Sameer Pandey, Councillor Sreeni Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Patricia Prociv, Councillor Tanya Raffoul and Councillor Georgina Valjak.

PRESENT – STAFF

Acting Chief Executive Officer – George Bounassif, Executive Director City Engagement & Experience – Angela Jones-Blayney, Executive Director Corporate & Property Services – Brett Smith, Executive Director City Services & Projects – James Smallson, Executive Director City Planning & Design – Jennifer Concato, Executive Director Community & Culture – Jonathan Greig, Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor & CEO – Roxanne Thornton, Chief Financial Officer – Amit Sharma, Chief People & Culture Officer – Brendan Clifton, Chief Property & Assets Officer – Annette Crkovski, Acting Chief Technical Officer – Graham Curly, Customer Advocate – Andrew Bornstein, Acting Group Manager Integrated Grants & Projects – Beth Andean, Secretariat Officer – Bianca Portelli, Media Team Leader – Chris Georgakopoulos, Group Manager Waste & Cleansing – Andrew Ho, ICT Service Desk Officer – Kunal Aggarwal, ICT Service Desk Officer – Pulasthi Hewavitharana, Manager Design Projects – Bianca Simpson, Principal Solicitor – Esther Nelson, Public Safety & Crime Prevention Advisor – Andrew Taylor, Group Manager Communications & Customer Engagement – Julia Schembri, Business Manager – Michelle Samuel.

PRESENT – EXTERNALS

Nil

1 OPENING MEETING

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, declared the meeting open at 6.40pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF LAND

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the Burramattagal people of The Dharug Nation as the traditional owners of this land, and paid respect to their ancient culture and to their elders past, present and emerging.

3 WEBCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lord Mayor advised that this public meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet. The recording will also be archived and made available on Council's website.

The Lord Mayor further advised that all care will be taken to maintain privacy, however as a visitor in the public gallery, the public should be aware that their presence may be recorded.

4 GENERAL RECORDING OF MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the recording of a meeting of Council by the public using any device, audio or video, is only permitted with Council permission. Recording a meeting of Council without permission may result in the individual being expelled from the meeting.

Note: Councillor Darley joined the meeting at 6.41pm.

5 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR REMOTE ATTENDANCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence tabled at the meeting.

There were no requests for attendance by audio-visual link.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MIN25-12 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Held on 13 October 2025

RESOLVED: Councillor MacLean and Councillor Pillamarri

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey,

Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous).

MIN25-13 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting Held on 27 October 2025

RESOLVED: Councillor Ellard and Councillor Valjak

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous).

7 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Darley disclosed a non-pecuniary, significant interest in **Item CON25-6 NSW Supreme Court Proceedings** for the reason that the agenda item is considering whether to appeal the Councillor Darley vs City of Parramatta Supreme Court judgement dated 29th August 2025. Councillor Darley will not partake the discussion and voting on this item.

8 MINUTES OF THE LORD MAYOR

LMM25-36 Housing Delivery Authority (HDA)

(Report by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Issa

That the Lord Mayor write to and request a meeting with the NSW Premier, the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the NSW Opposition Leader, the Shadow Minister for Planning and Donna Davis MP for Parramatta to emphasise:

- i. the impact of the Housing Delivery Authority (HDA) on Parramatta and a call for exemption from the HDA process,
- ii. Council's continued stance that the Parramatta CBD's commercial core should be exempted from Build to Rent provisions and a call for refocused efforts on safeguarding economic development in a world-class CBD, and
- iii. Parramatta's unique city-building needs and a call to begin a conversation on place-based legislative reform.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous).

LMM25-37 Award-Winning City of Parramatta

(Report by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Ellard

That Council congratulate City of Parramatta staff on their outstanding efforts in winning the following awards:

- (a) International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities (IAKS) Awards – Architecture Prize Winner –Parramatta Aquatic Centre
- (b) Aquatic & Recreation Industry (ARI) NSW Awards of Excellence:
 - i. Social Impact Award Winner – Parramatta Aquatic Centre

- ii. Swim Teacher of the Year Winner – Tara Berry
- iii. Award of Excellence Winner – Sue Raven
- iv. Swim School of the Year Finalist – Parramatta Aquatic Centre
- v. Aqua Instructor of the Year Finalist – Ing Ong
- vi. Marketing and Communications Finalist – 'Find Your PAC' campaign
- (c) Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) National Landscape Architecture Awards – Urban Design Architecture Award Winner – Parramatta Square
- (d) Meals on Wheels NSW - Helping Hand Award 2024/25 Winner – City of Parramatta Food Services (Meals on Wheels)
- (e) Human Resources Director (HRD) Australia Rising Stars 2025 Winner – Kaley Purcell
- (f) NSCA Foundation and HSI Donesafe National Safety Awards of Excellence 2025:
 - i. Category 2B: Best Solution of a WHS Risk (Large Business) Finalist – Lake Parramatta Safety Risk Management
 - ii. Category 3: Best WHS Training Program Finalist – Safety Evolution Leadership Training

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous).

LMM25-38 Remembrance Day and Veteran Employer of Choice

(Report by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Valjak

- (a) That Council recognise 2025 Remembrance Day commemorations and note the program of activities across the City of Parramatta.
- (b) That Council notes in September 2025 the City of Parramatta was awarded the Veterans' Employment Commitment (VEC) Gold membership.
- (c) That Council observe a minute's silence to pay our respects to the men and women who have served and died in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations to protect the freedoms we enjoy.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous).

Question Taken on Notice on Item **LMM25-38 Remembrance Day and Veteran Employer of Choice** by Councillor Pandey.

- Please confirm the number of Council staff who are returned veterans?

LMM25-39 Parramatta Lanes

(Report by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Pandey

- (a) That Council celebrate the success of the record-breaking 2025 Parramatta Lanes festival, with 335,000 people attending throughout four nights of incredible local food, music, art and culture.
- (b) That Council recognise the significant efforts of all Council staff involved in creating such a successful event.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous).

LMM25-40

Making a Difference for Christmas Lunch

(Report by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin Zaiter)

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Issa

- (a) That the Lord Mayor donate \$5,000 to the Making a Difference For Christmas charity towards the 2025 Christmas Day lunch.
- (b) That Council offer further support by way of a fee waiver to the value of \$9,000 towards venue hire and staffing costs associated with the 2025 Christmas Day lunch.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous).

9 PUBLIC FORUM

	Speaker	Report No.	Report Title
1.	Vijay Sharma	OCM25-36	Harris Park Cultural Precinct Welcome Treatment
2.	Seema Dhawan	OCM25-36	Harris Park Cultural Precinct Welcome Treatment
3.	Adam Byrnes	OCM25-37	DEFERRED FROM INQUORATE PTE COMMITTEE (28/10/2025) – PTE25-49 Finalisation of Planning Proposal, Development Control Plan Amendment and Draft Planning Agreement for 90-96 Phillip Street, Parramatta

Note: All Public Forum submissions were published and distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

PROCEDURAL MOTION ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Pandey

That in accordance with Clause 8.2 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council amend the Order of Business for this meeting, to allow for:

- OCM25-36 Harris Park Cultural Precinct Welcome Treatment
- OCM25-37 DEFERRED FROM INQUORATE PTE COMMITTEE (28/10/2025) – PTE25-49 Finalisation of Planning Proposal, Development Control Plan Amendment and Draft Planning Agreement for 90-96 Phillip Street, Parramatta

to be considered prior to any other matter on the agenda.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous).

Against the Motion: Councillor Issa

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

OCM25-36 Harris Park Cultural Precinct Welcome Treatment
(Report by the Manager Design Projects)

RESOLVED: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter and Councillor Pillamarri

- (a) That Council notes the results of the public exhibition of the proposed welcome gate treatment and streetscape upgrades completed in August 2025.
- (b) That Council adopts Option 3 (Traditional gateway) of the recommendation and welcomes community feedback regarding design elements of the Traditional Gateway by email submission (participate@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au) by Friday 21 November 2025 at 5pm
 - i. Traditional gateway: Incorporates Indian motifs and architectural forms. The final design would be scaled to suit the location proposed within the pocket park at the corner of Parks and Wigram Street (Wigram Street Reserve). Note the originally proposed gateway design would be updated based on community feedback and scaled to the location.
- (c) That following Council's decision, the artwork progress to detailed design, fabrication and installation to fulfil the grant requirements.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council notes the results of the public exhibition of the proposed welcome gate treatment and streetscape upgrades completed in August 2025.
- (b) That Council adopts Option 2 (Simplified overhead gateway) of the recommendation.
 - i. Simplified overhead gateway: As suggested in the Rosehill Ward briefing, this option focuses on lighting, like installations in Little India, Singapore. It would be a lightweight structure with lighting elements strung overhead at each end of the catenary lighting on Marion Street. The design of the lighting gateway would also include elements visible during daylight hours.
- (c) That following Council's decision, the artwork progress to detailed design, fabrication and installation to fulfil the grant requirements.

For the Amendment: Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Dr Prociv.

Against the Amendment: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Chen, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Amendment was eight (8) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Amendment became the Motion.

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council notes the results of the public exhibition of the proposed welcome gate treatment and streetscape upgrades completed in August 2025.
- (b) That Council adopts Option 2 (Simplified overhead gateway) of the recommendation.
 - i. Simplified overhead gateway: As suggested in the Rosehill Ward briefing, this option focuses on lighting, like installations in Little India, Singapore. It would be a lightweight structure with lighting elements strung overhead at each end of the catenary lighting on Marion Street. The design of the lighting gateway would also include elements visible during daylight hours.
- (c) That following Council's decision, the artwork progress to detailed design, fabrication and installation to fulfil the grant requirements.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Dr Prociv.

Against the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Pillamarri (abstained), Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was ten (10) votes FOR and five (5) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

Questions Taken on Notice on Item **OCM25-36 Harris Park Cultural Precinct Welcome Treatment** by Councillor Issa.

- What was the vote for the artist who was allegedly a non-Australian Indian for the Harris Park Cultural Gate?
- Was the Planning Department consulted on the feasibility of installing a gate in the park, and does the current land use planning permit a gate (option 3) of this scale or significance to be installed?

PROCEDURAL MOTION ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 7.49pm, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter adjourned the meeting and the following councillors were present:

Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

PROCEDURAL MOTION RECONVENED MEETING

At 8.04pm, the Lord Mayor reconvened the meeting and the following Councillors were present:

Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

PROCEDURAL MOTION SPEECH DURATION

RESOLVED: Councillor Ellard and Councillor Ng

That in accordance with clause 10.28 of the Code of Meeting Practice, that the speaking time be reduced to 2 minutes with a 1-minute extension.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul.

Against the Motion: Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr Greenwood and Councillor Valjak

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was eleven (11) votes FOR and three (3) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

Note: Councillor Pandey returned to the meeting at 8.05pm

OCM25-37 DEFERRED FROM INQUORATE PTE COMMITTEE (28/10/2025) – PTE25-49 Finalisation of Planning Proposal, Development Control Plan Amendment and Draft Planning Agreement for 90-96 Phillip Street, Parramatta

(Report by the Project Officer Land Use)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ellard and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council note the submissions received in response to the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal, draft amendment to the Parramatta Development Control Plan 2023 (PDCP 2023) and draft Planning Agreement as summarised and responded to in this report and Attachment 1.
- (b) That Council endorse the finalisation of the Planning Proposal (Attachment 2) for land at 90 and 96 Phillip Street, Parramatta (Lot 10 DP 773452 and Lot 2 DP 706033), which seeks to make the following amendments to the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023 (PLEP 2023):
 - i. Amend the maximum building height from part 80 metres (105 metres when including all bonuses) and part 0 metres

- to part 133 metres (153 metres when including all bonuses) and part 0 metres;
- ii. Amend the maximum floor space ratio (FSR) from 6:1 (9.7:1 when including all bonuses) to 13.8:1 (16.56:1 when including all bonuses); and
- (c) Amend clause 7.28A so that it no longer provides a site-specific FSR and height bonus for the subject site.
- (d) That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) requesting it finalise the Planning Proposal or confirm that Council retains plan making authority by providing the Secretary's agreement in relation to Ministerial Direction 4.1 Flooding to satisfy condition (b) of the Gateway Determination.
- (e) That Council adopt the draft PDCP 2023 amendment (Attachment 3) for inclusion within Part 9.5.1.1 of the PDCP 2023 with the amendment to be brought into effect as soon as practicable after the notification of the amendments to the PLEP 2023.
- (f) That Council endorse the draft Planning Agreement (Attachment 4) and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to sign it on Council's behalf with execution to be completed prior to the notification of the amendment to the PLEP 2023.
- (g) That Council rescind part of its resolution of 13 June 2017 (Minute 566 parts (f), (g), and (h)) that requires Council to permanently close an unmade portion of Charles Street (to the east of 96 Phillip Street) given that:
1. The concern that the portion of road would cause vehicular conflicts with Charles Street Square did not eventuate.
 2. The portion of road is currently used to access the basement of 96 Phillip Street and the Planning Proposal and DCP seeks to consolidate the two sites and provide future access from Phillip Street.
 3. The Planning Agreement requires the road reservation to be embellished by the applicant and a 6m setback is proposed on the site adjoining this road reservation. This 6m setback will be publicly accessible via an easement effectively extending Charles Street Square.
- (h) That Council note the most appropriate time to close the road would be after the site has been redeveloped and the closed road is no longer used as a driveway but instead is more formally embellished to be an extension of Charles Street Square once the requirements of the Planning Agreement are fulfilled.

- (i) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments and corrections of a non-policy and administrative nature that may arise during the finalisation process relating to the Planning Proposal, Development Control Plan amendment and Planning Agreement.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociw, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak.

Against the Motion: Councillor Darley and Councillor Dr Greenwood

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was thirteen (13) votes FOR and two (2) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

Question Taken on Notice on Item **OCM25-37 DEFERRED FROM INQUORATE PTE COMMITTEE (28/10/2025) – PTE25-49 Finalisation of Planning Proposal, Development Control Plan Amendment and Draft Planning Agreement for 90-96 Phillip Street, Parramatta** by Councillor Dr Greenwood.

- Would Council be responsible if a development approved with a 'shelter in place' flood management strategy resulted in a death because occupants left the building during a flood?

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM25-31 **Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2025**

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Valjak and Councillor MacLean

That the Recommendations within Item COM25-31, the Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2025, being for Items AIC25-36, AIC25-37, AIC25-38 and AIC25-39, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

i. **AIC25-36 Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2025**

That the minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2025 be noted by Council.

ii. **AIC25-37 Status Report: Waste & Cleansing Services and Regulatory Services**

That the matter be deferred to a councillor briefing session to be held before the end of the calendar year.

iii. **AIC25-38 Status Report: Community Recycling Centre Project**

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the project delays resulting from site conditions related to flooding and the existing building condition and services.
- (b) Notes that the Community Recycling Centre will be completed by December 2025, however, it will not be operational until February 2026.
- (c) Seeks a report from the CEO to the November 2025 Assets and Infrastructure Committee outlining options to temporarily utilise the Rydalmere Operations Centre as a drop-off location for local residents to dispose of cardboard over the Christmas period and a separate period to be determined for E-Waste disposal. The report is to include a brief business case detailing estimated staffing and disposal costs over a two-week period.
- (d) Requests the CEO prepare a communication plan to inform the community on the status of the project's progress.

iv. AIC25-39 Public Exhibition of Draft Naming Policy

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Naming Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to make amendments of a minor, administrative and/or non-policy nature to the draft Naming Policy to enable implementation of the public exhibition.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

COM25-32 Report of the Customer Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Pillamarri

That the Recommendations within Item COM25-32, the Report of the Customer, Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2025, being for Items CCC25-35, CCC25-36, CCC25-37, CCC25-38, CCC25-39, CCC25-40 and CCC25-41 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

i. CCC25-35 - Minutes of the First Nations Advisory Panel Meeting held on 7 October 2025

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the First Nations Advisory Panel meeting held on 7 October 2025 be noted by Council.

ii. CCC25-36 - Minutes of the Social Sustainability and Inclusion Advisory Panel Meeting held on 7 October 2025

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Social Sustainability Advisory Panel meeting held on 7 October 2025 be noted by Council.

iii. CCC25-37 - Minutes of the Cultural Advisory Panel Meeting held on 7 October 2025

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Cultural Advisory Panel meeting held on 7 October 2025 be noted by Council.

iv. CCC25-38 - PHIVE Public Holiday Opening Post Trial Report

- (a) That Council note the results, and related costs, for PHIVE public holiday opening trial on selected public holidays, specifically Year 1 (Monday 2 October 2023 and Monday 10 June 2024) and Year 2 (Monday 7 October 2024 and Monday 9 June 2025).
- (b) That Council take no further action in relation to this matter.

v. CCC25-39 - Adoption of Customer Service Policy

That Council:

- (a) Note the 28-day public exhibition has been undertaken for the draft Customer Service Policy, as presented and endorsed at the 8 September 2025 Council Meeting.
- (b) Note the submissions received during the public exhibition period and that all submissions have been taken into consideration in the finalisation of the Policy.
- (c) Adopt the Customer Service Policy as per attachment 1.
- (d) Rescinds the existing Customer Service Policy (Policy 281).
- (e) Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make amendments of a minor, administrative and/or non-policy nature to the adopted Policy.

vi. CCC25-40 - Adoption of Feedback and Complaints Management Policy

That Council:

- (a) Note a 28-day public exhibition has been undertaken for the draft Feedback and Complaints Management Policy, as presented and endorsed at the 8 September 2025 Council Meeting.
- (b) Note the submissions received during the public exhibition period and that all submissions have been taken into consideration in the finalisation of the Policy.
- (c) Adopt the Feedback and Complaints Management Policy (Attachment 1).
- (d) rescinds existing Complaints Handling Policy (Policy 216).

- (e) Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make amendments of a minor, administrative and/or non-policy nature to the adopted Policy.

vii. CCC25-41 - First Nations Advisory Panel - Recommendation for Additional Community (Dharug Elder) Member

That Council endorse the appointment of Dharug Elder, Aunty Ros Fogg OAM, as an additional member to Council's First Nations Advisory Panel.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

COM25-33 Report of the Finance, Property and Governance Committee Meeting held on 29 October 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pandey and Councillor MacLean

- (a) That the Recommendations within Item COM25-33, the Report of the Finance, Property and Governance Committee Meeting held on 29 October 2025, being for Items FPG25-51, FPG25-54 FPG25-55, FPG25-56, FPG-CON25-7 and FPG-CON25-10, as detailed below, be adopted by Council;
- (b) That Item FPG25-52 is superseded by report OCM25-43 UPDATED ATTACHMENT - FPG25-52 Quarterly Budget Review Statement - Q1 September 2025 and will be considered and voted on separately by Council later in this meeting; and
- (c) That Items FPG25-53, FPG-CON25-8 and FPG-CON25-9 be debated on separately.

i. FPG25-51 - Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes of 29 May 2025

That Council note the confirmed minutes of the ARIC meeting held on 29 May 2025.

ii. FPG25-54 - Investment Report for September 2025

That Council receive and note the report.

iii. FPG25-55 - Status of Outstanding Council Resolutions (As at 30 September 2025)

That Council receive and note the report.

iv. FPG25-56 - Preparation of the DPOP and Budget 2026-27

That the Chief Executive Officer include the options for Councillor engagement during the preparation of the DPOP and Budget 2026/27 in the December 2025 report on the review of the Council and Committee Meeting structure and schedule.

v. FPG-CON25-7 - Status Update: Outstanding Debts - Rates and Receivables (Provisional Results)

That Council receive and note the report.

vi. FPG-CON25-10 - 6 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta (Substation) - Consideration of Options

(a) That consideration of this matter be deferred to the February 2026 Ordinary Council meeting, to enable Council officers to investigate other storage options within the CBD that may meet Council's requirements.

(b) That Council delegate the CEO the authority to make arrangements to vacate retail 6 and find alternative cost-effective storage, if required.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

FPG25-53

Fairness and Equity for Ratepayers in the City of Parramatta

(Report by the Rates & Receivables Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Councillor Dr Greenwood

That Council note:

- (a) The analysis of rating structures, including minimum rates, ad valorem settings, and modelled scenarios to improve equity and long-term financial sustainability.
- (b) The scale of the infrastructure renewal backlog and how additional revenue could help address this challenge and strengthen Council's financial position.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Question Taken on Notice on Item **FPG25-53 Fairness and Equity for Ratepayers in the City of Parramatta** by Councillor Darley.

- Will the additional information and feedback raised by councillors during the earlier briefing be provided or incorporated, given that the report and slides presented appear unchanged from that session?

FPG-CON25-8 5 Parramatta Square - Lease Assignment Consideration

(Report by the Leasing Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Darley

That Consideration of this matter be deferred to a closed confidential session.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

FPG-CON25-9 Shop 4/4-14 Hunter Street, Parramatta - Leasing Options

(Report by the Leasing Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Darley

That consideration of this matter be deferred to a closed confidential session

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

13 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

OCM25-33 **Change to Adopted Council Meeting Calendar (Planning, Transport and Environment Committee Meeting on 24 November 2025)**

(Report by the Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO)

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Dr Greenwood

That Council endorse changing the date of the Planning, Transport and Environment Committee which is currently scheduled for Monday 24 November 2025 to Thursday 27 November 2025.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

OCM25-34 **Tabling of the City of Parramatta Annual Report 2024/25**

(Report by the Corporate Strategy Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Darley

- (a) That Council receive and note the attached City of Parramatta Council Annual Report 2024/25.
- (b) That Council note that Appendix 2, Audited Financial Statements 2024/25, which forms part of the Annual Report, was tabled to Council and authorised for signing by the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Responsible Accounting Officer at the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 27 October 2025, and thus has not been included in this report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

OCM25-35 Mid Trial Period Review - Council and Committee Meeting Structure - Statistics

(Report by the Group Manager Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO)

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Raffoul

That Council receive and note the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

OCM25-38 DEFERRED FROM INQUORATE PTE COMMITTEE (28/10/2025) - PTE25-50 Comprehensive Heritage Review (Year 1) - Phase 1 Community Engagement Outcomes, Draft Integrated Heritage Strategy and Draft Heritage Conservation Areas Review Report

(Report by the Project Officer Land Use)

RESOLVED: Councillor Valjak and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council receive and note feedback received during the Phase 1 Community Engagement for the Comprehensive Heritage Review (CHR) Program provided at **Attachment 1**, and that such feedback be considered in preparing any relevant heritage studies forming part of the Comprehensive Heritage Review (CHR) Program.
- (b) That Council approves the Draft City of Parramatta Integrated Heritage Strategy at **Attachment 2** and the Heritage Conservation Areas (HCA) Review at **Attachment 3A-3G** for the purposes of public exhibition, and that these documents be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 6 weeks, commencing no earlier than 27 January 2026.
- (c) That the Chief Executive Officer write to the landowners of properties proposed to be included in a HCA and invite them to a meeting with Council officers to discuss the potential implications of the proposal.
- (d) That Council receives a report outlining the outcomes of the public exhibition.

- (e) That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to make changes of a minor, administrative and/or non-policy nature to the documents if required.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

OCM25-39 DEFERRED FROM INQUORATE PTE COMMITTEE (28/10/2025) – PTE25-51 Quarter 4 Progress Report - Delivery Program & Operational Plan (DPOP) 2024/25

(Report by the Corporate Strategy Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor MacLean and Councillor Ellard

That Council receive and note the Quarter Four progress report on the DPOP 2024/25 in Attachment 1.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Question Taken on Notice on Item **OCM25-39 DEFERRED FROM INQUORATE PTE COMMITTEE (28/10/2025) – PTE25-51 Quarter 4 Progress Report - Delivery Program & Operational Plan (DPOP) 2024/25** by Councillor Darley.

- What would be required to better align the timing and content of the quarterly budget review and performance reports, to ensure that funding decisions are more effectively informed?

OCM25-40 DEFERRED FROM INQUORATE PTE COMMITTEE (28/10/2025) – PTE25-52 Adoption of Local Orders Policy

(Report by the Health & Building Services Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor MacLean and Councillor Issa

- (a) That Council notes the submissions made during the public exhibition of the draft Local Orders Policy.
- (b) That Council notes that no changes are proposed to the draft Local Orders Policy as a result of the submissions received following the public consultation.
- (c) That Council approves the draft Local Orders Policy provided at Attachment 1.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous).

OCM25-41 DEFERRED FROM INQUORATE PTE COMMITTEE (28/10/2025) – PTE25-53 Proposed Reforms to NSW Planning System

(Report by the Group Manager Major Projects and Precincts)

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Valjak

- (a) That, in response to recently-introduced proposed planning reforms, the Chief Executive Officer write to the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure (DPHI) to communicate the content of this Council report, particularly emphasising the issues addressed in the remainder of this resolution.
- (b) That, in-principle, Council supports planning reforms that strengthen strategic planning and make development assessment simpler and more efficient. Therefore, Council offers its in-principle support for these reforms, subject to the following being addressed:
 - 1. That the legislation be structured in a way that allows a council to be excluded from the Housing Delivery Authority (HDA) process based on high performance.

Under such a structure, Council seeks to be excluded from the HDA process based on the following high performance:

- i. Council's track record of exceeding housing capacity targets,
 - ii. Council's track record of exceeding Ministerial KPIs regarding assessment times for both local and regional Development Applications,
 - iii. Council's track record of skills and expertise necessary to plan for and deliver housing and jobs in a complex urban setting, and
 - iv. more than a decade of State Government investment which has singled out Parramatta as the critical economic and employment centre for Western Sydney.
2. Should the HDA process not be structured in such a way, that Council seeks urgent amendment of current HDA processes prior to the HDA's inclusion in permanent legislation, including
 - i. cessation or significant amendment of concurrent Rezoning and Development Application processes,
 - ii. adequate provision for local infrastructure,
 - iii. adequate strategic merit test, particularly regarding locating housing in commercial zones,
 - iv. ensuring local expertise is involved in decision-making, including by allowing delegation of HDA-declared projects to high-performing councils, and
 - v. amendments to HDA criteria and Expression of Interest Form that reflect the above issues.
3. That Council seeks amendment of current Local Planning Panel (LPP) processes prior to the cessation of Regional Planning Panels (RPPs) to ensure that LPPs can offer the same flexibility as the RPPs (prior to LPPs absorbing applications that currently are determined by RPPs).
4. That Council requests that DPHI form a working group that allows highly-experienced local government planning officers to help develop the policies, regulations and processes that will support the reforms.

- (c) That Council urge DPHI to consider more comprehensive planning reform that achieves and balances equitable and sustainable strategic outcomes, reliable efficiency and meaningful community engagement.
- (d) That Council bring forward work and advocacy on place-based legislation for Parramatta to ensure that the City has the tools required to address its unique challenges and opportunities.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

OCM25-42 DEFERRED FROM INQUORATE PTE COMMITTEE (28/10/2025) – PTE25-54 Referral of Inspection Reports by Fire and Rescue NSW
(Report by the Team Leader Building Compliance Technical)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Raffoul

That Council receive and note the tabled reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Note: Councillor Ellard left the meeting at 8.46pm

OCM25-43 UPDATED ATTACHMENT - FPG25-52 Quarterly Budget Review Statement - Q1 September 2025

(Report by the Chief Financial Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor MacLean and Councillor Darley

That Council:

- (a) Adopt the updated September 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) and Responsible Accounting Officer's report at Attachment 1 noting;
- i. The net operating result, including capital grants and contributions is a surplus of \$74.9 million;
 - ii. Underlying net operating result, excluding capital grants and contribution and loss or gain from asset disposals, is a surplus of \$0.1 million;
 - iii. Capital expenditure of \$223.8 million, which includes a carryover of \$26.6 million from FY2024-25; and
- (b) Approve the revised budget for the 2025/26 financial year.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Proxiv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Questions Taken on Notice on Item **OCM25-43 UPDATED ATTACHMENT - FPG25-52 Quarterly Budget Review Statement - Q1 September 2025** by Councillor Issa.

- Does Council hedge against foreign exchange movements?
- Is the official response of Council that "Council overlooked the demand forecast for it's cloud usage"?

Questions Taken on Notice on Item **OCM25-43 UPDATED ATTACHMENT - FPG25-52 Quarterly Budget Review Statement - Q1 September 2025** by Councillor Darley.

- Can an explanation be provided for the overall increase in IT costs compared to the original budget, including why the Property and Rating System module has been moved forward by a year and why the TechOne fees have increased despite CPI allowances being factored into the approved contract?
- Why was approximately \$1 million in unbudgeted expenditure required for make-good works on levels 5 and 6 at 9 Wentworth Street, why is this cost being borne by Council rather than the former tenants, and what impact will reallocating these funds from the Community Buildings Program have on that program?

OCM25-44 FY2024-25 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

(Report by the Financial Accounting Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Councillor Valjak

That Council receive and note the public presentation of the 2024–2025 Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports, as required under the Local Government Act 1993.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous).

PROCEDURAL MOTION SPEECH DURATION

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Councillor Valjak

That Council resolve to return to the standard five minute speech duration.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociw, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

Note: Councillor Ellard returned to the meeting at 8.53pm

NOM25-48 Public Access to Council Toilets at Local Parks (Cr Valjak)

(Motion of Councillor Valjak)

RESOLVED: Councillor Valjak and Councillor Jeffrey

- (a) That Council recognises the essential role that accessible, safe, and well-maintained public toilets in parks and open spaces play in supporting community health, inclusion, and participation in outdoor recreation.
- (b) That the CEO prepares a report by June 2026, for Council's consideration, that:
 - i. Reviews the current network of public toilets in parks and open spaces, evaluating their locations and level of service.
 - ii. Conducts a provision gap analysis to identify areas with under or over provision of public toilets within parks and open spaces, using the service levels and hierarchy outlined in the Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy.
 - iii. Provides a cost-benefit analysis of the findings related to under-provision, including an assessment of capital costs and ongoing operational resources. This analysis should consider the results of trial initiatives, potential upgrade costs, and options for staged implementation.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

NOM25-49 Recognition of Gail Connolly PSM's Achievements as CEO of the City of Parramatta (Cr Dr Prociv)

(Motion of Councillor Dr Prociv)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Dr Greenwood

That Council recognise and thank Ms Gail Connolly PSM for the contribution she made to the City of Parramatta, during her tenure as CEO 2023-2025.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Valjak.

Against the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter (abstained), Councillor Darley, Councillor Issa (abstained), Councillor Jeffrey (abstained), Councillor Pillamarri (abstained), Councillor Raffoul (abstained).

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was nine (9) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

Question Taken on Notice on Item **NOM25-49 Recognition of Gail Connolly PSM's Achievements as CEO of the City of Parramatta** by Councillor Darley.

- Can Council be advised why the replacement amendment recognising all staff for their contributions and service, as per the Staff Rewards Recognition and Service Programme, does not hold true hereto?

Note: Councillor Issa and Councillor Pandey left the meeting at 9.26pm

Note: Councillor Dr French and Councillor Ng left the meeting at 9.28pm

NOM25-50 Traffic Flow on Old Windsor Road, Winston Hills (Cr Valjak)

(Motion of Councillor Valjak)

RESOLVED: Councillor Valjak and Councillor Dr French

That the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Roads and Minister for Regional Transport, the Honourable Jenny Aitchison MP requesting the following:

- i. Reversal of the recent changes to traffic signal timing, phasing, and coordination at the intersection of Old Windsor Road, Caroline Chisholm Drive, and Powers Road.
- ii. Investigation by Transport for NSW of an upgrade to the intersection of Old Windsor Road, Caroline Chisholm Drive, and Powers Road including the following options:
 - 3 lanes in Old Windsor Road in both directions for several hundred metres north and south of the intersection, predominantly within the existing road alignment, including altering the dual right turn lanes to single right turn lanes.
 - 3 lanes in Old Windsor Road in both directions for several hundred metres north and south of the intersection, retaining the existing dual right turn lanes and widening into the grass area on the east side of the road.
- iii. That traffic counters be reinstalled on Old Windsor Road, near Hammers Road where they were previously located and along Windsor Road nearing James Ruse Interchange.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Note: Councillor Pandey returned to the meeting at 9.29pm.

Note: Councillor Dr French returned to the meeting at 9.31pm.

Note: Councillor Raffoul left the meeting at 9.33pm

Note: Councillor Ng returned to the meeting at 9.34pm.

NOM25-51 Growing Verge Gardens (Cr Darley)

(Motion of Councillor Darley)

RESOLVED: Councillor Darley and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen

(a) That the Acting CEO prepare a report to Council by March 2026 on how best to grow the number of verge gardens across the Parramatta LGA, including but not limited to:

- i. a promotional campaign for residents, via such methods as rates notices, social media, newsletters, community events, community education and engagement activities;
- ii. a spring verge garden competition, held either as a one off to launch the program, or annually or bi-annually;
- iii. initial and ongoing support activities, such as workshops, starter pack, verge gardener network; and
- iv. the resource implications of the different options and proposed program budget for 2026-2027 financial year.

(b) Further, that the Acting CEO review and update the current Nature Strip Planting Guidelines and Verge Maintenance Policy, in line with supporting a growth in the number of verge gardens in our LGA and based on current evidence and best practice, by August 2026.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Question Taken on Notice on Item **NOM25-51 Growing Verge Gardens** by Councillor Dr Prociv.

- Has there been any discussion or consideration of rebooting the garden competition, including its transition into verge gardens?

15 QUESTIONS REPORTS

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN25-35 Parramatta River Vision (Cr Dr French)
(Question of Councillor Dr French)

Can we please get an update on the progress of the Parramatta River Vision?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING & DESIGN RESPONSE:

The Parramatta River Vision identified four key Council actions:

- a. Strategic partnerships and river governance, vision alignment
- b. Review and prepare river corridor planning requirements
- c. Advocacy and alignment on major projects and infrastructure planning
- d. Undertake forward detailed project and precinct planning

Much of the river and its foreshore is controlled by State agencies and other stakeholders and without their contribution Council will not be able to achieve the vision unilaterally. The first key action is to establish strategic partnership with these agencies / stakeholders to achieve alignment on governance and vision.

A process was undertaken in 2024 to engage with these stakeholders with the establishment of a Parramatta River Parklands Network (Network). Whilst an interagency working group (a subgroup of the Network) was established to identify projects that could be progressed in partnership, resourcing constraints both at Council and partner organisations meant that no projects were identified and funded for 25/26 financial year. Council officers intend to reconvene the Network early in 2026 to identify a project supported by all stakeholders to facilitate progress on action b)-d) above.

QWN25-36 Mobile Problem Waste Service (Cr Darley)

(Question of Councillor Darley)

1. What has been the annual utilisation of Council's mobile problem waste service for the last five years by bookings, households and tonnage?
2. What is the profile of residents using Council's mobile problem waste service?
3. How many residents is it estimated will be impacted by the ceasing of the mobile problem waste service when the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) opens, such as elderly or immobile residents unable to travel to the CRC, and what support is able to be provided so they can still dispose of their problem waste?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES & PROJECTS RESPONSE:

Q1. The annual utilisation of Council's mobile problem waste is depicted in the table below. Council does not collect data related to type of households.

	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Bookings	2897	3040	2784	3228	2653
Tonnage	83	79	77	70	59

Q2. Council does not collect the data regarding the profile of residents utilising the service.

Q3. The Community Recycling Centre (CRC) is expected to receive approximately 429 customer visits per week. In comparison, the mobile problem waste collection service currently accommodates only 45 collections per week however Council increases the service during December and January to accommodate demand. The CRC is therefore anticipated to deliver a significant positive benefit to our residents.

As part of the CRC's engagement and communication strategy, comprehensive information regarding opening hours and site access will be made available to our community. Residents will be advised to seek assistance from family or friends for transporting items to the CRC when necessary. At present, the approved business case and budget does not provide direct Council support in facilitating additional transportation of waste for residents.

Staff will collect customer feedback on-site and utilise this input to refine and enhance ongoing services.

A formal report on the CRC's first twelve months of operation will be presented to Council upon its conclusion.

QWN25-37 Verge Mowing (Cr Darley)

(Question of Councillor Darley)

1. How many service requests has Council received annually for the last 3 years for verge mowing/ maintenance?
2. What has been the completion rate broken down by Council mowing/ maintaining the verge, organising for the adjoining property owner to mow/ maintain the verge or no action taken?
3. What is the average turnaround time for resolving verge mowing/ maintenance service requests?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES & PROJECTS RESPONSE:

Q1. From June 2023 to present Council has received 3,544 requests for verge maintenance.

2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	July 2025 to date
1368	1270	788	118

Q2. Council staff actioned approximately 54% of the total requests received for verge maintenance. A breakdown of the details of each request and the method of resolution would require a detailed report back to Council.

Q3. The average time for the resolution of verge mowing/maintenance service requests is 30 days.

QWN25-38

Parramatta Aquatic Centre Food Vendor (Cr Darley)

(Question of Councillor Darley)

Please provide a status update on the food vendor arrangements at Parramatta Aquatic Centre, including how the current in-house arrangement is going and if there are plans to outsource it again?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY & CULTURE AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORPORATE & PROPERTY SERVICES RESPONSE:

The original operator of the PAC Café relinquished their lease in July 2024, requiring Council to commence a temporary in-house operation until a new operator could be found. The in-house operation is limited to a counter service of pre-prepared and reheated food. Noting the limited menu offer, the PAC Team are satisfied with the quality of service being delivered, although customers are keen to see an expanded offer provided.

An expression of interest process was run by Council's Property Team during 2025 for a cafe operator to take on the lease and operation of the PAC Cafe. Council received three responses to the 2025 EOI process. Upon Council seeking further information from those respondents, only two provided additional information. Of the two respondents who provided additional information, one withdrew their submission and the other amended their proposal to such an extent that it was not possible to secure a successful outcome from the EOI process. The current advice from Council's Property Team is to re-run the Café Operator EOI process in the 2026/27 financial year.

With the EOI process unsuccessful and not currently proposed to be rerun for a period of time, the PAC Team are in the process of extending the in-house operation. As such, recruitment is underway for suitably qualified staff to provide a more wide-ranging food and beverage offer that meets customer expectations. The operating costs for the in-house operation are reflected in the 2025/26 Q1 forecast, now Council has confirmation of the unsuccessful outcome of the EOI process. Our current forecasts are for the in-house operation to run at a loss to Council, but we anticipate that the addition of a more wide-ranging food menu has greater potential for increasing revenues, along with meeting customer expectations as we move into PAC's busiest, summer period. The operational and financial performance of the in-house operation will be kept under-review by the PAC Team, noting the long-term objective to appoint a new external Café operator.

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

QON25-36 Questions Taken on Notice at the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

Councillor Darley asked questions on AIC-25-38 Status Report: Community Recycling Centre Project.

Refer to the Confidential Attachment for the question/s and officer response.

QON25-37 Questions Taken on Notice at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 27 October 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Darley asked a question item LMM25-36 Recruitment of the New Chief Executive Officer of City of Parramatta Council.

- What is the history of the City of Parramatta using the title of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), versus General Manager?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORPORATE & PROPERTY SERVICES RESPONSE:

On 11 August 2008, Council resolved to change the title from General Manager to Chief Executive Officer. This decision was made to present a more professional image of Council and to align it with other major cities across Australia.

At the time, Parramatta Council was the sixth largest city in Australia, and the intent of the title change was to send a strong message to business and the community that Council was a modern, professional organisation.

It was also identified that the term Chief Executive Officer better reflected the distinction between leadership and management, as General Managers commonly report to a CEO.

The following snapshot shows the titles used by principal officers at capital city councils:

Council	Principal Officer Title
City of Sydney	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

City of Melbourne	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Brisbane City Council	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
City of Adelaide	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
City of Perth	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
City of Hobart	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
City of Darwin	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
ACT Government	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Further, the following NSW councils have adopted the CEO title:

1. Albury City Council
2. Balranald Shire Council
3. Bega Valley Shire Council
4. Berrigan Shire Council
5. Blacktown City Council
6. Blue Mountains City Council
7. Campbelltown City Council
8. Central Coast Council
9. Central Darling Shire Council
10. City of Canterbury Bankstown
11. City of Newcastle
12. City of Parramatta Council
13. City of Ryde
14. City of Sydney
15. Dubbo Regional Council
16. Edward River Council
17. Kempsey Shire Council
18. Kiama Municipal Council
19. Lake Macquarie City Council
20. Liverpool City Council
21. Murray River Council
22. North Sydney Council
23. Northern Beaches Council
24. Orange City Council
25. Shoalhaven City Council
26. Snowy Monaro Regional Council
27. Sutherland Shire Council
28. Upper Lachlan Shire Council
29. Wollondilly Shire Council
30. Yass Valley Council

The City of Parramatta's use of the CEO title is in line with best practice among Australia's largest and most progressive councils. As Parramatta continues its vision to be a global city, the CEO title supports a modern, professional image and reinforces the Council's commitment to strategic leadership and organisational excellence.

QON25-38

Questions Taken on Notice at the Finance, Property and Governance Committee Meeting held on 29 October 2025

(Report by the Coordinator Secretariat Services)

Councillor Darley asked eight (8) questions on **FPG25-52 Quarterly Budget Review Statement - Q1 September 2025**.

1. Clarification required on why, for some projects, the carryover request is significantly smaller than the budget variation.
2. Clarification required on what the Parramatta Square Public Arts Project entails.
3. Staff to confirm the reason for the significant increase in the budget allocation for the Two-Way Conversion of Valentine St/Wentworth St, as the current explanation only refers to rolling over funds.
4. Staff to confirm the reason for reducing this year's budget for the Carlingford Parklands Design despite previous indications of project progression.
5. Staff to explain why the budget variation for the Let's Play at Kilpack Project is higher than the rollover amount, given the delayed start.
6. Staff to confirm the reason for a \$700,000 budget reduction for the Thomas St Roundabout following community exhibition.
7. Clarification required on how the 18% Parking Space Levy reduction was calculated, as the number of lost car spaces does not appear to align with the reduction.
8. Staff to clarify the reason for the \$1,000,000 unbudgeted expenditure for capital renewal of administrative and operational properties on levels 5 and 6 at 9 Wentworth St.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORPORATE & PROPERTY SERVICES RESPONSE:

1. Carryover vs Budget Variation

Carryover classifications have been updated in the QBRs papers (Slides 13–16, 42–50). There is no change to the overall capital expenditure forecast.

2. Parramatta Square Public Art Project

The \$5 m project delivers three artworks: the Bus, Eel structure, and PHIVE glass sphere. \$4.3 m spent; \$669k remains for potential additional work or lighting, subject to a future Council report.

3. Valentine/Wentworth Two-Way Conversion

Total project budget is unchanged. Budget timing will be adjusted in Q2 and FY27 to align with delivery.

4. Carlingford Parklands Design

Stage 1 remains on track for Dec 2027. Current phase is design and procurement with low spend; budget will be rephased in Q2 after procurement.

5. Let's Play at Kilpack Project

Project is ahead of schedule. Outer-year funds brought forward; Q1 forecast updated for increased near-term spend. Completion expected Dec 2025 (weather permitting).

6. Thomas St Roundabout

Project runs to Dec 2026. Q1 forecast reduced to reflect lower FY26 spend; major costs expected early FY27.

7. Parking Space Levy Reduction

PSL liability dropped by ~\$210k due to reduced use at key car parks and temporary closure of 9 Wentworth St basement (69→44 spaces) for 11 months, with exemptions claimed.

8. Unbudgeted \$1 m for 9 Wentworth St

Funds reallocated from Community Buildings program for makegood works on Levels 5 and 6.

Councillor Darley asked questions on FPG-CON25-7 Status Update: Outstanding Debts - Rates and Receivables (Provisional Results).

Refer to the Confidential Attachment for the questions and answers.

Councillors Issa, Pandey and Darley asked questions on FPG-CON25-8 5 Parramatta Square - Lease Assignment Consideration.

Refer to the Confidential Attachment for the questions and answers.

Note: Councillor Issa and Councillor Raffoul returned to the meeting at 9.36pm.

Note: Councillor Dr French left the meeting at 9.37pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Note: Prior to moving into Closed Session, the Lord Mayor invited members of the public gallery to make representations as to why any item had been included in Closed Session. No member of the gallery wished to make representations.

RESOLVED: Councillor Ellard and Councillor Raffoul

That at this time of the meeting, being 9.37pm, the Chair advised that the meeting would move into Closed Confidential Session to allow consideration of matters in Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993.

Accordingly, members of the press and public were excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session will be withheld. This action was taken to discuss:

- **CON25-6 NSW Supreme Court Proceedings**

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

That in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as its advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

- **FPG-CON25-8 - 5 Parramatta Square - Lease Assignment Consideration**

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

That in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as its information that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person.

- **FPG-CON25-9 Shop 4/4-14 Hunter Street, Parramatta - Leasing Options**

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

That in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as its information that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Note: Council moved into Closed Session at 9.38pm.

Note: Councillor Dr French returned to the meeting at 9.38pm.

16 CLOSED SESSION

FPG-CON25-8 5 Parramatta Square - Lease Assignment Consideration

(Report by the Leasing Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Issa and Councillor Dr Prociv

- (a) Council consider the request for the assignment of the lease with 388 Holding Pty Ltd (trading as Publique') for the operation of a café to a fast-food restaurant located at 5 Parramatta Square;
- (b) That Council acknowledge that the vision and expectation for the premise is to ensure the activation of Parramatta Square on all days of the week, throughout daytime and evening periods, primarily through food and beverage offerings.
- (c) That Council acknowledge 388 Holding Pty Ltd (trading as Publique') only operates from 7am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday and is closed in the evening periods and weekends which does not align with the vision and expectation for the premise.
- (d) That Council not proceed with the currently proposed lease assignment, as it does not align with the terms of the existing lease agreement.
- (e) That the CEO explore and negotiate opportunities (at no cost to Council) within the existing lease agreement to better align the operation with the vision outlined in this resolution and report these opportunities back to Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv, Councillor Raffoul and Councillor Valjak (Unanimous)

Question Taken on Notice on Item **FPG-CON25-8 5 Parramatta Square - Lease Assignment Consideration** by Councillor Darley.

FPG-CON25-9 Shop 4/4-14 Hunter Street, Parramatta - Leasing Options

(Report by the Leasing Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor MacLean and Councillor Dr Prociv

- (a) That Council endorse Parramatta Clay & Arts as the Preferred Applicant;
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate and finalise the terms with the Preferred Applicant; and
- (c) That the CEO be authorised to execute all relevant documentation associated with this matter.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Issa and Councillor Pillamarri

- (a) That Council endorse the Newsagency option as the Preferred Applicant;
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate and finalise the terms with the Preferred Applicant; and
- (c) That the CEO be authorised to execute all relevant documentation associated with this matter.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Chen, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Pillamarri and Councillor Raffoul

Against the Amendment: Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Valjak

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was six (6) votes FOR and nine (9) votes AGAINST. The Motion was LOST.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor MacLean and Councillor Dr Prociv

- (a) That Council endorse Parramatta Clay & Arts as the Preferred Applicant;

- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate and finalise the terms with the Preferred Applicant; and
- (c) That the CEO be authorised to execute all relevant documentation associated with this matter.

For the Motion: Councillor Darley, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Dr Prociv

Against the Motion: Lord Mayor Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Chen (abstained), Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Pandey (abstained), Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Raffoul, Councillor Valjak

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was seven (7) votes FOR and eight (8) votes AGAINST. The Motion was LOST. The matter is AT LARGE.

Question Taken on Notice on Item **FPG-CON25-6 Shop 4/4-14 Hunter Street, Parramatta - Leasing Options** by Councillor Darley.

Question Taken on Notice on Item **FPG-CON25-6 Shop 4/4-14 Hunter Street, Parramatta - Leasing Options** by Councillor Valjak.

Note: Councillor Valjak left the meeting at 10.29pm and did not return.

Note: Due to submitting a Declaration of Interest in Item CON25-6, Councillor Darley left the meeting at 10.31pm.

CON25-6 NSW Supreme Court Proceedings

(Report by the Principal Solicitor)

Note: Councillor Darley disclosed a non-pecuniary, significant interest in Item CON25-6 NSW Supreme Court Proceedings for the reason that the agenda item is considering whether to appeal the Councillor Darley vs City of Parramatta Supreme Court judgement dated 29th August 2025. Councillor Darley will not partake the discussion and voting on this item.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Issa and Councillor Raffoul

That Council not appeal the 29 August 2025 NSW Supreme Court decision in proceedings brought by Councillor Kellie Darley against City of Parramatta Council and Phil O'Toole (Proceedings Number 2024/266362).

AMENDMENT: Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Ng

That Council appeal the 29 August 2025 NSW Supreme Court decision in proceedings brought by Councillor Kellie Darley against City of Parramatta Council and Phil O'Toole (Proceedings Number 2024/266362).

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Ng and Councillor Dr Prociv

Against the Amendment: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen (abstained), Councillor Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri (abstained) and Councillor Raffoul

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Amendment was four (4) votes FOR and seven (7) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Issa and Councillor Raffoul

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For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Pandey and Councillor Raffoul

Against the Motion: Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen (abstained), Councillor Ellard, Councillor French, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pillamarri (abstained) and Councillor Prociv

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was seven (7) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Jeffrey

That Council return to Open Session, the time being 10.43pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Raffoul (Unanimous)

Note: Council returned to Open Session at 10.44pm.

17 CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Jeffrey

That the recommendations in relation to the following items:

- FPG-CON25-8 - 5 Parramatta Square - Lease Assignment Consideration
- FPG-CON25-9 - Shop 4/4-14 Hunter Street, Parramatta - Leasing Options
- CON25-6 NSW Supreme Court Proceedings

be received and noted as resolutions of Council without any alteration and amendment thereto.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen, Councillor Ellard, Councillor Dr French, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pandey, Councillor Pillamarri, Councillor Dr Prociv and Councillor Raffoul (Unanimous)

FPG-CON25-8 5 Parramatta Square - Lease Assignment Consideration

(Report by the Leasing Officer)

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FPG-CON25-9 Shop 4/4-14 Hunter Street, Parramatta - Leasing Options

(Report by the Leasing Officer)

There was no Recommendation made by the Council in Closed Session.

On being put to the meeting, the matter was LOST.

CON25-6 NSW Supreme Court Proceedings

(Report by the Principal Solicitor)

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RESOLVED: Councillor Issa and Councillor Raffoul

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For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Councillor Zaiter, Councillor Dr Greenwood, Councillor Issa, Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor MacLean, Councillor Pandey and Councillor Raffoul.

Against the Motion: Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Chen (abstained), Councillor Ellard, Councillor French, Councillor Ng, Councillor Pillamarri (abstained) and Councillor Prociv.

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was seven (7) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

18 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.46pm.

This page and the preceding 51 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 November 2025 and will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 8 December 2025.

Signature of the Chairperson