

MINUTES

Environment and Planning Committee

Monday, 08 July 2024

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre,
Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg (Chairperson) Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, Manager Strategic Planning - Catherine McMahon, Manager Environment Health and Regulatory Services – Mr Andrew Spooner, Strategic Planner/Urban Designer - Anne Qin, Strategic Planning - Michelle Fawcett, Executive Assistant to the Director, Environment and Planning - Leanne Allen, Acting Manager, Office of the General Manager – Sue Matthew, Executive Services Officer –Marisa Severino and Team Leader Technical Services Mark Tadros.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOTION: COUNCILLOR MAHONEY, COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT AS THE ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON , COUNCILLOR MAHONEY IS UNABLE TO CHAIR TONIGHT'S MEETING, A VOTE BE TAKEN OF THE COUNCILLORS PRESENT, APPOINTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE, TO ELECT A CHAIRPERSON FOR THIS MEETING.

THAT DEPUTY MAYOR, COUNCILLOR BORG ASSUME THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 8 JULY 2024.

RECORD OF VOTING

FOR THE MOTION: DEPUTY MAYOR, COUNCILLOR BORG, COUNCILLOR MAHONEY, COUNCILLOR AMBIHAIPAHAR, COUNCILLOR JAMIESON, COUNCILLOR KATRIS, COUNCILLOR LANDSBERRY, COUNCILLOR WANG

ON BEING PUT TO THE MEETING, VOTING ON THIS MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 7.03pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Borg acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Borg advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with section 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits the electronic recording of meetings without the express permission of Council.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Borg submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that an associated person of the councillor has an interest in the land. Councillor Borg will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Borg submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has an interest in the land. The item proposes to reduce the minimum lot size for dual occupancies from 650sqm to 600sqm in the R2 zone. My principal place of residence is 613sqm in an R2 zone. Councillor Borg will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Borg declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV025-24 Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that the public park across the road from my principal place of Residence is proposed to be added to the Foreshore Scenic Protection Area in the Planning Proposal. Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV025-24 Endorsement Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that it is his principal place of residence is located within the existing Foreshore Scenic Protection Area. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV026-24 Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan - Adoption** for the reason that he has made a personal submission to Council concerning this item. Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Katris submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV025-24 Endorsement Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that he is a part owner of his principal place of Residence which is located in Blakehurst. Councillor Katris will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Katris submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV029-24 Georges River Housing Policy** for the reason that he is a part owner of his principal place of Residence which is located in Blakehurst. Councillor Katris will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Katris submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that he is a part owner of his principal place of residence which is located in Blakehurst. Councillor Katris will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Jamieson submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that her principal place of residence is in the LGA and this planning proposal discusses the LGA. Councillor Jamieson will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Jamieson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Planning Proposal for Gateway Consideration** for the reason that she has an investment property in the LGA. However, this property is already developed and would not be affected by this proposal. Councillor Jamieson will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Wang declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV025-24 Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that it is his principal place of residence is in the R2 zone in the Foreshore Scenic Protection Area (FSPA). Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Wang declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Planning Proposal for Gateway Consideration** for the reason that his principal place of residence is in the R2 zone. Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Ambihaipahar declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Planning Proposal for Gateway Consideration** for the reason that a parkland is near her property and is proposed to be added to the FSPA area and additionally, her parent in law's primary place of residence is located within the FSPA. Councillor Ambihaipahar will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Ambihaipahar declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV30-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason she is employed as the Regional Director - Operations Metro at St Vincent de Paul Society NSW (Society) and she oversees Vinnies Support Centres (VSC) and Vans operations in the metropolitan area. The Hurstville VSC is currently operating at 183C Forest Rd, Hurstville, NSW, 2220 and the site is owned by the Society. Councillor Ambihaipahar will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and she will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Mahoney submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that his principal place of residence is located within the affected area. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Name	Report No.	Report Title
1	Adrian Polhill (Remotely)	ENV025-24	Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ENV024-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Katris

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENV025-24 Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council forward Planning Proposal No. 2024/0002 (Biodiversity, Character and FSPA) enclosed in Attachment 1 to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (b) That the Director Environment and Planning be authorised to make minor editorial amendments to the Planning Proposal as required throughout the reporting process.
- (c) That Council endorse to publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in accordance with the *Georges River Council Engagement Strategy*.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

ENV026-24 Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan - Adoption
(Report by Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council adopt the Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan provided in Attachments 1 and 2 in accordance with section 40 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and section 3.23(6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.
- (b) That Council authorise the General Manager to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan.
- (c) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan be notified of Council's decision.
- (d) That the adopted Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – NSW Crown Lands for information.
- (e) That the Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

ENV027-24 Georges River Council Smoke Free Policy for Outdoor Areas (2024) - Outcome of Public Exhibition
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

That Council adopt the Georges River Council Smoke Free Policy for Outdoor Areas (2024) as attached to this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

ENV028-24 Georges River Council Enforcement Policy (2024) - Outcome of Public Exhibition
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar

That Council adopt the Georges River Council Enforcement Policy 2024 as attached to this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

ENV029-24 Georges River Affordable Housing Policy - Outcome of Public Exhibition
(Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

It was noted that Councillor Ambihaipahar left the Chambers at 07:42pm and returned to the Chambers at 7.44pm.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris

That Council adopt the Georges River Affordable Housing Policy 2024 as attached to this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

It was noted that Councillor Ambihaipahar left the Chambers at 07:51pm

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council endorse Planning Proposal No. 2024/0004 (Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal), to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan (GRLEP) 2021*, be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, with Council seeking a deferral to the DPHI's *Low and Mid-Rise Housing* proposal.
- (b) That Council endorse the content of the Planning Proposal as listed in the **Table of Amendments** within the body of this Report.
- (c) That the Director Environment and Planning be authorised to make minor editorial amendments to the Planning Proposal as required throughout the reporting process.
- (d) That Council note this Planning Proposal incorporates the amendments proposed by the Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal (PP2024/0002) to implement the *Georges River Biodiversity Study* and *Foreshore Scenic Character Study*.
- (e) That Council endorse to publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the DPHI in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Strategy*.
- (f) That Council identify additional R3 Medium Density Residential and R4 High Density Residential Zones in its review of the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement in accordance with the recommendation of the Georges River Local Planning Panel.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 8.04pm

Chairperson