

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF ASHFIELD COUNCIL HELD ON LEVEL 6, CIVIC CENTRE, 260 LIVERPOOL ROAD, ASHFIELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2016, COMMENCING AT 7:31 PM.**

**PRESENT**

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor McKenna OAM in the Chair and Councillors Cassidy PSM, Drury, Lofts, Mansour, Passas, Raciti, M Raiola, Stott, Wang and Wangmann

Ms V Chan	General Manager
Ms N Kettle	Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr P Sarin	Director Planning and Environment
Ms C Edwards-Davis	Director Works and Infrastructure
Ms P Mourgelas	Manager Corporate Governance
Ms L Hopkin	Senior Governance Officer

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY**

"Let us acknowledge that we are meeting on country for which the members and elders of the local Aboriginal community have been custodians for many centuries, and on which Aboriginal people have performed age old ceremonies. We acknowledge their living culture and unique role in the life of this region."

**APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED** M Raiola/Mansour

An apology for lateness was received and accepted for Councillor Raciti.

An apology for non attendance was received and accepted from Councillor A Raiola.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

No disclosures were made.

Councillor Raciti attended the meeting the time being 7.40pm.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**MERGER PROPOSAL - CONSIDERATIONS**

**ECM 6.1**

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**RESOLVED:** Drury/ Mansour

- 1/6 That the report be received and noted.
- 2/6 That as part of the review of the Ashfield, Leichhardt, Marrickville merger Council asks the appointed Delegate to conduct a poll of all eligible voters in the Ashfield Council area to determine their attitude to the proposed merger.
- 3/6 That Council endorse the contents of Council's submission to the Delegate as outlined in the report.
- 4/6 That Council authorise the General Manager a budget of \$50,000 to commence contingent transition planning.
- 5/6 That Council seek full compensation from the State Government for any costs required for transition planning.
- 6/6 That Ashfield Council write to the Premier and Minister for Local Government in terms similar to the following:

Should the State Government persist with amalgamating councils, then Ashfield Council requests a reconsideration of the process leading to the creation of the new merged council.

Given the undertaking given by the Minister for Local Government and the fact that each of our councils are operating effectively then we believe that the three councils should stay in place until the election of the new amalgamated council.

We think our councils should continue to operate until the next election to oversee the implementation of our current annual plans and represent our community.

Our mayors and deputy mayors could work in consultation with the general managers to work out a new structure and transition arrangements.

Our general managers should jointly work out a staffing structure and transitional arrangements.

Councillor Passas left the meeting the time being 8.02pm, and returned at 8.04pm.  
Councillor Passas left the meeting the time being 8.13pm, and returned at 8.15 pm.

A division was called and the voting was as follows:-

**For the Motion**

Councillors Stott, Wangmann, Cassidy PSM, Mansour, Wang, Lofts, Drury, M Raiola, Raciti, Passas and McKenna OAM.

**Against the Motion**

Nil.

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Councillor Passas left the meeting the time being 8.34pm.

**COUNCIL DECISION MAKING DURING MERGER PROPOSAL PERIODS**

**ECM 6.2**

**RESOLVED:** Drury/Mansour

That the report be received and noted.

A division was called and the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion

Councillors Stott, Wangmann, Cassidy PSM, Mansour, Wang, Lofts, Drury, M Raiola, Raciti and McKenna OAM.

Against the Motion

Nil.

**PROCEEDINGS TERMINATED AT 8.36pm**

Chairperson of the meeting of Extraordinary Council Meeting  
when the Minutes were confirmed

Chairperson

Date