

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of ORDINARY MEETING of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers Leichhardt Town Hall, Norton Street, Leichhardt on **23 AUGUST 2005**.

Present at the commencement of the meeting;

Her Worship the Mayor, A. Murphy in the chair, Councillors C. Allen, D. Cobley-Finch, N. Dyer, K. Hamilton, M. McKenzie, R. Porteous, M. Sheehan, R. Webb & C. Windsor.

7.14pm

Councillor Parker arrived at the meeting

Staff Present

: General Manager, Director Corporate & Information Services, Director Environmental & Community Management, Director Infrastructure & Service Delivery, Media and Public Affairs Officer, Manager Administration Services, Administration Officer.

Meeting Commenced:

7.07pm

BUSINESS:

Before proceeding with the meeting, the Mayor thanked and expressed acknowledgement of the Eora people for taking care of the land, being the traditional owners of the town hall site.

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CONFIRMATION AND/OR CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES ORDINARY AND SPECIAL MEETING

(a)

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

C315/05

RESOLVED

PORTEOUS/HAMILTON

That the Minutes of the Building & Development Committee Meeting held 12 July 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

(d)

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

C316/05

RESOLVED

PORTEOUS/HAMILTON

That the Minutes of the Building & Development Council Meeting held 19 July 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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(b) **ORDINARY MEETING**

C317/05 RESOLVED PORTEOUS/HAMILTON

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 26 July 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**** APOLOGIES AND/OR CONDOLENCES**

C318/05 RESOLVED DYER/PORTEOUS

That apologies be given for the absence of Councillor Hannaford.

**** DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil

**** MAYORAL MINUTES**

1A. P & O SITE AT WHITE BAY

Councillors would have seen media reports about plans by the State Government to develop the Government owned P&O land at White Bay for medium density housing. The Premiers office has stated since that there are no firm plans for development on the site.

The report however is still very concerning as it shows that the development pressure is still in the back of peoples minds. As previous campaigns have proven waterfront land in State Government ownership is constantly under threat due to the high resale value.

White Bay is already over developed and has very little infrastructure in terms of parks, footpaths, public transport and other facilities to support it, any further development would place the area under extreme pressure.

Further, the protection of industry on the waterfront must remain a fundamental policy of local and State Governments alike, what makes Rozelle and the Leichhardt Municipality as a whole such a wonderful place is the mix of uses for the land, losing employment, industrial use and water use for the area would be a disaster for the area.

C319/05 RESOLVED MURPHY/MCKENZIE

That Leichhardt Council reaffirms it support for a working harbour and urges the State Government to do formal planning to ensure that the working harbour is maintained.

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The Mayor on behalf of Council write to the Premier Morris Iemma outlining the Council's view that the Government owned land at White Bay is retained in government ownership for industrial purposes and further seek confirmation of its intended uses for the land and an analysis of the impacts on land transport of moving freight from White Bay to Port Botany.

If the State Government determines that the land cannot be used for industrial purposes that it is returned to the "people" for community purposes.

That the Mayor write to the White Bay Community group, the precincts and friends of Callan Park detailing our concern about potential development for the site.

Council submit Freedom of Information requests to the Departments of Infrastructure, Planning & Finance, Premiers Department and Cabinet requesting all documents, correspondence, minutes of meetings and reports relating to the disposal or sale for residential or commercial development of land at White Bay.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.14pm Councillor Parker arrived at the meeting.

1B. PARKING METERS

Councillors will be aware that the issue of parking meters is on going in our community. We are constantly being lobbied about ways of improving the usage of parking meters.

Earlier this month I attended a meeting of community and business members convened by Sandra Nori regarding parking meters. While there were several different viewpoints raised about ways of making parking meters fairer one issue remained consistent. Residents and businesses alike raised that the 15 free was not enough time for the short trips required.

People are concerned that the 15 minutes does not give them enough time to wait for food or grab a few items in the supermarket. Several other issues were raised including the fairness of certain fines and other inconsistencies.

Councillors will also be aware that on top of the 15 minute free button option, Leichhardt Council has put into place many different strategies over the years to assist residents and businesses in the municipality. These strategies include:

- Doubling the number of 15 minute free spots by in November 2004; there are now 107 at 15 minute free bays
- Free permits to all residents and businesses within a permit parking scheme;
- Free pensioner parking permits, which allow access to all permit zones;

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- Free temporary permits for tradesman undertaking work on properties within permit zones;
- Visitor permits to those households that are within a permit parking scheme that operates 7 days or after 6.00PM;
- Free parking in Council Car parks;
- All money raised from parking meters is spent on local infrastructure; and
- Council working with the Chambers of Commerce and local businesses on promotion and marketing of the local area including the allocation of significant funding (around \$100,000 per annum).

Despite these options, concerns still remain as to the fairness and effectiveness of the current system.

C320/05 RESOLVED

MURPHY/COBLEY-FINCH

That Council supports in principle the increase of the 15 minute free button to half an hour subject to a report being prepared for Council regarding the cost and any other implications of increasing the time.

That Council continue to monitor and meet with residents regarding the parking meters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1B. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WITH CANCER COUNCIL

Cancer directly affects one in three people in the community – and everyone else will see and feel the impact in physical and emotional suffering, premature death and financial burden. According to a Roy Morgan Poll, Australians have identified it as their number one health concern.

While Local Government doesn't have control over spending in hospitals or on Medicare, there are many ways to help reduce the impact of cancer on our community, and Councils are well placed to provide a real boost to the wellbeing of residents.

The Cancer Council NSW has been working with Local Government across NSW on an informal basis for a long time through a range of activities, including *Relay For Life*, Smoke-free playgrounds, advice on sun-safety for workers, and the provision of free cancer information through local libraries.

The Cancer Council NSW has approached Leichhardt Council to enter into a community partnership: a formal relationship between The Cancer Council NSW and Leichhardt Council. This involves Council affirming its commitment to reduce the impact of cancer in the local community by –

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- Learning about and adopting new policies that will lead to a reduction in the incidence of cancer;
- Supporting Cancer Council advocacy campaigns that benefit the residents of Leichhardt Council;
- Using Council communication channels, venues, staff and networks to disseminate Cancer Council health promotion and patient support materials;
- Helping the Cancer Council to support patients and their families in your community by allowing use of Council venues for support group meetings and education programs; and
- Supporting Cancer Council efforts to raise money in the local area.

When Council becomes a Community Partner, The Cancer Council NSW will provide materials, draft policies, and a suggested range of activities free of charge. Each year, new programs will be developed to help educate and support councils, their residents and their staff. In the coming year these will include the provision of cancer information and support centres in local libraries; advice on shade provision in childcare centres and skin cancer prevention materials for older residents.

The Cancer Council NSW will also provide free health-related copy for use in Council columns in newspapers and in Council newsletters.

Council will be required to nominate two senior staff as Relationship Managers with the Cancer Council. These people will receive all correspondence from The Cancer Council NSW regarding the Partnership, and will facilitate future contact with appropriate Council staff as needed.

The Cancer Council NSW will provide information updates on a six-monthly basis to Council's Relationship Managers. Council will then be able to decide which programs to participate in.

C321/05 RESOLVED MURPHY/WINDSOR

That Leichhardt Council acknowledges the high level of physical and emotional suffering, premature death and financial burden caused by cancer in this community. By becoming a Cancer Council Community Partner, we undertake to help lower the impact of this insidious disease in our community by –

- Learning about and adopting new policies that will help reduce the incidence of cancer in our area.
- Supporting Cancer Council advocacy campaigns that will benefit the people of our community.
- Using our communication channels, venues and networks to help deliver Cancer Council information and education.
- Allowing free use of Council venues and other resources for support group meetings, education programs and other activities that benefit cancer patients and their families in our area.

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- Supporting Cancer Council efforts in our area to raise money for cancer research, prevention and support.

Further, Leichhardt Council nominates the Director of Environmental & Community Management and Community Liaison Officer as the dedicated Relationship Managers for this community partnership.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1D. DONATIONS FOR TSUNAMI VICTIMS

Councillors will remember my Mayoral Minute at the February 2005 meeting in response to the shocking devastation resulting from the Tsunami throughout South East Asia in December 2004.

Councillors will particularly remember that one of the recommendations was that Council match the contributions by staff and Councillors dollar for dollar to double the initial donation.

As a result of this, Council has made the following payments to the 5 nominated Aid Agencies as donations towards Tsunami Relief:

World Vision:	\$5,403.00
Oxfam Australia:	\$765.00
UNICEF Aust:	\$300.00
Aust Red Cross:	\$220.00
AUSTCARE:	\$50.00

Another aspect of this aid effort coordinated by Council staff that Councillors may not know is that the Citizens Service Centre was a drop off point for donations of food stuffs, clothing, first aid supplies and other goods that were in very high demand in the worst effected areas.

It is estimated that staff collected and transferred over 25 x 240 litre bins worth of donated goods to the collection point at Tempe Bus Museum which were then dispatched to those areas.

C322/05 RESOLVED MURPHY/COBLEY-FINCH

That Council acknowledge and thank the staff and Councillors for their enormous generosity in donating so much money towards Tsunami relief;

That Council staff be thanked for helping with the collection of donations from other staff and the public; and

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That Council staff be thanked for coordinating the collection of donated food stuffs, clothing, first aid supplies and other goods that were donated by the public.

**** SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

C323/05 RESOLVED PARKER/PORTEOUS

That items 15 & 19 be brought forward and dealt with now.

15. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE (11 AUGUST 2005)

C324/05 RESOLVED PORTEOUS/PARKER

That Council adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 August 2005 with the accompanying recommendations subject to the following changes;

Item 4 - Former Kolotex Site Development, George Street Leichhardt) not be adopted at present and be replaced with;

That the matter be referred to the Strategic Planning section to develop a set of guidelines for the redevelopment of the site. The guidelines to be prepared for the next Planning Committee meeting with a report to the subsequent Council meeting.

Item 6 – Commercial Centres – (Desired future character & lower Norton Street Planning Controls)

Recommendation 2.3 of the above item be replaced with;

Draft amendments to DCP2000 be prepared which give guidelines for signage in commercial areas incorporating use of colour palette and limiting the extent of the use of corporate colour schemes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. DONATION REQUESTS

C325/05 RESOVLED WINDSOR/PORTEOUS

1. That Council provide a \$1000 donation to Maria Betti's Folkloristico Italiano Group.
2. That Council provide \$200 sponsorship to Isabel Tzorbatzaki (Orchestral Tour Sponsorship Committee).

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	FOR		AGAINST
Rochelle Porteous	x	Nick Dyer	x
Jamie Parker	x	Maire Sheehan	x
Kate Hamilton	x	Carolyn Allen	x
Michelle McKenzie	x		
Alice Murphy	x		
Damian Cobley-Finch	x		
Robert Webb	x		
Chris Windsor	x		

Note: The Councillors who voted against the above resolution were in favour of a \$500 donation to Maria Betti's Folkloristico Italiano Group.

**** SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

C326/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

That the following items be dealt with concurrently and the recommendations contained in the reports be adopted;

Items 2,3,4,8,9,10,13,24,25,26,27 & 30.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. SUMMARY OF MAYORAL MINUTE RESOLUTIONS FROM JULY 2005

C327/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**** PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

3. SUMMARY OF PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE RESOLUTIONS FROM JULY 2005

C328/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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4. REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER – ANNANDALE TOWN HALL

C329/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

Council waive the fees of \$564.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

C330/05 RESOLVED SHEEHAN/HAMILTON

Any Councillor who wishes to attend the conference advise Graham Carnegie by 6th September.

Councillors attending to work out amongst themselves who will have the voting rights.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. OPTIONS PAPER FOR ONE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

C331/05 RESOLVED SHEEHAN/PARKER

Council supports in principle the creation of one LG association.

Council notes that no decision has been made on the proposal.

Council support the principle of proportional representation based on population.

Council also supports the proposal that each area has at least one representative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. WATER AND ENERGY SAVINGS ACTION PLANS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

C332/05 RESOLVED SHEEHAN/HAMILTON

Council:

- 1) Receive and note the letter received from Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability

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- 2) Prepare the Savings Action Plans in accordance with the guidelines prepared by Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability
- 3) Nominate Councils' Senior Environment Officer as the contact person within Council to receive information about the plan requirements
- 4) Council also write to the Minister advising of the above resolution and advising that it does so cognisant of the fact that while the State Government is requiring Councils to comply, State Government has no plan for water and energy sustainability.

Further the letter draw attention that the State Government has no such plan for facilities such as schools.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**** GENERAL MANAGER**

8. SUMMARY OF GENERAL MANAGER RESOLUTIONS FROM JULY 2005

C333/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. DATE FOR MAYORAL ELECTION

C334/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

In accordance with Council's policy, the Mayoral Elections be held on the Wednesday night after the September Ordinary Meeting – i.e. Wednesday 28 September 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. DATE FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING IN OCTOBER

C335/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

2.1 That the Ordinary Council meeting in October be brought forward by one week and be held on the same night as the October Building and Development Committee meeting on Tuesday 18 October 2005.

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- 2.2 That the October Building and Development Committee meeting commence at 7.00pm and upon its conclusion be immediately followed by the October Ordinary Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. COMMUNITY EVENTS FUNDING

C336/05 RESOLVED PORTEOUS/COBLEY-FINCH

That any anticipated over expenditure of a Council organised and funded community event be firstly reported to Council before proceeding; however if time does not permit this to occur, that Councillors be immediately informed of the anticipated over expenditure and the reason for it. The General Manager in conjunction with the Mayor be authorised to determine an appropriate course of action subject to firstly identifying where the additional funds could be sourced and the determination subsequently reported to the next available Ordinary Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. 2005 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

C337/05 RESOLVED PARKER/SHEEHAN

1. Council endorse all motions in the report (subject to the changes detailed below) to be forwarded to the Local Government Association for consideration at the 2005 Conference with the exception of the motion on "**Wharves Ownership**" which is to be withdrawn and the motion on "**Redevelopment of Kingsford Smith Airport**" which is to be amended to read;

"This conference confirms its policy of opposing any expansion of Sydney Airport".

2. The following 4 motions received from Councillors since the July Ordinary Meeting be amended to read as follows;

Motion 1 – Footpaths & the distribution of printed material

Parker/Sheehan

Democratic principles & Freedom of Speech requires that the LGA affirms the basic right of all citizens and organisations to freely

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distribute printed material on public footpaths for distribution for political, community, charity and not for profit organisations.

Further that the LGA recognises that no individual or organisation should be given exclusive rights to distribute printed materials on public footpaths in return for a fee.

Motion 2 – Public Housing

Sheehan/Dyer

With regards to the NSW Government's plan for reshaping Public Housing Policy May 2005, the LGA calls for adequate funding to be put into housing, for the expansion of existing department of housing stock, and improvements to maintenance backlogs and service.

Motion 3 – Telecommunication Base Stations

Porteous/Windsor

That the Executive takes legal advice on the viability of a test court case, to be funded by all Councils, challenging the planned installation of a telecommunication base station on the grounds of both perceived fear of risks to health and real risks to health and that should the advice be to proceed with the case that the Executive calls on all its members to jointly fund it.

That Executive work with ALGA and the Commonwealth Government to develop protocols for the installation of telecommunication base stations and low emission facilities to ensure mobile coverage which recognises the right of the community to be involved in the choice of site and establishes the principal of using less invasive minimal telecommunications facilities.

The Executive endorses an individual's right to refuse an intrusion and invasion of their property for the purposes of installing a telecommunications facility.

Motion 4 – Refugees

Cobley-Finch/Windsor

This conference supports the rights of asylum seekers to find justice in this country.

As refugees are released on visas which preclude them from working or gaining any federal government benefits, we realise that they must

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be supported materially for rent, food, clothing etc for them and their families.

We endorse the actions of Leichhardt and Sydney councils in providing funds to employ a co coordinator to raise funds for this purpose.

Furthermore, we encourage other councils to do likewise to ensure this ongoing funding while this crisis continues and we call on the Executive to invite all Councils to share in the on-going funding of this Asylum Seeker Support Co-Ordinator.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT**

13. SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT RESOLUTIONS FROM JULY 2005

C338/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING (2ND AUGUST 2005)

C339/05 RESOLVED SHEEHAN/HAMILTON

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Committee held on 2nd August 2005 with the accompanying recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES, SAFETY & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

C340/05 RESOLVED SHEEHAN/ALLEN

That Council adopt the minutes of the Community Services, Safety & Facilities Committee held on 4 August 2005 with the accompanying recommendations subject to the following amendment to Item 7;

Item 7 – After Dark – Mobile Café

2.1 to be deferred to the committee.

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- 2.2 be adopted.
- 2.3 the following to be added;

A committee made up Darcy Burn, a representative of the Youth Council, a representative from Inner Skill, interested Councillors and appropriate staff be formed as soon as possible to designate where the money will be spent and including investigating the opportunity of a mentoring program similar to that of Matraville.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. SPORTS GRANT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL – ROSS MCINTYRE

C341/05 RESOLVED PARKER/ALLEN

- 2.1 That Leichhardt Council sponsor Ross McIntyre for the amount of \$200.
- 2.2 That the funds be allocated from the Grants – Sporting Funds 2005/2006 Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. SPORTS GRANT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL – TROY DELANY

C342/05 RESOLVED COBLEY-FINCH/ALLEN

- 2.1 That Leichhardt Council sponsor Troy Delany for the amount of \$200.
- 2.2 That the funds be allocated from the Grants – Sporting Funds 2005/2006 Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. INQUIRY INTO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN NSW

C343/05 RESOLVED PARKER/COBLEY-FINCH

Council:

- 1) receive and note the Inquiry report into NSW Port Infrastructure and
- 2) request the Minister for Ports and Local member to provide as part of its reponse to the inquiry a Masterplan ensuring a co-ordinated approach to development consistent with the principles of a working Harbour.

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- 3) further request that Council be consulted during the preparation of the masterplan.
- 4) that Council write to the Minister for Planning seeking clarification on its position in regards to keeping Sydney Harbour as a working Harbour.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

21. SUMMARY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY RESOLUTIONS FROM JULY 2005

C344/05 RESOLVED PARKER/SHEEHAN

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22. MINUTES OF LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

C345/05 RESOLVED COBLEY-FINCH / WINDSOR

That Council adopt the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held 22 July 2005 with the accompanying recommendations.

MATTER ARISING FROM ABOVE ITEM – PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS SAFETY

C346/05 RESOLVED PORTEOUS/PARKER

The Traffic Committee investigate the safety of the pedestrian crossings at the following locations;

- outside Norton Street Plaza &
- Darley Road coming out of Charles Street

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23. 4TH QUARTER 2004/05 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM UPDATE

C347/05 RESOLVED ALLEN/PARKER

That the progress report of the infrastructure works program for the 4th quarter of the 2004/2005 financial year be noted.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*** CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES**

24. SUMMARY OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES RESOLUTIONS FROM JULY 2005

C348/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25. MINUTES CLONTARF COTTAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

C349/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

That Council adopt the minutes of Clontarf Cottage Management Committee Meeting of the 13 June and 11 July 2005 and accompanying recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

26. MINUTES OF BALMAIN TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

C350/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

That Council adopt the minutes of the Balmain Town Hall Management Committee meetings of the 16 June and 21 July 2005 and accompanying recommendations be received and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

27. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT BALANCES AS AT 31 JULY 2005

C351/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

That the Statement of Investment Balances as at 31 July 2005 be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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28. INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM REDUCATIONS

C352/05 RESOLVED ALLEN/PARKER

That Council modify its infrastructure program by reducing the budget allocation to Mainstreets by \$1,240,000 over the 3 year period 2005/06 to 2007/08, as shown in the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

29. 4TH QUARTERLY REVIEW 04/05 MANAGEMENT PLAN AND BUDGET

C353/05 RESOLVED PARKER/SHEEHAN

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**** MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

30. SUMMARY OF NOTICE OF MOTIONS RESOLUTIONS FROM JULY 2005

C354/05 RESOLVED WINDSOR/PARKER

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

31. SHOPFRONT AND AWNING IMPROVEMENTS INTEREST FREE LOANS TO BUSINESSES LOCATED IN LEICHHARDT MUNICIPALITY'S COMMERCIAL ZONES

C355/05 RESOLVED PORTEOUS/MCKENZIE

That a report be brought to the September Council meeting outlining how an interest free loan scheme for the upgrading of shopfronts and awnings in our high streets could be implemented. That the report include the heritage and design criteria that would be applied to be eligible for the grant, the criteria for establishing which businesses that would qualify for an interest free loan, (see also recommendations in background to Notice of Motion in business paper), the recommended

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amount of money to be made available and reference to other Councils where similar schemes are operating successfully. The report should also survey the Chamber of Commerce and individual local high street businesses as to the likelihood that they would take up the interest free loan if it became available.

The report therefore to make recommendations for the implementation of an Interest Free Loans Scheme for the Upgrading of High Street Shopfronts and Awnings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

32. SECTION 96 MODIFICATION AUTOMATIC CALL IN

C356/5 RESOLVED PORTEOUS/MCKENZIE

That where Section 96 Modifications (excluding Section 96 I) are submitted on Development Applications which were previously decided by a Building and Development Committee that the application be sent to the BDAU list. Should the proposed modification concern conditions that were put into the DA by B & D Committee that this fact be highlighted on the BDAU list sent to Councillors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

33. WORKING WITH ALP COUNCILLORS ON TRANSPORT

C357/05 RESOLVED MCKENZIE/PARKER

Council notes the formation of the group ALP Councillors for a Transport Network (ACTNow) and resolves to write to the group calling on it to lobby the NSW ALP government to commit to restoring public confidence in the NSW transport system by:

1. Extending the light rail network into the Sydney CBD
2. Funding the City of Sydney Mass Transit (Light Rail) Proposal
3. Supporting investigation of a fast rail link from Penrith to the CBD
4. Transferring \$500,000 earmarked in the RTA budget for investigation of the M4 East into the Transport Department budget for public transport services
5. Restoring a separate bikes budget (recently absorbed into the RTA budget) and transfer of the money and responsibility to the Transport Department

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6. Implementing a bus transit lane over the Anzac Bridge as promised as part of the Cross City Tunnel project
7. Restoring Cumberland Line peak hour rail services (which the government plans to reduce to 1 service in peak hour from September 2005)
8. Restoring and funding the maintenance of NSW rural and regional rail services including freight services
9. Restoring the Transport Ministry capital works budget to 2004-05 levels (i.e. increasing by 30 percent the 2005-06 budget estimate for capital works)
10. Restoring the number of air pollution tests to be performed by DEC to 2003-04 levels (i.e. increasing by 90 percent the numbers proposed in the 2005-06 budget estimates).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

34. MINIMISING TRAFFIC INCREASES ON THE CRESCENT, ANANDALE

C358/05 RESOLVED HAMILTON/PORTEOUS

Given that the community is stuck with the Cross City Tunnel and its induced traffic impacts (that will also impact particularly on The Crescent, Annandale) Council resolves to get some benefit for the community from the tunnel by:

1. Writing to the RTA requesting removal of the signs directing Airport traffic through Annandale, upon opening of the Cross City Tunnel and
2. Reiterating its opposition to unfiltered emissions being discharged into the community and calling on the government to filter the emission stack.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

35. MAINTAINING THE M4 EAST CAMPAIGN

C359/05 RESOLVED PARKER/PORTEOUS

That Council;

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1. Display a new "No M4 East" banner from Council premises
2. Display posters opposing the M4 East on council notices
3. Maintain current information about the M4 East on its website
4. Approve the printing of requisite banners or noticeboards if more are required for this purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

36. PLANS FOR WHITE BAY

This matter was dealt with earlier at the meeting in conjunction with the Mayoral Minute (Item 1A). See Resolution No C319/05 on page 2 of these minutes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The following item is listed for consideration by Council in Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A 2(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Council resolved to meet in the Committee of the Whole at 10.19pm with the press and public excluded after a MOTION (PARKER/HAMILTON) to that effect was CARRIED.

1. WETHERILL STREET CARPARK

CW04/05

RECOMMENDATION

PARKER/SHEEHAN

1. That Council grant Australian National Car Parks a two year licence agreement to operate the administration building basement car park on Wetherill Street between the hours of 6.00PM and 1.00AM Monday to Thursday and this be extended to include from 9.00AM Saturday and Sunday should Council obtain development consent.
2. That Council delegate the General Manager to negotiate the terms of the Licence Agreement and execute the agreement.
3. That Council lodge a Development application to extend the operating hours of the administration building basement car park on Wetherill Street for daytime use on Saturday and Sunday.
4. That Council reconstruct the boundary fence along the western alignment of 17 Wetherill Street, as noise barrier.

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5. That Council ensures that the car park operator has a booking system in place to enable restaurant patrons to reserve a car parking space when they make a restaurant reservation.

**** RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL**

Open Council resumed at **10.24pm** after a MOTION (PARKER/COBLEY-FINCH) to that effect was CARRIED.

**** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

C360/05 RESOLVED PARKER/COLBEY-FINCH

That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole minute number CW04/05 be adopted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting closed at 10.25pm.