

# **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

Held in the Council Chambers, City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Drummoyne

**Tuesday, 16 September 2025**

## **Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting**

**Held on Tuesday 16 September 2025**

**At the Council Chambers, City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Drummoyne**

**Commencing at 6:06 PM**

### **Present:**

Cr Megna	Mayor
Cr Alafaci	Councillor
Cr Bazouni	Councillor
Cr Cirillo	Councillor
Cr Ferguson	Councillor
Cr Jago	Councillor
Cr Mansford	Councillor
Cr Meuross	Councillor (MS Teams)
Cr Robinson	Councillor (MS Teams)

### **Officers in attendance:**

Mr J Clark	General Manager
Ms M Cologna	Director Environment and Planning
Mr P Edney	Acting Director Community Culture and Leisure
Mr G Schuettrumpf	Director City Assets
Mr E Hutchings	Director Corporate Services and Strategy
Ms K Fleming	Governance and Assurance Officer (minute taker)
Ms J Kalouche	Governance Officer

### **NOTES**

The meeting commenced at 6:06pm and went into Closed Session at 6:51pm, resumed in Open Session at 6:56pm and concluded at 6:57pm.

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## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The City of Canada Bay acknowledges the Wangal clan, one of the 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of this land.

The City's Council pays respect to Elders past and present and extends this respect to all Aboriginal people living in or visiting the City of Canada Bay.

## 2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 August 2025

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#### **RESOLVED 173/25**

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Jago

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 August 2025 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**CARRIED**

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## 4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ferguson disclosed a pecuniary interest in relation to Item 17.1 – Property Disposal for the reason that:

*"A potential beneficiary of the sale is a client of the company I work for."*

## 5 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

## 6 PUBLIC FORUM

The Mayor requested each speaker to acknowledge they had been informed that the meeting was to be webcast live and that Council accepts no responsibility for any defamatory comments made.

*Note: The following people addressed Council on the following item listed on the Agenda.*

*Item 13.1 Notice of Motion – Cr Ferguson – Kid's Market Stall Day – Sunday 26 October 2025*

- *Adam and Myles Brewer*

## 7 ITEMS RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

Nil

## 8 EXECUTIVE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### ITEM 8.1 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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#### RESOLVED 174/25

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council:

1. Elect a Deputy Mayor to hold office through to September 2026.
2. Note the procedure for the election of a Deputy Mayor by Councillors in accordance with Schedule 7 of the NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
3. Determines the method of voting for the election of a Deputy Mayor to be the open voting method, if more than one councillor is nominated.

**CARRIED**

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*Note: The Director Corporate Services and Strategy undertook the role of Returning Officer and proceeded to conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor.*

*The Returning Officer announced that one (1) nomination had been received for Councillor Bazouni and called for further nominations.*

*On there being no further nominations and as there was one (1) nomination received Councillor Bazouni was duly declared elected, unopposed as Deputy Mayor through to September 2026.*

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**9 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE REPORTS****ITEM 9.1 DA DETERMINATIONS BY THE LOCAL PLANNING PANEL AND STAFF UNDER DELEGATION**

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**RESOLUTION 175/25**

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Alafaci

That Council receive and note the information contained in the report on development application determinations by the Local Planning Panel, and Staff, under delegation for the period 1 August 2025 to 31 August 2025.

In Favour: Crs Megna, Alafaci, Bazouni, Cirillo, Ferguson, Jago, Mansford, Meuross and Robinson

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 9/0**

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**ITEM 9.2 CITY OF CANADA BAY BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2025–2030 AND WEEDS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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**RESOLVED 176/25**

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Cirillo

That Council:

1. Adopt the *City of Canada Bay Biodiversity Action Plan 2025-2030*, attached to the report (Attachment 1) as Council's plan for biodiversity management and restoration across the city.
2. Note the content of the *Weeds Management Plan*, attached to the report (Attachment 2) and its application.

**CARRIED**

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**ITEM 9.3 CITY OF CANADA BAY - ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 21 AUGUST 2025**

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**RESOLVED 177/25**

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Mansford

That the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee held on 21 August 2025, attached to the report be noted.

**CARRIED**

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**10 CITY ASSETS DIRECTORATE REPORTS****ITEM 10.1 CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES - 14 AUGUST 2025**

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**RESOLVED 178/25**

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That the minutes and recommendations of the City of Canada Bay Traffic Committee Meeting held 14 August 2025, attached to the report, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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**ITEM 10.2 URBAN TREE CANOPY STRATEGY SIX MONTHLY UPDATE - JANUARY TO JUNE 2025**

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**RESOLVED 179/25**

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy Six Monthly Update report for the period January to June 2025 be noted.

**CARRIED**

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**11 COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS****ITEM 11.1 CITY OF CANADA BAY ACCESS AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 10 JULY 2025**

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**RESOLVED 180/25**

Moved: Cr Megna

Seconded: Cr Cirillo

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee held on 10 July 2025, attached to the report be noted.

**CARRIED**

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**12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

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**ITEM 12.1 ANNUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE 2025 - SUBSTITUTE VOTING DELEGATE**

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**RESOLVED 181/25**

Moved: Cr Megna

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That Councillor Ferguson be the substitute voting delegate to replace Councillor Robinson at the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) annual conference to be held from Sunday 23 to Tuesday, 25 November 2025, at Panthers Penrith and Western Sydney Conference Centre.

**CARRIED**

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**ITEM 12.2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT - AUGUST 2025**

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**RESOLVED 182/25**

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That the Cash and Investments Report for August 2025, attached to the report, be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

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**ITEM 12.3 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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**RESOLVED 183/25**

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That:

1. Council confirms the receipt, certification and referral of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 to Council's external auditor, the Audit Office of NSW, in accordance with section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993.
  2. The Statement by Councillors and Management for the General Purpose Financial Statements be signed by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer, in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.
  3. An electronic copy of the audited financial statements be forwarded to the NSW Office of Local Government no later than 31 October 2025.
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4. The General Manager be authorised to set the date for public presentation of the audited financial statements, and to give public notice of the public presentation in accordance with section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993.

**CARRIED**

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#### **ITEM 12.4 CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) POLICY**

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##### **RESOLVED 184/25**

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Mansford

That consideration of the Closed Circuit Policy be deferred for a presentation to a Councillor Workshop.

**CARRIED**

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#### **ITEM 12.5 CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY REVIEW**

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##### **RESOLVED 185/25**

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Jago

That the Code of Conduct attached to the report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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### **13 NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **ITEM 13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR FERGUSON - KID'S MARKET STALL DAY - SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2025**

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*The following people addressed Council in relation to Item 13.1:*

- Adam and Myles Brewer

##### **RESOLVED 186/25**

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Cirillo

That Council:

1. Congratulate Adam Brewer, family and friends on the Kid's Market Stall day initiative.
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2. Endorse the flyer attached to the Motion and promote the Kid's Market Stall Day event to be held on Sunday 26 October 2025 at St Luke's Oval between 10am-1pm in relevant Council communications leading up to the event.

**CARRIED**

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**ITEM 13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR JAGO - AIR POLLUTION AND DOMESTIC WOOD HEATERS IN CANADA BAY LGA**

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**RESOLVED 187/25**

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Mansford

That:

1. Council notes the content of the Background to the Notice of Motion.
2. Council officers investigate the effects of domestic wood heaters on the environment.
3. The outcomes of the investigation specified in 2. above be presented to a Councillor Workshop and a subsequent Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

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**14 NOTICES OF MOTION OF RESCISSION**

Nil

**15 MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil

**16 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

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**17 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

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**RESOLVED 188/25**

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That:

1. Council moves into closed session to deal with the matters listed below, which are classified as confidential under section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act, 1993* for the reasons specified:

**ITEM 17.1 PROPERTY DISPOSAL**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (c) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

2. Pursuant to section 10A(1), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the Local Government Act, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act.
3. The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from the media and public as provided by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act.
4. The resolutions made by the Council in Closed Session be made public after the conclusion of the closed session and such resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

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*Note: At 6.51pm the Council moved into Closed Session.*

*Note: Councillor Ferguson left the Chamber at 6.51pm having disclosed a pecuniary interest in this Item.*

**ITEM 17.1 PROPERTY DISPOSAL**

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**RESOLVED 189/25**

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Alafaci

That:

1. Council is satisfied that, pursuant to Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item is:
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(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

2. Council approves open market engagement by an Expression of Interest process for the proposed sale of the two (2) properties identified in the report.
3. Following the Expression of Interest process, a further report be prepared and submitted Council on the outcome of the process.

**CARRIED**

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**RESOLVED 190/25**

Moved: Cr Alafaci

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That the Council resume in Open Session.

**CARRIED**

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*Note: At 6.54pm, the Council in Closed Session returned to Open Session.*

*Note: At 6.56pm, Councillor Ferguson returned to the meeting.*

## **18 CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS**

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice clauses 14.21 and 14.22 the resolutions passed in closed session (including resolutions of confidential reports resolved by exception earlier in the meeting) were made public by the chairperson, displayed on the public screens and livestreamed during a part of the meeting that was webcast.

The meeting concluded at 6:57pm.

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 13 pages numbered 1 to 13 of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 September 2025 and confirmed on Tuesday 21 October 2025.

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Mayor

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General Manager