

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

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

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 2 December 2025

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

Commencing at 6:00 PM

Present:

Cr Megna	Mayor
Cr Alafaci	Councillor
Cr Bazouni	Councillor
Cr Cirillo	Councillor
Cr Jago	Councillor
Cr Mansford	Councillor
Cr Meuross	Councillor
Cr Robinson	Councillor

Officers in attendance:

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

NOTES

The meeting commenced at 6:00pm and concluded at 7:42pm.

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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

APOLOGY

Note: An apology was received on behalf of Councillor Ferguson.

RESOLVED 240/25

Moved: Cr Mansford

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That the apology received from Cr Ferguson be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 November 2025

RESOLVED 241/25

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Meuross

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 November 2025 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil.

5 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

ITEM 5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - CITY OF CANADA BAY - 25TH ANNIVERSARY

RESOLVED 242/25

Moved: Cr Megna

That Council commend residents and the local community for their support over 25 years of the City of Canada Bay.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLVED 243/25

Moved: Cr Mansford

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That Council resolve to permit the consideration of an urgent item.

5.2 Mayoral Minute – Evan Hutchings

CARRIED

ITEM 5.2 MAYORAL MINUTE – EVAN HUTCHINGS

RESOLVED 244/25

Moved: Cr Megna

That Council congratulate and thank Evan Hutchings for his guidance, leadership and commitment to the City of Canada Bay during his tenure as Director, Corporate Services and Strategy, and to Local Government in NSW over more than four decades.

CARRIED

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 respective items listed on the Agenda.

Item 13.3 Notice of Motion – Cr Mansford – Drummoyne Rowing Club – Sublease

- *John Douglas – In presenting, Mr Douglas tabled the Drummoyne Rowing Club Annual Report 2024 - 2025*

- *Stephen Burke*

Item 13.4 Notice of Motion – Cr Mansford - Hooning behaviour in Rhodes

- *Sean Fernandes – In presenting, Mr Fernandes tabled a news sheet on safety concerns in Rhodes*
- *Joyce Wong – In presenting, Ms Wong tabled the Rhodes Community Bulletin*
- *Remi Sreenivasan*

7 ITEMS RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

Nil.

8 EXECUTIVE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

NIL.

9 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1 DA DETERMINATIONS BY THE LOCAL PLANNING PANEL AND STAFF UNDER DELEGATION

RESOLUTION 245/25

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Jago

That:

1. 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 November 2025 to 21 November 2025.
2. Information on development applications received and determined by staff under delegation, and applications considered by the Local Planning Panel, be provided to Councillors via memo on a monthly basis.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

ITEM 9.2 IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF COUNCILS FOOD ORGANICS GARDEN ORGANICS SERVICE

RESOLVED 246/25

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Jago

That Council endorse the amended implementation date of 1 July 2027 for the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service for Single Unit Dwellings (SUDs) and identified Multi Unit Dwellings (MUDs), and all remaining MUD properties commencing in 2029.

CARRIED

ITEM 9.3 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSAL

RESOLVED 247/25

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Jago

That:

1. Council endorse the potential locations for public EV chargers identified in Attachment 2 of the report.
2. Proposals be invited from Charge Point Operators to provide electric vehicle charging infrastructure on public land under an agreement with Council.
3. Council write to the State Government about the need for EV charger provision in areas identified by the State government for accelerated housing delivery, including the Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD), Low and Mid Rise Housing areas, and development sites declared as State Significant development.
4. An update to Council's *Electric Vehicle Strategy and Action Plan* be prepared and reported to Council in 2026.

CARRIED

10 CITY ASSETS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 10.1 LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM

RESOLVED 248/25

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Jago

That representatives of the following groups be invited to attend meetings of the Local Transport Forum on selected items relating to active transport, accessibility and other community interests

where it is considered that input based on the respective interests may be of assistance in decision making of the Forum:

- BayBUG (Bicycle User Group)
- Council Community Development Representative (on behalf of Access and Inclusion Committee)
- Community Representative as relevant to the agenda items.

CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES - 13 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLVED 249/25

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Jago

That the minutes and recommendations of the City of Canada Bay Traffic Committee Meeting held 13 November 2025, attached to the report, be adopted.

CARRIED

11 COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil.

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 12.1 VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR 25 - 27 LEEDS STREET, RHODES

Note: It was noted that the Manager, Property, Strategy and Leasing had distributed a memo to all Councillors which summarised the content of further submissions received in response to the public exhibition of the Voluntary Planning Agreement, and attaching copies of all submissions received.

RESOLUTION 250/25

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That Council:

1. Approves the Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement for 25-27 Leeds Street, Rhodes, attached to the report.
 2. Authorises the General Manager to execute the Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement for 25-27 Leeds Street and sign all documents necessary to register the Planning Agreement on the title to the land to which it relates.
 3. Authorises the General Manager to execute all necessary documents to facilitate the delivery of the pedestrian footbridge pursuant to the Voluntary Planning Agreement including all
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necessary agreements with the Developer and Transport NSW to access the train station concourse and associated land.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

ITEM 12.2 OPERATIONAL LAND CLASSIFICATION - 14 HILTS ROAD, STRATHFIELD

RESOLVED 251/25

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Alafaci

That Council:

1. Notes no submissions were received during the notification period undertaken to classify 14 Hiltz Road, Strathfield as Operational Land.
2. Resolves to classify 14 Hiltz Road, Strathfield as Operational Land

CARRIED

ITEM 12.3 GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

RESOLVED 252/25

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That:

1. The audited 2024-25 Financial Statements, both General Purpose and Special Schedule for the year ending 30 June 2025, including the Independent Auditors Report and Report on the Conduct of the Audit, be received and noted.
2. Any submissions received up to and including 9th December 2025 in response to the public notification in accordance with section 420 of the Local Government Act 1993 be referred to the Audit Office of NSW.

CARRIED

ITEM 12.4 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

RESOLVED 253/25

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Meuross

That:

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1. The draft Code of Meeting Practice attached to the report be endorsed for public exhibition in accordance with section 361 of the Local Government Act 1993 and as detailed in the report with the following amendment:

Clause 15.15 in the draft Code of Meeting Practice being removed and replaced with the words in Clause 15.16 in the Model Code of Meeting Practice.

2. Following the public exhibition referred to in 1. above a further report be prepared and submitted to the Council Meeting in February 2026, including details of any submissions received.
3. The Code of Meeting Practice 'Remote Meeting Supplement' dated 28 April 2020 be and is hereby rescinded.

CARRIED

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM 13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR CIRILLO - BREAST SCREENING FOR EARLY DETECTION

RESOLVED 254/25

Moved: Cr Cirillo

Seconded: Cr Mansford

That Council:

1. Recognises the importance of breast screening and the value of accessible, community-based screening services for residents of the City of Canada Bay.
2. Notes the periodic presence of the BreastScreen NSW mobile screening service within the LGA, including its recent temporary location in Rhodes.
3. Supports Council staff liaising with BreastScreen NSW to obtain advance notice of mobile van locations and dates scheduled within or near our LGA for the coming year and beyond.
4. Promotes these breast screening opportunities through its communication channels, including social media, Council newsletters, the website, and community noticeboards, to encourage community awareness and participation.

CARRIED

ITEM 13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR ALAFACI - PROPOSED FRIENDSHIP & COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH SEONGDONG (REPUBLIC OF KOREA)

RESOLVED 255/25

Moved: Cr Alafaci

Seconded: Cr Jago

That Council:

1. Note the formal approach from the Mayor of Seongdong, Seoul, Republic of Korea dated 19 November 2025 to enter into a Friendship & Cooperation Agreement (FCA) with the City of Canada Bay.
2. Officers prepare and submit a report to Council on the formal approach referred to in 1. above, including consideration of possible locations in Rhodes or nearby to Rhodes for a "Korean Garden" as a potential inaugural flagship project under the FCA.

CARRIED

ITEM 13.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR MANSFORD - DRUMMOYNE ROWING CLUB - SUBLEASE

The following persons addressed Council in relation to Item 13.3:

- John Douglas
- Stephen Burke

RESOLVED 256/25

Moved: Cr Mansford

Seconded: Cr Jago

That Council:

1. Recognises the social licence and the contribution made by Drummoyne Rowing Club since 1919, to the development of active participation in sport for all members of our community particularly women, schoolgirls, Para Rowers and older members of the community.
2. Notes that Drummoyne Rowing Club is a sub-lessee to the head lessee for the Club premises at 461 Henley Marine Dr, Drummoyne NSW 2047
3. Make representations to the NSW Minister for Sport and Crown Lands, recommending that Drummoyne Rowing Club be afforded the same security of tenure, being a 50 year lease, as the commercial operator on this valuable site so that they can continue to invest in the development of active participation in sport in our community.

CARRIED

ITEM 13.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR MANSFORD - HOONING BEHAVIOUR IN RHODES

The following persons addressed Council in relation to Item 13.4:

- Sean Fernandes
- Joyce Wong
- Remi Sreenivasan

RESOLVED 257/25

Moved: Cr Mansford

Seconded: Cr Cirillo

That:

1. Council notes the concerns of residents regarding an increase in hooning and noisy, dangerous driving and motorcycle riding in Rhodes and the impact this has on residents' amenity including disruption to sleep and heightened safety risks.
2. Further notes that groups of drivers and riders are congregating around The Connection precinct and other visually appealing foreshore areas by the Parramatta River, making use of the coloured lighting installations and waterfront backdrops to take photographs and videos which are then circulated on social media.
3. The General Manager to write to Burwood Police to express Council's concerns and underscore the need for added police patrols.
4. Council officers undertake investigations and prepare a report to a future Council meeting on:
 - the impact of coloured lights at The Connection attracting night time visitors
 - the feasibility and related costs of employing camera(s)/CCTV at selected locations around Rhodes to deter hoons
 - an overview of Council's enforcement actions in Rhodes over the past 12 months.

CARRIED

14 NOTICES OF MOTION OF RESCISSION

NIL.

15 MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

16 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

NIL.

17 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

NIL.

18 CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

NIL.

The meeting concluded at 7.42pm.

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 12 pages numbered 1 to 12 of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 December 2025 and confirmed on Tuesday 17 February 2026.

Mayor

General Manager