

# Minutes

## Public Voice Committee Meeting



Council Chamber, Level 1, City Administration Centre, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West, Tuesday, 17 October 2023 at 6.53pm.

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### 1. ATTENDANCE

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors E Adamczyk, J Barrie, J Church, D Clausen, C Duncan, J Mackenzie, C McCabe, C Pull, D Richardson, K Wark, P Winney-Baartz and M Wood.

D Clarke (Acting Chief Executive Officer), S Mitchell (Acting Executive Director Corporate Services and CFO), C Thomson (Executive Director City Infrastructure), M Bisson (Executive Director Planning and Environment), J Baker (Acting Executive Manager Legal and Governance), S Moore (Executive Manager Finance, Property and Performance), L Duffy (Executive Manager Community and Recreation), A Ryan (City Significant & Strategic Planning Manager), M Murray (Chief of Staff), L Barnao (Councillor Services/Minutes/Meeting Support), D Silcock (AV/Information Technology Support), M Regan (AV/Information Technology Support), B Smith (AV/Information Technology Support) and C Urquhart (AV/Information Technology Support).

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Lord Mayor read the message of acknowledgement to the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

### 3. PRAYER

The Lord Mayor read a prayer and a period of silence was observed in memory of those who served and died so that Council might meet in peace.

### 4. APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE / REQUEST TO ATTEND BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK

Nil.

### 5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

#### Councillor Winney-Baartz

Councillor Winney-Baartz declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.1 - 61 Grinsell Street, Kotara - Sec 4.55(1a) Modification to DA2021/00662 - Dwelling House including secondary dwelling, ancillary structures (pool and retaining walls) and demolition of existing structures - changes to design - MA2022/00336 stating that she would manage the interest by leaving the Chamber for discussion on the item.

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### **Councillor McCabe**

Councillor McCabe declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.1 - 61 Grinsell Street, Kotara - Sec 4.55(1a) Modification to DA2021/00662 - Dwelling House including secondary dwelling, ancillary structures (pool and retaining walls) and demolition of existing structures - changes to design - MA2022/00336 stating that she knew James Ryan who was providing legal advice to the owners of 63 Grinsell Street, through his employment with the New South Wales Greens. Councillor McCabe stated that as she has not had any communication with him since a site briefing earlier in the year, she would manage the interest by remaining in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

### **Councillor Barrie**

Councillor Barrie declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 6.2 - 2/29 and 3/31 Honeysuckle Drive Newcastle - food and drink premises - change of use and fitout - DA2023/00243 stating that she was an employee with a professional relationship with one of the property owners and would manage the interest by leaving the Chamber for discussion on the item.

### **Councillor Mackenzie**

Councillor Mackenzie declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.1 - 61 Grinsell Street, Kotara - Sec 4.55(1a) Modification to DA2021/00662 - Dwelling House including secondary dwelling, ancillary structures (pool and retaining walls) and demolition of existing structures - changes to design - MA2022/00336 stating that he knew James Ryan in the same capacity as Councillor McCabe. He managed the interest by remaining in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

### **Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes**

The Lord Mayor declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.2 - 2/29 and 3/31 Honeysuckle Drive Newcastle - food and drink premises - change of use and fitout - DA2023/00243 stating that she knew one of the presenters and would manage the interest by leaving the Chamber for discussion on the item. The Lord Mayor indicated that she would ask the Deputy Lord Mayor to take the Chair for this item.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **6.1. 61 GRINSELL STREET KOTARA - SEC 4.55(1A) MODIFICATION TO DA2021/00662 - DWELLING HOUSE INCLUDING SECONDARY DWELLING, ANCILLARY STRUCTURES (POOL AND RETAINING WALLS) AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES - CHANGES TO DESIGN - MA2022/00336**

Councillor Winney-Baartz left the Chamber for discussion on this item.

Katrina Tonniges and Carly and Emmanuel Karantoni addressed Council and outlined concerns and objections to the development application. Joe Murphy and Warren Watson addressed Council in support of the development application.

Councillor Winney-Baartz returned to the Chamber at the conclusion of this item.

**6.2. 2/29 AND 3/31 HONEYSUCKLE DRIVE NEWCASTLE - FOOD AND DRINK PREMISES - CHANGE OF USE AND FITOUT - DA2023/00243**

The Lord Mayor and Councillor Barrie left the Chamber for discussion on this item. The Deputy Lord Mayor took the Chair.

Peter Stubbs and Adrian Bentley addressed Council and outlined concerns and objections to the development application. Damian O'Reilly and Ben Rainsford addressed Council in support of the development application.

The Lord Mayor and Councillor Barrie did not return to the Chamber prior to the meeting being closed.

**The meeting concluded at 8.51pm**