

MINUTES

of the **Extraordinary Council Meeting of
Bayside Council**
held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall
1423 Botany Road, Botany
(Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany)
on **Wednesday 4 February 2026 at 6:45 pm**

Present

Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Liz Barlow
Councillor Jerome Boutelet (via Audio-Visual Link)
Councillor Janin Bredehoeft
Councillor Christina Curry
Councillor Fiona Douskou (via Audio-Visual Link)
Councillor Soraya Kassim
Councillor Scott Morrissey
Councillor Michael Nagi
Councillor Vicki Poulos
Councillor Peter Strong

Also present

Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Colin Clissold, Director City Presentation
Peter Barber, Director City Futures
Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk
David Smith, Manager Strategic Planning
Darren O'Connell, Lead Governance
Linda Hackett, Governance Officer
Damian Carson, IT Technical Support Officer
Shiv Sha, IT Service Management Officer

Note: In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor McDougall, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Douglas, chaired the meeting.

1 Opening Meeting

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Douglas, opened the meeting in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at 6:48 pm.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Douglas, informed the meeting, including members of the public, that the meeting is being video recorded and live streamed to the community via Council's YouTube channel, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Douglas, affirmed that Bayside Council acknowledges the Bidjigal Clan, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Bayside Council pays respects to Elders past and present.

3 Opening Prayer

Ms Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk, opened the meeting in Prayer.

4 Apologies, Leave of Absence & Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

Apologies

Moved by Councillors Bredehoeft and Morrissey

That apologies from the Mayor, Councillor McDougall, Councillor Awada, Councillor Bezac and Councillor Saravinovski be received and leave of absence granted.

Leave of Absence

There were no applications for Leave of Absence received.

Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

Moved by Councillors Kassim and Strong

That Councillor Boutelet and Councillor Douskou attendance at this meeting via audio-visual link be granted.

5 Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Christina Curry

Item 8.1 - CONFIDENTIAL - Proposed Purchase of Property

Councillor Curry declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 8.1 on the basis that she has held position/s on various community organisations, and stated she would leave the meeting for consideration and voting on the matter.

6 Mayoral Minutes

Nil

7 Items by Exception

There were no Items dealt with by Exception

8 Confidential Reports / Matters

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor invited members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed to the public.

There were no representations.

Closed Council Meeting

Note: Councillor Curry having declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item, left the meeting for consideration and voting on the matter, the time being 6.46 pm.

MOTION moved by Councillors Douglas and Morrissey

- 1 That, in accordance with section 10A (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Council considers the following items in closed Council Meeting, from which the press and public are excluded, for the reasons indicated:

8.1 CONFIDENTIAL - Proposed Purchase of Property

In accordance with section 10A (2) (a) and (d)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report relate to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors) and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council. It is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open meeting it would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest due to the issue it deals with.

- 2 That, in accordance with section 11 (2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the reports, correspondence and other documentation relating to these items be withheld from the press and public.

8.1 CONFIDENTIAL - Proposed Purchase of Property

Note: The Council amended part 3 of the Officer's Recommendation.

MOTION moved by Councillors Morrissey and Bredehoeft

- 1 That Council endorse the acquisition of the property referred to in this report, for addition to its Affordable Rental Housing portfolio.
- 2 That Council include a budget adjustment in its March 2026 Quarterly Budget Review Statement to cover the purchase, to be funded through an internal borrowing against Council's Strategic Priorities reserve, and to be repaid from the Affordable Housing Reserve as funds accumulate.
- 3 That Council provides the General Manager delegated authority to make an offer for the property, or to attend an auction and bid, up to the valuation amount (to be tabled at the Council Meeting) plus 20%.
- 4 That the General Manager be authorised to sign, where required, all documentation to facilitate the purchase.
- 5 That, if acquired, the property be categorised *Operational* under the Local Government Act and be managed with Council's Affordable Rental Housing Portfolio.

Resumption of Open Council Meeting

MOTION moved by Councillors Douglas and Bredehoeft

That, the closed part of the meeting having concluded, the open Extraordinary Council Meeting resume and it be open to the press and public, the time being 7:01 pm.

The General Manager made public the resolutions that were made during the closed part of the meeting.

9 Conclusion of Meeting

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Douglas closed the meeting at 7:01pm.

Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas
Deputy Mayor

Meredith Wallace
General Manager