MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2020

Present: The Mayor, Councillor J Anderson (Chairperson)

Councillors J Pettett & C Clarke (Comenarra Ward)

Councillor C Szatow (Gordon Ward)
Councillor S Ngai (Roseville Ward)

Councillors C Kay & M Smith (St Ives Ward)

Councillors D Greenfield & C Spencer (Wahroonga Ward)

Staff Present: General Manager (John McKee)

Director Corporate (David Marshall)

Director Development & Regulation (Michael Miocic)

Acting Director Operations (Matthew Drago)
Director Strategy & Environment (Andrew Watson)

Director Community (Janice Bevan) Corporate Lawyer (Jamie Taylor)

Manager Corporate Communications (Virginia Leafe)
Project Manager – Major Projects (Dean Payne)

Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy (Michael Wearne)
Governance Support Officer/ Minutes Secretary (Rebecca Srbinovska)

The Meeting commenced at 7:02PM

The Mayor offered the Prayer

01 APOLOGIES

File: S02194

Councillor Spencer advised that Councillor Kelly will not be attending the meeting and that he requested a leave of absence.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Spencer/Pettett)

That the apologies be accepted and leave of absence granted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor referred to the necessity for Councillors and staff to declare a Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest in any item on the Business Paper.

No interests were declared.

DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS

The Mayor referred to the documents circulated in the Councillors' papers and advised that the following matters would be dealt with at the appropriate time during the meeting:

Late Items: GB.17 – Invitation to the Streetwork Long Late Lunch

Late Report dated 18 February 2020 from Manager Governance

and Corporate Strategy.

Memorandums: GB.13 – Progress Status Report &

GB.14 - Tender RFT11-2019 Lindfield Village Green Head

Contractor

Memorandum from Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy dated 11 February 2020 amending attachment A1 in GB.13 and providing an A3 copy of the table within attachment

A2 of GB.14.

MM.1 - Mayoral Minute - Help for Bushfire Affected Regions

from Ku-ring-gai

Memorandum from Manager Corporate Communications

dated 18 February 2020 to Mayor and Councillors.

O2 CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED MEETING

File: RFT11-2019

Vide: 02

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Pettett/Szatow)

That in accordance with section 10 of the Local Government Act 1993, all officers' reports be released to the press and public, with the exception of the following attachments:

GB.14 Tender RFT11-2019 Lindfield Village Green Head Contractor

In accordance with 10A(2)(d)(iii):

Attachment 1: RFT11-2019 LVG List of Submitters

Attachment 2: RFT11-2019 LVG Tender Evaluation Report

Attachment 3: RFT11-2019 LVG MPAC Report

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

⁰³ Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council

File: S02131

Meeting held 10 December 2019 Minutes numbered 244 to 266

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Greenfield/Clarke)

That Minutes numbered 244 to 266 circulated to Councillors were taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES FROM THE MAYOR

⁰⁴ Help For Bushfire Affected Regions From Ku-ring-gai

File: CY00344/10 Vide: MM.1

The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to advise Council and the Ku-ring-gai community of recent fundraising and other assistance provided to fire affected regions and to seek Council approval for a monetary donation to the relief effort.

The ramifications of the bushfires in NSW will be felt for many months and even years. It is vital that sustained and coordinated support is offered to the communities most badly affected.

In recent weeks, Ku-ring-gai Council and the community have offered a range of assistance to fire-affected regions and local emergency service volunteers.

RFS brigades from Ku-ring-gai and Killara have been deployed to regions hit by fires for a number of weeks and several Council staff have fought the fires as RFS volunteers.

Ku-ring-gai St John Ambulance brigade volunteers were also deployed to Moruya on the South Coast to help at the evacuation centre.

A number of residents, businesses and community groups have organised fundraisers for those affected by the fires. On Sunday 23 February 2020 the community will hold a 'Bark Run' at the Claude Cameron Grove dog park for dogs and their families to raise funds for the Killara RFS Brigade.

The Turramurra and Lindfield branches of the Bendigo Bank have organised a 'Fund the Fight' bushfire donation campaign to support the new Killara RFS brigade, matching dollar for dollar all donations made online at www.tlcbb.com.au or at their branches until the end of February.

Additionally, the Turramurra and Lindfield branches of the Bendigo Bank are participating in the Bank's nationwide bushfire appeal in a partnership with The Salvation Army. This appeal guarantees 100% of donated funds will go directly to communities in need.

Alternatively, the not-for-profit organisation GIVIT is coordinating donations of much-needed funds, goods and services in bushfire-affected communities across NSW. GIVIT captures pledges of assistance online and then works with local councils, charities and community groups to match a donation to a recipient in need. More information is available on their website at www.givit.org.au.

Ku-ring-gai Council is participating in the state-wide recovery effort through the Bushfire Recovery Support Group. The group includes metropolitan councils coming together with the Office of Local Government, Local Government NSW and the Office of Emergency Management to assist disaster recovery and support operations in local communities.

As a preventative measure for our own community, Council has been proactive in assisting residents to reduce the ongoing threat of bushfire to their properties. We have held a number of community information sessions each month since September with the RFS, using our innovative 3D simulation tool called the Sim Table to show how quickly bushfires can break out and spread.

In addition Council staff have increased the street cleaning schedule to remove fallen leaves and other vegetation from local streets more speedily.

For a small fee, residents are currently able to purchase an additional green waste bin to manage vegetation on their properties. Vouchers are also available to residents living in bushfire prone areas to dispose of vegetation free of charge at the Suez waste facility at Belrose. As part of the draft waste strategy to be adopted this year, the Council is also considering a weekly green waste collection instead of the current fortnightly collection.

To further reinforce the support and practical assistance already in place, I would like to also propose an organisational donation to the bushfire recovery relief effort.

Resolved:

That a total of \$7500 be donated to the bushfire recovery effort, structured in the following way:

- A. \$2500 to be donated to WIRES, which are at the forefront of caring for injured and traumatised native wildlife:
- B. \$2500 to be donated to the Killara RFS Brigade and the Ku-ring-gai RFS Brigade to be divided equally;
- C. \$2500 to be donated to the national Bendigo Bank Bushfire Appeal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

⁰⁵ **2020** Australia Day Honours and Citizen of the Year Awards

File: S12551 *Vide: MM.2*

I am pleased to inform you that 8 Ku-ring-gai citizens, through their outstanding achievements and services to the community have been awarded 2020 Australia Day Honours.

We are very proud to have these dedicated and talented Australians as members of the Ku-ring-gai community.

I would like to read to you the names of these special Ku-ring-gai citizens and, on behalf of Council, congratulate them on their excellent contributions to Australian society.

Dr Zenaida Sicat EDWARDS OAM of Lindfield, for service to the community, and to heritage preservation

Rabbi Zalman KASTEL AM of St Ives, for significant service to interfaith and intercultural understanding and acceptance

Mr Murray Stuart LENNON OAM of North Wahroonga, for service to the community of St Ives

Emeritus Professor Sharman Ellen PRETTY AM of Wahroonga, for significant service to music education, and to the performing arts

The Honourable Barry Robert O'FARRELL AO of Turramurra, for distinguished service to the people and Parliament of New South Wales, particularly as Premier, and to the community

Professor Robert (John) SIMES AO of East Lindfield, for distinguished service to education, and to medicine, in the field of cancer research and clinical trials

Mr Michael James SCOTT AM of West Pymble, for significant service to urban development, and to the community

Mr Inderjit (Indy) SINGH OAM of Pymble, for service to the international community through eye care programs

I also congratulate Ku-ring-gai Citizen of the Year winners for 2020:

Citizen of the Year - Lucy Dahill

Young Citizen of the Year - Katherine Bowditch

Senior Citizen of the Year - Noella and Malcolm

Allerding

Outstanding Service to the Community

(Group/Individual)

- Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury –

Financial Counselling Team

On behalf of Council, I congratulate all these award winners on their outstanding achievements.

Ku-ring-gai should be proud that it has citizens being recognised at the highest level for their selfless dedication, commitment and contribution to local, national and international communities

Resolved:

- A. That Council acknowledge the outstanding contribution made by these recipients of 2020 Australia Day Honours to the Ku-ring-gai community and to the well-being of our society.
- B. That the Mayor write to the recipients on behalf of Council to congratulate them on receiving their award, including a copy of this Mayoral Minute

PETITIONS

Petition Requesting Council to Delay the Installation of a Pedestrian Refuge Island in Robin Avenue

File: TM10/11 Vide: 06

'The residents of Robin Avenue respectfully request that Council delay the installation so that the Traffic and Transport Department can view the proposed crossing site during Turramurra High School's first term (when the full complement of the School is operational) and witness the activity in the drop off/pick up zones when students are arriving/leaving.

In particular, residents are concerned that a large number of students will not in fact use the proposed pedestrian refuge island as they take a pathway some metres further down Robin Avenue, near the Electricity Box, when exiting the school.

Additionally, and taking into account the proposed signage changes to parking, the area designated "No parking" will allow cars to stop for passengers to alight or board. This will create traffic congestion, and other vehicles will be blocked from entering Robin Avenue.

Residents are not opposed in any way to ensuring greater safety for students but consider the current proposal not fit for purpose and request Council undertake a more comprehensive study of the traffic and pedestrian flow before further works take place."

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Clarke/Pettett)

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate Officer of Council for attention.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2019 - 2020 Budget Review - 2nd Quarter ended December 2019

File: S09112/8 *Vide: GB.1*

To inform Council of the results of the second quarter budget review of 2019/20 and proposed adjustments to the annual budget based on the actual financial performance and trend for the period 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2019.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Pettett)

That the December 2019 Quarterly Budget Review and the recommended changes be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

⁰⁸ Investment Report as at 30 November 2019

File: FY00623/2 *Vide: GB.2*

To present Council's investment portfolio performance for November 2019.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Clarke)

- A. That the summary of investments and performance for November 2019 be received and noted.
- B. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

⁰⁹ Investment Report as at 31 December 2019

File: FY00623/2 *Vide: GB.3*

To present Council's investment portfolio performance for December 2019.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Greenfield)

- A. That the summary of investments and performance for December 2019 be received and noted.
- B. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Investment Report as at 31 January 2020

File: FY00623/2 *Vide: GB.4*

To present Council's investment portfolio performance for January 2020.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Greenfield)

- A. That the summary of investments and performance for January 2020 be received and noted.
- B. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

Analysis of Land and Environment Court Costs - 2nd Quarter 2019 to 2020

File: FY00623/2 *Vide: GB.5*

To report legal costs in relation to development control matters in the Land and Environment Court for the quarter ended 31 December 2019.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Szatow)

That the analysis of Land and Environment Court costs for the quarter ended 31 December 2019 be received and noted.

12 Public Interest Disclosures Policy

File: CY00473/7 *Vide: GB.6*

For Council to adopt the revised Public Interest Disclosures Policy.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Smith)

That:

- A. The revised Public Interest Disclosures Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- B. At the expiration of the public exhibition process outlined in Part 1 above, the following action be taken:
 - i) Should any submissions be received regarding the revised Public Interest Disclosures Policy, a further report be submitted to Council, or
 - ii) Should no submissions be received, Council adopt the revised Public Interest Disclosures Policy attached as Attachment 1 to this report.

Business Approved under Authority Delegated to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager for the December - January Recess Period 2019/2020

File: CY00259/12

Vide: GB.7

To inform Councillors of any business approved under delegated authority during the 2019/2020 recess period.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Szatow)

That Council receives and notes the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14 Transforming Australia 2020 Summit

File: FY00581/5 *Vide: GB.8*

To inform Councillors of the Transforming Australia 2020 National Summit for Local Government, Industry and Community Leaders, hosted by Noosa Council at The J Noosa, Queensland on Wednesday, 28 October 2020 to Friday, 30 October 2020

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Szatow)

- A. That any Councillors wishing to attend the Transforming Australia Summit 2020 notify the General Manager by 31 March 2020.
- B. That a substitute delegate/s be nominated by 2 October 2020 where Councillors wishing to attend the Summit are not re-elected in the September 2020 Local Government Elections.
- C. That as per the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, any Councillor who does attend this conference in Noosa will provide a written report to Council on the aspects of the conference relevant to Council business and/or the community.

For the Resolution: The Mayor, Councillor Anderson,

Councillors Ngai, Clarke, Spencer, Greenfield, Smith, Szatow and Kay Against the Resolution:

Councillor Pettett

2020 National General Assembly of Local Government - Call for Motions

File: S02133 *Vide: GB.9*

To inform Councillors of an invitation from the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to submit motions to the 2020 National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Szatow)

- A. Councillors provide any proposed motions for the 2020 National General Assembly of Local Government to the Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy by Friday, 28 February 2020, and that a further report providing details of any proposed motions be referred to Council at its meeting on 17 March 2020 for approval prior to submission to the ALGA.
- B. Any Councillors interested in attending the 2020 National General Assembly of Local Government notify the General Manager by 31 March 2020.
- C. That as per the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, any Councillor who does attend this conference in Canberra will provide a written report to Council on the aspects of the conference relevant to Council business and/or the community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held on 26 September 2019

File: CY00458/7 *Vide: GB.10*

To provide Council with a copy of the Minutes from the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held on 26 September 2019.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Greenfield)

Council receives and notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee - Extension of Appointment - External Independent Member

File: CY00458/8 *Vide: GB.11*

To consider offering a 2 year extension of appointment to the current External Independent Member of Council's Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Greenfield)

That the current External Independent Member of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee, is offered an extension to his appointment for a period of 2 years commencing from 2 March 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

¹⁸ Urban Forest Policy

File: S12227 *Vide: GB.12*

For Council to adopt the exhibited Urban Forest Policy 2019, with amendments as outlined in this report.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Greenfield)

- A. That Council adopts the Urban Forest Policy 2019
- B. That a copy of the Urban Forest Policy 2019 is placed on Council's website.

19 Progress Status Report - February 2020

File: FY00621/2 *Vide: GB.13*

To provide Council with the Project Status Report reflecting results for October, November and December 2019.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Szatow)

- A. That Council receive and note the Project Status Report for February 2020.
- B. That the Project Status Report be placed on Council's website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tender RFT11-2019 Lindfield Village Green Head contractor

File: RFT11-2019 *Vide: GB.14*

To consider the tenders received for Request for Tender (RFT) no. RFT11-2019 – Lindfield Village Green (LVG) Head Contractor and to appoint the preferred tenderer.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Szatow)

- A. The Council accepts tender submission from Tenderer "A" to carry out the Lindfield Village Green as soon as the Major Projects Steering Committee is satisfied that the MPAC recommendations are met.
- B. That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to execute all tender documents on Council's behalf in relation to the contract.
- C. That the Seal of Council be affixed to all necessary documents.
- D. That all tenderers be advised of Council's decision in accordance with Clause 178 of the Local Government Tendering Regulation.

21 Invitation to the Streetwork Long Late Lunch

File: CY00043/12 Vide: GB.17

To inform Councillors of the invitation from Streetwork to attend their Long Late Lunch fundraising event on 14 March 2020 at Wahroonga Park.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Ngai/Greenfield)

That any Councillors wishing to attend the Streetwork Long Late Lunch notify the General Manager by Friday, 21 February 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22 Site specific Development Control Plan to support Planning Proposal for 45-47 Tennyson Avenue and 105 Eastern Road Turramurra

File: S12120 Vide: GB.15

To have Council consider an amendment to the Ku-ring-gai Development Control Plan (DCP) to include site-specific controls to support the Planning Proposal for the rezoning of 45-47 Tennyson Avenue and 105 Eastern Road, Turramurra.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Clarke/Szatow)

- A. That Council endorses, for the purpose of public exhibition, the amendment to the Ku-ring-gai Development Control Plan (DCP) to include site-specific controls to support the Planning Proposal at 45-47 Tennyson Avenue and 105 Eastern Road Turramurra.
- B. That the draft site-specific DCP amendment be placed on public exhibition concurrently with the Planning Proposal for 45-47 Tennyson Avenue and 105 Eastern Road, Turramurra.
- C. That a report be brought back to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period for Council to consider any submissions made.

For the Resolution: The Mayor, Councillor Anderson,

Councillors Clarke, Greenfield, Smith

and Szatow

Against the Resolution: Councillors Ngai, Pettett, Spencer and

Kay

NSW Department of Education - Joint Use Proposal - St Ives High School Indoor Sports Centre

File: S11738 *Vide: GB.16*

To update Council on the proposed joint use indoor sports centre at St Ives High School.

Motion:

(Moved: Councillors Kay/Spencer)

That in place of the Recommendations suggested in the Report to Council, that the following resolutions of Council be voted on in seriatim.

- 1. That the General Manager is authorised to forthwith sign the current version (sent on 3 February 2020 to Council) of the Heads of Agreement (HofA) with the Department of Education (DofE) for the St Ives High School 4 Court Basketball Project (Project) and that the executed agreement be sent immediately to the DofE by way of an exchange of contracts.
- 2. That Council and DofE proceed to draft and finalise immediately with DofE the Project Deed and Licence Agreement for the Project referred to in the HofA on terms not inconsistent with the HofA.
- 3. That Council will not proceed by way of a DA process and instead accepts the advices of EPM Projects dated 16 October 2019 and 11 February 2020 to adopt the expedited statutory approvals path for all of Stage 2 of the Project by utilising the ESEPP, CDC and REF provisions with regard to Stage 2 statutory approvals for the Project.
- 4. That Council accepts the invoice for stage 2 of the Project being Phase 2 Functional Design Brief and Phase 4 Schematic Design and Statutory Approvals sent to it by DofE on 22 January 2020;
- 5. That Council will do all things necessary to immediately commence the process of applying for Statutory approvals and consider the engagement of whatever professional services will best enable it to obtain the consents as soon as possible.
- 6. That Council, in so far as it may be necessary, in accordance with section 55(3) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993 determines that the use of the

consultants and construction contractors who have been directly or indirectly engaged by DofE pursuant to its processes for stage 1 of the Project constitutes extenuating circumstances that should result in cost benefits for Council in designing, seeking statutory approval, documenting and constructing stage 2 of the Project for a further two courts, carpark and cafe at the same site and to the same standards and specifications;

- 7. That Council resolves to make a final commitment to construct stage 2 of the Project and to fund DofE to manage the design and construction of stage 2 of the Project as provided for under the HofA at the construction cost previously advised to Council by DofE;
- 8. That Council enter into all necessary documentation and loan agreements to finance Stage 2 of the Project with the Institution that has given a loan approval referred to in the Report to Council.
- 9. That at each Council meeting until the finalisation of the above, a report be given in writing and orally as to the current status of the Project including but not limited to the implementation of the preceding resolutions.
- 10. That Council forthwith to all things necessary to implement the above resolutions including but not limited to communicating to Schools Infrastructure NSW the above resolutions.

Councillor Spencer withdrew from and returned to the Chambers during debate on the Motion.

AMENDMENT

- A. That Council agree with DoE to begin documentation and lodge a DA for Stage 2 of the St Ives High School Indoor Sports Centre using the architects that received development consent (approved DA) for Stage 1.
- B. That Council does not enter into a binding commitment for construction of the St Ives High School project until development consent is achieved and legal agreements (funding deed and lease) between Council and relevant parties have been finalised.

Councillor Spencer withdrew from and returned to the Chambers during debate on the Motion.

Procedural Motion

(Moved: Councillor Szatow)

That the amendment be now put.

The procedural motion was put and declared carried.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment became the Motion. The Motion was put and declared CARRIED.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Clarke/Szatow)

- A. That Council agree with DoE to begin documentation and lodge a DA for Stage 2 of the St Ives High School Indoor Sports Centre using the architects that received development consent (approved DA) for Stage 1.
- B. That Council does not enter into a binding commitment for construction of the St Ives High School project until development consent is achieved and legal agreements (funding deed and lease) between Council and relevant parties have been finalised.

For the Resolution: The Mayor, Councillor Anderson,

Councillors Clarke, Greenfield, Smith

and Szatow

Against the Resolution: Councillors Ngai, Pettett, Spencer and

Kay

MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Proposed Synthetic Surface at Norman Griffiths, West Pymble

File: S07491 *Vide: NM.1*

Notice of Motion from Councillors Spencer and Pettett dated 16 December 2019

At its Ordinary Meeting of Council on 10 December 2019 Council resolved not to proceed with the proposal for a synthetic surface at Rofe Park (Mimosa Sportsground). In April 2019 Council resolved not to proceed with a synthetic surface at Norman Griffiths. This leaves the project without a location to proceed.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Clarke/Smith)

AMENDMENT:

- A. That Council carry out further investigations in relation to installation of synthetic grass at Norman Griffiths Oval including:
 - i. For staff to provide high level costings to build the field in a manner that handles either a 1% or 2% flood event
 - ii. Complete a risk and hazard assessment (pre and post development) for the key areas (aquatic centre car park and access road; creek adjacent to Scout/Guides Halls and Yanko Road) for all design events (0.2 EY; 10%AEP; 5% AEP; 2%AEP and 1%AEP). Identify other options (and costs) to address risks during an event, such as education, signage, flood markers, road barriers and potentially flashing signs to prevent people driving through flooded roadways during a significant event.
 - iii. Estimate costs for creek stabilisation works (where required) and alternative areas within Bicentennial Park to provide detention prior to Yanko Road, to mitigate some of the increased flow depth at this major road crossing.
- B. That a report be submitted to Council outlining the results of these investigations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor advised everyone present in the Chambers that a Notice of Rescission Motion has been submitted for the following items:

- GB.15 Site specific Development Control Plan to support Planning Proposal for 45-47 Tennyson Avenue and 105 Eastern Road Turramurra
- GB.16 NSW Department of Education Joint Use Proposal St Ives High School Indoor Sports Centre

The Meeting closed at 8:39pm

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 February 2020 (Pages 1 -19) were confirmed as a full and accurate record of proceedings on 17 March 2020.

General Manager	Mayor / Chairperson