

## ITEM 12 NOTICES OF MOTION

### TURRUWUL PARK SYNTHETIC PITCH PROPOSAL (S129260)

#### 1. By Councillor Forster

It is resolved that Council:

(A) note:

- (i) the City of Sydney currently has 32 publicly available sporting fields, including restricted-use fields;
- (ii) analysis using current participation data and assumptions on field capacity suggest a current rate of supply of around one field per 6,198 residents, however, if only 10% of Sydney's weekday population of 373,819 who live elsewhere was considered to generate demand for sporting fields, then the rate of provision for all 32 facilities drops to one field per 7,366 people;
- (iii) between 2007 and 2012, the City's population increased by nearly 11%, while Greater Sydney grew by 8% and NSW grew by 6%, and the City's population is projected to increase to just over 267,000 by 2030;
- (iv) these population projections indicate there will be rapidly increasing levels of demand for parks, open spaces and sporting infrastructure over coming decades;
- (v) replacing natural turf with synthetic grass on sporting fields enables facilities to be used much more often and in all weather conditions, without damage to the playing surface, and without the need for chemical treatments which flow into local water courses;
- (vi) according to analysis from Football NSW and Northern NSW Football, the Whole of Life (WOL) cost of construction, maintenance and replacement of one synthetic grass playing field - including fencing, lighting and ancillaries - is approximately \$2.3 million over 20 years;
- (vii) recognising the advantages of synthetic sporting fields, the City of Sydney is already planning to install such facilities at Gunyama Park in Green Square, scheduled for completion in 2020, and Perry Park in Alexandria, scheduled for completion by mid-2018;
- (viii) other Councils across the Sydney Metropolitan Area are increasingly turning to synthetic surfaces for their sporting fields in order to accommodate greater numbers of fixtures and participants;
- (ix) Turruwul Park, located in Rosebery, is one of only three turf fields servicing the Green Square-City South precinct and is ideal for conversion to a synthetic playing surface;
- (x) currently, the only organised sport played at the park is soccer (football) and it is home to the Redfern Raiders Football Club, which comprises eight junior teams and four senior teams, with a membership of approximately 200 players;

- (xi) the park is in use all year round, most heavily in the winter season between April and August, with usage occurring every weeknight from 5:00pm to 9:00pm and on weekends from 9:00am to 6:00pm;
- (xii) this heavy usage results in damage and deterioration to the playing surface during winter, which also affects its condition in the summer months when it is used for off-season competition games;
- (xiii) concerns have been raised by the local community with regard to the field's lighting, which is only located on the eastern side of the field, as well as the lack of fencing, which creates a safety risk when balls are kicked onto surrounding streets, including Rothschild Avenue, located on the darker western side of the field, which is a major bus thoroughfare; and
- (xiv) the City's 'Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study 2016' identifies the need for improvements and/or new facilities across the local government area, and specifically recognises Turruwul Park as an ideal location for a new synthetic surface and the need for improved lighting at the field; and

(B) request the Chief Executive Officer to:

- (i) immediately investigate the potential for the installation of a multi-sport synthetic surface at Turruwul Park, Rosebery, along with lighting and fencing upgrades that would facilitate the field's use for community sports, including soccer (football), junior or modified forms of rugby, AFL and field hockey; and
- (ii) report back to Council with the results of that investigation by the September 2018 Council Meeting.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Forster. Subsequently, it was:

Moved by Councillor Forster, seconded by Councillor Phelps –

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- (iii) between 2007 and 2012, the City's population increased by nearly 11%, while Greater Sydney grew by 8% and NSW grew by 6%, and the City's population is projected to increase to just over 267,000 by 2030;
- (iv) these population projections indicate there will be rapidly increasing levels of demand for parks, open spaces and sporting infrastructure over coming decades;

- (v) replacing natural turf with synthetic grass on sporting fields enables facilities to be used much more often and in all weather conditions, without damage to the playing surface, and without the need for chemical treatments which flow into local water courses;
- (vi) according to analysis from Football NSW and Northern NSW Football, the Whole of Life (WOL) cost of construction, maintenance and replacement of one synthetic grass playing field - including fencing, lighting and ancillaries - is approximately \$2.3 million over 20 years;
- (vii) recognising the advantages of synthetic sporting fields, the City of Sydney is already planning to install such facilities at Gunyama Park in Green Square, scheduled for completion in 2020, and Perry Park in Alexandria, scheduled for completion by mid-2018;
- (viii) other Councils across the Sydney Metropolitan Area are increasingly turning to synthetic surfaces for their sporting fields in order to accommodate greater numbers of fixtures and participants;
- (ix) Turruwul Park, located in Rosebery, is one of only three turf fields servicing the Green Square-City South precinct and is ideal for conversion to a synthetic playing surface;
- (x) currently, the only organised sport played at the park is soccer (football) and it is home to the Redfern Raiders Football Club, which comprises six junior teams and seven senior teams, with a membership of approximately 250 players;
- (xi) the park is in use all year round, most heavily in the winter season between February and October, with usage occurring every weeknight from 5:00pm to 9:00pm and on weekends from 9:00am to 6:00pm;
- (xii) this heavy usage results in damage and deterioration to the playing surface during winter, which also affects its condition in the summer months when it could be used for off-season training, holiday camps for kids and 6-a-side competition games;
- (xiii) concerns have been raised by the local community with regard to the field's lighting, which is only located on the eastern side of the field, as well as the lack of fencing, which creates a safety risk when balls are kicked onto surrounding streets, including Rothschild Avenue, located on the darker western side of the field, which is a major bus thoroughfare; and
- (xiv) the City's 'Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study 2016' identifies the need for improvements and/or new facilities across the local government area, and specifically recognises Turruwul Park as an ideal location for a new synthetic surface and the need for improved lighting at the field; and

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Amendment. Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the motion be amended, such that it read as follows:

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  - (xiv) the City's 'Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study 2016' identifies the need for improvements and/or new facilities across the local government area, and specifically recognises Turruwul Park as an ideal location for a new synthetic surface and the need for improved lighting at the field; and
  - (xv) City of Sydney staff are investigating the potential for the installation of a multi-sport synthetic surface at Turruwul Park, Rosebery, along with other improvements that would facilitate the field's use for community sports; and
- (B) request the Chief Executive Officer to report back to Council with the results of that investigation when complete.

The amendment was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (5) The Lord Mayor, Councillors Kok, Miller, Scully and Thalís

Noes (4) Councillors Chung, Forster, Phelps and Vithoukás.

Amendment carried.

The substantive motion was carried unanimously.