



20 NOVEMBER 2000

Meeting No 1319

MINUTES of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Sydney held in the Finance Committee Room at the Sydney Town Hall, commencing at 5.15 pm on 20 November 2000 pursuant to Notice 16/1319 dated 16 November 2000.

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PRESENT

The Right Hon The Lord Mayor Councillor Frank Sartor
(Chairman)

Councillors - Dixie Coulton, Kathryn Greiner, Robert Ho, Fabian Marsden and Lucy Turnbull.

At the commencement of business at 5.15pm those present were:-

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Coulton, Greiner, Ho, Marsden and Turnbull.

The General Manager was also present.

The Deputy General Manager, Director City Projects, Director City Development and Director Legal and Secretariat joined the meeting at the conclusion of Item 1 and were present for the rest of the meeting.

Apology

Councillor Nick Farr-Jones extended his apologies for his inability to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of Council due to business engagements.

Moved by Councillor Turnbull, seconded by Councillor Greiner -

That the apology from Councillor Farr-Jones be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Carried.

Order of Business

At the start of the meeting, in accordance with Clause 12(2) of the Local Government (Meetings) Regulation 1999, the Council resolved that the order of business be altered such that Item 4 of the Business Paper be brought forward and dealt with immediately after Item 1.

Closed Meeting

At 5.16 pm the Extraordinary Meeting of Council resolved -

That the meeting be closed in accordance with the provisions of -

- Section 10A (2)(a) to discuss Item 1 on the agenda as this matter comprised personnel matters concerning a particular individual; and
- Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 to discuss Item 4 on the agenda as this matter comprised discussion of commercial information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;

and it was further resolved that the meeting be closed for these items on the basis that discussion of these matters in open session would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest, specifically, there was a need to preserve confidentiality having regard to the subject matters and the circumstances of communications.

Items 1 and 4 were then dealt with by the Extraordinary Meeting of Council while the meeting was closed to the public.

ITEM 1. STAFF APPOINTMENT - DIRECTOR LEGAL & SECRETARIAT (S013507)

Moved by Councillor Greiner, seconded by Councillor Coulton -

That arising from consideration of a Memorandum by the General Manager to the extraordinary meeting of Council on 20 November 2000, on Staff Appointment – Director Legal & Secretariat, it be resolved that Council note that it has been consulted on the appointment of Mr Petar Vladeta to the position of Director, Legal & Secretariat and advise that it does not object to the appointment.

Carried.

ITEM 4. NYE 2000 SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE (S012978)

FILE NO:

DATE: 17/11/00

Moved by Councillor Turnbull, seconded by Councillor Greiner -

That arising from consideration of a Memorandum by the General Manager to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 20 November 2000 on New Year's Eve 2000 Sydney Harbour Bridge, it be resolved that:

(A) Council not invite tenders for the works associated with the proposed Effect on the Sydney Harbour Bridge on New Year's Eve, in the view of the extenuating circumstances described in the subject Memorandum by the General Manager, namely that:

- (i) the proposed tender was delayed by the Roads and Traffic Authority reviewing its requirements following damage to the Sydney Harbour Bridge during fireworks for the Olympic Games closing ceremony;
- (ii) there is no certainty that, if a tender process was undertaken, the successful tenderer would be permitted by the RTA to carry out works on the Sydney Harbour Bridge in view of the damage to the Bridge;
- (iii) due to the time involved in the RTA reviewing its requirements, there is now insufficient time to invite tenders and for the successful tenderer to manufacture the proposed Effect;

and accordingly a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders;

(B) Council enter into a contract with Kermac Welding and Engineering for the proposed Effect on the Sydney Harbour Bridge on New Year's Eve, on the basis that the equipment to be used is the subject of a lease for the current year only, with an option to purchase by 30 June 2001, noting that the City will undertake a tender process in 2001.

Carried unanimously.

At 5.21 pm the Extraordinary Meeting of Council was re-opened to the public.

ITEM 2A. FAREWELL TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

FILE NO: S013873

DATE: 16/11/00

MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYOR

To Council:

Our General Manager, Greg Maddock commenced work with the City of Sydney on the 31 January 1996. On the 24 November 2000, Greg will take Annual Leave and conclude employment with the City sometime after to take up a position as the Chief Executive Officer of Energex based in Brisbane.

Greg came to us from Melbourne having previously been employed at Stonnington Council and with extensive experience in Council organisational reform including competitive tendering.

He came to the City of Sydney well regarded and has certainly lived up to his reputation.

I'm confident the Council will support my view that Greg has done an outstanding job, and is without question the best CEO the City has ever had. During the past five years the City organisation has been comprehensively transformed. Staff morale is at an all time high, and this has manifested itself in the high level of staff achievement during the Olympic period.

The organisation of the Olympic Games speaks for itself, the City of Sydney has been greatly applauded in terms of its appearance, its management, and its cleanliness.

Greg has overseen an unprecedented number of initiatives in the City of Sydney, Competitive tendering has been applied across all appropriate services with no loss of time due to industrial disputes. The City Improvement Program has completely remodelled the city's footpaths, parks, and public spaces. The Recital Hall has been built, and Customs House restored, new street Smartpoles have been installed which greatly improve the city's lighting, as well as banner poles throughout the City. A number of community facilities have been built, including the King George V Recreational Centre, the Cook and Phillip Park Aquatic and Recreation facility. The New Year's Eve event has been turned into an event of international significance, the Sydney Festival has been transformed, and a Sydney Writers' Festival created

Meanwhile the City has funded its \$320m improvement program largely from internal sources from surpluses generated by economies, without any recourse whatsoever to borrowings.

In addition, relations with external bodies, State agencies, and the State Government in general are better than they have ever been. Greg is well respected by State and Local Government officials and private sector chiefs.

On behalf of the Council and the people of the City I wish to congratulate Greg on his achievements, thank him for his commitment and enthusiasm for the City of Sydney and its betterment, and wish him every success in his new endeavours in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that Council endorse this Minute, convey its appreciation to Greg, and wish Greg, Lyn, Katie and Jacqui all the best in the future.

(SGD) COUNCILLOR FRANK SARTOR
Lord Mayor

Moved by the Chairman (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Turnbull -

That the Minute by the Lord Mayor be approved and adopted.

Carried unanimously, and by acclamation.

Note - During discussion on the motion the Chairman (the Lord Mayor) and all Councillors present paid tribute to the General Manager and wished him well for the future.

ITEM 2B. PLANNING CONTROLS FOR SPECIAL AREA L- SYDNEY SQUARE, SYDNEY TOWN HALL AND ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL (CENTRAL SYDNEY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 1996)

FILE NO: S014104

DATE: 20/11/00

MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYOR

To Council:

As colleagues are aware, Council is committed to an ongoing initiative to achieve design excellence in urban planning and development in the City of Sydney. I have noticed that the Central Sydney Local Environment Plan 1996 specifies a number of Special Areas within Central Sydney such as Millers Point, Bridge Street/Macquarie Place, Pitt Street and Sydney Square, Sydney Town Hall and St Andrew's Cathedral and that these areas are subject to additional special planning controls.

The recent Town Hall Precinct Competition has drawn attention to the important civic nature of the Town Hall precinct; the distinct lack of civic quality in the public domain; the impact of private development in the precinct; and questioned the adequacy of existing planning controls in the area.

The competition, with over 170 registrants, included submissions from Australia, USA, UK, Israel, Austria, Japan, Armenia, India, New Zealand, the Netherlands and China.

The jury identified key attributes in the submissions which in turn identified the following objectives for developing the precinct:

- A need to improve the civic precinct and provide a high quality public domain;
- A need to consider the nature of the private development within the precinct;
- A need to expand the civic realm;
- A need to articulate the hierarchy of public spaces.

I have particular concerns over the adequacy of the existing controls for the Special Area - Sydney Square, Sydney Town Hall and St Andrew's Cathedral which have been highlighted by recent development applications in the vicinity. In this regard, I propose a comprehensive urban design study be undertaken to ascertain the suitability of the current controls and if there are considered to be deficiencies or omissions in these controls, strategies need to be formulated to address them.

RECOMMENDATION:

That arising from consideration of a Minute by the Lord Mayor to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 20 November 2000, on Planning Controls for Special Area L - Sydney Square, Sydney Town Hall and St Andrews Cathedral, and as part of the Council's ongoing commitment to design excellence in the City of Sydney, it be resolved that:

- (A) the Director, City Development be requested to prepare a comprehensive urban design study of the Special Area - Sydney Square, Sydney Town Hall and St Andrew's Cathedral; and
- (B) the above study and its findings and recommendations be reported to Council at its meeting of 18 December 2000, for its consideration.

(SGD) COUNCILLOR FRANK SARTOR

Lord Mayor

Moved by the Chairman (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Greiner -

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Carried unanimously.

**ITEM 3. USE OF THE STREET SAFETY CAMERA PROGRAM DURING
NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS 2000/2001 (S010019)**

Moved by Councillor Turnbull, seconded by Councillor Greiner -

That arising from consideration of a report by the Senior Project Manager Safe City to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 20 November 2000, in regard to the use of the Street Safety Camera Program during New Year's Eve/Centenary of Federation, it be resolved that:

- (A) Approval be given to use the Street Safety Camera Program for the purposes of city management during the period from 2:00 pm on 30 December 2000 to 2:00 am on 2 January 2001.

- (B) Approval be given for the installation of two temporary cameras in Martin Place to be operational during the period from 2:00 pm on 30 December 2000 to 2:00 am on 2 January 2001.
- (C) Approval be given for the temporary cameras in Martin Place to be installed no earlier than 28 December 2000 and be disconnected and removed no later than 4 January 2001.
- (D) Approval be given for the preparation of an amendment to the Street Safety Camera Program Code of Practice to provide for the use of temporary cameras in major events, and that this matter be included in a Council report on the revised Code of Practice to be forwarded in February 2001.
- (E) Approval be given for the preparation of an amendment to the Street Safety Camera Program Code of Practice to provide that the Lord Mayor approve each use of the SSCP for city management purposes during major events, and that this matter be included in a Council report on the revised Code of Practice to be forwarded in February 2001.
- (F) Approval be given for the Lord Mayor to approve or otherwise continuous vision from the Street Safety Camera Program to Police Operations Centres in The Rocks during the period 30 December 2000 to 1 January 2001, subject to his consideration of the request.

Carried.

At 5.55pm the meeting concluded.

Chairman of a meeting of the Council of the City
of Sydney held on 18 December 2000 at which
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.