



10 MARCH 2003

Meeting No 1378

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 4.45pm on 10 March 2003 pursuant to Notice 3/1378 dated 6 March 2003.

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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 4.45pm those present were:-

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

The General Manager, General Counsel, Director Corporate Services, Director City Development and Projects, Director Living City Services and Acting Director Asset Management and Compliance were also present.

Adjournment

At 4.46pm, it was moved by the Chairman (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Turnbull -

That the Extraordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned to enable a briefing of Councillors to conclude.

Carried.

Resumption

At the resumption of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council at 4.55pm, those present were -

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

Apologies

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

Moved by Councillor Greiner, seconded by Councillor Turnbull -

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

Carried.

ITEM 1. INVESTMENTS HELD BY COUNCIL AS AT 31 JANUARY 2003 (S02-0960)

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

That arising from consideration of a report by the Senior Accounting Officer (Creditors) to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 10 March 2003, on Investments held by Council as at 31 January 2003, it be resolved that the report be received and noted.

Carried.

ITEM 2. ULTIMO AQUATIC CENTRE - CLASSIFICATION OF LAND

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

That arising from consideration of a report by the Manager Property and Assets to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 10 March 2003, on Ultimo Aquatic Centre - Classification of Land, it be resolved that the Ultimo Aquatic Centre land, referred to in paragraph 2 of the subject report, be classified as operational land.

Carried.

ITEM 3. RUGBY WORLD CUP 2003 CITY FESTIVITIES PROGRAM

FILE NO:

DATE: 10/3/03

MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYORTo Council:

Rugby World Cup 2003, to be held in Australia from 10 October to 22 November 2003, is the third largest sporting event in the world after the Olympics and the Soccer World Cup.

Rugby World Cup 2003 provides a great opportunity for Sydney to build on the Olympic legacy. 12 of the 48 matches will be played in Sydney during this period and it is expected that at least 50,000 international visitors will travel to Sydney principally from New Zealand and the UK. It is estimated that the economic return to Sydney will be in the order of \$300 million.

The NSW Premier's Department is proposing to stage a City Festivities Program during Rugby World Cup 2003 and has asked the City to provide both financial and in kind assistance.

The assistance being sought includes:

- waiving of banner hire costs for 807 banners in the CBD over 5 weeks;
- staging the commencement of the City's spring floral display to coincide with the World Cup and extend the display for two weeks;
- a cash contribution towards the Avenue of Nations Flag Display in Martin Place – a visual spectacle of large flags of the 20 competing nations;
- additional street cleaning, parks and open spaces cleaning and law enforcement for the activities proposed in the City Festivities Program;
- waiving the hire fee of Martin Place for the erection of a scoreboard during the duration of the World Cup;
- staff and in kind assistance for a variety of other programs being considered throughout the city.

The attached confidential report sets out financial details and refers to activities proposed as part of the City Festivities Program some of which are not yet confirmed.

In total the City is being asked to contribute \$400,000 in cash and \$245,650 in foregone revenue to the Rugby World Cup 2003 as well as providing other in kind support.

There is no doubt that the City will benefit substantially from the influx of visitors and the heightened profile worldwide, not to mention the economic benefit that this event will bring. Supporting the event will bring significant benefit to the City and its constituents.

RECOMMENDATION

That arising from consideration of the Minute by the Lord Mayor to Council on 10 March 2003, it be resolved by the City of Sydney that:

- (A) Council supports the staging of the Rugby World Cup 2003 as an important event for Sydney and agrees to provide a significant contribution towards the City Festivities Program taking place in the city;
- (B) Council agrees in principle to provide the following assistance to the City Festivities Program:
 - (i) waiving of banner hire costs for 807 banners in the CBD;
 - (ii) stage the commencement of the Spring floral display to 27 September 2003 and extend it by two weeks;
 - (iii) contribute towards the Avenue of Nations Flag Display;
 - (iv) provide additional street cleaning, parks and open space cleaning and law enforcement during the City's Festivities Program;
 - (v) waive the hire fee for the use of Martin Place for a scoreboard;
 - (vi) provide other staff and in kind support as requested by the Premier's Department to conduct the City's Festivities Program.

- (C) Council agrees that the real cost of its commitment to the World Cup Rugby 2003 will be approximately \$400,000, with a further value in kind commitment of approximately \$250,000.
- (D) Council resolves to endorse the Recommendations of the report attached to this Minute;
- (E) the Lord Mayor be authorised to negotiate the exact level of support provided to Rugby World Cup 2003, consistent with this Lord Mayor's Minute and the attached report;

(SGD) COUNCILLOR FRANK SARTOR
Lord Mayor

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

That arising from consideration of a Minute by the Lord Mayor to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 10 March 2003, on Rugby World Cup 2003 City Festivities Program, it be resolved that:

- (A) Council support the staging of the Rugby World Cup 2003 as an important event for Sydney and agree to provide a significant contribution towards the City Festivities Program taking place in the city;
- (B) Council agree in principle to provide the following assistance to the City Festivities Program:
 - (i) waiving of banner hire costs for 807 banners in the CBD;
 - (ii) stage the commencement of the Spring floral display to 27 September 2003 and extend it by two weeks;
 - (iii) contribute towards the Avenue of Nations Flag Display;
 - (iv) provide additional street cleaning, parks and open space cleaning and law enforcement during the City's Festivities Program;
 - (v) waive the hire fee for the use of Martin Place for a scoreboard;
 - (vi) provide other staff and in kind support as requested by the Premier's Department to conduct the City's Festivities Program.
- (C) Council agree that the real cost of its commitment to the World Cup Rugby 2003 will be approximately \$400,000, with a further value in kind commitment of approximately \$250,000;
- (D) Council adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential report as shown at Attachment A to the subject Minute by the Lord Mayor;
- (E) the Lord Mayor be authorised to negotiate the exact level of support provided to Rugby World Cup 2003, consistent with the subject Minute by the Lord Mayor and Attachment A to the subject Minute;

- (F) pursuant to Section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 the report (Attachment A) attached to the subject Minute by the Lord Mayor, be treated as confidential as it relates to a matter specified in Section 10A(2)(c) of the Act, namely, information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Carried.

Closed Meeting

At 5.10pm the Extraordinary Meeting of Council resolved -

That, due notice of the intention to close the meeting having been given, the meeting be closed in accordance with the provisions of -

Section 10A2(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 to discuss Items 4 and 7 on the agenda as these matters comprised discussion of information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;

Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 to discuss Item 5 on the agenda as this matter comprised discussion of commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;

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 is a need to preserve confidentiality having regard to the subject matter and the circumstances of communications.

Items 4, 5 and 7 were then dealt with by the Extraordinary Meeting of Council while the meeting was closed to the public.

ITEM 4. MOBILE COMPUTING STRATEGY PILOTS - UPDATE (S020646)

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

That arising from consideration of a report by the Manager, Information Management to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 10 March 2003, on Mobile Computing Strategy Pilots - Update, it be resolved that -

- (A) the subject report be received and noted;
- (B) a progress report be submitted to the Lord Mayor and Councillors by October 2003.

Carried.

Order of Business

At this stage 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 7 on the Business Paper be brought forward and dealt with before Item 5.

ITEM 7. BOUNDARY CHANGES

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

That arising from consideration of a Memorandum by the General Manager to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 10 March 2003, on Boundary Changes, it be resolved that -

- (A) authority be delegated to the General Manager to reach all necessary agreements with South Sydney City Council, Leichhardt Council and the Minister for Local Government as contemplated by the Proclamation of 19 February 2003, subject to the concurrence of the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor, as appropriate, in relation to the number of staff to be transferred and the real property and other assets, rights and liabilities to be transferred;
- (B) Council not invite tenders in relation to the provision of data conversion services by GEAC, for the following reasons:
 - (i) all affected Councils use software supplied by GEAC;
 - (ii) conversion of data is required from the systems maintained by the other Councils, and as software supplier to them, GEAC is most familiar with the operating environment of those Councils to provide the data conversion services required by this Council;
 - (iii) urgency, as the data conversion process must be completed by 8 May to enable Council to provide services in the transferring areas from that date,and accordingly a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders;
- (C) the General Manager enter into an agreement with GEAC for the services described in the subject Memorandum by the General Manager;
- (D) all necessary or appropriate documentation to give effect to the Proclamation and the terms of this resolution be executed by Council's attorney;
- (E) Council reaffirm its commitment to the early introduction of betterment projects and programs in the newly acquired areas from 8 May 2003, including the Gateways Projects, the Darlinghurst Road Project, the Neighbourhood Service Centres at Kings Cross and Glebe, expansion of the Graffiti Removal Program into Glebe and South Sydney, a Litter Reduction Program, Improved Street Lighting and Signage, expanding Bicentennial Park by acquisition of appropriate adjacent land, including the timber yards, as well as other enhancements within the newly acquired areas as may be identified.

Carried unanimously.

Note - the confidential Memorandum by the General Manager on Boundary Changes was circulated to all Councillors.

ITEM 5. TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SERVICES (S021420)

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

That arising from consideration of a report by the Risk Manager to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 10 March 2003, on Tender for the Provision of Claims Administration Services, it be resolved that:

- (A) all tenders received for the Provision of Claims Administration Services submitted on 12 February 2003 be rejected;
- (B) negotiations be entered into with the tenderers named in paragraph 22 of the subject report;
- (C) authority be delegated to the General Manager to enter into a contract for the supply of Claims Administration Services on a fee for service basis as detailed in paragraph 21 of the subject report;
- (D) Council not invite a fresh tender for the following reasons:
 - (i) it is intended to negotiate with the tenderers on the basis of a revised fee structure to reflect the tender submissions received from Claims Administration Providers as referred to in paragraph 21 of the subject report;
 - (ii) the tenderers with whom it is intended to negotiate represent the most experienced providers within the industry,and accordingly a better result would not be achieved by inviting fresh tenders;
- (E) Council's attorney be authorised to execute all necessary documentation.

Carried.

ITEM 6. GRAFFITI REMOVAL - ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER

Note - no report was circulated and this matter was not discussed at the Extraordinary Meeting of Council.

At 5.29pm the meeting concluded.

Chairman of a meeting of the Council of the City
of Sydney held on 17 March 2003 at which
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.