



17 JUNE 2002

Meeting No 1355

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 5.06pm on 17 June 2002 pursuant to Notice 9/1355 dated 13 June 2002.

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PRESENT

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

Councillors - Dixie Coulton, Nick Farr-Jones, Fabian Marsden and Lucy Turnbull.

At the commencement of business at 5.06pm those present were:-

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Coulton, Farr-Jones, Marsden and Turnbull.

The General Manager, General Counsel, Director Living City Services and Director City Projects were also present.

Apologies

Councillor Kathryn Greiner extended her apologies for her inability to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of Council as she was overseas.

Councillor Robert Ho extended his apologies for his inability to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of Council owing to business commitments.

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

That the apologies from Councillor Greiner and Councillor Ho be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Carried.

Closed Meeting

At 5.07 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 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 to discuss Item 1 on the agenda as this matter comprised discussion of information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposed to conduct) business;

and it was further resolved that the meeting be closed for this item on the basis that discussion of this matter 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.

Item 1 was then dealt with by the Extraordinary Meeting of Council while the meeting was closed to the public.

ITEM 1. APPOINTMENT OF DESIGN CONSULTANTS FOR THE GATEWAYS PROJECTS

Moved by Councillor Turnbull, seconded by Councillor Marsden -

That arising from consideration of a Memorandum by the General Manager to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 17 June 2002, on Appointment of Design Consultants for the Gateways Projects, it be resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse the design principles and approaches for the Gateways Projects outlined in the subject Memorandum by the General Manager;
- (B) Council not invite open tenders for the selection of consultants, due to the extenuating circumstances described in paragraph 19 of the subject Memorandum by the General Manager, and accordingly a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting open tenders;
- (C) Council approve the consultant engagement process outlined in the recommendation for consultant appointment in paragraphs 14(b) and 15 of the subject Memorandum by the General Manager;
- (D) authority be delegated to the General Manager, with the concurrence of the Lord Mayor, to appoint the preferred consultant for a staged scope of services covering the project;
- (E) Council note that funds are available in 2001/2002 Capital Works budget (Gateways Feasibility) to cover the engagement of consultants for the project validation/pre- DA works to an upper limit of \$200,000. No additional funds would be spent until the outcome of the boundaries is known;
- (F) Council appoint additional project management resources to manage the works should they proceed subject to the boundaries changing. This to be funded from the 2002/2003 Capital Works Budget;
- (G) all relevant documentation be executed by Council's attorney;
- (H) Councillors be briefed on the Gateways Projects as soon as judgment is delivered in the boundaries appeal matter, or by 15 August 2002, whichever is the sooner.

Carried unanimously.

Note - The confidential Memorandum by the General Manager on Appointment of Design Consultants for the Gateways Projects was circulated to all Councillors.

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At 5.30pm the meeting concluded.

Chairman of a meeting of the Council of the City
of Sydney held on 28 June 2002 at which
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.