



**21 OCTOBER 2002**

**Meeting No 1367**

**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 5.25pm on 21 October 2002 pursuant to Notice 21/1367 dated 17 October 2002.

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### PRESENT

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

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

At the commencement of business at 5.25pm those present were:-

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

The General Manager, General Counsel, Director Living City Services, Director Corporate Services and Executive Director Projects (City Architect) were also present.

#### **ITEM 1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION: PLANNING NSW REFERRAL - ULTIMO AQUATIC CENTRE - HARRIS STREET, ULTIMO (O2002/00053)**

Moved by Councillor Turnbull, seconded by Councillor Greiner -

That arising from consideration of a report by the Specialist Planner to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 21 October 2002, in relation to Development Application referral from Planning NSW for the development of an aquatic centre on the corner of Harris Street and William Henry Street, Ultimo, it be resolved that a copy of the submission at Attachment A to the subject report be forwarded to Planning NSW for its consideration in the determination of the Development Application.

Carried.

**ITEM 2. INVESTMENTS HELD BY COUNCIL AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2002 (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 21 October 2002, on Investments Held by Council as at 30 September 2002, it be resolved that the report be received and noted.

Carried.

**ITEM 3. CROSS CITY TUNNEL, RTA COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND INCLUDING A SUB-SURFACE LEASEHOLD INTEREST OF PART OF LOT 7 DP 873273, COOK AND PHILLIP PARK - CONSENT (S017852)**

Moved by Councillor Greiner, seconded by Councillor Turnbull -

That arising from consideration of a report by the Senior Property Manager to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 21 October 2002, on Cross City Tunnel, Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) Compulsory Acquisition of Land including a sub-surface leasehold interest of part of Lot 7, DP873273, Cook and Phillip Park - Consent, it be resolved that -

- (A) Council grant consent to the compulsory acquisition of a lease by the RTA for a term of 4 years 11 months for that part of the stratum beneath Cook and Phillip Park shown on the plans at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (B) Council grant consent to the shortening of the standard 90 day period of the Proposed Acquisition Notice to a 7 day period, in view of the sub-surface nature of the acquisition;
- (C) Council's Attorney be authorised to execute all necessary documentation.

Carried.

**Vote of Thanks**

The Chairman (the Lord Mayor) expressed his appreciation for the excellent work done by Council staff in assisting, at such short notice and under such difficult conditions, with "Australians Together", the Bali tribute ceremony held in the Domain last Sunday - in particular, Ken Wilby, Ann Hoban and Ed Wilkinson from the Cultural and Community Affairs Unit, and Craig Middleton from the Office of the Lord Mayor.

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

That Council formally convey a vote of thanks to Council staff who assisted with the "Australians Together" ceremony.

Carried unanimously.

### **Vote of Thanks**

The Chairman (the Lord Mayor) congratulated staff from the City Projects, Contract and Asset Management, Cultural and Community Affairs and Protocol Units for their efforts in ensuring a successful, and early, opening of the refurbished Andrew (Boy) Charlton Pool.

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

That Council formally convey a vote of thanks to Council staff involved in the opening of the Andrew (Boy) Charlton Pool.

Carried unanimously.

At this stage of the meeting, the Chairman (the Lord Mayor) introduced a Minute by the Lord Mayor on Council Contribution to National Drought Relief Campaign.

### **ITEM 7: COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL DROUGHT RELIEF CAMPAIGN**

FILE NO:

DATE: 22/10/02

#### **MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYOR**

To Council:

Much of Australia currently is gripped by drought. Many say it is the worst drought in decades and it is incumbent on the wider community to respond to the plight of thousands of rural families across the country without household income.

Drought affects all Australians, not just the farmers. The impact spreads quickly through rural communities, towns and cities as the financial pressures on farmers extend to small businesses and others associated with the primary industries.

People living in cities such as ours do not escape either, not only paying higher prices for our daily necessities but sharing the additional costs to our community that widespread economic hardship brings.

Significant efforts currently are underway to raise funds to assist those farming families in need. At the forefront is the Farmhand Foundation - a partnership being led by Channel 9, Telstra, 2GB, Visy, STW Group Ltd and News Ltd.

So far, the Farmhand Foundation has raised more than \$9 million dollars. Today they have approached the City of Sydney seeking our financial support.

Much is said and written about Australia's so-called "City-Country divide" - the perception that our urban and rural communities live in isolation from each other. The opportunity presented by Farmhand is for that 'divide' to be bridged; for the City to lead the efforts of metropolitan councils in making a significant financial contribution to the fundraising for drought relief.

The City of Brisbane, which covers the entire Brisbane metropolitan areas, has pledged \$300,000 to Farmhand, with an additional \$50,000 from Gold Coast City Council.

I believe it is important that all Councils in metropolitan Sydney contribute to this appeal. By way of incentive, I propose that the City of Sydney match dollar-for-dollar the collective cash contributions of Sydney's other 37 metropolitan councils to a maximum \$300,000 (and a minimum of \$100,000).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council agree to a contribution to the Farmhand Foundation matching, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, the combined contributions of Sydney's other 37 metropolitan councils, to a maximum of \$300,000, (with a minimum of \$100,000).

(SGD) COUNCILLOR FRANK SARTOR  
Lord Mayor

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

That arising from consideration of a Minute by the Lord Mayor to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 21 October 2002, on Council Contribution to National Drought Relief Campaign, it be resolved that -

- (A) Council agree to a contribution to the Farmhand Foundation matching, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, the combined contributions of Sydney's other 37 metropolitan councils, to a maximum of \$300,000, (with a minimum of \$100,000), and that authority be delegated to the General Manager, in consultation with the Lord Mayor, to determine the source of funds;
- (B) Council call upon other Councils within New South Wales, not directly affected by either drought or bush fires, to contribute generously to the Appeal.

Carried unanimously.

### **Closed Meeting**

At 5.35pm 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)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 to discuss Items 4 and 5 on the agenda as these items comprised discussion of commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; and
- Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 to discuss Item 6 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 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 is a need to preserve confidentiality having regard to the subject matters and the circumstances of communications.

Items 4, 5 and 6 were then dealt with by the Extraordinary Meeting of Council while the meeting was closed to the public.

### **ITEM 4. CANCELLATION OF TENDER 0203 'HAND HELD ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM' (S018384)**

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

That arising from consideration of a report by the Manager Enforcement Services to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 21 October 2002, on Cancellation of Tender 0203 'Hand Held Enforcement System', it be resolved that:

- (A) tender Number 0203 be cancelled;
- (B) the Manager Enforcement Services and Manager Information Management report to Council by 31 January 2003 in relation to the acquisition and deployment of a hand held enforcement system to be in operation by 1 May 2003.

Carried unanimously.

**ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR COUNCIL**

FILE NO:

DATE: 18/10/02

**MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYOR**To Council:

Council staff have prepared a confidential report on -

- Louvre Replacement Remedial Works - Cook and Phillip Park.

I bring this report forward for the consideration of Council.

(SGD) COUNCILLOR FRANK SARTOR

Lord Mayor

**ITEM 5. LOUVRE REPLACEMENT REMEDIAL WORKS - COOK AND PHILLIP PARK**

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

That arising from consideration of a report by the Senior Project Officer, City Development and Projects to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 21 October 2002, on Louvre Replacement Remedial Works - Cook and Phillip Park, it be resolved that consideration of this matter be deferred to the meeting of Council on 28 October 2002.

Carried.

**ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR COUNCIL**

FILE NO:

DATE: 21/10/02

**MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYOR**To Council:

Attached to this Minute is a paper prepared by the Manager Events in relation to the Financial Issues currently affecting the Gay Games.

(SGD) COUNCILLOR FRANK SARTOR

Lord Mayor

Note - At this stage of the meeting, all staff, with the exception of the General Manager, General Counsel and Manager Contract and Asset Management, left the Extraordinary Meeting of Council.

**ITEM 6. GAY GAMES FINANCIAL ISSUES**

Moved by Councillor Greiner, seconded by Councillor Ho -

That arising from consideration of a report by the Manager Events, Cultural and Community Affairs to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on Monday 21 October 2002, on Gay Games Financial Issues, it be resolved that:

- (A) the provision of a portion of Hyde Park as the Gay Games Hub be approved, subject to the Lord Mayor approving its exact location and design and other conditions being appropriately met;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Lord Mayor to determine the question of any further Value in Kind contribution in respect to the Hub in Hyde Park; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Lord Mayor to determine the question of any further assistance for the Gay Games, any such assistance to be broadly consistent with the matters discussed at the briefing of Councillors on 21 October 2002.

Carried unanimously.

At 6.00pm the meeting concluded.

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