



29 APRIL 2002

Meeting No 1351

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 5.35pm on 29 April 2002 pursuant to Notice 5/1351 dated 24 April 2002.

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PRESENT

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

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

At the commencement of business at 5.35pm those present were:-

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

The General Manager, General Counsel and Director Corporate Services were also present.

Apology

Councillor Dixie Coulton extended her apologies for her inability to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of Council owing to work commitments.

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

That the apology from Councillor Coulton be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Carried.

ITEM 1. SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

FILE NO: S018287

DATE: 26/4/02

MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYOR

To Council:

The Sydney Film Festival is this year celebrating its forty-ninth year as one of the City's leading cultural events. The City has funded the Festival on an ad hoc basis for many years.

In a memorandum dated 14 December 2001 from the A/Cultural Development Manager, Cultural & Community Affairs, it was recommended that Council enter into a three-year partnership with the Film Festival, commencing with the 2002 Festival.

The Sydney Film Festival is one of Australia's longest running cultural events and a source of great interest and pride to the Sydney community. The Director, Gayle Lake, is keen to establish a closer partnership with the City (as is the case with other prestigious film festivals around the world); this would be beneficial for the City as the Festival's standing in the international film community continues to increase. Also, it would be timely to offer additional support to the current Director given her outstanding achievements in her first three years.

The 2001 Festival again exceeded organisers' expectations and was both a critical and financial success. The introduction of a more flexible ticketing structure in 1999, though controversial at the time, has resulted in an increase in total admissions from 80,000 in 1999 to 97,000 in 2001. The Festival's audience is diverse, ranging across all ages, cultural and ethnic backgrounds, levels of education and genders. It receives broad media coverage and positive critical responses

It is therefore proposed to enter into an agreement with the Sydney Film Festival for funding of \$50,000 cash plus \$20,000 value in kind for each of the 2002-2004 Festivals. This will give the City Major Sponsor status with the Festival. This initiative has the support of Councillor Coulton as Chair of the Cultural & City Care Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That arising from consideration of a Minute by the Lord Mayor to Council on 29 April 2002 on the Sydney Film Festival, it be resolved that Council endorse the funding of the Sydney Film Festival 2002-2004 and delegate authority to the Lord Mayor to sign an appropriate Sydney Film Festival Funding agreement and that funding for this year's Festival be sourced from the Cultural and Community Affairs budget and be provided for in the Unit's budgets for the subsequent two years.

(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 29 April 2002, on the Sydney Film Festival, it be resolved that -

- (A) Council endorse the funding of the Sydney Film Festival 2002-2004;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Lord Mayor to sign an appropriate Sydney Film Festival Funding agreement; and
- (C) funding for this year's Festival be sourced from the Cultural and Community Affairs budget and be provided for in the Unit's budgets for the subsequent two years.

Carried unanimously.

Closed Meeting

At 5.47pm 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 2 on the agenda as this matter comprised 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 3 on the agenda as this matter comprised 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 matters and the circumstances of communications.

Items 2 and 3 were then dealt with by the Extraordinary Meeting of Council while the meeting was closed to the public.

ITEM 2. CAPITOL THEATRE – LEASE AMENDMENTS

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

That arising from consideration of a Memorandum by the General Manager to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 29 April 2002, on Capitol Theatre - Lease Amendments, it be resolved that -

- (A) Council endorse the amendments to the Capitol Theatre lease, as described in Attachment C to the subject Memorandum by the General Manager;
- (B) authority be delegated to the General Manager, with the concurrence of the Lord Mayor, to negotiate and finalise amendments to the Capitol Theatre lease as outlined in the subject Memorandum by the General Manager;
- (C) Council's attorney execute all relevant documentation.

The motion was carried on the following show of hands -

Ayes (4) the Chairman (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Ho, Marsden and Turnbull.

Noes (2) Councillors Farr-Jones and Greiner.

Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR COUNCIL

FILE NO:

DATE: 26/4/02

MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYORTo Council:

Council staff have prepared a confidential report on -

- Ipoh Gardens and Assignment of Transferable Floor Space

I bring this report forward for the consideration of Council.

(SGD) COUNCILLOR FRANK SARTOR

Lord Mayor

ITEM 3. IPOH GARDENS AND ASSIGNMENT OF TRANSFERABLE FLOOR SPACE

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

That arising from consideration of a report by the Senior Property Manager to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 29 April 2002, on Ipoh Gardens and Assignment of Transferable Floor Space, it be resolved that:-

- (A) in accordance with clause 23.3 of the Agreement to Lease of the Capitol Theatre dated 3 March 1992, Council consent to the sale to Jireh International Pty Ltd of 23 square metres of transferable floor space as set out in the subject report;
- (B) Council's attorney be authorised to execute the final documentation;
- (C) the funds received by Council be placed in the Property Reserve.

Carried.

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At 6.30pm the meeting concluded.

Chairman of a meeting of the Council of the City
of Sydney held on 13 May 2002 at which
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.