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Meeting No 1398

MINUTES of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Sydney held in the Council Chamber at the Sydney Town Hall, commencing at 5.30pm on 3 November 2003 pursuant to Notice 23/1398 dated 30 October 2003.

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PRESENT

The Right Hon The Lord Mayor Councillor Lucy Turnbull
(Chair)

Councillors - Dixie Coulton, Nick Farr-Jones, Kathryn Greiner and Fabian Marsden.

At the commencement of business at 5.30pm those present were:-

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Coulton, Greiner and Marsden.

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

Councillor Farr-Jones arrived at the meeting at 5.33pm at the commencement of discussion on Item 1B.

Apology

Councillor Robert Ho extended his apologies for his inability to attend the extraordinary meeting of Council as he was out of Sydney on business.

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

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

Carried.

ITEM 1A. EXTENDING AND ENHANCING THE OXFORD STREET UPGRADE PROJECT

FILE NO: D/03/00490

DATE: 3/11/03

MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYORTo Council:

Oxford Street is one of Sydney's most famous and popular destinations. Its physical appearance and maintenance have however been neglected for many years, and it deserves considerable attention.

The renewal of Oxford Street is a key step in the City's program to upgrade and revitalise the key arteries of our inner city communities, and the major gateways to central Sydney. It will restore its appeal as one of Sydney best known 'high streets', and it will unlock its unique social, cultural and economic attributes.

The City's proposal has now undergone extensive public consultation over several months. Among other things, this has included:

- > An information brochure distributed to all local residents and businesses, informing them of the project and calling for submissions.
- > A widely advertised development application process, which included public exhibition of the application and a call for submissions.
- > A series of community meetings organised by the City and attended by local residents, businesses, property owners and other stakeholders.

In response to the feedback that the City has received, a number of amendments to proposed to the Development Application have been recommended. These will ensure that the streetscape upgrade fosters the character and integrity of the local area in a way desired by the community.

Most prominent changes include the provision of:

- > Bicycle ways along Oxford Street
- > Public art within the streetscape upgrade.
- > Interpretative works/measures to illustrate the history, development and significance of the street

Further, in response to community feedback, it is appropriate that the City extend the scope of works to also incorporate the southern side of Oxford Street from Taylor Square to South Dowling Street. This is a key precinct, which has also been transferred to the City's jurisdiction, and it is appropriate that it too be addressed. . This area includes a diverse mix of restaurants, shops and services, many of which have contributed to the fabric and vitality of the area. Its streetscape setting deserves improvement.

The streetscape works to this area should include new paving work and the introduction of new street furniture.

In addition, I recommend that the possibility of footpath widening and reduction of the traffic lanes by one (on the south side) from Taylor Square to Darlinghurst Road be assessed, as a matter of priority. This will facilitate outdoor seating in popular restaurant and café precinct, and where it would be welcomed by the community. If viable, consent should be sought from the Roads and Traffic Authority to enable this to be implemented.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse:

- (A) The extension of the scope of streetscape works to include the southern side of Oxford Street between Flinders Street and South Dowling Street.
- (B) To seek approval to widen the footpath and reduce the traffic lanes by one (on the south side) from Taylor Square to Darlinghurst Road in order to facilitate outdoor seating in this popular restaurant precinct, and where it would be welcomed by the community.

(SGD) COUNCILLOR LUCY TURNBULL

Lord Mayor

Moved by the Chair (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 3 November 2003, on Extending and Enhancing the Oxford Street Upgrade Project, it be resolved that -

- (A) the extension of the scope of streetscape works include the southern side of Oxford Street between Flinders Street and South Dowling Street;
- (B) approval be sought to widen the footpath and reduce the traffic lanes by one (on the south side) from Taylor Square to Darlinghurst Road in order to facilitate outdoor seating in this popular restaurant precinct, and where it would be welcomed by the community.

Carried.

ITEM 1B. IMPLEMENTING THE GLEBE FORESHORE VISION

FILE NO: SO27111

DATE: 3/11/03

MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYORTo Council:

Ensuring safe, high quality public access to and around the Sydney harbour foreshore must always be a fundamental priority for both the State and Local Government. This is essential if we are to improve the quality of life and foster the attributes that make Sydney such a great city.

Unfortunately, only limited public access has been available along the along the Glebe foreshore. It is time for this to be addressed in a comprehensive, strategic and integrated manner.

The Glebe Foreshore project will deliver a continuous high quality foreshore promenade and public open space around the Glebe peninsula linking approximately 27.4 ha of continuous open space from Bicentennial Park in the west to Wentworth Park in the east, of which 2.7 ha will be new foreshore parkland.

The key elements of the project will include:

- Establishment of a continuous and universally accessible 2.2km foreshore walk, of which 1.4 km will be new and 0.6 km upgraded existing walkway;
- Restoration of the historic 'Bellevue' mansion in Blackwattle Bay Park which has been derelict for many years, and which will be bought back to life for public use in its wonderful landscape setting along the foreshore;
- Restoration of the historic grandstand and oval in Jubilee Park;
- Restoration of the historic Walter Burley Griffin incinerator (by Australand) on the 'Glebe Harbour' site; and
- A major upgrade of facilities and landscaping in Bicentennial Park.

The project is described in greater detail in the attached document entitled 'Glebe Foreshore Vision Report'.

Continuous foreshore access must eventually be extended all the way from Woolloomooloo in the east, via the Botanic Gardens, Circular Quay, Walsh Bay, Darling Harbour and Pyrmont to the head of Rozelle Bay in the west, a distance of approximately 12.5 km. Completion of the Glebe Foreshore project will generate greater momentum and community support for this greater strategic vision.

The Glebe foreshore promenade, which will provide access for pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair users, will include:

- General landscape improvements, including planting, pathways, seating, lighting and signage;
- Playground and BBQ facilities at key locations;
- Steps and ramps to the water and pontoons for small watercraft; and
- Restoration of the small beach areas that occur along the foreshore.

The works to Bicentennial Park and Jubilee Park will include:

- Pontoon and water access at the western end of the Park;
- Landscaping improvements, including upgrading of garden beds and tree planting;
- Upgrading of pathways and lighting within the Park;
- Provision of pathways to the Light Rail to ensure universal access; and
- Upgrading of the historic grandstand and oval at Jubilee Park.

The various elements of this project, including the restoration of significant heritage items, will combine and integrate to transform the waterfront, providing high quality public access and facilities for generations to come.

Community input and feedback will be critical to the success of the project, and extensive community consultation is to be undertaken during the design of the project.

Council staff have estimated that about \$13.2 million is required to deliver this project, and a separate report is being considered by Council this evening to allocate funding for the project.

Work is expected to be able to commence on site in early to mid next year, and the project itself will take about 12 to 15 months to complete.

I believe we should commit to delivering the Glebe Foreshore project as a priority, and I commend it to Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That arising from consideration of a Minute by the Lord Mayor to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 3 November 2003, on Implementing the Glebe Foreshore Vision, it be resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse the Glebe Foreshore project as described in the subject Minute;
- (B) authority be delegated to the General Manager to prepare and lodge development applications and plans of management for the project, and take all other steps as are necessary or desirable to implement the Glebe Foreshore project;

- (C) the General Manager be requested to undertake extensive public consultation with the local community in relation to this project; and
- (D) all relevant documentation be executed by Council's attorney.

(SGD) COUNCILLOR LUCY TURNBULL
Lord Mayor

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

That arising from consideration of a Minute by the Lord Mayor to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 3 November 2003, on Implementing the Glebe Foreshore Vision, it be resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse the Glebe Foreshore project as described in the subject Minute;
- (B) authority be delegated to the General Manager to prepare and lodge development applications and plans of management for the project, and take all other steps as are necessary or desirable to implement the Glebe Foreshore project;
- (C) the General Manager be requested to undertake extensive public consultation with the local community in relation to this project;
- (D) the General Manager be requested to consult with Leichhardt Municipal Council and relevant land owners in the Rozelle Bay area to investigate the feasibility of extending the Glebe Foreshore Walk around the whole of Rozelle Bay; and
- (E) all relevant documentation be executed by Council's attorney.

Carried.

ITEM 2. SEPTEMBER 2003 - QUARTER 1 BUDGET REVIEW (S019994)

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

That arising from consideration of a report by the Acting Team Leader Management Accountant to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 3 November 2003, on September 2003 - Quarter 1 Budget Review, it be resolved that Council: -

- (A) note YTD performance versus budget;
- (B) note the Quarter 1 year end forecast showing a Net Surplus of \$47.1M;
- (C) note the Quarter 1 year end forecast for Capital Works Expenditure of \$127.4M;
- (D) note the Quarter 1 year end forecast for plant and assets of \$12.7M; and
- (E) note the performance indicators and year to date achievements as detailed at Attachment B to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

ITEM 3. HIRERS LIABILITY FEE REVISION (S020567)

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

That arising from consideration of a report by the Risk Manager to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 3 November 2003 on Hirers Liability Fee Revision, it be resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the revised fee structure for hirers insurance cover as set out in the subject report;
- (B) the General Manager be given the authority to waive the insurance fee in exceptional circumstances.

Carried.

ITEM 4. STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2002-03 (S020368)

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

That arising from consideration of a report by the Senior Project Officer, Contracts and Asset Management, to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 3 November 2003, on State of the Environment Report 2002-03, it be resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the draft State of Environment Report 2002-2003 as shown at Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (B) approve the State of the Environment Report being forwarded to the Department of Local Government in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried.

Note - The Chair (the Lord Mayor) commended Nik Midlam, Environment Project Officer, on his outstanding report.

Closed Meeting

At 5.40pm 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 5 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

Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 to discuss Item 6 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 5 and 6 were then dealt with by the Extraordinary Meeting of Council while the meeting was closed to the public.

ITEM 5. GLEBE FORESHORE PROJECT - PROJECT BUDGET AND LAND ACQUISITION (SO27111)

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Coulton -

That arising from consideration of a report by the Senior Architect, City Development and Projects to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 3 November 2003, on the Glebe Foreshore Project - Project Budget and Land Acquisition, it be resolved that:

- (A) Council approve construction costs for the project of \$11,680,000 as outlined in paragraph 3 of the subject report;
- (B) (Note: see clause (F));
- (C) Council allocate budget funding for the project as outlined in paragraph 18 of the subject report;
- (D) authority be delegated to the General Manager to take all necessary steps to finalise the purchase of the 'Anchorage' site;
- (E) Council's attorney be authorised to execute all necessary documentation; and
- (F) the terms of clause (B) remain confidential until such time as the General Manager determines.

Carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6. APPOINTMENT OF DESIGN CONSULTANTS (DESIGN SERVICES)
FOR THE GLEBE FORESHORE PROJECT - TENDER NO 0300
(SO27111)**

Moved by Councillor Greiner, seconded by Councillor Coulton -

That arising from consideration of a report by the Senior Architect, City Development and Projects to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 3 November 2003, on the Appointment of Design Consultants (Design Services) for the Glebe Foreshore Project - Tender No 0300, it be resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender from Anton James Design in association with Mather Associates for the provision of Design, Documentation and Contract Administration services for the project as outlined in paragraph 11 of the subject report;
- (B) Council's attorney be authorised to execute all necessary documentation.

Carried.

At 5.45pm the meeting concluded.

Chair of a meeting of the Council of the City
of Sydney held on 24 November 2003 at which
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.