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**23 MAY 2003**

**Meeting No 1383**

**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 12.35pm on 23 May 2003 pursuant to Notice 8/1383 dated 19 May 2003.

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**PRESENT**

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

Councillors - Dixie Coulton, Kathryn Greiner, Robert Ho and Fabian Marsden.

At the commencement of business at 12.35pm those present were:-

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

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.

**Apology**

Councillor Nick Farr-Jones extended his apologies for his inability to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of Council owing to a long standing speaking commitment.

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

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

Carried.

**ITEM 1/2. CORPORATE PLAN AND BUDGET 2003/2004 (S024234)**

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

That arising from consideration of a report by the Finance Manager to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 23 May 2003, on the Draft Corporate Plan and Draft Budget for 2003/2004, it be resolved that Council;

- (A) approve the draft 2003/2004 Budget for inclusion in Council's draft Corporate Plan including:
  - (i) operating income of \$230.7M, operating expenditure before depreciation and financing of \$168.5M and a net surplus of \$39.2M after depreciation, financing and capital contributions;
  - (ii) capital works expenditure of \$118.2M;
  - (iii) plant and assets expenditure of \$6.8M;
- (B) approve the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for inclusion in Council's draft Corporate Plan;

- (C) approve the inclusion of the proposed rating structure, discussed within this report, in Council's draft Corporate Plan;
- (D) approve the Corporate Plan for public exhibition for a 28 day period;
- (E) note that authority continues to be delegated to the General Manager to vary fees and charges for commercial operations;
- (F) affirm that no expenditure from the General Contingency, Building Maintenance Contingency, the Reserve for Special Organisational Needs, nor the Special Contingency in the Capital Works Budget, is to be made without the joint approval of the Lord Mayor and the General Manager, prior to commitment of funds;
- (G) affirm that no expenditure from the GM Contingency is to be made without the approval of the General Manager;
- (H) note that expenditure on each item of plant and assets, and consultants (greater than \$20,000) will continue to require the specific approval of the General Manager prior to incurring the expenditure.

Carried.

Note - at this stage of the meeting, the Chair (the Lord Mayor) foreshadowed the tabling of a confidential Minute by the Lord Mayor on Personnel Matter.

### **Closed Meeting**

At 12.40pm 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 3 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)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 to discuss Item 4 on the agenda as this matter comprised discussion on personnel matters concerning particular individuals;

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 3 and 4 were then dealt with by the Extraordinary Meeting of Council while the meeting was closed to the public.

**ITEM 3. FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Note - In view of the confidential nature of the subject matter, the Council determined that the Resolution on this matter remain confidential until the submission of the development applications for the subject projects.

Note - At 1.03pm, at the conclusion of discussion on Item 3, all staff, with the exception of the General Manager, left the meeting of Council.

**ITEM 4: PERSONNEL MATTER**

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

That arising from consideration of a Minute by the Lord Mayor to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 23 May 2003, on Personnel Matter, it be resolved that the proposed appointment of Ms Gayle Sloan as the Director Asset Management and Compliance be noted.

Carried unanimously.

Note - the confidential Minute by the Lord Mayor on Personnel Matter was circulated to all Councillors.

At 1.35pm the meeting concluded.

Chairman of a meeting of the Council of the City  
of Sydney held on 2 June 2003 at which  
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.