

Resolution of Council

16 November 2020

Item 12.8

Turning Off Parking Meters from 7pm

Moved by Councillor Forster, seconded by Councillor Chung -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Action 1 of the City of Sydney's discussion paper, 'An Open and Creative City: Planning for culture and the night time economy', provides for shops and local businesses in areas with an established retail character to extend their opening hours without a new development consent from 7am to 10pm, seven days per week;
- (ii) community feedback included strong support for shops and local businesses in established retail areas to be able to trade from 7am to 10pm, seven days a week, without requiring additional development consent;
- (iii) feedback resulting from a review of late-night trading in Sydney also included strong support for an increase in trading hours for late-night premises across the city;
- (iv) on 13 March 2018, Inner West Council unanimously resolved to turn off parking meters at 7pm along two main streets in the Inner West local government area;
- (v) on 5 April 2018, parking meters were turned off along Norton Street, Leichhardt, and Darling Street in Rozelle and Balmain;
- (vi) the Inner West's program is funded through miscellaneous budget savings and not via an increase in parking permit fees or parking fees; and
- (vii) the Mayor of Inner West Council stated that councils generally had become too reliant on parking meter revenue, to the detriment of local business; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) investigate turning off parking meters after 7pm along City of Sydney retail and late-night high streets, including but not limited to Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, Harris Street, Pyrmont, Crown Street, Surry Hills, Glebe Point Road, Glebe and King Street, Newtown; and
- (ii) report back to Councillors on the results of that investigation via a CEO Update as soon as practicable.

Carried unanimously.

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