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Present

The Right Hon The Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore (Chair)

Members Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Linda Scott, Councillor Craig Chung, Councillor Christine Forster, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Professor Kerryn Phelps AM MP, Councillor Jess Scully, Councillor Professor Philip Thalys and Councillor Angela Vithoulkas.

At the commencement of business at 5.02 pm, those present were:-

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Chung, Councillor Forster, Councillor Kok, Councillor Miller, Councillor Phelps, Councillor Scott, Councillor Scully, Councillor Thalys and Councillor Vithoulkas.

Councillor Scott left the meeting of Council at 6.56pm prior to discussion on Item 6.6 and returned at 6.57pm, after the vote on Item 6.6. Councillor Scott was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 6.6.

Councillor Phelps left the meeting of Council at 7.05pm and did not return.

The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director City Projects and Property, Director City Life, Director Legal and Governance, Acting Director People, Performance and Technology, Director City Services, Director City Planning, Development and Transport and Chief Operating Officer were also present.

Opening Prayer

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting with prayer and an acknowledgement of country.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the Minutes of the meeting of Council of Monday, 10 December 2018, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

(a) Section 451 of the Local Government Act 1993

Councillor Linda Scott made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3.1 on the agenda, in that the Lord Mayor's Minute relates to the priorities of Local Government NSW, of which she is the President.
- a pecuniary interest in Item 6.6 on the agenda, in that Local Government NSW receives an annual payment and has sponsorship from an entity associated with one of the tenderers. Councillor Scott stated that she would leave the room for this item, and further stated that she made this disclosure for the committee item as well.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of Council.

(b) Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008

No disclosures were made by any members of the public at this meeting of Council.

Item 3 Minutes by the Lord Mayor

Item 3.1 Local Government NSW: NSW Election Priorities 2019

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

Local Government NSW has called upon all parties and candidates contesting the 2019 state election to commit to 12 priority areas to improve liveability and help local government deliver better infrastructure, services and outcomes for communities.

The 12 priority areas are grouped around four themes:

- Improve quality of life
- Support local decision-making
- Promote financial stability and independence
- Promote strong governance and democracy

Priorities for improving the quality of life are:

- **Save recycling:** Reinvest 100% of the NSW Waste Levy, collected from community and industry, in a coordinated state-wide recycling and waste management approach and drive a circular economy. (Priority 1)
- **Funding public libraries properly:** Fund public libraries so they are sustainable. Double current funding commitments by providing an additional \$94 million over the next four years, with indexation. In line with NSW law, provide 50% of funding required for NSW public libraries, in perpetuity. (Priority 2)
- **Funding local infrastructure:** Establish an infrastructure funding program so councils can plan, build and maintain local roads, freight routes, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, green space and community sporting facilities, to meet rapid population growth and movements in NSW. (Priority 3)

Local decision-making is to be supported by:

Restoring planning powers to communities: including restoring the right of metropolitan councils to choose whether to use local planning panels; allowing councils and neighbourhoods to make decisions about developments that affect them; fixing the NSW private certification system and setting housing targets with local governments, not for them (Priority 4).

Financial stability and independence are to be promoted by:

- **Ending cost shifting:** With a public inquiry into cost shifting so that no new, increased or transferred responsibilities will be imposed on local government without a sufficient corresponding source of revenue or revenue-raising capacity (Priority 5).

- **Allowing greater financial independence:** With Councils being able to levy rates up to 2 per cent over the rate peg limit, without having to seek special rate variation approval, so councils can meet community needs with less red tape (Priority 6).
- **Supporting disadvantaged communities:** With Councils being provided with untied, recurrent grants for councils serving the most socio-economically disadvantaged areas in NSW so they can meet community needs (Priority 7).
- **Protecting ownership of local water utilities:** Commit to protecting local ownership and management of council-owned water utilities, to secure water supply and sewerage services for more than 1.8 million people in regional NSW (Priority 8).

Strong governance and democracy is to be promoted by:

- **Renewal of the intergovernmental agreement** between the NSW Government and Local Government NSW to reaffirm the NSW Government's intention to work as an equal partner with local government across all issues affecting councils and communities (Priority 9).
- **Fixing local government electoral expenditure laws** by amending local government electoral expenditure provisions of the Electoral Funding Act 2018 well before the 2020 elections (in line with NSW parliamentary committee recommendations) (Priority 10).
- **Allowing fair superannuation for mayors and councillors**, in line with elected federal and state parliamentarians and everyone else in the Australian workforce (Priority 11).
- **Address skills shortages** by funding a new, annual \$10 million program to increase the number of cadets, apprentices, trainees and university graduates employed by councils.

These 12 priorities provide a foundation for sensible, practical local government reform. I therefore recommend that Council endorse them and call upon all parties and candidates contesting the 2019 state election to commit to them.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse Local Government NSW document, NSW Election Priorities 2019 (Attachment A to this Minute); and
- (B) call upon all parties and candidates contesting the 2019 state election to commit to 12 priority areas identified in NSW Election Priorities 2019.

COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE

Lord Mayor

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scott –

That the minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 3.2 Institute of Global Homelessness

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

Last year, I met with Dame Louise Casey, Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Institute of Global Homelessness, and Graham West, National President of the St Vincent De Paul Society, as well as other key stakeholders, to discuss the Institute's work to address homelessness and the possibility of establishing one of their projects in Sydney.

The Institute of Global Homelessness is committed to ending street homelessness in cities around the world through partnerships with local, national and regional organisations.

The Institute's global initiative, *A Place to Call Home*, aims to end street homelessness in 150 cities by 2030. The first step in achieving that goal will be pioneer projects to reduce and end street homelessness by 2030 in up to 14 cities around the world.

Key organisations have been looking at whether Sydney could be involved in one of the pioneer projects. The organisations include St Vincent De Paul Society, Mission Australia, St Vincent's Health, the Mercy Foundation and Catholic Care, the NSW Government, as well our own City staff.

The first step is the establishment of a local office for the Institute for Global Homelessness. The Institute will work with all key stakeholders to establish a collaborative project focused initially in our local area.

St Vincent De Paul Society has indicated that a one-off seed grant of \$100,000 is needed to establish the office and to launch the project in Sydney.

As part of the project, the Institute of Global Homelessness, St Vincent DePaul, the NSW Government and the City of Sydney will also agree to a Memorandum of Joint Commitment to outline the how we will all work together. That Memorandum is currently being finalised.

City Action

While homelessness is a State Government responsibility, the City has been working to help people sleeping rough in the inner city for over 30 years.

As the first council in Australia with a dedicated Homelessness Unit, our innovative, evidence-based responses to reduce homelessness include:

- Public Space Liaison Officers who work seven days a week to support people sleeping rough including connecting them with specialist services;
- conducting twice-yearly street counts that track the number of people sleeping rough;
- helping people vulnerable to extreme weather through our collaborative Emergency Response Protocol which includes offering water, sunscreen and health checks to people sleeping rough, along with information about welcoming places to keep cool such as the City's libraries and community centres;
- offering training and education for specialist homelessness services, businesses and community groups;
- hosting quarterly homelessness inter-agency meetings; and

- engaging and coordinating services across our city.

We invest \$2.2 million every year to support the delivery of specialist homelessness services, including investing \$3.5 million over three years to fund specialist homelessness services in the inner city. In 2018/19 the City is funding:

- \$700,000 for assertive outreach and case coordination and post crisis support services, delivered by Neami Way2Home;
- \$300,000 for prevention and support to young people at risk of homelessness, delivered by Launchpad; and
- \$200,000 for culturally specific outreach services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, delivered by Innari and Aboriginal Housing Corporation.

No one organisation can solve homelessness. A coordinated and systemic approach is needed. Our work with specialist homelessness services, Family and Community Services (FACS), Police, Health and others demonstrates how collaboration, and sharing expertise and resources can deliver better outcomes for our community.

In 2017/18, 415 people were assisted to exit homelessness or were prevented from becoming homeless as a result of a program supported by the City.

In April 2018, I was proud to launch HomeGround Real Estate in Sydney.

HomeGround, a not-for-profit real estate agency, is an initiative of Bridge Housing that works to increase the number of affordable rental properties in Sydney. Its establishment was supported by a \$100,000 grant from the City. By June 2018, it had 41 properties under its management. Over the next two years, HomeGround aims to increase its portfolio by 150 properties per annum, with a specific focus on Sydney's inner city and middle-ring suburbs.

Social and Affordable Housing

Less than one per cent of total housing in the inner city is classed as affordable. So more social and affordable housing is critical.

It's why I so strongly believe that the Sirius building in Millers Point (purpose built for low income people) should be retained for social and affordable housing and why I am calling for any future development of the Waterloo Housing Estate to include more social and affordable housing.

While housing is another State responsibility, the City does all it can to encourage more social and affordable housing - we offer sites we own, sell land at discounted prices to community housing providers, facilitate affordable developments via our planning controls and invest in affordable housing projects.

Most recently we provided a \$1.5 million grant to HammondCare for the development of a residential aged care facility, approved a grant of \$3 million to St George Community Housing Ltd for young people at risk of homelessness, and approved land sales in Alexandria and Redfern, with a subsidy of approximately \$18 million to deliver around 450 additional affordable housing properties.

To date, the City has supported the delivery of 835 new affordable housing dwellings – there are an additional 423 dwellings with a Development Application (DA) lodged, approved or under construction, and 533 dwellings in the pipeline that have not yet reached DA stage.

It's an important contribution, but for real change we need sustained and urgent investment of social and affordable housing in the inner city by the State Government.

National Campaign to Fix the Housing System

There is a national campaign currently running that seeks to end homelessness in Australia by 2030. The *Everybody's Home* campaign is an initiative of housing and homelessness specialist providers.

Everybody's Home calls for the provision of more affordable housing options, the prioritisation of first home buyers over investors, nationally consistent tenant protections and immediate relief for people experiencing housing stress.

Achieving these goals would require reforms to our taxation system, the development of a National Housing Strategy, getting rid of unfair rental increases and no grounds evictions, increasing Commonwealth Rent Assistance and developing a plan to end homelessness in Australia by 2030.

It will need our Federal and State Governments to work with City Governments and key stakeholders and to make this work a priority.

Next week, the City will hold our twenty-second bi-annual Street Count.

Volunteers at the August 2018 count found 278 people sleeping rough on a very cold winter morning and while it was a reduction in numbers compared to 2017, it was still 278 people too many.

There are many reasons someone can become homeless, from domestic and family violence, mental health, substance use, and unemployment. A key issue is also a lack of social and affordable housing in Sydney and especially in the inner city.

We need to give people better options and we urgently need more social and affordable housing in the inner-city.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council enter into a Memorandum of Joint Commitment with the Institute of Global Homelessness, St Vincent DePaul Society NSW and the NSW Government to outline the commitment and partnership under which we will work together to try and end street homelessness and that a copy of the Memorandum be circulated to all Councillors once it is finalised;
- (B) Council support the establishment of a collaborative initiative to reduce homelessness in Sydney through the Institute for Global Homelessness' A Place to Call Home project, following consultation with key stakeholders;
- (C) Council approve a one-off grant of up to \$100,000 (excluding GST) to be funded from the 2018/19 Homelessness Unit budget to St Vincent De Paul Society NSW to support the establishment of an office for the Institute for Global Homelessness in Sydney, subject to the submission of a detailed grant proposal;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a grant agreement with St Vincent De Paul Society NSW and report back to Councillors via a CEO Update; and
- (E) the Lord Mayor call on the State and Federal Governments to respond urgently to the requests made by the Everybody's Home Campaign.

COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE

Lord Mayor

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 3.3 The Need for Practical and Compassionate Action on Drugs

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

The effectiveness of simplistic “don’t take drugs” messages has long been questioned – indeed such messages often have the opposite impact when they are delivered by those who lack credibility with their intended recipients, particularly with young people.

Media reports suggest that 25 people attending music festivals over the Australia Day weekend were taken to hospital, mostly after suspected illicit drug use. The reporting also suggests that police pulled aside numerous other people for suspected drug offences.

In the past five months, five people have died after taking illicit drugs at music festivals. Their ages ranged from 19 to 23.

It’s clear that a new approach is urgently needed, which is why I support calls for a new drug summit where all options, including practical and compassionate proposals for drug testing, are considered.

As Member for Bligh, I took part in the first Drug Summit following the 1999 election. That summit, held over five days at Parliament House, brought together Members of Parliament, experts in the medical and social aspects of drug use, community representatives, families, and people with experience of drug use and its effects.

During the course of that week I saw the views of MPs and others change as they heard compelling evidence and engaged in serious discussion about issues that were confronting for many of them.

While a trial of a medically-supervised injecting room was the Summit’s most high profile outcome, it achieved much more. The Summit made 172 recommendations relating to young people and drugs, treatment services, drug education, law enforcement, breaking the drugs and crime cycle and community action.

The catalyst for that Summit was a photograph published on the front page of a major newspaper of a boy injecting himself in a Redfern laneway. That photograph brought home the harm our young people were facing from illicit drug use and the limitations of the existing action. The recent deaths and medical emergencies at music festivals similarly forces us to confront both the harm from illicit drug use and our current approaches.

A new drug summit is urgent. It must bring together Members of Parliament, relevant government agencies and experts, community representatives and people affected by drug use.

The Summit should be open to examining all possible ideas which could contribute to minimising the harm from illicit drug use. It must consider whether existing approaches are working effectively or whether they are perversely increasing the risk of harm. Given the current public debate, it must consider illicit drug testing calmly and rationally, by examining the findings and evidence from existing programs, hearing from the experts and addressing the issues around proceeding with an effective drug testing trial in NSW.

The 1999 Drug Summit took this approach when developing the recommendation to trial medically supervised injecting rooms. That Summit's final recommendation not only supported the trial in principle, but envisaged it would be conducted by a non-government organisation, set up in areas where there was a high prevalence of street dealing in illicit drugs, and incorporated options for primary health care, counselling and referral for treatment.

A minority at the Drug Summit vehemently opposed this proposal, arguing that it would send the wrong message about drugs and encourage illicit drug use. The same claims are now being made not only about drug testing, but about the idea of even holding a drug summit.

The first and only medically supervised injecting centre in NSW opened in my electorate of Bligh in Kings Cross in 2001. Over the past 18 years it has supervised more than one million injections, managed over 7,400 overdoses without a single fatality, made around 13,000 referrals to external health and social welfare services and dramatically reduced the number of ambulance callouts to Kings Cross and the number of needles discarded in public places. Its opponents' fears have not been realised. Instead, the Centre has been instrumental in saving many lives.

The decision to establish it only occurred after serious informed discussion and detailed consideration of all the issues involved. The refusal by some to agree to a similar informed discussion and detailed consideration of new approaches may result in more deaths.

Some opposition to illicit drug testing appears to be based on the mistaken belief that the testing is designed to determine whether drugs are "safe". This was not the aim of the trial conducted at the Groovin the Moo festival in Canberra in April 2018.

At this festival, 125 people submitted drug samples together with information about what they believed the drugs contained. Patrons were informed whether the test had found that the sample was the same as they expected, whether it differed significantly from what was expected, or whether it contained a harmful substance or produced an ambivalent result. After receiving the test results, 18 per cent said they would not use illicit drugs, 12 per cent said they would use less and seven per cent were unsure. Sixty-six per cent of trial participants said they knew of others using the same drugs and 90 per cent said they would share the results. This potentially further reduced the number of people taking harmful substances.

At the same festival, first-aid workers treated 86 people mainly for drug or alcohol related issues. None of these 86 people had submitted drugs for testing.

Others may be opposed because they have no understanding of how drug testing would operate, or what it is attempting to achieve.

A group of medical professionals have approached me requesting the use of a City owned building to demonstrate how drug testing could be carried out. Illicit drugs would not be used in the demonstration. Such a demonstration is likely to attract media and public attention, which could help dispel misconceptions and misunderstanding about drug testing. This would help ensure that the ongoing public discussion about drug testing and other approaches to minimising harm from drugs is better informed.

We urgently need an informed public to support not only an effective drug summit, but the implementation of new approaches arising from the drug summit. If we fail to consider new initiatives, including illicit drug testing, we risk more young lives being lost.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) support proposals for a Drug Summit which brings together Members of Parliament, experts in the medical and social aspects of drug use, community representatives, families, and people with experience of drug use and its effects;
- (B) request that the Drug Summit:
 - (i) examine and make recommendations on actions which could contribute to reducing, ending the harm from illicit drug use; and
 - (ii) specifically consider illicit drug testing, including:
 - (a) hearing evidence on the nature and effectiveness of illicit drug testing on other jurisdictions, including from the individuals and agencies responsible for conducting such testing; and
 - (b) making recommendations on the value of providing for illicit drug testing and how an effective drug testing trial may be conducted in NSW;
- (C) request the Chief Executive Officer to liaise with medical professionals seeking to provide a practical demonstration of how drug testing may be conducted, with the aim of providing them with a suitable City facility at no charge, provided that the demonstration does not involve the use of illicit substances; and
- (D) request the Lord Mayor to write to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of other Parties in the NSW Parliament and Independent MPs to provide them with this Lord Mayoral Minute and request them to support the City's proposal.

COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE

Lord Mayor

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Carried unanimously.

S051491

Item 3.4 The Devastating Impacts of State Planning on the City of Sydney

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

I am very concerned about the escalation of NSW Government planning projects in our local area through State Significant Precincts, State Significant Developments and unsolicited proposals.

State planning now controls more than 274 hectares of land in our city, equivalent in size to the entire Green Square Urban Renewal Area. The projects effectively exclude our community from any say in the decision making process, lack transparency and undermine public faith in the planning system.

Their wasteful and unpopular plan to knock down the award winning Philip Cox designed Sydney Football Stadium is steamrolling ahead despite close to 220,000 signatures on a petition opposed to the plan, 700 submissions overwhelmingly against the plan, and despite a NSW Parliamentary Inquiry that found that the community was shut out of the process, the Government undermined public confidence and the business case didn't meet the Government's own criteria for spending money on public infrastructure.

By bypassing their own planning processes, just as they did with WestConnex, the State Government is demonstrating that there is one rule for the State Government and its developers, and another for everyone else, with devastating impacts on our city and residents.

Waterloo Redevelopment

A key example is the proposed redevelopment of the Waterloo Housing Estate and the Waterloo Metro Project by the State Government on public land.

Last month, the Minister for Family and Community, Pru Goward, announced the Government's preferred redevelopment scheme for the Estate, confirming our fears about their plans for the future of the neighbourhood.

Their proposal seeks to massively overdevelop the site and will see the current density increase from 2,012 to 6,800 homes in towers up to 40 storeys high.

The size and scale of this proposed overdevelopment is unprecedented in Australia.

It is a planning experiment that will negatively impact on the lives of our most vulnerable communities and trample on the rich history of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the area.

Of the 4,788 additional dwellings proposed on the Waterloo Estate, the redevelopment will only deliver an extra 28 homes for social housing tenants and just 340 affordable rental units for essential city workers like nurses, teachers and emergency service responders.

The proposal also fails to consider the cumulative impact of other state-led developments located close by, including the Waterloo Metro development (also produced by Urban Growth). This site, located just next door, will swell the precinct by another 700 apartments in three towers up to 25, 27 and 29 storeys respectively.

Of these new dwellings, only 70 homes will be set aside for social housing and as low as 35 for affordable rental units. Worse still, UrbanGrowth will not secure these homes in perpetuity, instead only committing to affordable housing through discounted rents for just ten years.

The developments will also have broader impacts - almost 4,300 extra vehicles will be added to an already dense and congested area. Up to 3,850 car parking spaces are planned for Waterloo Estate and 427 spaces for the Metro Quarter despite it sitting directly over a new metro station.

The fact that both these developments are being pursued without the community informed about their combined impacts is grossly negligent.

Residents in Waterloo are deeply distressed and concerned. The Government's community 'consultation' has lacked detail and manipulated or ignored the impacts. I believe the City should hold a public meeting so residents can hear from our expert staff.

Star Casino Development Proposal

Also concerning is a proposal from the Star Casino. They have recently used a loophole in the now repealed State planning system to request a radically different change to an old development approval for a 10 storey tower and hotel.

The change would increase the existing height control of the Casino site from 28 metres to 237 metres.

This blatant disregard of the City's overall planning framework should be refused. The controls were developed by the City through extensive community consultation and represent the views of local residents, workers and visitors. Despite the operator being the Star Casino, the site is owned by the State Government.

It is a scandalous abuse of the planning system and will have a significant impact on surrounding areas, affecting residential amenity, overshadowing the public domain and changing the identity of Pyrmont forever.

The applicant must return back to the drawing board.

I believe we should inform the local community about the proposal and encourage them to have their say.

Central Sydney Planning Strategy

In stark contrast to the ad hoc planning decisions from the State, in mid-2016 the City released the most comprehensive urban planning strategy for Central Sydney in 45 years.

Our draft *Central Sydney Planning Strategy* took three years to develop and aims to balance the city's residential property boom with the need to preserve and grow commercial, retail and cultural space.

The strategy identified opportunities to unlock almost 2.9 million square metres of additional floor space for retail, hotel, cultural and office needs to encourage economic and employment growth over the next two decades.

A key move was the identification of concentrated 'tower cluster' areas where there is potential for 300 metre tall commercial buildings, subject to federal airport approval and a planning proposal.

This allows the city centre to continue to grow while ensuring essential solar access to Hyde Park and other respected and valued public spaces, such as the future Town Hall Square, Royal Botanic Gardens, Martin Place, Wynyard Park and Prince Alfred Park.

The 20-year strategy was the first comprehensive plan since the *City of Sydney Strategic Plan* in 1971 by George Clarke, which set the skyline and character of the Sydney we live in today.

But despite positive responses to the strategy from the then NSW Premier, the then Minister for Planning, and the Sydney Business Chamber, the State Government has sat on the plan for two and a half years and blocked the request by the City and CSPC to put it out on public exhibition.

Cockle Bay Wharf Redevelopment

This delay has now reached a critical point - NSW Planning has supported a State Significant application for a proposed office tower at Cockle Bay Wharf that, if approved, will overshadow the future Town Hall Square.

The City began planning for Town Hall Square more than 30 years ago. It will be the most significant addition of public space in the heart of our city for over a century. The Square will be located opposite Town Hall, bounded by Pitt, Park and George Streets, and involves the demolition of buildings and the creation of a new public space. It is featured as a centrepiece of the City's draft Central Sydney Planning Strategy.

Until now, developers have abided by the draft sun access to the future Square, recognising the importance of protecting this important public space.

It is one of the few locations in the central Sydney that enjoys sun until 6pm in summer due to the heritage precinct of the QVB, Town Hall and St Andrew's Cathedral, and the lower scale development of the east Darling Harbour precinct. The draft control put forward in our Central Sydney Planning Strategy was for no further overshadowing in the afternoon than what currently exists until sunset.

City staff have made multiple submissions and representations about the scale and height of the proposed planning envelope on surrounding buildings and current and future public spaces. Late last year, I also wrote to the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Transport, and the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

Last week, I was informed that NSW Planning considers it unreasonable to protect solar access to the future Square after 4pm.

It is a shocking admission about one of the most important future public spaces in the global city of Australia - especially in light of the NSW Government's recent announcement about the introduction of a 'Minister for Public Spaces'.

As the Department has prepared a report recommending approval of the project, the application has been referred to the Independent Planning Commission for determination.

We must ensure that the City is expertly represented at the hearing and encourage our local community to also have their say.

The Contrast with How the City Approaches Planning

This type of planning is the very opposite of good development – something the City has strived to achieve with careful and consultative planning, as well as with our approach to liveability and design excellence.

Despite obvious and significant issues, the NSW Government continues to promote development on land that it owns and that benefits the interests of the top-end-of-town disregarding community interest and the future liveability of our city. And as is the case with Waterloo, the Government benefits from being the developer *and* the decision maker.

It is clear that planning for the Government has become nothing more than a way to profit from the overdevelopment of our city.

For over 15 years, the City has demonstrated our ability to expertly plan, coordinate and assess large-scale development. In 2006, we assumed control of the planning and infrastructure delivery for Green Square. Thirteen years on, we have delivered award winning community facilities, affordable housing, and a thriving town centre, and worked with a vast array of developers to progress quality of place and housing supply.

Representatives on the Central Sydney Planning Committee have also expertly determined almost \$28 billion dollars of development since 2004. It is bewildering that a Committee, set up by the Coalition with a majority of state representatives including the Chief Planner of NSW and NSW Government Architect, would be denied the ability to review and consider these kinds of large-scale developments that directly impact on the liveability, vitality and amenity of our city.

The future of our city is too important to allow this abuse of planning to continue.

We must work with our community to demand that the NSW planning system is overhauled and reformed, that transparency and consistency are reintroduced as guiding principles, that the same rules apply to all, and for an end to the rampant overdevelopment that has been allowed unchecked.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council call on the NSW Government to commit to overhauling and reforming the NSW planning system to ensure transparency, consistency and consultation are the guiding principles;
- (B) Council call for an end to State Significant Precincts, State Significant Developments and confidential unsolicited proposals that seek planning outcomes;
- (C) Council calls on the NSW Government to urgently allow the City's draft Central Sydney Planning Strategy to proceed to public consultation;
- (D) Council condemn the proposals for the Waterloo Housing Estate, the Waterloo Metro Quarter, the Star Casino redevelopment and the Cockle Bay redevelopment and urge that they be rejected;
- (E) the City of Sydney host a public meeting about the Waterloo redevelopment;
- (F) flyers be prepared informing the local community about the proposals for Star Casino and Cockle Bay Wharf with information about how they can have their say; and
- (G) the Lord Mayor write to the NSW Premier, the Minister for Planning, the Opposition Leader, the Shadow Minister for Planning and other Mayors in the Sydney metropolitan area informing them of the recommendations in this Lord Mayoral Minute and enclosing a copy of the Minute.

COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE

Lord Mayor

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

The minute was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scott, Scully, Thalys and Vitoulkas

Noes (2) Councillors Chung and Forster.

Minute carried.

S051491

Adjournment

At this stage of the meeting, at 6.34pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the meeting be adjourned for approximately 15 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

At the resumption of the meeting at 6.53pm, those present were –

The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chung, Forster, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scott, Scully, Thalís and Vithoukás.

Item 4 Memoranda by the Chief Executive Officer

There were no Memoranda by the Chief Executive Officer for this meeting of Council.

Item 5 Matters for Tabling**5.1 Disclosures of Interest**

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that the Disclosures of Interest returns be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6 Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore

(Chair)

Councillor Robert Kok

(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Linda Scott, Councillors Craig Chung, Christine Forster, Jess Miller, Prof Kerry Phelps AM MP, Jess Scully, Prof Philip Thalys and Angela Vithoulkas.

At the commencement of business at 2.04pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Forster, Kok, Miller, Scott, Scully, Thalys and Vithoulkas.

Councillor Chung arrived at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee at 2.05pm during Item 6.1.

Councillor Phelps arrived at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee at 2.06pm during discussion and before the vote on Item 6.2.

Councillor Scott left the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee at 2.48pm prior to discussion on Item 6.6, and returned at 2.49pm following the vote on Item 6.6. Councillor Scott was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee during discussion or voting on Item 6.6.

The meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee concluded at 2.56pm.

Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of its meeting of 4 February 2019 be received, with Item 6.1 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 6.2 to 6.5 and 6.7 to 6.11 inclusive being adopted in globo, and Item 6.6 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6.1

Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Linda Scott disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 6.6 on the agenda in her capacity as President of Local Government NSW. Local Government NSW receives an annual payment and has sponsorship from an entity associated with one of the tenderers. Councillor Scott stated that she would leave the room for this item.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommended the following:-

Item 6.2

2018/19 Quarter 2 Review – Delivery Program 2017–2021

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the financial performance of Council for the first quarter, ending 31 December 2018, including the Quarter 2 Net Deficit of \$1.2M and the full year Net Surplus forecast of \$4.7M, as outlined in the subject report and summarised in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the Quarter 2 Capital Works expenditure of \$117.3M and a revised full year forecast of \$255.3M, and approve the proposed adjustments to the adopted budget, including the transfer of \$0.3M from capital works contingency, and bringing forward of \$4.1M in funds into 2018/19 capital budget, as detailed in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) note the Information Services capital expenditure of \$3.8M, and a full year forecast of \$12.9M, and approve the transfer of \$0.4M from capital works contingency;
- (D) note the Quarter 2 Plant and Assets expenditure of \$5.7M, net of disposals, and the full year forecast of \$19.6M;
- (E) note the Quarter 2 Property Acquisition/Divestment net proceeds of \$3.6M, and the full year forecast net proceeds of \$117.0M;
- (F) note the operational performance indicators and Quarter 2 achievements against the Operational Plan 2018/19 objectives, as detailed in Attachment C to the subject report;
- (G) note the supplementary reports, including contracts issued over \$50,000, major legal issues and the Quick Response, Banner Pole and Reduced Rate Grant Programs in Quarter 2, as detailed in Attachment D to the subject report; and
- (H) note the Environmental Sustainability Progress Report, as shown at Attachment E to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

S096187

Item 6.3

Investments Held as at 30 November 2018

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 30 November 2018 be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

X011299

Item 6.4

Investments Held as at 31 December 2018

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 31 December 2018 be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

X020701

Item 6.5

Conduct of the 2020 Local Government Election

It is resolved that:

- (A) pursuant to s296(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council;
- (B) pursuant to s296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council;
- (C) pursuant to s296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute each contract with the NSW Electoral Commissioner; and
- (E) the means of voting will be by way of a combination of attendance and postal voting.

Carried unanimously.

X001937

Item 6.6**Tender - Insurance Broking Services**

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Thalís –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer A for insurance broking services which includes the placement of Council's insurance contracts for a period of four years, with the option of two 12 month extensions;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option referred to in clause (A), on the best possible terms.

Carried unanimously.

X018237

Item 6.7**Alternative Housing (Sustainable Sydney 2050) Ideas Challenge**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse the establishment, operation, public notification and public exhibition of an Alternative Housing (Sustainable Sydney 2050) Ideas Challenge;
- (B) Council endorse the development of a brief that will call for the submission of ideas for innovative models (models) based on the following principles:
 - (i) the model must demonstrate innovation in at least two of the following areas: planning, design, ownership type, tenancy type, management (including sharing of facilities), construction, urban land supply and/or financing;
 - (ii) the model must result in housing that is either demonstrably cheaper to market, where the relative purchase or rental affordability is secured in perpetuity, or it must be affordable housing, as defined by the City;
 - (iii) where applicable, the model must demonstrate economic, social and environmental sustainability principles, with a focus on economic viability;
 - (iv) where the model relates to a physical development or redevelopment, the model must have a high level of residential amenity that would be generally acceptable to the community;
 - (v) where the model proposes the use of City owned land, models which retain public ownership in perpetuity, such as through land trusts or long-term leases, will be preferred;
 - (vi) the model must be scalable, replicable and self-sustaining; and
 - (vii) where the model relates to a physical development or redevelopment, models that work for small sites and/or include a mix of residential and non-residential uses will be considered;

- (C) Council will, through an Expression of Interest process open to all interested parties, select up to six applicants and pay each selected applicant \$20,000 (excluding GST) for their idea/proposal. The payment is intended to be an honorarium for the selected applicants to further develop and prepare their proposals for the Ideas Challenge as part of Sustainable Sydney 2050 community consultation;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to:
- (i) develop the Alternative Housing (Sustainable Sydney 2050) Ideas Challenge brief in accordance with the principles described at (B);
 - (ii) run and publicise the Alternative Housing (Sustainable Sydney 2050) Ideas Challenge Expression of Interest;
 - (iii) select a jury to recommend up to six suitable proposals from the Alternative Housing (Sustainable Sydney 2050) Ideas Challenge Expression of Interest;
 - (iv) select up to six applicants based on the jury's recommendations and arrange payment of \$20,000 (excluding GST) to each selected applicant; and
 - (v) negotiate, execute and administer any agreements required to facilitate the Ideas Challenge; and
- (E) Council approve the allocation of up to \$350,000 (excluding GST) from the 2018/19 General Contingency Fund, to be sourced from the Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund, for the purpose of executing the above program within the 2019 Calendar Year.

Carried unanimously.

X022267

Item 6.8

Land Classification - 119 Redfern Street Redfern (Lot 1 in DP 776807)

It is resolved that Council classify 119 Redfern Street, Redfern, being the whole of the land contained in Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 776807, as Operational land in accordance with section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried unanimously.

X020956

Item 6.9**Tender - Reject and Negotiate - Hyde Park Master Plan Lighting Project**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council reject the tenders received for the design consultancy services for the Hyde Park Master Plan Lighting works, for the reasons set out in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council does not invite fresh tenders, as it is considered that inviting fresh tenders would not attract additional suitable vendors over and above those that have responded to this tender;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations with any person with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender; and
- (E) Council be informed of the successful company by CEO Update prior to executing and administering the contracts relating to the tender.

Carried unanimously.

X000251

Item 6.10**Tender - Parks and Open Space Maintenance Services**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer C for Parks and Open Space Maintenance Services for the price and contingency outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report for a period of five years, with the option of an extension of two years if appropriate;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option referred to in clause (A), if appropriate, and negotiate the price to extend the contract accordingly;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option to include the tendered possible future sites as per the pricing schedules; and
- (E) Council approve the contingency outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report to service new and upgraded parks that come under the contract (in addition to the possible future sites).

Carried unanimously.

X014434

Item 6.11

Contract Extension - Self Insurance Management System

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a variation of the Self-Insurance Management System contract to provide for an increase to the overall contract price for the extension of the contract term; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the variation of the Self-Insurance Management System contract to provide for an increase to the overall contract price for the extension of the contract term.

Carried unanimously.

S121973

Item 6.12

Exemption from Tender - Sydney Opera House Forecourt Security Bollards

This item was withdrawn from the agenda of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

Item 7 Report of the Environment Committee**PRESENT**

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore

(Chair)

Councillor Jess Miller

(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Linda Scott, Councillors Craig Chung, Christine Forster, Robert Kok, Prof Kerry Phelp AM MP, Jess Scully, Prof Philip Thalys and Angela Vithoukaskas.

At the commencement of business at 3.15pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chung, Forster, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scott, Scully, Thalys and Vithoukaskas.

Councillor Forster left the meeting of the Environment Committee at 3.16pm during Item 7.1, and returned at 3.17pm during discussion and before the vote on Item 7.2.

The meeting of the Environment Committee concluded at 3.29pm.

Report of the Environment Committee

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Scully –

That the report of the Environment Committee of its meeting of 4 February 2019 be received, with Item 7.1 being noted, and the recommendations set out below for Items 7.2 and 7.3 being adopted in globo.

Carried unanimously.

Item 7.1**Disclosures of Interest**

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Environment Committee.

The Environment Committee recommended the following:-

Item 7.2

C40 Women4Climate Conference 2020

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve that the City of Sydney host the C40 Women4Climate 2020 conference;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Office to negotiate, execute and administer an agreement with C40 Women4Climate for the City of Sydney to host the 2020 C40 Women4Climate conference;
- (C) Council note that provision will be made in the 2019/20 budget of \$550,000 (excluding GST) to fund the cost of the conference and affiliated events; and
- (D) Council note that included within the budget of \$550, 000 is a contribution of \$100,000 (USD) (the final \$AUD amount is subject to exchange rate variation) (excluding GST) that the City of Sydney is required to make to C40, for their conference expenses. The City of Sydney can seek to recover this amount through external sponsorship of the conference, however, if this amount is not raised, the contribution to C40 must be covered by Council.

Carried unanimously.

X022142

Item 7.3

Project Scope - Shannon Reserve Playground Upgrade

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the scope of work for improvements to Shannon Reserve Playground, as described in the subject report and shown in the concept design at Attachment C to the subject report, for progression to design development and preparation of construction documentation; and
- (B) note the estimated project forecast re-phasing as outlined in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

X011048.003

Item 8 Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee**PRESENT**

The Lord Mayor Councillor Clover Moore

(Chair)

Councillor Prof Philip Thalís

(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Linda Scott, Councillors Craig Chung, Christine Forster, Robert Kok, Jess Miller, Prof Kerry Phelp's AM MP, Jess Scully and Angela Vithoulkas.

At the commencement of business at 3.30pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chung, Forster, Kok, Miller, Phelps, Scott, Scully, Thalís and Vithoulkas.

The meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee concluded at 3.31pm.

Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Thalís, seconded by Councillor Scott –

That the report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of its meeting of 4 February 2019 be received, with Item 8.1 being noted and the recommendation set out below for Item 8.2 being adopted.

Carried unanimously.

Item 8.1**Disclosures of Interest****(a) Section 451 of the Local Government Act 1993**

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

(b) Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008

No disclosures were made by any members of the public at this meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommended the following:

Item 8.2

Fire Safety Reports

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the contents of the Fire Safety Report Summary Sheet, as shown in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the inspection reports by Fire and Rescue NSW, as shown in Attachments B and C to the subject report;
- (C) exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order as recommended by the City's Investigation Officer to address the identified fire safety deficiencies in 233 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont, as detailed in Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (D) not exercise its power to issue a Fire Safety Order under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 at this time but note the compliance action taken and as recommended by the City's Investigation Officer in 31-37 Dixon Street, Haymarket, as detailed in Attachment C to the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

S125001.002

Item 9 Report on International Travel – Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation for Green Square

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that the Report on International Travel - Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation for Green Square, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

X014468

Item 10 Questions on Notice with Answers

Cleansing and Waste in Camperdown

1. By Councillor Scott

Question

Concerns have been raised with me regarding serious infestations of vermin in and around public housing structures in Camperdown, including in Johanna O'Dea Court.

Could Councillors please be advised:

1. Of any cleansing and waste actions the City has taken, or plans to take, to ensure general streetscape and public space cleanliness is maintained in Camperdown, particularly surrounding the area of Johanna O'Dea Court?
2. Of any collaboration the City has undertaken, or plans to undertake, with the Department of Community and Family Services to address vermin infestation in this area?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

1. Cleansing and Waste's current schedule for Camperdown includes streetscape cleansing on a minimum of three days per week and there have not been any reported issues with the servicing in this area, including Johanna O'Dea Court. Cleansing will continue to maintain the cleansing schedule for this area.

The waste collection schedule for the Johanna O'Dea Court building has been maintained as required; there have been no reported issues with the current service from residents or the City's Contractor.

2. The City has received recent complaints about pests within Johanna O'Dea Court and have referred them to the Department of Community and Family Services. The Department of Community and Family Services is responsible for pest control within their properties.

S129275

Pedestrian Safety on Bridge Road

2. By Councillor Scott

Question

Residents have raised concerns about the lack of an adequate crossing of Bridge Road, Forest Lodge, between Foss and Cross Streets, opposite Junction Street. Local parents are especially concerned due to the large volume of school children who walk in this area, given the potential for increased truck movements by the Westconnex dive site soon to be operational at the end Bridge Road.

Could Councillors please be advised what, if any, plans the City has to mitigate the impacts of Westconnex truck movements and increase pedestrian safety on Bridge Road, Forest Lodge?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The City places a high priority on improving pedestrian safety and accessibility and is keen wherever possible to implement traffic measures to encourage walking.

Bridge Road in Forest Lodge is a State Road controlled by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). The City has no authority to install traffic measures along Bridge Road.

City staff will raise the Westconnex truck movements and pedestrian safety concerns on Bridge Road with RMS and request that an update be provided to Council following completion of their investigation.

City staff will inform all Councillors following RMS's response.

S129275

Recycling in our City

3. By Councillor Scott

Question

The motion Recycling in Our City (S129266) was carried at Council in October 2018, and the motion Recycling Crisis (S129266) was successfully moved at Council in June 2018. These motions called on the CEO to investigate mechanisms to improve recycling in our City.

Could Councillors please be advised as to what, if any, progress has been made on the outcome of these motions?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The City acknowledges the Waste and Recycling Crisis in NSW and Sydney. The NSW Government has failed to adequately plan for waste management, and there has been a significant and ongoing underinvestment in critical waste and recycling infrastructure in NSW.

The NSW Government needs to address this by:

- Re-investing 100% of the waste levy into waste management, including assistance for businesses that will build Australia's capacity to reprocess materials onshore.
- Appropriately allocating land resources to recycling and waste treatment, especially in the Sydney metro region.
- Improving the transparency and integrity of waste data from both residential and commercial producers and waste operators.
- Working with Councils to standardise waste collection practises and signage.

The Federal Government should address this by:

- Expanding national product stewardship schemes.

Since the adoption of the City's Leave Nothing to Waste: Strategy and Action Plan 2017 – 2021, the City has implemented a number of actions across our own organisation and in the community. The actions and example case studies have been included in the City's most recent edition of the Green Report July – December 2018.

Actions within our own organisation include:

- Food waste collections in Town Hall House commenced end November 2018.
- New guidelines and an online tool to assist developers in designing better spaces for waste and recycling.
- Operational changes at the City's depots to improve recycling of waste from streets and public domain areas.
- Development of Guidelines for reducing single use items at events and services.

Actions within our community include:

- Food waste trial for residents in apartments and houses starting before 1 July 2019.
- Weekly e-waste collections starting 1 July 2019.
- New signage for all apartment buildings and bins to improve recycling will be installed in time for the new collection contractor start in July 2019.

Staff continue to consider all options to improve recycling rates in the City. The recycling environment remains uncertain. As further information becomes available, the CEO will update Councillors.

S129275

Pedestrian Access Walsh Bay

4. By Councillor Scott

Question

The motion Pedestrian Access Walsh Bay (S129266) was carried at Council in February 2018, and called on the CEO to investigate increased pedestrian accessibility between Walsh Bay and Millers Point.

Could Councillors please be advised as to what, if any, progress has been made on the outcome of this motion?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

City Access and Transport staff have reviewed the existing pedestrian accessibility between Walsh Bay and Millers Point.

There are limited options for improving the connections. The viability of these options is currently being considered.

S129275

Funding for Redfern Legal Centre

5. By Councillor Scott

Question

The motion Funding for Redfern Legal Centre (S129266) was carried at Council in February 2018.

Could Councillors please be advised:

1. The exact nature of the City of Sydney's expansion in scope of the \$100,000 cash funding available to Redfern Legal Centre in supporting tenants of Waterloo and Redfern public housing?
2. Any other action the City has undertaken in supporting the Redfern Legal Centre in their work supporting the surrounding communities?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

1. In April 2016, Council awarded a grant of up to \$100,000 cash funding to Redfern Legal Centre to provide tenant support, advocacy and advice services to public housing tenants impacted by the Waterloo Metro plans. In response to the Redfern Legal Centre's initial request, the City has provided \$86,500 to commence their Waterloo outreach service, deliver a series of legal information sessions on tenant's rights in the relocation process, and publish and distribute free fact sheets about tenant's rights in the relocation process, including publications in community languages.

In response to a further request from Redfern Legal Centre, the City will release the remaining \$13,500 to ensure the continuity of the service until August 2019. There is no expansion of scope. Redfern Legal Centre has advised staff they intend to apply for multi-year funding in the current round of Community Services Grants closing 11 March 2019.

2. City staff regularly meet with Redfern Legal Centre regarding the Waterloo Outreach Service to ensure targeted legal support addressing the needs of tenants at the current stage of the redevelopment process.

In recent years, the City has funded a range of other grants with Redfern Legal Centre to support local communities, including international students and legal advice for boarders and lodgers. The City also collaborates with Redfern Legal Centre on community safety and wellbeing through outreach at community events. Redfern Legal Centre receives an accommodation grant from the City for their offices at Redfern Town Hall.

S129275

Bicycle Parking, Surry Hills

6. By Councillor Forster

Question

On 15 October 2014, the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee unanimously endorsed widening the footway and installing bicycle parking on the eastern side of Crown Street, Surry Hills, just south of the intersection of Fitzroy Place. The total cost of this exercise exceeded \$45,000.

It has recently been brought to my attention that the originally installed bicycle parking hoops have been removed and new hoops installed right next to the original placement.

1. Why has this work been undertaken?
2. When was this work approved?
3. Who approved this work?
4. What was the total cost of this work?
5. Was the now permanently closed Rapha cycling store adjacent to this work involved in any way with this work?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

1. The bicycle parking rails were damaged after a vehicle mounted the kerb and crashed into them in October 2018. The damaged bicycle parking rails posed a hazard to pedestrians and were removed. Replacement rails were subsequently installed.
2. The damaged bike parking rails were removed and replacement rails installed in October 2018.
3. The work was approved by the City's Maintenance staff.
4. \$1,400.
5. No.

S129269

Fig and Wattle Depot Sale

7. By Councillor Forster

Question

On 24 January 2019, it was widely reported that the City sold its Fig and Wattle Depot for more than \$200 million.

1. What was the total sale price of the Fig and Wattle Depot?
2. How much will the City of Sydney receive from this sale?
3. What is the City's intended use for these funds?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Councillors were advised by the CEO on 21 December 2018 in the CEO Update that the City had entered into a contract of sale for a price of \$180M and will also receive stratum ownership of a 91-place childcare facility, two indoor recreation courts, and a through site link with lift. Sandstone blocks from any excavation on the site will be delivered to the City.

On 19 February 2018, Council resolved 'the proceeds from the sale being allocated to the funding of the City's 10-year capital works program'.

S129269

Trees in the CBD

8. By Councillor Forster

Question

On Saturday 2 February 2019, at approximately 6.15pm, a tree weighing thousands of kilograms located on the corner of York and Margaret Streets in the CBD fell across York Street, injuring one person. News reports suggest experts assessed the tree an hour before it fell after reports that the tree started to lean over. Furthermore, it was reported that at 5.45pm, the City of Sydney's Urban Forest Manager ordered the tree's immediate removal, however, the tree fell before equipment for its removal had arrived. Google Street View images dated July 2017 show the tree leaning substantially.

1. Prior to the brief assessment made just prior to its fall, when was the tree last properly assessed?
2. What was the result of this assessment?
3. How often are significant trees located within the CBD assessed?
4. What measures are taken if an adverse assessment is made of any tree within the CBD?
5. Are there any other trees located within the CBD that require immediate attention or removal?
6. What are the liability issues for the City if a person or people are injured or killed as a result of tree failure?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

High risk trees are always removed by the City. Responses to parts 1 to 5 were provided via CEO Update on 8 February 2019.

If the City has accepted liability for a tree failure and this has resulted in an injury to or death of any person, then the potential monetary exposure for the City for any claim of compensation made by a third party will be covered by the City's *Public and Products Liability* policy, subject to the policy terms and conditions.

The amount for which the City would be liable under this policy is:

- (a) The full claim amount, if the claim does not exceed AUD \$100,000;

OR

- (b) AUD \$100,000, if the claim is between AUD \$100,000 to AUD \$10,000,000 (the limit of indemnity).

Should the legal liability of the City be greater than the limit of indemnity (AUD \$10,000,000), then the City's *Excess Public and Products Liability* policy will be triggered. In this event, the City will bear (in addition to the AUD \$100,000 deductible), the cost of an additional policy deductible of AUD \$10,000,000. This will cover any claim up to and including AUD \$90,000,000.

S129269

Chinese New Year Advisory Committee

9. By Councillor Chung

Question

1. When was the Chinese New Year Advisory Committee disbanded?
2. Could the Lord Mayor please advise the reasons why the Committee was disbanded?
3. What consultation was done prior to the disbanding of the Chinese New Year Advisory committee? Please include who was consulted, on what dates and what submissions were made in response to the proposal to disband the Chinese New Year Advisory Committee.
4. If the Chinese New Year Advisory Committee has not been disbanded, please advise:
 - (a) the names of each member and the organisation that they represent;
 - (b) the dates, times and venue of each advisory meeting held in the past 24 months; and
 - (c) please provide a copy of the minutes for each meeting as detailed in 4(b) above.
5. Who appointed the curator for the 2019 Lunar New Year Festival?
6. What process was undertaken for the selection of the curator?
7. Who will be responsible for selecting the curator for future Lunar New Year events?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The last Chinese New Year Advisory Panel served from July 2016 for a period of 12 months in line with its Terms of Reference as adopted by Council in June 2016.

Throughout 2017 and 2018, the City engaged extensively with the community through public briefings and meetings including with the Haymarket Chamber of Commerce, the Cultural Consul at the Chinese Consulate-General, the China Cultural Centre and the Australia China Economics, Trade and Cultural Association, as well as the Korean Cultural Centre, Korean Consul-General, the Japan Foundation, the Japanese Consul-General, the Thai Consul-General, the Nepalese Consul General, the Indonesian Consul General, the Malaysian Consul General, the Vietnamese Centre and the Vietnamese Consul-General.

As per previous curators for the festival, the curator for 2019 was advertised via an Expression of Interest. The Expression of Interest was in market from 21 February 2018 to 18 March 2018 and advertised in ArtsHub, the City's corporate website, Creative City Sydney website and the Chinese New Year website. A media release was issued across all media channels. Social media posts promoting the curator Expression of Interest were made on the City's Facebook and Twitter feeds. Direct email notification was also sent to approximately 230 people including artists, gallery owners, cultural institutions, directors, curators, the City's Public Art Panel and Design Advisory Panel, as well as past members of the Chinese New Year Advisory Panel with relevant curatorial abilities or artist affiliations.

An evaluation panel assessed the submissions. Submissions were assessed against curator profile and experience, curator leadership and capacity, and appreciation and understanding of the scope. The selection for future festival curators will be via the same process.

S129268

Easy to do Business Initiative Update

10. By Councillor Chung

Question

In the August 2018 Questions on Notice, the Lord Mayor had advised that staff were soon meeting with Service NSW to begin Stage 1 of the implementation.

The City of Sydney "Easy to Do Business" program was expected to go live in January 2019 and has now been delayed further.

1. Can the Lord Mayor please advise why the decision was made by City staff to delay the implementation of the "Easy to do Business" program from January 2019 to at least March 2019?
2. Is the City of Sydney implementing the full "Easy to Do Business" program as recommended by the NSW State Government? If not, why not?
3. What measures is the City of Sydney taking to ensure that the "Easy To Do Business" program is widely publicised?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

1. City staff are working on a draft contract provided by Service NSW to clearly define the service, ensure seamless customer journeys across all touch points, and measurable service level expectations including qualitative measures.
2. This was addressed in the 13 August 2018 response to Questions on Notice (Item 12.5).
3. The City of Sydney will promote the service in the same way in which other councils in the program have, including targeted communication to the customer segment.

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Electronic Voting Update

11. By Councillor Chung

Question

In September 2018, Councillors received a briefing on the results of City staff investigation of the feasibility of Electronic Voting. Councillors were told that Electronic Voting will be implemented in 2019 following an upgrade of technology in the Council Chambers to support it.

1. Since September 2018, what steps have been taken by City staff to install the appropriate technology in the Council Chambers?
2. What is the projected implementation date of Electronic Voting in Council?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

City staff have undertaken an assessment of electronic voting systems available both in Australia and internationally, taking into consideration their ability to integrate with existing software used by the City. City staff will shortly select a software solution.

The upgrade of the hardware in the Council Chamber is scheduled for April 2019. It is anticipated that electronic voting will be implemented in conjunction with this upgrade.

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Royal Botanical Gardens New Year's Eve Party

12. By Councillor Chung

I refer to the 2018/19 New Year's Eve event attended by the Lord Mayor and her invited guests.

Question

1. Who was invited to attend the 'Midnight at Oasis' event as a guest of the Lord Mayor?
2. Who attended the 'Midnight at Oasis' event as a guest of the Lord Mayor? Please provide the name of the individual and their relationship to the Lord Mayor.
3. What item in the 2018/19 budget will include the costs expended for this event? Where were the costs reallocated from to fund the Lord Mayor's guests' attendance at 'Midnight at Oasis'?
4. What was the total cost for the Lord Mayors 'Midnight at Oasis' New Year's Eve event?
5. How many City of Sydney staff worked on or in support of the Lord Mayors 'Midnight at Oasis' event, including staff supporting the Lord Mayor? What was the cost associated with these staff? What were the duties for each of the staff?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

All City of Sydney Councillors and their partners, the State Member for Sydney and his husband, the City's CEO and partner and my Chief of Staff and partner were invited. Local charity groups - The Wayside Chapel and Settlement Services - were also asked to nominate two guests.

Everyone, apart from some Councillors, attended.

The total cost for the attendees was \$7,200 (excluding GST). These costs have been allocated within the Sydney New Year's Eve event budget and offset against the Dawes Point Event savings.

A member of the Major Events and Festivals team was on radio communication with Event Control. This was to ensure that important event communication could be received and delivered if required.

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Renaming of Chinese New Year Festival

13. By Councillor Chung

Question

As reported in the media, a representative from the City advised that the Lord Mayor had consulted with leaders in the Chinese community of the decision to rename the Sydney Chinese New Year Festival to the Sydney Lunar Festival.

1. Can the Lord Mayor please provide a detailed explanation of the consultation process with the renaming of this event, including the methods of consultation, the groups and the amount of people who actively participated?
2. Can the Lord Mayor please advise how and why the decision was made to not actively seek public participation from a broad range of community members?
3. Could a list of submissions please be provided including the alternative suggestions for the renaming of the festival?
4. Where was the suggested renaming of the Chinese New Year festival advertised?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The City of Sydney's celebrations for Chinese New Year have grown to become the largest in the world outside Asia. This year alone, the event attracted more than 1.3 million visitors.

The world-renowned event started as a community festival in Chinatown 22 years ago. Since then, it has evolved into an internationally renowned celebration and engaged a wide range of local communities including Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Indonesian, Malaysian, and Korean cultures. The event also features more than 80 associated events highlighting all these cultures.

In 2019, the City worked to take our Chinese New Year celebration further by expanding the event to the Sydney Lunar Festival.

Chinese New Year will always be a core element of the Sydney Lunar Festival, with many events, including the much-loved red packet walk and late-night feasts, taking place in Chinatown.

We consulted with many community leaders about the change including:

- the Australian Kokkien Huay Kuan Association
- Assistant General Manager, TVB Australia

- Australian Chinese Finance Organisation
- Australia China Economics, Trade, and Culture Association
- Sing Tao Newspapers
- Golden Century
- Ultimo Community Centre Chinese Seniors Group
- Nanhai Media
- Australia China Economics, Trade, and Culture Association
- Chinese Youth League
- Haymarket Chamber of Commerce
- Cultural Consul at the Chinese Consulate-General
- China Cultural Centre
- Haymarket Chamber of Commerce
- Korean Consul-General
- Japanese Consul-General
- Thai Consul-General
- Vietnamese Consul-General
- President of Vietnam Centre Sydney
- Community Leader and Organiser of Sydney Korean Festival

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Item 11 Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions

Supplementary Answers to Questions on Notice are as follows:

Question on Notice – Council 10 December 2018

New Year's Eve Alcohol Free Zones

10. By Councillor Scott

Question

At the November 2018 Council meeting, Councillors were advised that the answer to the following question would be provided via the CEO Update:

Broken down by year, please detail the total number of alcohol free zones in the City of Sydney on 31 December, between 2004 and 2018.

Could Councillors please be advised of the answer to this question as soon as possible?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

A CEO Update will be provided prior to Christmas.

Supplementary Answer

A recent Question on Notice sought information regarding the number of alcohol free zones in the City of Sydney on New Year's Eve.

Broken down by year, please detail the total number of alcohol free zones in the City of Sydney on 31 December, between 2004 and 2018.

Alcohol free zones apply to public roads and footpaths. They are established in public places to restrict the consumption of alcohol to help prevent alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and crime, including damage to property, littering and noise impacts. Alcohol restrictions provide NSW Police with an early intervention measure to confiscate alcohol within designated areas. In NSW a person cannot be fined for consuming alcohol in a restricted area.

Under section 644 of the Local Government Act (1993) the City may establish a restriction for either a public road or part of a public road. As such, there is no correlation between the number of zones and the area covered. All current restrictions expire 22 March 2020.

The table below outlines the total number of alcohol free zones in the City of Sydney on 31 December for the respective years.

Year (at 31 December)	Alcohol Free Zones
2004	94
2005	43
2006	75
2007	83
2008	120
2009	157
2010	194
2011	205
2012	339
2013	344
2014	331
2015	371
2016	261
2017	280
2018	293

A web map of all current restrictions is available on the City's website:

<https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/health-and-safety/alcohol-and-drugs/alcohol-safety/alcohol-restrictions>

Item 12 Notices of Motion

Item 12.1 Processes for the Application and Implementation of Work Zones

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) public spaces should be primarily for the use of the public good, with the needs of the community weighted seriously alongside the requirements of construction and other commercial projects;
- (ii) there has been significant controversy and community opposition to the approval of some work zones in the City in recent years, including on Bulwarra Road in Ultimo, Baptist Street in Redfern and work zones surrounding the stadium development in Paddington;
- (iii) where a traffic matter, such as a work zone, is delegated by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to be dealt with by the City, the City of Sydney Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC) advises the City as to the action that should be taken;
- (iv) the voting members of the LPCTCC are RMS, local NSW Police, the local State Member of Parliament or their nominee, and the Chairperson of the Committee from the City of Sydney;
- (v) advice provided by the LPCTCC is enacted by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation from Council;
- (vi) there is currently no mechanism by which Council can review advice provided by LPCTCC or provide direction to the Chief Executive Officer as to these traffic matters;
- (vii) in April 2018, the motion Delegations to Staff on Traffic Matters (S129266) was passed by Council, which called on the Chief Executive Officer to conduct a review and provide a report on potential changes needed to the City's policies with regards to:
 - (a) the wording and applicability of Works Zone-related consent conditions placed on future development approvals; and
 - (b) the City's Work Zone application processes and conditions; and
- (viii) communities continue to raise concerns regarding the allocation of work zones; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) provide a report to Councillors as detailed in the motion Delegations to Staff on Traffic Matters (S129266) of April 2018, as soon as practically possible; and
- (ii) investigate options as part of this report, which include:

- (a) options for a decision of the LPCTCC to be reviewed by Council prior to implementation;
- (b) options to better balance the public interest, including pedestrian safety, with private and commercial needs; and
- (a) options to extend the community notification periods to include consultation before the implementation of a decision, longer notice periods before the start of works, and a review of resident and other concerns following the end of the works zone.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Scott. Subsequently, it was:

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Scully –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) under NSW Government Legislation, the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is the body responsible for the control of traffic on all roads in New South Wales;
- (ii) the RMS has delegated to local councils limited aspects of traffic control on regional and local roads within their own local government area, but not for state roads;
- (iii) the authority to control traffic lies with the RMS and the delegation does not remove the RMS' ability to directly exercise those delegated functions;
- (iv) the Local Pedestrian Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC) is established by state legislation as an advisory and technical review committee that has no decision-making powers;
- (v) the state guidelines require Council to seek the advice of its LPCTCC if it proposes to regulate traffic;
- (vi) in April 2018, the motion Delegations to Staff on Traffic Matters (S129266) was passed by Council, which called on the Chief Executive Officer to conduct a review and provide a report on potential changes needed to the City's policies with regards to:
 - (a) the wording and applicability of Works Zone-related consent conditions placed on future development approvals; and
 - (b) the City's Work Zone application processes and conditions; and
- (vii) City of Sydney staff are undertaking the review referred to in (vi);

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) provide a report to Councillors as detailed in the motion Delegations to Staff on Traffic Matters (S129266) of April 2018, as soon as practically possible; and
- (ii) investigate options as part of this report, which include:
 - (a) options for a decision of the LPCTCC to be reviewed by Council prior to implementation;
 - (b) options to better balance the public interest, including pedestrian safety, with private and commercial needs;

- (c) options to extend the community notification periods to include consultation before the implementation of a decision, longer notice periods before the start of works, and a review of resident and other concerns following the end of the works zone; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to lobby the NSW state government to take into account pedestrian and cycling activity and safety, in addition to traffic data, when assessing applications for work zones via the LPCTCC, via the RMS.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Thalys, and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read as follows:

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) under NSW Government Legislation, the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is the body responsible for the control of traffic on all roads in New South Wales;
 - (ii) the RMS has delegated to local councils limited aspects of traffic control on regional and local roads within their own local government area, but not for state roads;
 - (iii) the authority to control traffic lies with the RMS and the delegation does not remove the RMS' ability to directly exercise those delegated functions;
 - (iv) the Local Pedestrian Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC) is established by state legislation as an advisory and technical review committee that has no decision-making powers;
 - (v) the state guidelines require Council to seek the advice of its LPCTCC if it proposes to regulate traffic;
 - (vi) in April 2018, the motion Delegations to Staff on Traffic Matters (S129266) was passed by Council, which called on the CEO to conduct a review and provide a report on potential changes needed to the City's policies with regards to:
 - (a) the wording and applicability of Works Zone-related consent conditions placed on future development approvals; and
 - (b) the City's Work Zone application processes and conditions;
 - (vii) City of Sydney staff are undertaking the review referred to in (vi); and
 - (viii) City of Sydney staff have increased the notification period before a Works Zone is installed from 7 to 14 days;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) provide a report to Councillors as detailed in the motion Delegations to Staff on Traffic Matters (S129266) of April 2018, as soon as practically possible; and
 - (ii) investigate options as part of this report, which include:
 - (a) options to better balance the public interest, including pedestrian safety, with private and commercial needs; and
 - (b) a review of resident and other concerns following the end of the works zone; and

- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to lobby the NSW state government to take into account pedestrian and cycling activity and safety, in addition to traffic data, when assessing applications for work zones via the LPCTCC, via the RMS.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

S129266

Item 12.2 Opposition to the Sell-Off of the Sirius Building

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Scully -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) 27 January 2019 marks one year since the last resident of the Sirius building, then-91-year-old Myra Demetriou, was forced to leave the public housing property at Miller's Point which she had called home for over 50 years;
- (ii) the NSW State Liberal government forcibly relocated public housing residents living in the Sirius building in preparation for the sell-off of the property throughout the preceding years;
- (iii) the tender process for this sell-off is currently nearing completion, with the developers responsible for the disastrous Opal Tower in Olympic Park reported to have submitted a tender for the project, amongst others;
- (iv) the loss of public housing at Miller's Point is an enormous loss to the social housing resources available in our City, and means that many more of the individuals requiring public, social and affordable housing in our City will no longer be able to form a part of our diverse community;
- (v) the Sirius building is a part of the architectural and social history of our City, being a premier example of Brutalist architecture in Sydney, and this sell-off is being conducted against the advice of the NSW Heritage Council on this basis; and
- (vi) the knock-down and redevelopment of the site, which is likely to ensue once the building is sold, will mean this important historic part of our City's skyline will be erased forever; and

(B) Council:

- (i) continue to oppose the sell-off of the Sirius building by the NSW Liberal state government;
- (ii) call on the NSW State government to urgently stop the sale of the Sirius building;
- (iii) oppose any redevelopment of the Sirius building site which seeks to change its fundamental architectural character; and
- (iv) advocate to the NSW State government that, if the building has already been sold, any funds generated from the sale of the Sirius building be re-invested into public and social housing within the City of Sydney local government area; and

- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian; the NSW Opposition Leader, the Hon. Michael Daley; the NSW Minister for Planning, the Hon. Anthony Roberts; and the NSW Shadow Minister for Planning, the Hon. Tania Mihailuk, expressing these views.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Scully, and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read as follows:

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) 27 January 2019 marks one year since the last resident of the Sirius building, then-91-year-old Myra Demetriou, was forced to leave the public housing property at Miller's Point which she had called home for over 50 years;
- (ii) the NSW State Liberal government forcibly relocated public housing residents living in the Sirius building in preparation for the sell-off of the property throughout the preceding years;
- (iii) the tender process for this sell-off is currently nearing completion, with the developers responsible for the disastrous Opal Tower in Olympic Park reported to have submitted a tender for the project, amongst others;
- (iv) the loss of public housing at Miller's Point is an enormous loss to the social housing resources available in our City, and means that many more of the individuals requiring public, social and affordable housing in our City will no longer be able to form a part of our diverse community;
- (v) the Sirius building is a part of the architectural and social history of our City, being a premier example of Brutalist architecture in Sydney, and this sell-off is being conducted against the advice of the NSW Heritage Council on this basis; and
- (vi) the knock-down and redevelopment of the site, which is likely to ensue once the building is sold, will mean this important historic part of our City's skyline will be erased forever;
- (vii) the Lord Mayor has consistently called on the NSW State government to stop the sale of the Sirius building;
- (viii) the Lord Mayor wrote to the NSW Opposition Leader on 19 December 2018 asking he do everything in his power to prevent the loss of Sirius and the important opportunity to provide urgently needed social and affordable housing in the inner city; and
- (ix) the Lord Mayor wrote a joint letter with Shaun Carter, the Member for Sydney, and the Member for Balmain, to the Premier, asking she not sell the Sirius building, particularly to a developer who will demolish it, and to retain this purpose-built, structurally sound, architecturally iconic building for social and affordable housing;

(B) Council:

- (i) continue to oppose the sell-off of the Sirius building by the NSW Liberal state government;
- (ii) continue to call on the NSW State government to urgently stop the sale of the Sirius building;
- (iii) continue to oppose any redevelopment of the Sirius building site which seeks to change its fundamental architectural character; and
- (iv) advocate to the NSW State government that, if the building has already been sold, any funds generated from the sale of the Sirius building be re-invested into public and social housing within the City of Sydney local government area; and

(C) the Lord Mayor be requested to:

- (i) write to the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian; the NSW Opposition Leader, the Hon. Michael Daley; the NSW Minister for Planning, the Hon. Anthony Roberts; and the NSW Shadow Minister for Planning, the Hon. Tania Mihailuk, expressing these views; and
- (ii) write to the Minister for Social Housing, requesting if the building has already been sold, that any funds generated from the sale of the Sirius building be re-invested into public and social housing within the City of Sydney local government area.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried on the following show of hands:

Ayes (7) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Kok, Miller, Scott, Scully, Thalys and Vithoukas

Noes (2) Councillors Chung and Forster.

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Item 12.3 Waterloo Estate Redevelopment

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Thalís -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the NSW State Liberal government is in the process of a redevelopment of the Waterloo public housing precinct, surrounding the Waterloo Metro station development;
- (ii) the NSW government's preferred master plan includes a massive increase in density, while outcomes for access to public, social and affordable housing remain uncertain;
- (iii) the NSW government's preferred master plan also includes the sale of publicly-owned land to developers; and
- (iv) in October 2017, the City issued a grant of \$50,000 to the Waterloo Public Housing Action Group to assist them in their advocacy and community education work in the area, including with regards to the planned Waterloo estate redevelopment;

(B) Council:

- (i) advocate for the views of the community to be strongly represented in the redevelopment of the Waterloo public housing precinct;
- (ii) advocate for an increase in public, social and affordable housing as a part of the redevelopment of the area;
- (iii) advocate for accessible green spaces and community amenities for the general public as part of the redevelopment of the area; and
- (iv) oppose the sell-off of public land in the Waterloo public housing precinct; and

(C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian; the NSW Opposition Leader, the Hon. Michael Daley; the NSW Minister for Planning, the Hon. Anthony Roberts; and the NSW Shadow Minister for Planning, the Hon. Tania Mihailuk, expressing these views.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Forster, seconded by Councillor Chung –

That clause (B) (iv) be removed.

The amendment was lost on the following show of hands –

Ayes (2) Councillors Chung and Forster

Noes (7) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Kok, Miller, Scott, Scully, Thalís and Vithoukás.

Amendment lost.

The substantive motion was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (7) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Kok, Miller, Scott, Scully, Thalys and Vithoukas

Noes (2) Councillors Chung and Forster.

Motion carried.

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Item 12.4 Sydney Football Stadium Integrated Ticketing

Moved by Councillor Forster, seconded by Councillor Chung -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the NSW Government is currently redeveloping Allianz Stadium into a modern, world-class venue, to ensure Sydney has a sporting and entertainment precinct of international standard and that NSW remains the number one choice for sporting and entertainment events in Australia;
- (ii) new public transport initiatives, including the CBD and South East Light Rail, will offer patrons easy access to and from the new stadium once it is completed in 2022;
- (iii) in previous years integrated ticketing – which includes access to both the event and public transport to and from the venue – has been sporadically offered for fixtures held at Allianz Stadium and the Sydney Cricket Ground, including for NRL, AFL, A-League and international sporting fixtures; and
- (iv) integrated ticketing encourages more patrons to use public transport, rather than driving, to and from the Moore Park precinct; and

(B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Transport Minister Andrew Constance and the Chairman of the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust Tony Shepherd AO, requesting the immediate introduction of ticket integration for events at the Sydney Cricket Ground and the introduction of ticket integration for events at the reopened Sydney Football Stadium.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Scully –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the NSW Government is currently wasting \$729 million to unnecessarily knock down and replace the award winning Sydney Football Stadium at Moore Park, at the expense of other funding priorities such as education, health, environmental protection and transport;
- (ii) new public transport initiatives, including the CBD and South East Light Rail, will offer patrons easy access to the Moore Park precinct from 2022;
- (iii) in previous years integrated ticketing – which includes access to both the event and public transport to and from the venue – has been sporadically offered for fixtures held at Allianz Stadium and the Sydney Cricket Ground, including for NRL, AFL, A-League and international sporting fixtures; and
- (iv) integrated ticketing encourages more patrons to use public transport, rather than driving, to and from the Moore Park precinct; and

- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Transport Minister Andrew Constance and the Chairman of the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust Tony Shepherd AO, opposing the wasteful and unnecessary demolition of the award winning Sydney Football Stadium, supporting the continued use of integrated ticketing for ANZ Stadium at Homebush, and requesting the immediate introduction of ticket integration for events at the Sydney Cricket Ground and the Sydney Football Stadium.

Foreshadowed motion. Councillor Forster foreshadowed that, should the amendment moved by Councillor Miller be carried, she would move a subsequent amendment to have the following effect:

That the word “wasting” in clause A (i) be removed and replaced with “planning to spend”, that the words “unnecessarily knock down” in clause A (i) be removed, and that a new clause A (ii) be inserted, to read: “the cost of refurbishing the existing stadium would be \$714.5 million”.

The amendment was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (6) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Kok, Miller, Scott, Scully and Thalys

Noes (3) Councillors Chung, Forster and Vithoukaskas.

Amendment carried.

The amendment foreshadowed by Councillor Forster was not accepted by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) in accordance with clause 8.8(8) of the Code of Meeting Practice.

The substantive motion was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (6) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Kok, Miller, Scott, Scully and Thalys

Noes (3) Councillors Chung, Forster and Vithoukaskas.

Motion carried.

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Item 12.5 Commencement of the new Model Code of Meeting Practice

Moved by Councillor Chung, seconded by Councillor Forster –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) on 14 December 2018, the new Model Code of Meeting Practice was prescribed under the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005;
 - (ii) according to the Office of Local Government, councils must adopt a new code of meeting practice by 14 June 2019; and
 - (iii) under section 361 of the Local Government Act 1993, councils are required to exhibit a draft of the code of meeting practice for at least 28 days and provide members of the community the opportunity to comment for at least 42 days;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to review and prepare a draft Model Code of Meeting Practice to be presented at the March 2019 Council meeting for endorsement for public consultation; and
- (C) at the earliest possible opportunity (and in any case, prior to 14 June 2019) following public consultation and consideration of submissions, the final draft of the Code of Meeting Practice be presented to Council for adoption.

Carried unanimously.

S129259

Item 12.6 15 Minute Free Parking

Moved by Councillor Thalís, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) in October 2012, Council unanimously resolved that the CEO investigate the feasibility of 15-minute free parking tickets in the local government area;
- (ii) in response, the Draft Neighbourhood Parking Policy proposed a one-year trial of 15-minute free ticket parking in local village retail streets;
- (iii) given the high level of support, in November 2013, Council resolved to introduce a one-year trial of 15-minute free ticket parking along retail high streets;
- (iv) Council unanimously endorsed this trial in June 2016 and asked staff to investigate its expansion to other streets;
- (v) the trial of 15-Minute Free Parking in key retail streets was considered as part of the update of the Neighbourhood Parking Policy in 2017/18;
- (vi) the current Policy states "the trial of 15-minute free parking will be continued in ticketed areas on key retail streets"; and
- (vii) 15-minute free parking is supported by businesses and visitors;

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate:

- (i) opportunities for 15-minute free parking in local retail or special need streets (for example, near retail stores, cafes, educational institutions, medical facilities and performance venues); and
- (ii) the potential for 15-minute free parking that aligns with the draft planning controls for late-night trading.

Carried unanimously.

S129265

Item 12.7 ANZAC Day

By Councillor Scott.

It is resolved that Council request that the Chief Executive Officer refresh the gardens and other public sites surrounding memorials in the City in preparation for ANZAC Day.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Scott. Subsequently, it was:

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Thalís –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) ANZAC Day is an important day of remembrance for our City of Sydney community;
- (ii) the 2018 ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the memorial in Hyde Park was attended by over 30,000 people;
- (iii) local ANZAC Day services in places such as Glebe and Pyrmont are important to our local communities; and
- (iv) residents have raised concerns regarding the condition of gardens and public sites surrounding memorials in the City, with the condition of the monument located in Pyrmont being of particular concern; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to refresh the gardens and other public sites surrounding memorials in the City in preparation for ANZAC Day.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Miller, and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read as follows –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) ANZAC Day is an important day of remembrance for our City of Sydney community;
- (ii) the 2018 ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the memorial in Hyde Park was attended by over 30,000 people;
- (iii) local ANZAC Day services in places such as Glebe and Pyrmont are important to our local communities; and
- (iv) residents have raised concerns regarding the condition of gardens and public sites surrounding memorials in the City, with the condition of the monument located in Pyrmont being of particular concern;
- (v) that the City is proud to be a major supporter of ANZAC Day commemorations;
- (vi) that the City is responsible for maintaining 24 war memorials or war-related memorials, and the City has invested heavily in restoring them;
- (vii) that the City invests \$40,000 annually to maintain the Cenotaph in Martin Place;

- (viii) that the City invested \$3.1 million restoring the pool of reflection in Hyde Park ahead of the Centenary;
 - (ix) that the City invested \$500,000 on the commemoration artwork, "Yininmadyemi", installed in Hyde Park as a tribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women;
 - (x) that in March 2017 the City completed an upgrade of Regimental Square, one of the city centre's important memorial squares. The upgrade included new seating, street lights and more space for commemorative services and pedestrians, removing the original planters and replacing the plants and refurbishing the water feature and memorial wall;
 - (xi) that in 2018, following meticulous restoration, the City reinstalled a Victoria Cross that was long missing from the Glebe War Memorial in Foley Park;
 - (xii) that in addition to regular maintenance, the City's public art maintenance contractor, is instructed to ensure that all memorials are clean and well-maintained in the lead-up to ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day; and
 - (xiii) that City staff and the City's park maintenance contractors inspect and clean the areas surrounding war memorials before ANZAC Day ceremonies; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to continue to refresh the gardens and other public sites surrounding memorials in the City in preparation for ANZAC Day.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

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At 7.52 pm the meeting concluded.

Chair of a meeting of the Council of the City
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meeting the signature herein was subscribed.