# Sydney2030/Green Global Connected

# 17 February 2020

At 5.00 pm



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# Item 1

# **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the following meeting of Council are submitted for confirmation:

Meeting of 9 December 2019

# Item 2

### Disclosures of Interest

Pursuant to the provisions of the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice and the City of Sydney Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to disclose pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting.

Councillors are also required to disclose any non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting.

This will include receipt of reportable political donations over the previous four years.

In both cases, the nature of the interest must be disclosed.

Written disclosures of interest received by the Chief Executive Officer in relation to items for consideration at this meeting will be laid on the table.

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

The Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008 ("the Act") requires the disclosure of relevant political donations or gifts when planning applications are made to minimise any perception of undue influence. The amendments to the Act require disclosure to the Electoral Funding Authority of:

- a reportable political donation as defined in the Election Funding and Disclosures
  Act 1981 (a donation of \$1000 or more made to or for the benefit of the party, elected
  member, group or candidate or made by a major political donor to or for the benefit of
  a party, elected member, group or candidate, or made to the major political donor), or
- a **gift** (as defined in the Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981) to any local councillor or council employee (and includes a disposition of property or a gift of money or the provision of other valuable or service for no consideration or for inadequate consideration) when a relevant planning application is made to a council.

A donation of less than \$1000 can be a reportable political donation if the aggregated total of such donations was made by an entity or person to the same party, elected member, group or candidate or person.

# Item 3.1

# **Appointment of the Chief Executive Officer**

File No: S051491

# Minute by the Lord Mayor

# To Council:

Ms Monica Barone was appointed by Council as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the City of Sydney on 7 August 2006. The appointment was for a period of five years. In April 2011 and August 2015, Council considered my Lord Mayoral Minutes on appointment of the Chief Executive Officer and unanimously resolved to proceed with contract renewals for periods of five years. The current contract ends on 17 August 2020.

Under the terms of the contract, the Chief Executive Officer must advise nine months before the end of the contract if she would like to seek a renewal. The Chief Executive Officer has advised me that she does wish to seek a renewal. Under the terms of the contract, Council must at least six months before the termination date advise the Chief Executive Officer if the Council intends to renew the contract.

This Lord Mayoral Minute recommends Council endorse renewing the Chief Executive Officer's contact for a further five years from February 2020, on the same terms and conditions of her current contract. Ms Barone has not sought a salary review or a bonus, and has not received a salary review or bonus during her time as Chief Executive Officer of the City of Sydney.

Each year, in accordance with the Local Government Guidelines, the Chief Executive Officer has submitted a performance report that I have reviewed. As part of this, I ask all Councillors if they have any matters that they wish to have considered. Each year it has been agreed that the Chief Executive Officer's performance has been outstanding.

I commend Ms Barone's ability to effectively manage this large and complex organisation and recommend her reappointment, on the same terms and conditions of her current contract, for a further period of five years.

# Recommendation

It is resolved that:

(A) Monica Barone be reappointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Council of the City of Sydney on the same terms and conditions of her current contract for a further period of five years from February 2020; and

(B) Council note that the Office of Local Government's Standard Contract of Employment for General Managers of Local Councils in New South Wales specifies the termination terms permitted for all General Managers, which are the same regardless of the length of the contract.

# **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

Lord Mayor

# **Item 3.2**

# Sydney as a Sustainable Destination

File No: S051491

# Minute by the Lord Mayor

### To Council:

The City of Sydney has recently received an international award for our Sustainable Destination Partnership and improved our global ranking as a sustainable destination.

The accommodation and entertainment sector is responsible for 21 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions, 14 per cent of potable water consumption and almost half of the commercial waste in our local government area.

The City's Making Sydney a Sustainable Destination plan sets out a plan to reduce this environmental impact by working collaboratively with leading companies in the sector. That is why the City launched the Sustainable Destination Partnership in 2018.

In its first year of operation the Partnership has brought together 46 members, representing over 60 per cent of hotel rooms in the city and all the major cultural and entertainment venues.

These members have launched the single use elimination pledge, reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 5 per cent, seen no increase in potable water use and seen a significant improvement in the reporting and understanding of waste data.

This is a remarkable start, and this work has now been recognised by the Global Destination Sustainability Index (GDS-Index), the leading sustainability benchmarking and improvement programme for business tourism and events destinations around the world.

GDS-Index awarded the Sustainable Destination Partnership their 2019 Innovation Award, ahead of other finalists from Copenhagen, Helsinki and Ljubljana.

In collaboration with Business Events Sydney, the City of Sydney has made a submission to the Index for the last four years. Cities are benchmarked across four key areas: environmental strategy and infrastructure; social sustainability performance; industry supplier support; and the destination management organisation's strategy and initiatives.

Sydney ranked twelfth in 2016, fifteenth in 2017, ninth in 2018 and eighth in 2019.

This top ten ranking is important recognition of the action we are taking to ensure that once visitors arrive in Sydney they can be safe in the knowledge that the places they visit and the organisations hosting them are committed to reducing their environmental footprint.

This is particularly significant because this year the GDS-Index developed a more demanding set of criteria and there has been a 30 per cent increase in the number of cities participating, with 58 cities participating in 2019.

Global sustainability benchmarks allow us to better understand our progress in responding to the climate emergency. The evidence base demanded by credible, independent initiatives such as the GDS-Index allows our community to hold us accountable for our commitments and to ensure that our efforts are keeping pace with the rest of the world.

### Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) acknowledge this well-deserved award which recognises City achievements;
- (B) commend the efforts of the members of the Sustainable Destination Partnership; and
- (C) commend City of Sydney staff and Business Events Sydney for their work on the Making Sydney a Sustainable Destination strategy and the contribution it is making to address the climate emergency.

# **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

**Lord Mayor** 

# Item 3.3

# Solidarity with the People of Wuhan

File No: S051491

# Minute by the Lord Mayor

# To Council:

The world continues to experience the impact of the novel coronavirus which first appeared in Wuhan, China in December 2019. Much of this impact has been seen in terms of its effects on international travel, trade and the world economy.

My concern is for the people of Wuhan, Hubei Province and other areas of China where people have become ill and have experienced severe disruption in their daily lives. I had the opportunity to visit Wuhan in 2014 and was impressed with its goal of becoming a major transport hub and the most liveable and sustainable city in China. During that visit I signed a memorandum of understanding with the Mayor of Wuhan, Mr Tang Liangzhi which has led to Sydney and Wuhan becoming friendship cities.

It is therefore hard for me to imagine this busy city of 11 million people being isolated and in lockdown with its residents confined to their homes and its bustling streets devoid of people. What makes this even worse is that it has occurred during the Lunar New Year Festival, a time usually devoted to celebrating joy and happiness with family and friends.

On 6 February 2020, I wrote to Mr Zhou Xianwang, Mayor of Wuhan, sending our support to the people of Wuhan on behalf of the people of Sydney. I expressed our sincere hope that the people of Wuhan and China overcome the challenge of this terrible virus as soon as possible, and that their lives can return to normal.

I am aware that people are asking about providing practical support to the people of Wuhan and other cities and areas in China, including Guangzhou, Chongqing, Nanjing, and Shanxi Province. I understand these cities and areas are experiencing a shortage of protective medical equipment, specifically N95 masks, medical surgical masks, protective overalls, and eyes protectors. I would encourage Australian manufacturers of this equipment to contact these governments with offers of assistance, which my office can facilitate. I also commend Councillor Robert Kok for personally donating required masks and protective gear to Wuhan.

The most concerning impact of this virus is the risk of fear and panic, with the media already reporting that this fear has led to racially motivated attacks on Chinese people. I strongly endorse the statement of Chief Medical Officer Brendan Murphy denouncing the spread of abhorrent racist prejudices towards Chinese-Australians.

Mr Murphy has said that there is no reason for people to wear masks or to avoid people of any particular background or appearance.

Unfortunately, sensationalist media can feed this fear. The pervasive influence of social media can also increase fear due to its rapid circulation of false information. We must guard against this, and instead rely on factual verifiable information.

The City remains vigilant and continues to act on the advice of State and Federal departments of health to inform our response. However, we must also be vigilant in preventing the contagious spread of inaccurate and exaggerated information and the resulting stigma and discrimination.

# Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the letter by the Lord Mayor to the Mayor of Wuhan expressing Sydney's support for the people of Wuhan; and
- (B) continue to celebrate and support Sydney's Chinese community in addressing the impacts of the novel coronavirus crisis, as we did during our recent Sydney Lunar Festival events.

# **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

**Lord Mayor** 

# **Item 3.4**

# **Proposed Religious Discrimination Bill**

File No: S051491

# Minute by the Lord Mayor

# To Council:

The Commonwealth Government's proposed Religious Discrimination Bill risks grave impacts on City of Sydney residents and may undermine the City's capacity to operate as an inclusive and cohesive organisation.

The Bill ventures well beyond the standard approach to protecting individuals from unlawful discrimination. As Professor George Williams says, it seeks "to provide an unprecedented and quite remarkable set of additional rights to religious organisations that are not provided to other members of the community."

In his view, "the law should be aimed at fostering harmony in the community based upon tolerance and respect for different beliefs. Instead, it threatens to sow division and to embolden people to attack others in personal and hurtful ways under the cloak of religion."

The Australian Discrimination Law Experts Group has described the Bill as "deeply flawed" because it "privileges and prioritises religious belief and activity over other protected attributes, and overrides existing protections for women, LGBTIQ+ people and other vulnerable groups."

The Bill will also have unacceptable impacts on employment, the provision of healthcare and the protection of vulnerable groups. The Australian Medical Association has said it would harm patients' rights to access healthcare, risking patients foregoing medical care for fear of judgment by health care providers.

The Government has released two exposure drafts of its proposed legislation. While making a small number of modest improvements, the second exposure draft continues to privilege "religious rights" over other rights and protect religious speech over other forms of speech but also extends the areas where discrimination may be allowed.

Professor Williams says that this is troubling because it allows people to rely on their religious beliefs to make statements that humiliate or intimidate others in the workplace, in school, on public transport or in any setting. For example, a person could rely upon the Bill to make anti-Semitic taunts on a bus. Equality Australia lists other examples of statements that the Bill would protect:

- a boss saying to their employee 'I don't agree with your lifestyle because the Bible says homosexuality is a sin';
- a disability support worker saying to the parent of a child with autism: 'I believe prayer can cure your child's disability';
- a social worker or counsellor saying encouraging a client to pray for healing for their 'sexual brokenness'.

These examples point to the Bill's potential impact on Australia's workplaces. The Australian Industry Group, which represents the interests of more than 60,000 businesses, set out the extent of this impact in its submission on the first exposure draft of the Bill:

"The RD Bill has the potential to increase conflict and disharmony in Australian workplaces. The potential for the provisions of the proposed legislation to be used to advance and protect extremist opinions or behaviour, of whatever kind, in the name of an undefined religious belief should not be underestimated.

"The Bill limits the ability for employers to regulate, respond and manage instances of inappropriate conduct by an employee that may cause conflict with, or detriment to, coworkers, notwithstanding that such conduct may occur when an employee is not performing work.

"It is also conceivable that an employer's diversity policy that promotes tolerance and acceptance of religious diversity may conflict with some people's religious beliefs.

"The provisions of the Bill, as drafted, would seriously impede the ability of employers to maintain appropriate standards of conduct and to protect their employees from harassment and discrimination."

There is a risk the final Bill could directly impact the City as an employer, as well as our contractors, suppliers and partners.

This could make it difficult for the City to manage employee conduct inconsistent with its values of Courage, Collaboration, Integrity and Respect. It could also create conflicts with the City's Code of Conduct, which prohibits harassment and discrimination.

The City has a clear obligation to oppose the Religious Discrimination Bill in its present form to protect our residents, visitors and employees from its discriminatory impacts.

### Recommendation

It is resolved that:

(A) Council endorse Equality Australia's Freedom from Discrimination Statement, as shown at Attachment A to the subject Minute, which:

- (i) calls upon the Morrison Government to remove unbalanced provisions in the proposed Religious Discrimination Bill that threaten safe and inclusive workplaces, schools and services, and privilege individual religious beliefs over the rights of patients;
- (ii) supports fair and equal discrimination laws that unite, rather than divide, the community;
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to:
  - (i) write to Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition, Attorney-General, Shadow Attorney-General, the Leader of the Australian Greens in the Australian Parliament, Centre Alliance Senators and Members and Independent Senators and Members in support of Equality Australia's Freedom from Discrimination Statement and raising concerns about the Religious Discrimination Bill as set out in this Minute:
  - (ii) seek the inclusion of the Religious Discrimination Bill and its potential impacts on the agenda of the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM), requesting that CCCLM also write to the parties listed in (B)(i) in support of Equality Australia's Freedom from Discrimination Statement; and
  - (iii) in conjunction with Equality Australia, convene a business leaders' round table to consider what action corporate Australia can take, in particular to resist the threat inclusive, harmonious workplaces presented by the Religious Discrimination Bill.

# **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

**Lord Mayor** 

### **Attachments**

**Attachment A.** Equality Australia Freedom from Discrimination Statement

# **Attachment A**

# Freedom from Discrimination Statement Equality Australia

# **Equality Australia Freedom from Discrimination Statement**

Every Australian deserves protection from discrimination, no matter who they are, what they believe, or whom they love.

No belief (religious or not) should overwhelm the right of a person to live, study, work, and access healthcare with dignity. It's important that people of faith are protected from discrimination, but parts of the proposed Religious Discrimination Bill are not like other pieces of anti-discrimination legislation. No one should have a licence to discriminate against others, whether they claim to be motivated by their religion or not. The draft law overrides long standing federal and state anti-discrimination laws and privileges religious views over the rights and interests of other Australians. Our organisations are made up of their best assets, people. We want to ensure that staff feel safe in their workplaces, regardless of their faith, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Our laws must reflect our values as Australians—of fairness and equal opportunity for all. But a law that winds back hard-fought protections for LGBTIQ+ people, women, people with disability, and others is not the way.

We call upon the Morrison Government to remove unbalanced provisions in the proposed Religious Discrimination Bill that threaten safe and inclusive workplaces, schools and services, and privilege individual religious beliefs over the rights of patients.

We support fair and equal discrimination laws that unite, rather than divide, the community.

# **Item 3.5**

# Responding to the Climate Emergency – Natural Disasters and Resilience

File No: S051491

# Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

# Australia on the frontline of the climate crisis

The bushfire crisis this summer has been that wake-up call for many Australians. The climate emergency that scientists have been warning us about – has suddenly become very real.

The scale of the loss of life, both human and animal, has been horrifying. By the end of January, 10.7 million hectares had burnt across Australia, the fires had claimed over 2,000 homes, over a billion animals and tragically 32 people - including eight firefighters.

These bushfires were unprecedented and occurred in the context of only 1.1 degrees of global warming from the pre-industrial average.

As Richard Flanagan, award-winning Australian novelist wrote recently in the New York Times:

"The name of the future is Australia. These words come from it, and they may be your tomorrow: P2 masks, evacuation orders, climate refugees, ochre skies, warning sirens, ember storms, blood suns, fear, air purifiers and communities reduced to third-world camps.

Billions of dead animals and birds bloating and rotting. Hundreds of Indigenous cultural and spiritual sites damaged or destroyed by bushfires, so many black Notre Dames – the physical expression of Indigenous Australia's spiritual connection to the land severed, a final violence after centuries of dispossession.

Everywhere there is a brittle grief, and it may be as much as for what is coming as for what is gone."

The International Panel on Climate Change has told us that we have to limit global heating to 1.5 degrees to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

They've told us that we need to achieve net zero emissions across the globe by 2050 to have anything better than a fifty-fifty chance of limiting heating to 1.5 degrees.

People think that if the world meets its Paris Agreements targets, we'll be ok – we won't.

The UN's 2019 Emissions Gap Report has told us that with the current Nationally Determined Commitments made under the Paris Agreement, we're on track to experience 3.2 degrees of heating.

This will be catastrophic for Australia. According to the American climatologist Michael Mann, "It is conceivable that much of Australia simply becomes too hot and dry for human habitation."

The Federal Government's target of 26-28 per cent reduction in emissions is pathetic and they're not even on track to meet that.

According to a recent United Nations report, what is happening in Australia is 'one of the world's largest fossil fuel expansions' with proposals for 53 new coal mines.

Australia's fossil fuel industry is already huge, thanks to massive taxpayer subsidies – some \$29 billion in 2015, according to a 2019 paper by the International Monetary Fund. Every Australian man, woman and child is underwriting their own apocalypse to the tune of \$1,198 per year. And yet only 37,800 people are employed in coal mining.

We are a global laggard, and that's shameful, because as one of the wealthiest nations on Earth, with access to some of the best renewable resources, and some of the world's most innovative and creative thinkers, it's our responsibility to move faster.

Most importantly, as the driest continent on earth we are on the frontline of global warming. We can, and must do more! We need to be in a strong position to argue to those big emitters - like China, the United States and India and others - to reduce their emissions and keep the planet below 1.5 degrees.

# The City of Sydney's strong record on addressing climate change

By 2050, cities must be part of a decarbonised world.

The City of Sydney declared a Climate Emergency in June last year as a call to action, even though addressing global warming has been our top priority since 2008.

In 2008, we set a goal to reduce our emissions by 70 per cent by 2030. We set the targets and worked hard to achieve them over the past decade. This included retrofitting our buildings, installing solar and batteries, buying electric vehicles, upgrading our street lighting to LED, building a bike network, installing tri-generation and much more.

We were Australia's first carbon neutral council in 2007 and by 2017, we had reduced emissions from our own operations by 25 per cent and worked with others to reduce emissions city-wide by 21 per cent. During this time, our economy grew by 37.5 per cent and our resident population increased 45 per cent - if it had been business as usual, emissions would have increased by 57 per cent.

The City has been leading by example through its own operations and providing progress updates in detailed bi-annual Green Reports. The City also influences the wider city area through advocacy, incentives (such as the City's grants programs), programs and collaboration through partnerships.

The City has retrofitted many of our properties to reduce electricity and water use, slashing carbon emissions by 6,500 tonnes and generating savings of more than \$2.3 million.

We have installed 6,124 solar panels across 40 City owned buildings - one of the largest rooftop solar programs in Australia.

With transmission provider Transgrid, we installed a 500kWh Tesla battery at our new depot in Alexandria. Complementing 1600 solar panels, together they will avoid 600 tonnes of carbon emissions each year.

Fleet emissions are 16 per cent below 2006 levels, which we've achieved by reducing the number of vehicles, downsizing and using hybrid and electric passenger vehicles, driver behaviour training, hybrid diesel/electric trucks and use of biodiesel.

Our leading programs include the Better Buildings Partnership, CitySwitch Green Office, the Sustainable Destinations Partnership and the Smart Green Apartments program.

The Better Buildings Partnership is a leading collaboration of property owners, managers and key influencers, who signed up to the goals of the City's Sustainable Sydney 2030 plan in 2011.

So far, they have reduced their emissions by 56 per cent, and are tracking toward an 83 per cent reduction by 2030 – which will be ahead of their original target of 70 per cent emissions reductions by 2030. They have also reduced their water use by 26 per cent since 2006 and saved businesses over \$30 million a year.

The City has approved over \$5.2 million in cash and value-in-kind since 2006 into over 380 grants with an environmental focus.

An important part of the City's climate leadership has been engaging with other global cities through the C40 network, which Sydney joined in 2007.

Participating cities commit to practical action to cut greenhouse gas emissions, stimulate business, community and government action on climate change, and provide leadership internationally.

C40 supports cities to collaborate effectively, share knowledge and drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable action on climate change.

Almost ten years ago, the City of Sydney decided to retrofit the City's street lights with LEDs, based on what we learned from another C40 city – Los Angeles.

Sydney was the first Australian city to install energy-efficient LED street lights on a large scale as part of a \$7 million project. We've replaced 6,000 city-owned street and park lights, reducing GHG emissions by over 2,000 tonnes a year and saving nearly \$800,000 a year in electricity and maintenance costs.

In August 2018, Council agreed to pay Ausgrid to fast-track replacement of their remaining 9,500 street lights. When this project is complete it will save over \$1 million in energy and maintenance costs, and 3,400 tonnes of carbon a year. So far over 2,000 fittings have been replaced.

# The biggest single action we've taken is to switch to 100 per cent renewable electricity.

The City's new electricity contract, which will see our electricity sourced from 100 per cent renewable electricity by July this year will support jobs on solar and wind farms in regional Glen Innes, Wagga Wagga and the Shoalhaven, and will save our ratepayers \$500,000 a year over 10 years.

It also means we will achieve our 70 per cent 2030 emissions reduction target by 2024, six years early.

### The need for further action

The City has a long history of climate leadership, but the bushfires this summer have shown that we must once again go beyond our traditional remit to strive for even faster action.

I refer to Ross Garnaut who foresees that, if we rise to the challenge of climate change, we "will emerge as a global superpower in energy, low-carbon industry and absorption in the landscape."

And Ross Gittins says that to maximise our changes of benefitting from the move to a low-carbon world, however, we have to get to zero net emissions sooner than the other rich countries, not later!

Council will discuss tonight proposed new environmental targets to reach net zero emissions for our local government area by 2040 as part of the Sustainable Sydney 2050 Plan. This is critical to help us achieve that.

The City's Climate Emergency Response, also coming to Council tonight, outlines our ambition and a framework to accelerate action on climate change.

In response to the unprecedented bushfires and extreme weather over this summer, there is a new urgency to find an accord across the country to reduce emissions.

A Carbon Market Institute survey of more than 200 businesses showed that 96 per cent of those surveyed believe Australia should not delay the transition to a decarbonised economy. The Business Council of Australia supports achieving net zero by 2050. All of the States and Territories have committed to net zero by 2050.

I ask Council to support national action to respond the climate crisis, including the national campaign by Independent Federal MP, Zali Steggall, to find bipartisan support for a national science-based target to reach net zero emissions by 2050 and pass the Climate Change Act in Federal Parliament.

Australia must shed its status as the international pariah of world climate change negotiations, and instead take a leadership role at the next United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP26) meeting in Scotland – starting with dropping our shameful demand to use carryover credits.

As the bushfires swept across the country over summer, the world watched in horror. Communities and local governments across the country were galvanised by the need to protect our communities from climate-induced natural disasters.

That is why, in dialogue with C40, the upcoming climate conference in March needs to be refocussed to invite mayors and representatives from local governments across Australia to share information and learn from global C40 leaders about practical actions to increase resilience against future disasters, mitigate climate change and work together towards a just transition to a more prosperous low-carbon future powered by cheaper renewable energy sources.

# Recommendation

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note that the Chief Executive Officer is working with C40 to refocus the upcoming climate conference in response to the summer of climate-induced bushfires and extreme weather to invite mayors and local government representatives from across the country;

- (B) Council support national action to:
  - (i) pass the Climate Change Act in Federal Parliament and set a science-based national target for zero-emissions by 2050 or sooner;
  - (ii) abandon the use of carryover credits to meet Australia's Nationally Determined Contribution, and commit to a stronger national emissions reduction target at the 2020 United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP 26); and
  - (iii) establish a Just Transition Authority to secure jobs and revive the manufacturing sector by transitioning to a green economy;
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers responsible for climate change and energy policy seeking their support for the national action listed above.

### **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

**Lord Mayor** 

# Item 4.1

# Amendment to Schedule of Meetings and Briefings for 2020

File No: S063444

# **Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

On 18 November 2019, Council endorsed a schedule of meetings and briefings for 2020.

The City of Sydney is hosting the Sydney Climate Summit in the week of 30 March 2020. Given this, amendments to the March / April cycles are proposed.

24 February Briefings

2 March Committees

9 March Council

16 March Briefings

23 March Committees

30 March Sydney Climate Summit

6 April Council

Section 365 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that "the council is required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month", with "year" meaning the period from 1 July to the following 30 June (the financial year). The amended schedule ensures compliance with the provisions of section 365.

The City's website will be updated with the amended meeting dates if endorsed by Council.

# Recommendation

It is resolved that Council adopt the amended schedule of meetings and briefings for 2020, as shown at Attachment A to the subject memorandum.

# **MONICA BARONE**

Chief Executive Officer

### **Attachments**

**Attachment A.** Amended Schedule of Meetings and Briefings for 2020

# **Attachment A**

# Amended Schedule of Meetings and Briefings for 2020

# **AMENDED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS FOR 2020**

DATE	MEETING	
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Monday 23 December 2019 to Monday 27 January 2020, inclusive		
MONDAY 27 JANUARY	RECESS (Australia Day Public Holiday)	
MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY	BRIEFINGS	
MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY	• COMMITTEES	
MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY	COUNCIL	
MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY	BRIEFINGS	
MONDAY 2 MARCH	• COMMITTEES	
MONDAY 9 MARCH	COUNCIL	
MONDAY 16 MARCH	BRIEFINGS	
MONDAY 23 MARCH	• COMMITTEES	
MONDAY 30 MARCH – FRIDAY 3 APRIL	SYDNEY CLIMATE SUMMIT	
MONDAY 6 APRIL	COUNCIL	
FRIDAY 10 APRIL	(Good Friday Public Holiday)	
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Friday 10 April to Friday 24 April 2020, inclusive		
MONDAY 13 APRIL	RECESS (Easter Monday Public Holiday)	
MONDAY 20 APRIL	RECESS	
MONDAY 27 APRIL	• RECESS	
MONDAY 4 MAY	BRIEFINGS	
MONDAY 11 MAY	• COMMITTEES	
MONDAY 18 MAY	COUNCIL	
MONDAY 25 MAY	• RECESS	

# **AMENDED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS FOR 2020** DATE MEETING MONDAY 1 JUNE **RECESS** MONDAY 8 JUNE RECESS - (Queen's Birthday Public Holiday) **MONDAY 15 JUNE** BRIEFINGS MONDAY 22 JUNE • COMMITTEES **MONDAY 29 JUNE** • COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 6 July to Friday 17 July 2020, inclusive MONDAY 6 JULY RECESS MONDAY 13 JULY BRIEFINGS MONDAY 20 JULY COMMITTEES MONDAY 27 JULY COUNCIL MONDAY 3 AUGUST BRIEFINGS MONDAY 10 AUGUST COMMITTEES WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST Start of Caretaker Period (commences 4 weeks prior to the date of an ordinary election - Reg 393B) **MONDAY 17 AUGUST** COUNCIL MONDAY 24 AUGUST RECESS **MONDAY 31 AUGUST** RECESS MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER RECESS SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

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MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

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# AMENDED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS FOR 2020 DATE MEETING MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 25 TENTATIVE EXTRAORDINARY SEPTEMBER COUNCIL (Post Election) / Councillor Induction MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER RECESS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 28 September to Friday 9 October 2020, inclusive MONDAY 5 OCTOBER RECESS - (Labour Day Public Holiday) SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER LGNSW CONFERENCE MONDAY 12 OCTOBER • LGNSW CONFERENCE TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER LGNSW CONFERENCE MONDAY 19 OCTOBER • BRIEFINGS (11.00am) MONDAY 19 OCTOBER COMMITTEES MONDAY 26 OCTOBER COUNCIL MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER RECESS MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER BRIEFINGS MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER COMMITTEES MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER COUNCIL MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER BRIEFINGS MONDAY 7 DECEMBER COMMITTEES MONDAY 14 DECEMBER COUNCIL MONDAY 21 DECEMBER RECESS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 21 December 2020 to Wednesday 27 January 2021, inclusive

The recess continues until the first Committee meetings of 2021.

# Item 5

# **Matters for Tabling**

# **5.1 Disclosures of Interest**

Disclosure of Interest returns that have been lodged in accordance with the City of Sydney Code of Conduct will be laid on the table.

# Recommendation

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

# Item 6

Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee - 10 February 2020

# Item 6.1

# **Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Christine Forster disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.5 on the agenda, as she is employed as the Senior Media Advisor in the Corporate Affairs department of Woodside Energy, the largest Australian natural gas production company. Councillor Forster stated that it is a clear conflict for her to vote on a resolution that she or her fellow employees must seek alternative employment outside of the fossil fuel industry, and that she would be stepping out for this item.

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

The Committee recommends the following:-

### Item 6.2

# 2019/20 Quarter 2 Review - Delivery Program 2017-2021

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the financial performance of Council for the second quarter, ending 31 December 2019, including the Quarter 2 Net Surplus of \$58.2M and the full year Net Surplus forecast of \$54.5M, as outlined in the subject report and summarised in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the Quarter 2 Capital Works expenditure of \$86.1M, and full year forecast of \$245.0M, and approve the proposed adjustments to the adopted budget including bringing forward \$6.8M of funds into 2019/20 capital budget, as detailed in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) note the Information Services capital expenditure of \$6.0M, net of disposals, and a full year forecast of \$18.5M:
- (D) note the Quarter 2 Plant and Assets expenditure of \$6.4M, net of disposals, and the full year forecast of \$18.7M;
- (E) note the Quarter 2 Property Divestment proceeds of \$25.5M, and the full year forecast net Property Acquisitions of \$131.7M,
- (F) note the operational performance indicators and Quarter 2 achievements against the Operational Plan 2019/20 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.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Thalis, and carried unanimously.)

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The Committee recommends the following:-

# **Item 6.3**

# Investments Held as at 31 December 2019

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 31 December 2019 be received and noted.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Kok, and carried unanimously.)

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The Committee recommends the following:-

# Item 6.4

# Investments Held as at 31 January 2020

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 31 January 2020 be received and noted.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Thalis, and carried unanimously.)

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The Committee recommends the following:-

# **Item 6.5**

# Sustainable Sydney 2050 Update - Environment and Resilience (Strategic Directions 1 and 5 - A Leading Environmental Performer and a Resilient City)

It is resolved that Council note the Sustainable Sydney 2050 Update - Environment and Resilience (Strategic Directions 1 and 5 - A Leading Environmental Performer and A Resilient City) report and suggested targets that pertain to these strategic directions.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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# **Speakers**

Mr Jonathan Cartledge, Mr Roger Tonkin and Ms Julie Moffat addressed the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on Item 6.5.

The Committee recommends the following:-

### Item 6.6

# **Exemption from Tender - Data Analysis and Platform Services - Resilient Sydney Platform**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an exemption from tender for the provision of the Data Analysis and Reporting CCAP tool - Resilient Sydney Platform with Kinesis Pty Ltd, for the contract sum and contingency as stated in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report, for a period of two years, with the option of an extension of one year;
- (B) Council note the reasons that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders are:
  - (i) the Data Analysis and Reporting CCAP tool Resilient Sydney Platform is a unique service offering;
  - (ii) the unavailability of other providers of the CCAP software;
  - (iii) the cost to invite tenders and to implement a potential alternative proprietary solution would provide an uneconomical result for the City and its partner metropolitan councils using the tool, especially in the cost of staff time to all parties;
  - (iv) there is a need for urgent action in the context of the climate emergency and implementing an alternative solution would result in an opportunity loss of staff time and a delay in 33 organisations taking action; and
  - (v) using the Kinesis CCAP tool is the only way to provide a continuous and comparable dataset:
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contract with Kinesis Pty Ltd for provision of hosting, access and ongoing development of the metropolitan environmental foot-printing data analysis and reporting platform on terms acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer; and
- (D) 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.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Scott, and carried unanimously.)

X027335

The Committee recommends the following:-

# **Item 6.7**

# **Tender - Sydney Town Hall Facades Stage 3 Stonework Contract**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer A for Sydney Town Hall Facades Stage 3 Stone Contract for the price and contingency outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contract relating to the tender.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Scott, and carried unanimously.)

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The Committee recommends the following:-

# Item 6.8

# **Tender - Living Colour Floral Display Program**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer D for Living Colour Floral Display Program Part A for the price and contingency sum outlined in Confidential Attachments A and B to the subject report for a period of three 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; and
- (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.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Scott, and carried unanimously.)

X027207

# Item 7

# Report of the Environment Committee - 10 February 2020

#### Item 7.1

# **Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Christine Forster disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, as she is employed as the Senior Media Advisor in the Corporate Affairs department of Woodside Energy, the largest Australian natural gas production company. Councillor Forster stated that it is a clear conflict for her to vote on a resolution that she or her fellow employees must seek alternative employment outside of the fossil fuel industry, and that she would be stepping out for this item.

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

The Committee recommends the following:-

# **Item 7.2**

# **Climate Emergency Response**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) receive and endorse the Climate Emergency Response report; and
- (B) note that Chapter 5 of the July 2019 to December 2019 Environmental Sustainability Progress Report (Green Report) contains updated information about climate related observations and events which supplements the City's 2015 Adapting for Climate Change strategy following a review in 2019.

(Note – at the meeting of the Environment Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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# Item 8

# Report of the Cultural and Community Committee - 10 February 2020

# **Item 8.1**

# **Disclosures of Interest**

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

The Sub-Committee recommends the following:-

#### Item 8.2

# **Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship - Diversity Council Australia - Counting Workplace Culture**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a cash sponsorship of \$40,000 (excluding GST) and venue hire fee waiver up to the value of \$5,000 (excluding GST) to Diversity Council Australia Limited to conduct the proposed "counting culture" research in partnership with the City of Sydney; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer a sponsorship agreement in relation to the sponsorship described in (A) above.

(Note – At the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Scully, and carried unanimously.)

X027391

The Sub-Committee recommends the following:-

#### Item 8.3

#### **Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions 2020 - 2023**

It is resolved that Council approve:

- (A) the establishment of the alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas outlined in Attachment C to the subject report;
- (B) the establishment of the timed alcohol prohibited areas outlined in Attachment C to the subject report; and
- (C) the establishment of the temporary alcohol-free zones outlined in Attachment C to the subject report.

(Note – At the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, this recommendation was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok, and carried unanimously.)

X021620

# **Speakers**

Superintendent Gavin Wood and Superintendent Paul Carrett addressed the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee (Healthy Communities Sub-Committee) on Item 8.3.

The Sub-Committee recommends the following:-

#### Item 8.4

# Grants and Sponsorship - Wesley Edward Eagar Centre and Improving Affordable Housing Opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Persons

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a \$1,000,000 (excluding GST) cash grant to Wesley Community Services Limited for the redevelopment of the Wesley Edward Eagar Centre referred to in Attachment A to the subject report, subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) if all necessary funding has not been secured by Wesley Community Services Limited for the agreed value of the project within 18 months of Council approval of the grant, Council reserves the right to withdraw the grant offer;
  - (ii) the grant funds are to be paid when a Construction Certificate has been awarded;
  - (iii) if Wesley Community Services Limited does not complete the redevelopment referred to in Attachment A to the subject report by 30 June 2025, the City reserves the right to require the \$1,000,000 (excluding GST) grant to be repaid;
  - (iv) all dwellings supported though this grant will remain as affordable housing in perpetuity;
  - (v) the City will require a caveat or similar instrument over the land title to protect the subsidised land use; and
  - (vi) if the use of the facility is changed from the provision of subsidised housing in the future, the grant will be repaid by Wesley Community Services, less building depreciation;
- (B) Council note a development application was approved with conditions in October 2019 for the Wesley Edward Eagar Centre redevelopment referred to in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve a \$150,000 (excluding GST) cash grant to St George Community Housing Limited, subject to the applicant working with the City on the proposed position description, evaluation criteria, including an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person on the recruitment panel and identifying key stakeholders;
- (D) Council note that all funding approved in this report is to be drawn from the City's Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund (when it occurs this expenditure will further reduce the monies that have been set aside in the City's Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund, established as per Council's resolution of 29 June 2015 for the sale of the Harold Park affordable housing site); and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer grant agreements with Wesley Community Services Limited related to the project described in clause (A) and St George Community Housing Limited related to the project described in clause (C).

(Note – At the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, this recommendation was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully, and carried unanimously.)

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#### **Speakers**

Reverend Keith Garner AM and Mr Milan Ostojic addressed the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee (Healthy Communities Sub-Committee) on Item 8.4.

# Item 9

# Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee - 10 February 2020

# **Item 9.1**

# **Disclosures of Interest**

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.

# 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 Committee recommends the following:-

#### Item 9.2

# Post Exhibition - Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement and Draft Local Housing Strategy

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the matters raised in submissions to the public exhibition of City Plan 2036: Draft City of Sydney Local Strategic Planning Statement, Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy and Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy - Technical Paper as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council endorse City Plan 2036: Draft City of Sydney Local Strategic Planning Statement, as shown at Attachments B1 to B6 to the subject report, for referral to the Greater Sydney Commission for their support under section 3.9(3A) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make City Plan 2036: City of Sydney Local Strategic Planning Statement, as shown at Attachments B1 to B6 to the subject report, if the Greater Sydney Commission provides support under section 3.9(3A) of the Act without requiring any changes be made or with minor changes that do not alter the targets or intent of the priorities or actions of the planning statement;
- (D) Council adopt Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy and Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy - Technical Paper, as shown at Attachment D and Attachment E respectively to the subject report, and if required, refer it to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for their approval;
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor amendments to City Plan 2036: City of Sydney Local Strategic Planning Statement, as shown at Attachments B1 to B6 to the subject report, and Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy and Housing for All: Draft City of Sydney Local Housing Strategy Technical Paper, as shown at Attachment D and Attachment E respectively to the subject report, to correct any drafting errors or to ensure it is consistent with any direction given by the Greater Sydney Commission in assuring the City Plan 2036, so long as the direction does not alter the intent, priorities or actions of City Plan 2036; and
- (F) Council note the intended program for implementation of the planning statement and update of the planning controls as described in the subject report.

(Note – At the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Thalis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

X019011

# **Speakers**

Ms Elizabeth King, Ms Katrina Richards, and Ms Jeanette Brokman addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on Item 9.2.

The Committee recommends the following:-

#### Item 9.3

# Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020 - Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012: Central Sydney - Draft Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for submission to the relevant local plan-making authority with a request for a Gateway Determination;
- (B) Council approve Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the Gateway Determination and for not less than 28 days;
- (C) Council seek authority from the relevant local plan making authority, to exercise the delegation of the relevant local plan making authority of all their functions under Section 3.31 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan as amended by Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor variations to Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020 following receipt of the Gateway Determination, including to correct any minor drafting errors;
- (E) Council approve the draft amendments to the Competitive Design Policy shown at Attachment C to the subject report, for public exhibition concurrent with the Planning Proposal for a period of at least 28 days;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the draft amendments to the Competitive Design Policy before its exhibition, including to correct any minor drafting errors;
- (G) Council approve the Draft Development Control Plan: Central Sydney, as shown at Attachment D to the subject report, for public exhibition concurrent with the draft Planning Proposal for a period of at least 28 days;
- (H) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Draft Development Control Plan: Central Sydney before its exhibition, including to correct any minor drafting errors;
- (I) Council approve the Draft Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 shown at Attachment E to the subject report, for public exhibition concurrent with the draft Planning Proposal: Central Sydney 2020, for a period of at least 28 days; and
- (J) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Draft Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 before its exhibition, including to correct any minor drafting errors.

(Note – At the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Thalis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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# **Speakers**

Ms Jeanette Brokman addressed the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on Item 9.3.

The Committee recommends the following:-

#### Item 9.4

# **Fire Safety Reports**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the contents of the Fire Safety Report Summary Sheet, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the inspection reports by Fire and Rescue NSW, as shown at Attachments B to G of 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 30-32 Beaconsfield Street, Alexandria as detailed in Attachment B;
- (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 54 Darlinghurst Road, Potts Point as detailed in Attachment C;
- (E) 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 4 Elizabeth Bay Road, Elizabeth Bay as detailed in Attachment D;
- (F) 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 22 Allen Street, Pyrmont as detailed in Attachment E;
- (G) 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 23-31 Darlinghurst Road, Potts Point as detailed in Attachment F; and
- (H) 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 23 Hughes Street, Potts Point as detailed in Attachment G.

(Note – At the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Thalis, seconded by Councillor Scully, and carried unanimously.)

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# Item 10

# **Questions on Notice**

# **Lord Mayor's Picnic**

1. By Councillor Phelps

#### Question

A resident has raised a concern about the way in which disabled children and their families were treated at the Lord Mayor's New Year's Eve Picnic. The event is a free, catered event for 1,000 children with additional needs and their support persons in the Royal Botanic Gardens to enjoy the 9pm family fireworks on New Year's Eve. The Royal Botanic Gardens hosts another, fee-paying picnic on New Year's Eve as well, charging \$360 per person.

A parent of disabled children has contacted my office, claiming that they were turned away from the Lord Mayor's Picnic, being told that it had been cancelled, without explanation, while the fee-paying event hosted by the Royal Botanic Gardens proceeded.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

- 1. Whether the Lord Mayor's Picnic was cancelled, and under what circumstances?
- 2. What (if any) notice children with additional needs and their support persons were given?
- 3. Did the Royal Botanic Gardens New Year's Eve picnic proceed? If so, why did it proceed while the picnic for disabled children was cancelled?

# **WestConnex Activist Groups**

# 2. By Councillor Phelps

#### Question

The City has objected on many occasions to the WestConnex project.

The City has funded protests against the WestConnex project.

The City designed an alternative proposal, developed by expert transport planners, based on the original design for the project.

Could the Chief Executive Officer advise on the following:

- How much money has been spent on WestConnex Activist Groups, protests and advertising – including but not limited to Fix NSW Transport Coalition and WestConnex Action Group (WAG) – since 2015 (not including traffic studies)?
- 2. What reports have been received on the use of Council funds?
- 3. How much was spent on the City's proposed alternative WestConnex plan including council staff time and external consultants?

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# **Domestic Waste Charge and Take Up of Smaller Bins**

3. By Councillor Scott

#### Question

- 1. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail the number of households paying the following domestic waste charge rates:
  - (a) \$987
  - (b) \$491
  - (c) \$323
- 2. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail the total council revenue generated by the Domestic Waste Charge.
- 3. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail how this revenue was expended by council.

4. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail the number of households with the following bin sizes:

- (a) 50 litre
- (b) 70 litre
- (c) 80 litre
- (d) 120 litre
- (e) 240 litre

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# **City of Sydney Councillor and Council Staff Travel**

4. By Councillor Phelps

#### Question

Analysis has found that a long-haul flight generates more carbon emissions than the average person in dozens of countries around the world produces in a whole year.

The City of Sydney has shown a commitment to reducing its carbon footprint.

It was the first local council in Australia to be certified as carbon neutral under the national carbon offset standard.

The City ensures information about its carbon neutral programme - including offset certificates - is transparent and available for public scrutiny on its website. Offsets are purchased and retired in arrears at the end of the reporting period. And each year the City purchases offsets to ensure it remains 100 per cent carbon neutral.

But this environmental commitment is only declared for travel the City of Sydney pays for.

Considering the City does not pay for the majority of the many international trips City of Sydney councillors take, could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

- 1. How many kilograms of CO2 were generated in 2017/18 by international and domestic trips not paid for but taken by City of Sydney Councillors?
- 2. If this "unpaid" international and domestic travel was neutralised in line with the City's national carbon offset standard?
- 3. How do these CO2 emissions impact the City's reporting of its carbon footprint?

The City of Sydney doesn't disclose what the international travel expenses are for staff. Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

- 4. How many kilograms of CO2 were generated in 2017/18 by international and domestic trips taken by City of Sydney staff?
- 5. If international and domestic travel of City of Sydney staff was neutralised?
- 6. How do these CO2 emissions impact the City's reporting of its carbon footprint?

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# **City of Sydney Waste Management**

5. By Councillor Phelps

#### Question

In 2019, the City implemented some service changes as a result of the appointment of Cleanaway, the City's current Domestic Waste Collection Provider, effective from 1 July 2019.

The City's former mixed waste processing plant was closed in 2018, and the City no longer has access to a mixed waste processing plant.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

- 1. Where is the City's recycling and mixed waste going?
- 2. What exactly happens to the City's discarded plastic, paper, card, metal and glass once it's emptied from the yellow bins?
- 3. What exactly happens to the City's mixed waste once it's emptied from the red bins?
- 4. What actions have been taken to by the City to achieve its own target of "zero waste" by 2030?
- 5. The City of Sydney Council has had the steepest lift in the average amount it charges for waste management in the 2019-2020 financial year, raising fees by 12.5 per cent. What is this increase being spent on?
- 6. What indicators have City staff been using to inform their reports on the City's response to waste recovery and management?

# Item 11

# **Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions**

There are no Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions on Notice for this meeting of Council.

#### Item 12.1

#### **Notices of Motion**

# **Community Service Provision in Glebe**

By Councillor Scully

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
  - (i) the Glebe Society have asked Council to establish "a fully staffed Community Centre" at Glebe Town Hall, in line with Council's review of its community facilities;
  - (ii) the Glebe Society's concerns that "gaining a booking to use [Glebe] community venues involves a complex application process, which is especially difficult for unincorporated groups without insurance," and that "access to an unstaffed venue on booking days can be cumbersome and time-consuming";
  - (iii) the valuable services provided to the Glebe community by the Glebe Community Development Project, which ceased operations in November 2019;
  - (iv) the City provides a range of existing services in Glebe, including the Glebe Neighbourhood Service Centre, the Harold Park Community Hall and St Helen's Community Centre; and
  - (v) the City has invested in making Glebe safer, more accessible and more peoplefriendly, including through the completion of the Glebe foreshore walk and improving the Cardigan Street Reserve;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
  - investigate how services in Glebe might be consolidated and made more accessible to a wider range of constituents, particularly focusing on the needs of older residents;
  - (ii) investigate options for service provision in Glebe, and report back via CEO Update; and
  - (iii) solicit input from Glebe community organisations like the Glebe Society, the Coalition of Glebe Groups and others to discover where the City's service provision in Glebe could be enhanced, and incorporate feedback into delivering the Social Sustainability Policy and Action Plan's commitment to "ensuring our community facilities continue to respond to changing community needs and preferences by analysing user trends, emerging unmet demands and opportunities to improve delivery".

# Item 12.2

#### **Notices of Motion**

# **Prince Alfred Park Rainbow Footpath**

By Councillor Scully

It is resolved that:

#### (A) Council note:

- (i) on 15 November 2017, hundreds of thousands of people gathered in public spaces across Australia, including over 30,000 in Prince Alfred Park, to hear the results of the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey;
- (ii) in June 2019, Council unanimously voted to rename a portion of Prince Alfred Park to 'Equality Green';
- (iii) in September 2019 the Surry Hills Creative Precinct submitted a proposal for the installation of a rainbow footpath in Prince Alfred Park at Equality Green, noting there is interest from the local business community to support this initiative;
- (iv) the success of the rainbow pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Bourke and Campbell Streets, Darlinghurst;
- (B) Council acknowledge the efforts of the Surry Hills business community and support the proposal for a rainbow footpath in Prince Alfred Park;
- (C) Council support this proposal in principle; and
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to facilitate the progress of this proposal in consultation with the Surry Hills Creative Precinct and all relevant stakeholders and provide and update via the CEO Update.

# Item 12.3

#### **Notices of Motion**

#### **Alternatives for New Year's Eve Fireworks**

By Councillor Chung

It is resolved that:

#### (A) Council note:

- the 2019 New Year's Eve Fireworks display were considered the most controversial as the event was permitted to go ahead at the height of the bushfire crisis despite calls for it to be cancelled by the community;
- (ii) drone shows are gradually becoming more common as alternatives to fireworks displays due to their minimal noise and environmental disruption. Between 2015 and 2018, Intel's 'Shooting Star' drones have performed more than 300 shows in 16 countries:
- (iii) notable drone show performances include the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang South Korea and the 2018 Fourth of July show in Aspen, Colorado, which was done as a safer alternative in the midst of a fire ban due to the North American wildfires; and
- (iv) to date, there have been no large-scale drone shows that have been performed in Australia; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate environmentally-sustainable and non-explosive alternatives, such as drone shows, for future New Year's Eve celebrations and provide a report back to Council.

# Item 12.4

#### **Notices of Motion**

# Minute Silence for Firefighters and Bushfire Victims

By Councillor Phelps

It is resolved that:

#### (A) Council note:

- (i) Australia is in the midst of the most catastrophic bushfire season it has ever seen;
- (ii) over 30 people have been killed in these fires, including at least five Australian firefighters, more than 2,500 homes have been destroyed, more than 12 million acres have burned, and more than one billion animals are said to have died in the bushfires so far this fire season;
- (iii) prolonged drought has exacerbated these fires and resulted in a hotter, dryer climate which has amplified the scale of our fire season;
- (iv) the City has already donated to and supported in various ways the disaster recovery effort, including through parking fee waivers, charity events, communications support and more; and
- (v) on 23 January 2020, three American firefighters (Ian McBeth, Paul Hudson and Rick DeMorgan) were killed when a large plane carrying fire retardant crashed near Canberra; and
- (B) all present in the Chamber stand for one minute's silence to honour the professional and volunteer firefighters who have lost their lives, and all those affected by the bushfires.

#### Item 12.5

#### **Notices of Motion**

# **Water Sensitive Urban Design**

**Councillor Thalis** 

It is resolved that:

#### (A) Council note:

- recent extreme weather events including very heavy rainfall which has caused localised flooding, damage to property, roads and trees, risk to life and have further strained our emergency services, recovery staff and waterways;
- (ii) the City of Sydney area gets the bulk of its annual 33.7 billion litres of drinking water from Warragamba Dam, 70km west of the city, and some from the desalination plant in Kurnell, 40km south of the city;
- (iii) only half of the City's 'drinking-standard water' supply is used for drinking, bathing and cooking. The remainder is used for non-drinking purposes flushing toilets, irrigating parks and running large-scale air-conditioning all of which could be serviced by recycled water;
- (iv) planting more trees to combat the urban heat island effect, and engaging in innovative urban greening projects will further increase the City's water consumption;
- (v) potential sources of recycled water include stormwater, ground water, laundry water and waste water;
- (vi) the City's Sustainable Design Technical Guidelines provide guidance on how to apply sustainability in the design of the City's assets;
- (vii) the City's Environmental Action Plan 2016-2021 outlines the City's environmental targets and actions;
- (viii) the City's Decentralised Water Master Plan aims to reduce water demand by 10 per cent by 2030;
- (ix) the Resilient Sydney Strategy 2018 includes technical studies and is a collaboration between more than 1000 people from business, government and communities across Metropolitan Sydney;
- the City of Sydney hosted the Water Sensitive Sydney Summit on 21 February 2018 which brought together representatives from state and local government, businesses, developers, research institutions and peak industry associations to discuss the immense challenges of water management in the context of a growing population, aging infrastructure and a warming climate, while maintaining affordability and equity for Sydney's diverse communities;

(xi) the City of Sydney is a member of the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities Limited which in collaboration with over 80 research, industry and government partners, delivers the socio-technical urban water management solutions, education and training programs, and industry engagement required to make towns and cities water sensitive:

- (xii) the Lord Mayoral Minute on water security last year; and
- (xiii) the City of Sydney has taken action locally incorporating water sensitive urban design in public projects by:
  - (a) building major stormwater recycling projects at Sydney Park and Green Square to save up to one billion litres of water per year and reduce pollution of the Cooks River:
  - (b) building rain gardens within streetscapes to filter stormwater and reduce pollution discharged into waterways;
  - (c) installing rainwater tanks at child care, kindergartens and community centres;
  - (d) stormwater harvesting and reuse projects to irrigate the City's parks and sporting field; and
  - (e) ensuring that a recycled water pipe has been laid down George Street from Circular Quay to beyond Central Station (as part of the CBD and South East Light Rail project). This has the capacity to connect to recycled water facilities at Barangaroo and Central Park;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
  - (i) review relevant Development Control Plans and Policies and Development Application conditions to see where additional stormwater retention, water tanks, dual plumbing and slotted pipes could be promoted as best practice and required in consents;
  - (ii) investigate initiatives, grants and/or pilot projects for existing residential, commercial and industrial buildings to upgrade their water retention capabilities through strategies such as decreasing impervious areas (e.g. surface car parks), additional landscape, adding water tanks, water recycling and infiltration trenches;
  - (iii) audit other smaller community assets such as pocket parks and community gardens to harness any available run off; and
  - (iv) investigate street improvement projects targeted at low traffic local streets. Where there are possibilities, decrease hardstand areas, introduce permeable surfaces and raingardens / planting, re-engineer for improved water infiltration, particularly in areas that feed the Botany Aquifer.

#### Item 12.6

#### **Notices of Motion**

# **Taylor Square Water Feature Maintenance and Upgrade**

By Councillor Forster

It is resolved that:

#### (A) Council note:

- the City of Sydney's 46 water features are significant in terms of their cultural value, heritage status, and contribution to the amenity of the City's public domain;
- (ii) it is important that these and any future water features are maintained to the highest standard of presentation and operation, and that they are managed to ensure efficient use of power and water to contribute to the City's emissions and water targets as part of Sustainable Sydney 2030;
- (iii) all of the City's water features are regularly serviced by the contractor, with most of them being serviced at least three times a week to meet required contract outcomes;
- (iv) Taylor Square is the cultural and historic heart of Sydney's LGBTI community and an iconic destination for both local residents and visitors to the City;
- (v) the Taylor Square water feature was officially opened in 2003 by South Sydney Council following a \$5.25 million investment that also included lighting and the grass terrace known as 'Gilligan's Island'; and
- (vi) the Taylor Square water feature and surrounds are now extensively damaged, with multiple broken light fittings and pavers, and significant build-up of litter and grime throughout the feature.
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
  - (i) arrange for the Taylor Square water feature and surrounds to be inspected and maintained at the earliest opportunity prior to this year's Mardi Gras Parade, scheduled to take place on Saturday, 29 February 2020;
  - (ii) as part of a longer-term upgrading project that already includes the replacement of LED lights scheduled for the 2020/21 financial year subject to plant and asset budget approvals, investigate the option of installing dynamic LED lighting in the water feature:

(iii) review the current cleaning and maintenance schedules for all of the City's 46 water features to:

- (a) ensure that these significant cultural and heritage assets are maintained to the highest standard of presentation and operation;
- (b) identify any water feature, such as the one located in Taylor Square, that require more than the current number of scheduled maintenance visits and adjust the schedule accordingly; and
- (c) report back to Councillors via a CEO Update on the results of this review as soon as practicable.

# Item 12.7

#### **Notices of Motion**

# **Supporting Community Climate Action**

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note that the City of Sydney:
  - (i) declared a climate emergency in June 2019 and strongly supports taking action to prevent dangerous climate change;
  - (ii) strongly supports a just transition, and policies to ensure the delivery of this;
  - (iii) has in its own operations been carbon neutral (net zero emissions) since 2007;
  - (iv) plays a strong role in supporting our communities to join the global community to reduce their own; and
  - (v) is taking a Climate Emergency Response report to Council on 17 February 2020 that recommends that the City:
    - (a) use the planning system to deliver on climate emergency priorities; and
    - (b) support the community to take further action to address the climate emergency;
- (B) Council continue to support efforts to achieve a national consensus on addressing climate change and transitioning to a low-carbon future.

#### Item 12.8

#### **Notices of Motion**

# City of Sydney Councillor and Council Staff Travel

By Councillor Phelps

It is resolved that:

#### (A) Council note:

- (i) analysis has found that a long-haul flight generates more carbon emissions than the average person in dozens of countries around the world produces in a whole year;
- (ii) the City of Sydney has shown a commitment to reducing its carbon footprint;
- (iii) it was the first local council in Australia to be certified as carbon neutral under the national carbon offset standard;
- (iv) the City ensures information about its carbon neutral programme including offset certificates - is transparent and available for public scrutiny on its website. Offsets are purchased and retired in arrears at the end of the reporting period, and each year the City purchases offsets to ensure it remains 100 per cent carbon neutral;
- (v) this environmental commitment is only declared for travel the City of Sydney pays for; and
- (vi) the City receives invitations from various cities globally for Councillors and Council staff to travel for diplomatic and relationship-building purposes. Many of these invitations are paid for by the inviter; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
  - (i) use the City of Sydney budget to pay for all international and domestic travel by Councillors and Council staff:
  - (ii) include all travel expenditure reported in financial statements; and
  - (iii) record and include carbon offsets for domestic and international travel in the offsets purchased and retired in arrears at the end of the reporting period.