

Minutes of the Resilient Communities Committee - 14 August 2023

Members Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore AO (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor HY William Chan, Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis (Deputy Chair), Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Shauna Jarrett, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Linda Scott, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 4.47pm, those present were –

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Weldon was attending the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 4.20 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

The meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee concluded at 5.21pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee of Monday 19 June 2023, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in that she has consulted with a number of potential beneficiaries for this new grant program, that is, organisations who provide food relief in the City of Sydney, and may choose to apply for the new grant program, if it is established.

Councillor Ellsmore considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because the consultation was focused on identifying the needs of the community, to inform her decisions as a local Councillor. She has no personal connection with any of the organisations she spoke to.

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

The Resilient Communities Committee recommended the following:

Item 3

Grants and Sponsorship - Food Support Grants

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the 26 June 2023 Resolution of Council put forward via a Lord Mayoral Minute, requesting the Chief Executive Officer investigate options for financial support for food relief organisations and, where relevant, other community-based initiatives that provide access to low-cost food including cooperatives and mutual aid groups, which are operating in the City of Sydney and report back to Council;
- (B) Council approve the Food Support Grant Guidelines as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve up to \$1.7 million for the provision of the 2023/24 Food Support grants, with \$1.0 million to be sourced from the General Contingency Fund and up to a further \$0.7 million from the CEO Contingency;
- (D) Council approve the Food Support grants to be incorporated into the City's Grants and Sponsorship Program for 2024/25 and 2025/26, along with the associated budget for the grants and the costs associated with staffing and administration;
- (E) Council note that following completion of the grant application and assessment process, all grant recommendations for the Food Support grants will be brought back to Council for approval; and
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor changes to the Guidelines or to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

(Note – at the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Chan, and carried unanimously.)

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Speakers

Ronni Kahn AO (OzHarvest), Coral Lever (First Nations Response), Nellie Pollard-Wharton (First Nations Response) and Rosanna Barbero (Addison Road Community Organisation) addressed the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee on Item 3.

Item 4**Grants and Sponsorship - Ad Hoc Grant - Grant of Licence to Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Ltd**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an ad-hoc grant to Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Limited to licence Suite 17.02B, Level 17, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney from 8 August 2023 to 7 November 2023 in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 on the following rental subsidy which incorporates all outgoings and utilities:

Licence Term	Market Rental Value (approximate)	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
8 August 2023 – 7 November 2023	\$25,781.25	100%	\$25,781.25	\$0

- (B) Council note that the Chief Executive Officer has yet to enter into a three-month licence agreement for Suite 17.02B, Level 17, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney with Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Limited (YES23);
- (C) Council approve an ad-hoc grant to Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Limited to licence Suite 19.02, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney from 22 August 2023 to 7 November 2023 in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 on the following rental subsidy which incorporates all outgoings and utilities:

Licence Term	Market Rental Value (approximate)	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
22 August 2023 – 7 November 2023	\$39,429.60	100%	\$39,429.60	\$0

- (D) Council note that the City will be required to report and declare this financial assistance provided in accordance with the applicable legislation from time to time;
- (E) Council note that the funding for this grant will be sourced from the amount approved by Council on 15 May 2023 to support the Voice to Parliament;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

(Note – at the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Davis, and seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor).

The recommendation was carried on the following show of hands:

Ayes (9) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling

Noes (1) Councillor Jarrett*

Carried.

*Note – Councillor Jarrett abstained from voting on this matter. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Jarrett is taken to have voted against the motion.

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