

Minutes of the Housing For All Committee - 25 March 2024

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

At the commencement of business at 2.31pm, 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 Housing For All Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 4.20 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

The meeting of the Housing For All Committee concluded at 3.13pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Worling –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Housing For All Committee of Monday 4 March 2024, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Housing For All Committee.

Item3**Sale of Surplus Residential Property - Affordable and Diverse Housing**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the outcome of the Expression of Interest for the sale of surplus residential properties for affordable and diverse housing including the process, submissions received and assessment against the objectives and criteria;
- (B) in respect of Units 7 and 8, "Springfield Palms", No. 12 Springfield Avenue, Potts Point (being Lots 7 and 8 in Strata Plan 21921):
 - (i) Council note that one expression of interest was received for this property and that it was in compliance with Council's endorsed criteria;
 - (ii) Council endorse the sale of these properties to B Miles Women's Foundation Incorporated (INC9894299) at a price of \$396,000 excluding GST, with the sale being subject to the placement of a restriction on the title to the land to ensure that the properties are used in perpetuity for affordable housing; and
 - (iii) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to progress and finalise contract negotiations and enter into all necessary documentation to effect the transaction;
- (C) in respect of 5-17 Norman Street, Darlinghurst (being Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 576799):
 - (i) Council note that three expressions of interest were received for this property with one being subsequently withdrawn;
 - (ii) Council note that none of the expressions of interest received met the full criteria endorsed in the Council resolution of 18 September 2023;
 - (iii) Council endorse the sale of this property to Common Equity NSW Ltd (ACN 140 152 398) at a price of \$2,500,000 excluding GST with the sale being subject to the placement of a restriction on the title to the land to ensure that the property is used in perpetuity for affordable housing; and
 - (iv) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to progress and finalise contract negotiations and enter into all necessary documentation to effect the transaction;
- (D) in respect of 169 Victoria Street, Beaconsfield (being Lot C in Deposited Plan 310434):
 - (i) Council note that there were no expressions of interest received for this property;
 - (ii) Council endorse the immediate sale of this property in the open market; and
 - (iii) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to progress and finalise any negotiations and enter into all necessary documentation, including any relevant contract to effect the transaction;
- (E) Council endorse that the proceeds from these transactions are to be allocated to the Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund; and
- (F) Council to be updated on the progress of these transactions through CEO Updates.

Procedural Motion

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

That Item 3 be considered in seriatum, Part 1 comprising clauses (A), (B), (E) and (F); Part 2 comprising clauses (A), (C), (E) and (F); and Part 3 comprising clauses (A), (D), (E) and (F).

Carried unanimously.

(Note – at the meeting of the Housing For All Committee, Part 1 was moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) and carried unanimously; Part 2 was moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) and carried unanimously; and Part 3 was moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Kok and carried on the following show of hands –

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

Noes (1) Councillor Ellsmore.

Carried.)

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Speakers

Kate Timmins (B Miles Women's Foundation, CEO) and Nick Sabel (Common Equity NSW, CEO) addressed the meeting of the Housing For All Committee on Item 3.