Minutes of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee - 12 February 2024

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

At the commencement of business at 2.47pm, those present were -

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

The meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee concluded at 3.07pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Kok -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee of Monday 4 December 2023, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that she knows the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence Limited: Mums and Bubs Health and Wellbeing Program, and Tranby Aboriginal Co-Operative Limited: First Nations Co-Operative Business Leadership through her capacity as Chairwoman for Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ) and as Councillor member for the City of Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel. She has previously engaged in grass roots, cultural and community engagements and various events with these two organisations.

Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because as a Councillor at the City of Sydney, she is not part of the grant applications. She has not been involved in deciding who or which organisations are eligible for the City's grants.

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

The Resilient Communities and Economy Committee recommended the following:

Item 3

Grants and Sponsorship - Dixon Street Improvement Grant Guidelines and Haymarket Activation Grant Guidelines

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the 11 December 2023 Resolution of Council, requesting reports be brought back to Council for any new grant programs arising from the adopted Haymarket and Chinatown Revitalisation Strategy;
- (B) Council endorse the draft Dixon Street Improvement Grant Guidelines as shown at Attachment A to the subject report for public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993;
- (C) Council endorse the draft Haymarket Activation Grant Guidelines as shown at Attachment B to the subject report for public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993;
- (D) Council note the proposed budget implications as described in the subject report and that programs will be incorporated into future budgets for public exhibition and endorsement by Council; and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor changes to the draft Guidelines for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to public exhibition.

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

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Speakers

Brad Chan (Banna Property) and Kevin Cheng (Soul of Chinatown) addressed the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee on Item 3.

Item 4

Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor changes 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 and Economy Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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