

**Minutes of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee - 9 December 2024**

Members Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore AO (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor Lyndon Gannon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM, Councillor Mitch Wilson and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3.59pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller, Thompson, Weldon, Wilson and Worling.

Councillor Gannon left the meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee at 4.56pm, prior to discussion on Item 4, and returned at 5.10pm, after the vote on Item 4. Councillor Gannon was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 4.

Councillor Worling left the meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee at 4.56pm, prior to discussion on Item 4, and returned at 5.10pm, after the vote on Item 4. Councillor Worling was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 4.

**Adjournment**

At 4.11pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee be adjourned for approximately 10 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

**Order of Business**

Following Item 3, at 4.10pm, the Chair (the Lord Mayor) moved a procedural motion (seconded by Councillor Gannon), to alter to order of business, to defer Item 4 until approximately 5.00pm, for the convenience of registered speakers. The procedural motion was carried unanimously.

At 4.56pm, following Item 3 of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee considered Item 4. Discussion of Item 4 concluded at 5.09pm.

The meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee concluded at 5.09pm.

**Item 1****Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Worling–

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee of Monday 11 November 2024, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

## Item 2

### Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Lyndon Gannon disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that he is a close associate of Alex Schuman, CEO of Carla Zampatti through their NSW Liberal Party involvement.

Councillor Gannon stated he will not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Adam Worling disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that through his work as a Fashion Publicist, he has developed a long-standing relationship with both the Australian Fashion Council and Australian Fashion Week.

Councillor Worling stated that he will not be voting on this matter, out of an abundance of caution.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee.

The Innovation, Business and Economy Committee recommended the following:

## Item 3

### Post Exhibition - Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council adopt the Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035 as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to the finalisation of the Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035;
- (C) Council note the Engagement Report summarising consultation during exhibition on the draft Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (D) Council note the Engagement Report summarising sector input that supported the development of the draft Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035, as shown at Attachment C to the subject report.

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

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### Speakers

Jeremy Gill (Head of Policy, Committee for Sydney) and Karl Schlothauer (Vice President, YCK Laneways) addressed the meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee on Item 3.

**Item 4****Grants and Sponsorship - Ad Hoc Grant - Australian Fashion Council**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the recommendation of up to \$100,000 in financial assistance per year for two years (2024/25 and 2025/26) to Australian Fashion Council Ltd for the final two years of the project Australian Fashion Week 2024-2026;
- (B) Council note that the grant agreement will not be signed and payment of the funding will not occur until the City is satisfied that the following pre-conditions are met:
  - (i) Australian Fashion Council Ltd provides and the City approves the detailed project plan for the 2025 and 2026 Australian Fashion Week events;
  - (ii) Australian Fashion Council Ltd provides evidence confirming it has secured other income and funding to deliver the 2025 and 2026 Australian Fashion Week events; and
  - (iii) the agreement with International Management Group of America Pty Ltd has been formally terminated and funds paid to International Management Group of America Pty Ltd for the 2025 event are repaid to the City;
- (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 the agreement with Australian Fashion Council Ltd under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy;
- (E) Council note that it will be advised by CEO Update when the grant agreement is signed by both parties;
- (F) Council note that if the grant agreement is not signed by both parties by 31 March 2025, the Council approval to provide the funding will be automatically rescinded; and
- (G) 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 Innovation, Business and Economy Committee, this recommendation was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Miller, and carried unanimously.)

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**Speakers**

Jaana Quaintance-James (CEO, Australian Fashion Council) and Alex Schuman (CEO, Carla Zampatti) addressed the meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee on Item 4.