

Item 12.6

Notices of Motion

Taylor Square Water Feature Maintenance and Upgrade

By Councillor Forster

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) 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.

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