

Item 7

Report of the Business and Economic Development Committee - 9 May 2022

Item 7.1

Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Jess Scully disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, as she has previously spoken with business operators in the Stanley Street precinct about pursuing street closure initiatives to encourage foot traffic into the area and support their recovery from the pandemic. Councillor Scully stated that she considers this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not had any contact with the applicant about their grant application and was not aware of the recommendation until the Committee papers were published.

Councillor Linda Scott disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, as she has known Jason Yat-sen Li, who is a member of the Haymarket HQ Advisory Board, in a personal capacity for some time, and Jason is the elected Labor representative for the seat of Strathfield in NSW. Councillor Scott stated that she considers this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not spoke to Mr Li in relation to the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship program and does not see this as a significant conflict of interest as a result.

Councillor HY William Chan made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, in that he was involved in organising and hosting a series of events for Spark Festival, an annual national event for startups, innovators and entrepreneurs:
 - in 2020, *The Great Australian Reset – Shaping a Clean Energy Revolution*; and
 - in 2021, *Innovation City: Incubating Place and Culture for Entrepreneurship*.

Noting that Spark Festival has been recommended for \$100,000 funding, Councillor Chan stated that he has not been involved in this grant proposal nor the assessment process, and his involvement with Spark Festival events was in a voluntary capacity. Councillor Chan stated that he considers this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he collaborates with Spark Festival as a member of Sydney's startup community, receives no reimbursement for his participation and has not been involved with this grant application.

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that he was commissioned by Destination NSW as a public artist and designed a light installation artwork at Circular Quay for Vivid Sydney in 2012. Councillor Chan stated that he considers this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not worked in any commissioned capacity with Vivid Sydney or Destination NSW since 2012.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests on any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee.

The Business and Economic Development Committee recommends the following:

Item 7.2

Grants and Sponsorship - Precinct Activation Grants

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Precinct Activation grant program as per Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not successful in obtaining a cash grant for the Precinct Activation grant program as per Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grants amounts are exclusive of GST and all value-in-kind offered is subject to availability;
- (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 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 Business and Economic Development Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Scully, and carried on the following show of hands:

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

Noes (1) Councillor Ellsmore*

* Councillor Ellsmore abstained from voting on this matter. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 9.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Ellsmore is taken to have voted against the motion.)

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Speakers

Lorraine Lock (Eastside Sydney) addressed the meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee on Item 7.2.

The Business and Economic Development Committee recommends the following:

Item 7.3

Grants and Sponsorship - Commercial Creative and Business Events Sponsorship - Vivid Sydney (XCelerate Program) 2023

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a cash sponsorship of \$100,000 (excluding GST) and value in kind sponsorship of up to \$300,000 (excluding GST) under the Commercial Creative Business Events Sponsorship to Destination NSW to support the Vivid X/Celerate live music program as part of Vivid Sydney 2023; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the sponsorship agreement with Destination NSW in support of the X/Celerate program as part of Vivid 2023.

(Note – at the meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried on the following show of hands:

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott and Weldon

Noes (1) Councillor Ellsmore*

* Councillor Ellsmore abstained from voting on this matter. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 9.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Ellsmore is taken to have voted against the motion.

** Due to technical issues, Councillor Scully did not indicate a vote. Councillor Scully is considered to have been absent during voting on this item.)

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Speakers

Gill Minervini (Destination NSW) and Julian Remundi (Destination NSW) addressed the meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee on Item 7.3.