

Item 7

Report of the Business and Economic Development Committee - 20 June 2022

Item 7.1

Disclosures of Interest

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, in that she has an existing relationship with the Pyrmont Ultimo Chamber of Commerce President, as in the past, ASSIPJ, a not-for-profit organisation that she chairs, has engaged his services to the sum of \$450 in December 2020 for festival event mapping and design assistance.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2, in that she has attended the launch of the Pyrmont Food and Wine Festival as a Councillor accompanying the Lord Mayor, on 18 May 2022, followed by the opening of the festival on 28 May 2022.

Councillor Shauna Jarrett disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2, in that she attended Pyrmont Food and Wine Festival where her brother and sister-in-law were exhibitors.

Councillor Jarrett stated that she considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she was attending the Pyrmont Food and Wine Festival in her capacity as a local resident of the City of Sydney.

Councillor HY William Chan disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, in that he has been involved in the Social Enterprise Council of the NSW and ACT community as a sector leader in a voluntary capacity. The Social Enterprise Council is a sector-led peak body that represents the interests of social entrepreneurs and social enterprises across NSW and ACT.

The Social Enterprise Council of NSW and ACT (SECNA) Ltd has been recommended for two economic grants:

- Project 1 – Social Enterprise Myths and Legends – Live Storytelling Events (\$20,000)
- Project 2 – Connect – Networking Events and eNewsletters (\$26,666)

Councillor Chan stated that he considers this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances, as he engages with SECNA is a voluntary capacity. He has no prior knowledge of these grant applications and has not been involved with these grant applications at any stage.

Councillor Lyndon Gannon made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2, in that he is friends with Rafael Bonachela, Artistic Director of the Sydney Dance Company, which applied for a grant, but was not recommended.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2, in that he met with the Art Gallery of NSW to discuss arts policy, and at the meeting there was no mention or discussion of their grants application.

Councillor Gannon stated that he considers these non-pecuniary conflicts of interest are not significant and so not require further action in the circumstances because he was not aware these organisations had applied for a grant, and in any case, neither of them received funding.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 on the agenda, in relation to one of the proposed grant recipients considered for funding – the Sydney Improv Theatre Inc. Councillor Ellsmore’s recent former flatmate is a regular performer with the Sydney Improv Theatre.

Councillor Ellsmore stated that she considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she does not have any relationship with the Sydney Improv Theatre; and she was not aware of the grant recommendation until the Committee papers were published, has not liaised with the Sydney Improv Theatre, or been lobbied by anyone associated with the Sydney Improv Theatre about their grant application. Councillor Ellsmore declared her intention to remain in the meeting during this item and to participate in the debate and decision.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in 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 - Economic Grants

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Business Support - Live Music and Performance Grant Program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not successful in obtaining a cash grant for the Business Support - Live Music and Performance Grant Program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Business Support - Night Time Diversification Grant Program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not successful in obtaining a cash grant for the Business Support - Night Time Diversification Grant Program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Business Support - Place and Industry Grant Program as shown at Attachment E to the subject report noting that all applications are recommended;
- (F) Council note that all grants amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (G) 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
- (H) 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 (7) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Gannon, Kok, Scully and Weldon

Noes (2) Councillors Ellsmore* and Jarrett*.

*Note – Councillors Ellsmore and Jarrett abstained from voting on this matter. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 9.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillors Ellsmore and Jarrett are taken to have voted against the motion.

Motion carried.)

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The Business and Economic Development Committee recommends the following:

Item 7.3

Public Exhibition - Markets Policy

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the draft Markets Policy, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for public exhibition;
- (B) Council note the draft Guidelines to Setting Up a Market on Council Land, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report, which will be exhibited together with the draft Markets Policy; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial corrections prior to the exhibition of the draft Markets Policy and Guidelines.

(Note – at the meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Chan, and carried unanimously.)

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