

Item 7

Report of the Business and Economic Development Committee - 19 June 2023

Item 7.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Chan –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Business and Economic Development Committee of Monday 14 November 2022, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 7.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Clover Moore AO) disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that a grant to Fitness Australia Limited is recommended for funding under the Innovation and Ideas Grant Program. The grant application was made by Mariana Ivantsoff, a former employee at the Office of the Lord Mayor.

The Lord Mayor considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she did not have any contact or discussion about the application with Mariana or anyone from Fitness Australia Limited.

Councillor HY William Chan disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that he has been involved in the Social Enterprise Council of NSW and ACT (SECNA) Ltd in its activities in 2021, and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) as a guest lecturer in 2022.

Councillor Chan considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because his involvement in the organisations were in previous years.

Councillor Shauna Jarrett disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that she is a member of CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Limited. The CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Limited's Expo'24, Supporting Women Run Business, Better Business Program has been recommended for a grant of \$34,250 under the City of Sydney's Business Sector Support Grant Program.

Councillor Jarrett considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she did not have any other relationship with the CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Limited other than being a member.

Councillor Robert Kok disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that Fitness Australia Limited was recommended for a grant.

Councillor Kok considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was not aware of their application for the grant and the recommendations until the committee paper became available, and had not discussed these grants with the recipient. Councillor Kok did not have any contact with the applicant nor had they contacted him about their grant application.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that she has worked with Supply Nation – not necessarily receiving an income – but certainly has a relationship with them. She noted that they are not listed as Supply Nation in the Committee papers.

Councillor Weldon considers that 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 or discussion with Supply Nation about their grant application.

Councillor Adam Worling disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that The Australian Retailers Association is recommended for a grant. In the past, due to his business AWPR and the fashion clients he represents, he has communicated regularly with The Australian Retailers Association.

Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstance because he was unaware up until receiving the papers that they were receiving a grant and have not spoken with The Australian Retailers Association about the grants process.

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

The Business and Economic Development Committee recommended the following:

Item 7.3

Grants and Sponsorship - Business Sector Support and Innovation and Ideas

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Business Sector Support Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Business Sector Support Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (F) 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
- (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 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 (9) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Davis, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling

Noes (1) Councillor Ellsmore*

Carried.

*Note – Councillor Ellsmore abstained from voting on this matter. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Ellsmore is taken to have voted against the motion.)

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