Minutes of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee - 16 June 2025

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

At the commencement of business at 2:02pm those present were -

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

Councillor Miller left the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee at 3:04pm, prior to discussion on Item 6 and returned at 3:11pm, after the vote on Item 6. Councillor Miller was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 6.

Order of Business

At 3:15pm, it was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the Order of Business be altered such that Item 9 be moved to the end of the meeting of Committees to enable confidential discussion.

Carried unanimously.

Closed Meeting

At 6:56pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok, that the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, to discuss Item 9 on the agenda.

Open Meeting

At 7:34pm, the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee was reopened to the public.

The meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee concluded at 7:35pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of Monday 5 May 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that they know the following:

- Ash Nicholson is an active contributor in the nightlife and creative policy space;
- Christopher Tooher, CEO Sydney Festival, is a member of the Australian Festival Association (AFA) which they are Managing Director, and is active in campaigning for a better nightlife and cultural sector;
- John Thorpe was an active member of Sydney Labor during the election campaign in 2024 and is a member of the Paddington Branch, and is also active in the nightlife policy space;
- John Green has worked in the nightlife policy space for a number of years;
- Josef Muller, CEO Music NSW, is a member of the AFA which they are Managing Director, and is active in campaigning for a better nightlife policy environment;
- Kat Dopper, founder of Heaps Gay, is a member of the AFA which they are Managing Director, and a former Board member of the AFA;
- Michael Gibbs, CEO Night Time Industries Association (NTIA), has been active in campaigning for a better nightlife policy environment;
- Tyson Koh from his number of years of campaigning for a better nightlife.

Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as they have had no contact with them about this item and the recommendations have been made by City staff.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that she has a personal friendship with one of the nominees. Councillor Ellsmore does not consider the friendship significant as would require her to recuse herself from decision making for this item. This is also a non-pecuniary interest, as she has no financial relationship with the applicant. Councillor Ellsmore considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed it with anyone.

Councillor Zann Maxwell made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 on the agenda, in that David Hetherington, a Sydney Labor branch member is a resident on this street and will be inadvertently impacted by this land classification. Councillor Maxwell considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because David has not contacted him or spoken with him in relation to this item, and was unaware this item was coming to Committees.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11 on the agenda, in that 2 members of Sydney Labor and volunteers on his 2024 election campaign, Luke Scanlan and Matthew Bognar, are residents on this street and would be impacted inadvertently by these works. Councillor Maxwell considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because they have not approached him about this matter and he was unaware this item was coming to Committees.

Councillor Jess Miller disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda in that she has long-standing relationships with James Thorpe, Kat Dopper and Ash Nicholson. She also ran with Tyson Koh in the Keep Sydney Open Party.

Councillor Miller stated she will not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Adam Worling made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that he has a community relationship with Kat Dopper, who has been appointed to the Nightlife and Creative Industries Advisory Panel. Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was previously unaware of Kat Dopper's appointment to the Nightlife and Creative Industries Advisory Panel.

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that he has a community relationship with Allan Vidor via not-for-profit organisations ReLove and Thread Together. Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because details of this or any grant have never been discussed.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommended the following:

Item 3

Integrated Planning and Reporting Program and Budget 2025/26 – Adoption

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note the Engagement Report for the updated Community Strategic Plan Delivering Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050, including submissions and survey results for the draft community strategic plan, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report

(B) Council note the submissions received from the community, and staff responses, on the draft Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy documents as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;

(C) Council note the proposed changes to the documents, including fees and charges, as incorporated within the Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy, and set out in Attachment C to the subject report;

(D) Council endorse the updated Community Strategic Plan - Delivering Sustainable Sydney 2030- 2050 (2025), as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;

(E) Council adopt the 2025-2029 Delivery Program, as shown at Attachment E to the subject report;

(F) Council adopt the Operational Plan 2025/26, as shown at Attachment F to the subject report;

(G) Council adopt the Long Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Planning documents consisting of the Asset Management Strategy (including the Asset Management Policy) and the Community Asset Management Plan, Community Engagement Strategy and community participation plan, and the Information and Technology Strategy within the Resourcing Strategy 2025, as shown at Attachment G to the subject report;

(H) Council endorse the People Strategy (Workforce Management Strategy) within the Resourcing Strategy 2025, as shown at Attachment G to the subject report;

(I) Council adopt the draft Operating and Capital Budgets and future years' forward estimates as reflected in the Operational Plan 2025/26 and Resourcing Strategy 2025 including:

(i) Operating income of $748.5M, operating expenditure before depreciation of $631.4M for an Operating Result of $117.1M, and a Net Operating Result of $108.9M after allowing for interest, depreciation and capital contributions;

(ii) Capital Works expenditure of $268.7M and a capital works contingency of $8.0M;

(iii) Plant and Assets net expenditure of $23.4M;

(iv) Capital Works (Technology and Digital Services) of $24.0M; and

(v) Net Property Divestments of $122.3M;

(J) Council adopt the Rates Structure, Domestic Waste Management Charges, Stormwater Charges and User Fees and Charges discussed within the subject report and included within the Operational Plan 2025/26;

(K) Council endorse the organisational structure and senior positions included within the Operational Plan 2025/26;

(L) Council approve the Outdoor Dining Guidelines shown at Attachment H to the subject report;

(M) Council note that the City will investigate those locations where the footpath can be permanently extended into road space for outdoor dining, consider the criteria for the extension of the footpath and the appropriate monetary contributions from businesses for the consideration of Council, and as a result, the City will not be accepting any new applications for on-road dining for at least 2 years; and

(N) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to approve minor editorial corrections and to finalise document design, artwork and accessibility prior to publication

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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Speakers

Auranuj Wan Muang, Ziheo Shen (International Student Ambassador), Jane Gleeson-White (Friends of Chippendale), Bjorn Godwin (Friends of Chippendale) and Michael Mobbs addressed the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on Item 3.

Item 4

Investments Held as at 31 May 2025

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 31 May 2025 be received and noted.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Miller, and carried unanimously.)

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Item 5

Post Exhibition - Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note that no submissions were received from the community on the draft Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines;

(B) Council adopt the Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines as shown at Attachment A to the subject report; and

(C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders 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 Arkins, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller, Weldon and Worling

Noes (2) Councillors Ellsmore* and Thompson*.

Carried.

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

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Item 6

City of Sydney Advisory Panel Members

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note the Terms of Reference for Advisory Panels as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;

(B) Council endorse the appointment of the following members of the Housing For All Advisory Panel: Tara Somerville, Mark Degotardi, Leo Patterson Ross, Jessie Hohmann, Paul Coe, Michael Zanardo, Thomas Chailloux and Allan Vidor for a term commencing 1 July 2025 and ending on 31 March 2029;

(C) Council endorse the appointment of the following members of the Inclusion (disability) Advisory Panel: Megan Spindler-Smith, Edward Morris, Bruce Maguire, Nicole Smith, Yvonne Munce, Alexander Elliott, Priscilla Brice, Sharon Xabregas, Rebecca McCash, Stephen Adei, Emily Matthews and Giancarlo de Vera for a term commencing 1 July 2025 and ending on 31 March 2029;

(D) Council endorse the appointment of the following members of the Multicultural Advisory Panel: Elaine Laforteza, Cynthia Simango, Zahra Babuji, Rushi Vyas, Balasundaram Nirmanusan, Mary Karras, Turkan Aksoy, Kevin Cheng, Ravi Prasad, Rosa Loria, Annette Kalczynska and Dilara Nikolovski for a term commencing 1 July 2025 and ending on 31 March 2029;

(E) Council endorse the appointment of the following members of the Nightlife and Creative Industries Advisory Panel: Andrew Richardson, Ash Nicholson, Bethan Donnelly, Christopher Tooher, Dane Gorrel, James Thorpe, John Green, Josef Muller, Katherine Winten, Kat Dopper, Michael Gibb and Tyson Koh for a term commencing 1 July 2025 and ending on 31 March 2029; and

(F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Lord Mayor, to appoint any new/replacement members to Advisory Panels within the term, should the need arise.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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Item 7

Land Classification - 57C Ashmore Street, Erskineville

It is resolved that Council:

(A) endorse the classification of 57C Ashmore Street, Erskineville (being Lot 8 in DP 1262184), which is to be transferred to Council for future public purposes, as operational land in accordance with section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW); and

(B) note that the operational classification is an interim measure to support operational management until the land can be re-classified as community land and included within the Generic Plan of Management.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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Item 8

Proposed Land Classification - 59-99 Belmont Street, Alexandria

It is resolved that Council:

(A) endorse public notification of the proposed resolution: "It is resolved to classify Proposed Lot 101 (Pedestrian and Cycle Shared Path) in the Plan of Subdivision of Lot 100 in DP1290374 at 59-99 Belmont Street, Alexandria, which is to be transferred to Council for public purposes, as operational land in accordance with section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)"; and

(B) note that a further report to Council, to inform of the outcomes of public notification and recommendation of land classification, will follow the notification period.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Mmiller, and carried unanimously.)

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Item 9

Lease Approval - 22 O'Riordan Street, Alexandria

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 23 June 2025.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommendation to the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council approve the grant of a new lease of 22 O’Riordan Street, Alexandria to Portable Innovations Pty Ltd (ACN 656 165 847) in accordance with Confidential Attachment B to the subject report; and

(B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer any documentation required to give effect to the new lease referred in (A) above and in accordance with the terms contained in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report.

Staff Report

The staff report on this matter can be found at Item 9 on the agenda of the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 16 June 2025.

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Item 10

Tender - T-2024-1400 - Traffic Management and Hostile Vehicle Mitigation for Major Events and Festivals

It is resolved that:

(A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer A for Traffic Management for Major Events and Festivals for the schedule of rates outlined in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report, and in accordance with the approved annual budget for a period of 3 years until 30 June 2028, with the option of an extension of a further 3 years until 30 June 2031 if appropriate;

(B) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer C for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation for Major Events and Festivals for the schedule of rates outlined in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report, and in accordance with the approved annual budget for a period of 3 years until 30 June 2028, with the option of an extension of a further 3 years until 30 June 2031 if appropriate;

(C) Council note that the total contract sum and contingency for Traffic Management and Hostile Vehicle Mitigation for Major Events and Festivals is outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;

(D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender; and

(E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the options referred to in clauses (A) and (B), if appropriate.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Miller, and carried unanimously.)

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Item 11

Contract Variation - Oxford Street West and Liverpool Street Cycleway

It is resolved that:

(A) Council approve additional contract contingency for the construction contract with Mack Civil Pty Ltd for the construction of the Oxford Street West and Liverpool Street Cycleway works, as outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;

(B) Council approve the additional funds sought for the Oxford and Liverpool Street Cycleway project as detailed in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and

(C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into any documentation required to give effect to these resolutions.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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