

MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 13 May 2024

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson), Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Manager City Life - Margaret Le, Manager Community and Early Learning Services – Jodi Tweed, Coordinator Programming and Operations - Andrew Williams, Coordinator Community Capacity Building - Alexis Drevikovsky, Grants Officer – Elloise Brady, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer - Marisa Severino, IT Service Desk Technician – Chris Stojanovski, General Counsel – James Fan, Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture - Franziska Mintus and Personal Assistant to Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services – Billie Johnson (Minutes).

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. She paid her respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with section 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits the electronic recording of meetings without the express permission of Council.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

COUNCILLOR SMERDELY DISCLOSED A SIGNIFICANT, NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST IN ITEM COM015-24 GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS 2023-2024 ROUND 2 FOR THE REASON THAT HIS MOTHER IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR JUBILEE COMMUNITY SERVICES.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**COM013-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2024**

(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**COM014-24 Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held 4 April 2024**

(Report by Personal Assistant to Manager, City Life)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Smerdely

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 April 2024 be submitted to the Community and Culture Committee for consideration and to be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COM015-24 Georges River Council Community Grants 2023-2024 Round 2

(Report by Grants Officer)

Note: Councillor Smerdely left the meeting at 6.07pm.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Ambihaipahar

(a) That the funding recommendations resulting from Georges River Council Community Grants 2023-2024 Round 2, as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report, be adopted.

(b) That Council note that funds of \$523.00 not allocated in Community Grants 2023-2024 Round 2 be returned to general revenue as savings.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

Note: Councillor Smerdely joined the meeting at 6.09pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

At this stage of the meeting, time being 6.09pm, the Chair, Councillor Liu, advised that the meeting would move into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the Closed Session and access to the correspondence relating to the item considered during the course of the Closed Session will be withheld.

This action was taken to allow discussion of the following item:

COM015A-24 Lease Agreement between Georges River Council and Olds Park Sports Club Limited

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report be considered in closed Council Meeting at which the press and public are excluded. In accordance with Section 10A(2) (d(ii)) it is considered the matter commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

THAT in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) of the Act, the reports and correspondence relating to these matters be withheld from the press and public.

The Chair, Councillor Liu asked the Director Community and Culture if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in Closed Session.

The Director replied that no representations had been received in relation to the item in Closed Session.

Councillor Liu asked if there were any members of the public gallery who would like to speak on the reasons the Committee proposes to consider the item in Closed Session.

MOTION: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry

That in accordance with Section 10A Clause 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Committee enter into Closed Session to discuss item **COM015A-24 Lease Agreement between Georges River Council and Olds Park Sports Club Limited**.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION (CONFIDENTIAL ITEM)**CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS****COM015A-24 Lease Agreement between Georges River Council and Olds Park Sports Club Limited**

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council approve the General Manager to enter into a Lease agreement between Georges River Council and Olds Park Sports Club Limited, as outlined within this report with the following amendments:
- (b) The subsidy of 50% is granted for years 1 and 2 of the lease.
- (c) The subsidy of 50% for years 3, 4 and 5 is not guaranteed and must be applied for to Council each year.
- (d) The subsidy for years 3, 4 and 5 will be conditional upon Olds Park Sports Club presenting a business case to Council on how they will return to profit, and that all rents are up to date and paid.
- (e) That Council approve the Sub-Lease agreement between Olds Park Sports Club Limited to Meals on Wheels Australia for the term of the Lease as outlined within this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

MOTION Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Konjarski

That the meeting revert to Open Session, the time being 6.16pm.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION**CONFIRMATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Mort

That the recommendations from the Closed Session in relation to item **COM015A-24 Lease Agreement between Georges River Council and Olds Park Sports Club Limited** be confirmed as recommendations of the Committee.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.18pm

Chairperson