

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 13 May 2024

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Veronica Ficarra and Councillor Colleen Symington.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Chief Audit Executive – Steven Baker, Head of Strategic Property - Bernard Morabito, Kristen O’Grady – Senior Property Officer, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paras, A/Executive Assistant – Barb Presti, (Minutes) Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott, Technology Business Support Officer – Earl Santos.

OPENING

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my 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.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

That a leave of absence be accepted for Councillor Katris and Councillor Mahoney.

MOTION: Councillor Symington, Councillor Ficarra

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Symington

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

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson 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

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FIN015-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2024

(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Symington

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIN016-24 Investment Report as at 31 March 2024

(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra

That the Investment Report as at 31 March 2024 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Symington

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

FIN017-24 Quarterly Budget Review Report for Period Ending 31 March 2024

(Report by Senior Business Performance Accountant)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Symington, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ending 31 March 2024.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2023/24 Budget as outlined in Attachment 1.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Symington

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

Note: The following Questions With No Notice were asked by Councillor Symington with regard to FIN017-24 - Quarterly Budget Review Report - Item Q24/020 Mayoral Replacement Vehicle (State Contract SCM0653):

Q1. Is the Mayoral replacement vehicle leased, if so how long for and cost per month?

Q2. What budget is this cost coming from?

Q3. What type of vehicle is it and what is its ecofriendly credentials e.g. hybrid or electric?

Q4. Is this vehicle a similar standard to other Council vehicles?

Q5. Who made the decision to replace the Camry Hybrid that was previously used by the Mayor?

The questions were taken on notice by the Director Finance and Governance and responses will be reported to the May 2024 Council Meeting.

FIN018-24 Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio Report for Period Ending 31 March 2024

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra

That Council receive and note the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio, for the period ending 31 March 2024.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Symington

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

FIN019-24 Property Matter - Ramsgate Car Park, Ramsgate

(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra

- (a) That the report "Property Matter - Ramsgate Car Park, Ramsgate" be received and noted.
- (b) That the General Manager acknowledge the unsolicited offer and express that Council is declining the offer for the sale of the Ramsgate Car Park based on their being no strategic justification for disposal.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Symington

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

FIN020-24 Property Matter - Purchase of 23 Cook Street, Mortdale

(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Symington

- (a) That Council purchase the residential property at 23 Cook Street, Mortdale, being Lots 20 and 21 in Deposited Plan 4817 on the terms outlined generally in this report and in confidential Attachment 1 to this report.
- (b) That Council authorise the General Manager to execute the Contract for Sale, Transfer Document, Lease Agreement and all other associated documentation to affect the purchase of Lots 20 and 21 in Deposited Plan 4817 located at 23 Cook Street, Mortdale.
- (c) That in accordance with Section 31 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the land be

classified as Operational Land upon settlement.

- (d) That Council approve the budget for the acquisition as outlined in the associated attachments and the proposed funding source of the Strategic Centre Reserve.
- (e) That Council approve for the appropriate public notification to be undertaken for the property classification process and future community lease Expression of Interest (EOI) process.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Symington

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.10pm