

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Tuesday, 10 June 2025

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Leon Pun, Councillor Peter Mahoney, and Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Chief Corporate Governance and Risk Officer – Renata Sala, Coordinator Communications and Engagement – Catherine James, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Executive Assistant to Director Business and Corporate Services – Ally Chand (Minutes), Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott and Technology Business Support Officer – Lee Fermor.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson, opened the meeting at 6.03pm.

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.

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 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**FIN019-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2025**

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS**FIN020-25 Investment Report as at 30 April 2025**

(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney

That the Investment Report as at 30 April 2025 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FIN021-25 Review of the Code of Conduct

(Report by Chief Governance and Risk Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

(a) That Council adopt the draft Code of Conduct in Attachment 1, in accordance with section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993, incorporating:

- i. minor administrative updates, and
- ii. a new clause in Part 6.2 to exempt gifts valued at \$10 or less (subject to regulatory and approval conditions), aligning more closely with the Model Code of Conduct.

(b) That Council note community consultation is not required, for the reasons outlined in this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FIN022-25 Review of the Code of Meeting Practice

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mahoney

(a) That Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice attached to this report in accordance with

Section 360 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

(b) That Council note that a further review of the Code of Meeting Practice will be conducted when the revised Model Code of Meeting Practice has been prescribed.

(c) That Council note community consultation is not required, for the reasons outlined in this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FIN023-25 T25/007 Media and Social Media Monitoring and Management (Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

(a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender that is recommended for T25/007 Media and Social Media Monitoring and Management, as outlined in the confidential attachments.

(b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.

(c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.11pm.

Chairperson