Minutes:  Ordinary Council Meeting

Date:    Monday 19 October 2015

Time:    8.00pm
# Ordinary Council Meeting

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Items Determined Under Delegated Authority by Council Committees

The following items were determined under Delegated Authority. To see the delegated decisions of Council please refer to the individual Committee Meeting Minutes.

Development Control Committee held on Tuesday 06 October 2015

D1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 21 September 2015
D2 DA2015/179/1 - 95 Wolseley Road, Point Piper
D3 DA207/2015/1 - 14A Wunulla Road Point Piper
D4 DA2013/399/2 - 4A Nelson Street Woollahra (Brougham House)
D5 DA169/2015/1 - 180 Jersey Road Paddington
D6 DA114/2015 - 153-155 Edgecliff Road Woollahra
D7 DA2015/33 - 2A Oxford Street Woollahra (Light Brigade Hotel)
D8 DA 248/2015/1 - 11 Cooper Street Double Bay
D9 DA332/2015/1 - 16B/21 Thornton Street Darling Point
D10 DA103/2015/1 - 17 Carlotta Road Double Bay
D11 DA368/2015/1 - 380 Oxford Street Paddington
D12 Register of Current Land and Environment Court Matters and Register for Court Proceedings for Building Control, Environmental Control and Health Control

Corporate & Works Committee held on Tuesday 06 October 2015

D1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 21 September 2015
D2 26-28 Cranbrook Road, Bellevue Hill - Proposed Road Closure and Sale (SC3141)
Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of Woollahra Municipal Council
held at the Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on
19 October 2015 at 8.00pm.

Present: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Toni Zeltzer
Councillors:  Ted Bennett
             Luise Elsing
             James Keulemans
             Greg Levenston
             Anthony Marano
             Katherine O’Regan
             Susan Wynne
             Jeff Zulman

Staff:     Craig Bennett (Manager – Governance & Council Support)
          Allan Coker  (Director – Planning & Development)
          Stephen Dunshea (Director – Corporate Services)
          Gary James  (General Manager)
          Tom O’Hanlon (Director – Technical Services)
          Kylie Walshe (Director – Community Services)

Also in Attendance: Nil
Confirmation of Minutes

(Wynne /Keulemans)

1/17 Resolved without debate:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 September 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

(Wynne /Keulemans)

2/17 Resolved without debate:

That the following Recommendation from the Strategic and Corporate Committee Meeting of Tuesday 8 September 2015 and adopted as part of the confirmation of the minutes of that meeting at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 28 September 2015 be received and noted:

A. THAT Council receive and note the initial “Urban Design Assessment Memorandum from Staff - 28 August 2015” for the Cross Street Car-park Cinema Development Proposal presented as Confidential Annexure 1 to this report.

B. THAT Council receive and note the “Stage One: EOI Evaluation Report and Feasibility Analysis – July 2015” from CBRE Pty Ltd for the Cross Street Car-park Cinema Proposal presented as Confidential Annexure 2 to this report.

C. THAT Council shortlist the three (3) proponents/proposals identified as preferred proponents in Confidential Annexures 1 and 2 for further investigation.

D. THAT the further investigation includes clarification of the key items identified by CBRE Pty Ltd at Appendix III of Confidential Annexure 2 and other matters noted by Council’s planning and technical services staff as requiring clarification.

E. THAT a further report be presented to the Strategic and Corporate Committee following a review of the further information requested from the shortlisted proponents with a view to Council determining at that point whether it wishes to proceed further with the Cross Street Cinema Proposal and if so, to proceed either through direct negotiations with a preferred proponent or through select tender with two or three of the shortlisted proponents.

Leave of Absence and Apologies

(Levenston/Wynne)

3/17 Resolved without debate:

THAT Leave of Absence for all meetings of the Council and its Committees be granted to Councillor Deborah Thomas for the period from 19 October 2015 to 25 October 2015 inclusive.

Note: Leave of absence has previously been granted to:

- Councillor Ted Bennett for the period from 9 November 2015 to 27 November 2015.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Peter Cavanagh, Andrew Petrie and Matthew Robertson and leave of absence granted.
Declarations of Interest

Nil

Late Correspondence

Note: Council resolution of 27 June 2011 to read late correspondence in conjunction with the relevant Agenda Item: Mayoral Minute.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Councillor Keulemans

4/17 THAT Standing Orders be suspended to allow Councillor Keulemans to advise Council of the Undressed Sustainable Fashion Show.

The Mayor ruled Urgency and permitted the Suspension of Standing Orders.

Adopted

Councillor Keulemans advised:

That he had the pleasure of attending the Undressed Sustainable Fashion Show held on Saturday evening the 17th October, 2015, which was held in the Woolworths car park in Double Bay.

It again demonstrated that Double Bay is now back on the map. It was a superb evening. It brought home the reality of the need for more sustainable practices in the fashion industry.

The show was executed beautifully.

The event was supported by Council Officers, the Double Bay Chamber of Commerce and other groups.

Councillors Wynne, Elsing and O’Regan attended the event along with Councillor Keulemans.

The Council noted the information.

Councillor Elsing

5/17 THAT the Suspension of Standing Orders continue to allow Councillor Elsing to advise Council of the REALise film festival.

The Mayor ruled Urgency and permitted the continuation of the Suspension of Standing Orders.

Adopted

Councillor Elsing advised:

That the REALise film festival had a recent achievement. This achievement was the formation of a Youth Council. This Youth Council discusses advertising and marketing and ways to promote the film festival.

The Council noted the information.
Councillor Marano

6/17 THAT the Suspension of Standing Orders continue to allow Councillor Marano to advise Council of The Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize.

The Mayor ruled Urgency and permitted the continuation of the Suspension of Standing Orders.

Adopted

Councillor Marano advised:

That the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize is on downstairs in the Thornton Room until this Sunday the 25th October, 2015. The opening of the event was held on Friday 9 October, 2015 at 6 pm. Over 400 people attended the opening.

There was over 700 entries this year, which was reduced down to 45 finalists.

This Wednesday evening the 21st October, 2015 there is an artist panel discussion. One of the judges Penelope Seidler will be speaking. In addition to Penelope, Dr Michael Grant from the Art Gallery of New South Wales and Barbara Flynn from the City of Sydney will also be speaking.

Robert Owen, who is 75 years of age was the oldest person ever to win the $15,000 first prize.

The Council noted the information.

Councillor Zulman

7/17 THAT the Suspension of Standing Orders continue to allow Councillor Zulman to advise Council of the Spring Cycle in Sydney.

The Mayor ruled Urgency and permitted the continuation of the Suspension of Standing Orders.

Adopted

Councillor Zulman advised:

That he participated in the Spring Cycle on Sunday 18 October, 2015 with his daughter. Councillor Zulman and his daughter represented Woollahra Council.

The event attracted over 10,000 riders.

The Council noted the information.

Councillor Zeltzer

8/17 THAT the Suspension of Standing Orders continue to allow Councillor Zeltzer to advise Council of the William Street Fair.

The Mayor ruled Urgency and permitted the continuation of the Suspension of Standing Orders.

Adopted
Councillor Zeltzer advised:

That she would like to thank everyone involved in the William Street Fair. She had the opportunity to attend and it was the biggest and the best event yet. Thousands of people attended the event.

The Council noted the information.

Councillor Zeltzer

THAT the Suspension of Standing Orders continue to allow Councillor Zeltzer to advise Council of the Rose Bay Community Gardens.

The Mayor ruled Urgency and permitted the continuation of the Suspension of Standing Orders.

Adopted

Councillor Zeltzer advised:

That she would like to comment on the Rose Bay Community Gardens.

Various local people have plots at the gardens. They are growing some amazing herbs, vegetables, fruit and companion flowers and other plants.

Its first anniversary was celebrated yesterday. Councillor Zeltzer thanked the organisers of the event.

The Council noted the information.
Mayoral Minute

Item No: 6.1
Subject: VALE DR GROSVENOR BURFITT-WILLIAMS
Author: Cr Toni Zeltzer, Mayor of Woollahra
File No: 15/147806
Reason for Report: To offer condolences to the family of the late Dr Grosvenor Burfitt-Williams (1921-2015) and to recognise his service to Woollahra Council and the local community.

(Wynne /O'Regan)

10/17 Resolved without debate:

1. THAT Council place on public record Woollahra Council’s recognition of the outstanding contributions to the community made by the late Dr Grosvenor Burfitt-Williams through his representation as a former Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor.

2. THAT the Mayor write on behalf of the Council and the community to the family of Dr Burfitt-Williams to convey our sympathy and our gratitude for his service to the community of Woollahra.

Burfitt-Williams, Grosvenor Charles Thomas MB, BS. DO. FRANZCO, FRACS, FRC Ophth. (1921 – 2015)

I was sad to hear of the recent death of former Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Dr Grosvenor Burfitt-Williams. Dr Burfitt-Williams died on 5 October 2015, survived by his wife, Judith, and their children Grosvenor, Robert, Mary, Sally and Walter and their families.

Dr Burfitt-Williams, was an ophthalmic surgeon and long-term resident of the Municipality of Woollahra. Like his parents, Dr Burfitt-Williams enjoyed a very successful career in medicine. He served as an alderman on Woollahra Council for almost nine years, including one term as Mayor and two as Deputy-Mayor.

In 1925, the Burfitt-Williams household moved from their former Glebe Point Road residence and settled at Glenleigh, a house on the eastern side of Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill. Grosvenor was educated at Marcellin College, Randwick, before pursuing his undergraduate medical studies at the University of Sydney, where, like his mother, he served as a Fellow of the Senate of the University (1975-1989).

Dr Burfitt-Williams undertook postgraduate study and research in ophthalmology in London and from 1950 took up the role of Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon at a number of Sydney hospitals, including the Royal Alexandra Hospital. He also served in an honorary capacity in executive positions for the Royal Australian College of Ophthalmologists.

In 1957, Grosvenor Burfitt-Williams married Judith Meikle Davies at St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney.
For over twenty years, Grosvenor and Judith Burfitt-Williams made their family home at 38 Wentworth Road Vaucluse, a house which they purchased in 1962 from the Wharton estate. In later years, after their five children had reached adulthood, Grosvenor and Judith Burfitt-Williams lived in Thornton Street in Darling Point.

At the Local Government elections held 4 December 1965, Grosvenor Burfitt-Williams was elected as aldermen of Woollahra Council to represent the residents of the Bellevue-Rose Bay Ward. He would, in his subsequent two terms on Council, represent the Vaucluse Ward.

The newly elected Alderman Burfitt-Williams attended his first meeting of the Council on 13 December 1965. Initially he was appointed to serve on the Building and Health Committee and the Trees and Gardens Committee. Later in his first term he joined the Works Committee.

He quickly emerged as an advocate for public open space, pointing swiftly to the need for improvements in children’s playgrounds. Over his period on Council, Aldermen Burfitt-Williams served on the Finance, the Planning and the Community Services Committees as well as a number of single-issue committees formed in response to matters of immediacy.

Alderman Burfitt-Williams second term on Council, which began with the Local Government elections held 7 December 1968, coincided with one of the more challenging periods for the aldermen of Woollahra, with the implementation of the Local Government (City of Sydney Boundaries) Act, 1967. Under this legislation, a large portion of the former Municipality of Paddington was removed from the City and added to the Municipality of Woollahra. Structurally, a new ward (“Paddington”) was created in August 1968, and an additional allocation of alderman brought Council numbers to eighteen.

Alderman Burfitt-Williams was comfortably elected Mayor at the Mayoral election held 11 December 1969, gaining two-thirds of the vote. He himself characterised this success as an acknowledgment of the four years he had already spent at the Council table, learning from his fellows – in his words, ‘the benefit of an apprenticeship’ and ‘the privilege to have served under four excellent Mayors’.

On either side of his Mayoralty, Alderman Burfitt Williams served a term as Deputy Mayor – elected to this position in council elections held 12 December 1968 and 13 September 1971 respectively. He was acknowledged by the two Mayors he served – Alderman Andrew Clayton and Alderman Thomas Reynolds – for his ‘loyalty and efficiency’ and his ‘diligence’ in the role.

Grosvenor Burfitt-Williams retired at the close of his third term as Aldermen, choosing not to stand at the Local Government elections held 21 September 1974, and attending his final Council meeting on 16 September 1974.

Almost 20 years before entering Local Government, Grosvenor Burfitt-Williams wrote a Letter to the Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald, published on 22 May 1946, which presented some interesting ideas about local government reform, which have stood the test of time. In the letter he suggested any reform should increase personal contact between alderman and citizens. I wonder what Dr Burfitt-Williams would have made of the current debate on NSW local government reform and our opposition to a forced amalgamation that would reduce the very important local representation he so strongly believed in.

Tonight we honour a great man who made an outstanding contribution to our local community. On behalf of a grateful community, we extend our condolences to the family of the late Dr Grosvenor Burfitt-Williams.
Corporate & Works Committee

Items with Recommendations from the Committee Meeting of Tuesday 6 October 2015
Submitted to the Council for Determination

Item No: R1  Recommendation to Council
Subject: RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK CAFE TENDER SC2730
Author: Minnie Cai, Property Officer
Approvers: Zubin Marolia, Manager - Property & Projects
          Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services
File No: 15/124393
Reason for Report: To recommend to Council the acceptance of a Tender

(Wynne /Bennett)

Resolved without debate:

A. THAT Council enter into a lease agreement with Tarcorp Pty Ltd for a five (5) year initial term plus a five (5) years option term, at a commencement rent of $85,000 per annum plus GST, with CPI annual increases and a review to market upon exercise of the option.
B. THAT the lease agreement includes a refurbishment commitment of no less than $34,000 by Tarcorp Pty Ltd, subject to any necessary development approval.
C. THAT the successful tenderer and the unsuccessful tenderers be advised
D. THAT Council authorise the General Manager to execute all legal agreements required to enter into a lease agreement with Tarcorp Pty Ltd.
E. THAT the business plans of all tenderers and the tender assessment scoring sheets be made available for any Councillors wishing to review.

Item No: R2  Recommendation to Council
Subject: CHRISTISON PARK IRRIGATION AND STORMWATER HARVESTING TENDER (SC2982)
Author: Rod Ward, Project Manager Open Space
Approvers: Paul Fraser, Manager - Open Space & Trees
          Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services
File No: 15/124775
Reason for Report: To recommend to Council the acceptance of a Tender

(Wynne /Bennett)

Resolved without debate:

A. THAT Council enters into a Contract with Neverstop Water Harvesting Pty Ltd for an irrigation and stormwater harvesting system at Christison Park for the sum of $175,476.90 (excluding GST).
B. THAT successful and unsuccessful tenderers be advised accordingly.
**Item No:** R3  Recommendation to Council

**Subject:** TENDER SC 2928 FOR WOOLLAHRA COUNCIL PARKS PUBLIC TOILET CLEANING SERVICES

**Author:** Nola Urquhart, Coordinator Assets & Parks Maintenance

**Approvers:**
Paul Fraser, Manager - Open Space & Trees
Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services

**File No:** 15/119937

**Reason for Report:** To recommend to Council the acceptance of a tender

(Wynne /Bennett)

**13/17 Resolved without debate:**

A. THAT Council enter into a Contract with SKG Pty Ltd to carry out Council’s Parks Public Toilet Cleaning Services for a period of three (3) year period for an annual sum of $76,440 excluding GST with two (12) twelve month options subject to satisfactory performance at Council’s discretion.

B. THAT successful and unsuccessful tenderers be advised of the outcome of the tender process.

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**Item No:** R4  Recommendation to Council

**Subject:** PADDINGTON BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP BUSINESS PLAN/FUNDING REQUEST 2015/2016 OXFORD STREET - PLACE MANAGEMENT (SC2222)

**Author:** Peter Kauter, Manager Placemaking

**File No:** 15/53688

To report on the allocation in Council’s 2015/2016 budget for the co-funding, with the City of Sydney, of a place manager for Oxford Street

(Wynne /Bennett)

**14/17 Resolved without debate:**

A. THAT the Council provide funding to the Paddington Business Partnership for 2015/2016 so that it may carry out the activities contained in the ‘our plan’ part of The Paddington Business Partnership business plan for 1st July 2015 – 30th June 2016.

i. The total funding provided to the Paddington Business Partnership for 2015/2016 be $45,000

ii. 10% of the total funding be withheld pending the Paddington Business Partnership submitting a satisfactory mid-stream report on its activities.

B. THAT, in light of the City of Sydney’s decision not to co-fund a place manager for Oxford Street, the use of funds allocated in the Council’s 2015/2016 budget for this purpose be the subject of a report from the Oxford Street Working Party to the Urban Planning Committee.
Item No: R5  Recommendation to Council
Subject:  FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 (FY255-02)
Author: Don Johnston, Chief Financial Officer
Approvers: Stephen Dunshea, Director - Corporate Services
Gary James, General Manager
File No: 15/119581
Reason for Report: To present the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 to the Committee, provide commentary on the budget result for 2014/15 and recommend to Council the adoption of Council’s Statement in relation to the Financial Statements

(Wynne /Bennett)

Resolved without debate:

A. That Council note the budget result achieved for 2014/15 is a surplus of $1,483k, representing an improvement of $1,435k on the March 2015 budget review forecast and resulting in a working funds balance of $4,210k at 30 June 2015.

B. That Council make the following transfers to Reserves from the $1,483k budget surplus for 2014/15, reducing the working funds balance at 30 June 2015 to $2,810k:
   - $700k – Open Space Projects Reserve;
   - $250k – Property Development Reserve;
   - $200k – Insurance Reserve;
   - $150k – Information Technology Reserve; and
   - $100k – Fit for the Future Reserve

C. That Council note the Financial Statements include a transfer of the $897k proceeds from its successful mediation to the Employee Leave Entitlements Reserve, increasing the level of funding to 20% of Council’s leave liability.

D. That Council, having noted the statement of confirmation provided in the report by the General Manager, the Director Corporate Services and the Chief Financial Officer (Responsible Accounting Officer), adopt the following statement in relation to its Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015:

That, in relation to the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015, Council is of the opinion that:

The General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

i. the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and Regulations made thereunder;

ii. the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements; and

iii. the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

and to the best of our knowledge and belief these Statements:

present fairly Council’s operating result and financial position for the year; and

accord with Council’s accounting and other records;

and further, the signatories to the Report, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are not aware of any matter that would render the Statements false or misleading in any way;
E. That Council formally refer the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 for audit; and

F. In anticipation of receiving the Auditor’s Reports, set the Corporate & Works Committee meeting to be held on Monday 2 November 2015 as the meeting at which the Financial Statements will be presented to the public.
Development Control Committee

Items with Recommendations from the Committee Meeting of Tuesday 6 October 2015
Submitted to the Council for Determination

ITEM No.  R1  Recommendation to Council
FILE No.  DD036.2015.00000028.001
ADDRESS  Gap Bluff Watsons Bay
PROPOSAL  The adaptive reuse of the following buildings within the National Park:
The Officers Mess, Armoury Building, Gap Bluff Cottage, Constables Cottage, 33 Cliff Street & Green Point Cottage

(Wynne /Keulemans)

Resolved:

16/17

THAT the Council advise the Office of Environment and Heritage and the Minister for the Environment and Heritage and the Assistant Minister for Planning, through both the General Manager and the Mayor that the Gap Bluff development (alterations and additions to the existing buildings) on the following land within Watsons Bay:
- The Officers Mess, Armoury and Gap Bluff Cottage located on Gap Bluff Road.
- Constables Cottage located at 32 Cliff Street, Watsons Bay.
- 33 Cliff Street, Watsons Bay.
- Green Point Cottage located at 36 Pacific Street, Watsons Bay.

is unsatisfactory and not supported by Council for the following reasons:

1. That Council does not support the proposal because of the cumulative impacts upon the amenity of tourists, visitors, existing businesses and residents of Watsons Bay, in particular the traffic, parking and noise impacts are considered by Council to not be fully justified by the proposal and are unsatisfactory.

2. That Council does not support the proposal because the proposal will not foster public appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of nature and cultural heritage and their conservation or providing for the management of land reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 in accordance with the management principles articulated by the Plan of Management for Sydney Harbour National Park 2012 (PoM), in particular it is considered that "Key project 11 - Gap Bluff Adaptive Re-use" was to include appropriate community uses and provide increased opportunities for visitor appreciation and access to the site. (page 41 of the PoM). There are no community uses proposed and access to the site will be restricted, not increased.

3. The proposal does not demonstrate exemplary adaptive re-use management of the South Head, Camp Cove and Green, Point or Gap Bluff precincts because it fails to include community uses and increased opportunities for visitor appreciation and access to the site (page 41 of the PoM).

4. The proposal will not improve access to the National Park, and is inconsistent with the aims and objectives of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. Specifically, the proposal is contrary to section 2A(c) and section 2A(d) of the Act.
5. The proposal is inconsistent with the identified desired outcomes of the Plan of Management of Sydney Harbour National Park 2012 (PoM).

6. The proposal would adversely impact upon the heritage significance of The Officers’ Mess, The Armoury, Constables Cottage, Gap Bluff Cottage and Green Point Cottage, which are designated as Heritage Items within the Woollahra Local Environmental Plan 2014.

7. The proposal fails to provide adequate off street car parking.

8. The traffic generated by the proposal would adversely impact upon the local road network.

9. The proposal would adversely impact upon emergency service vehicle access.

10. The proposal exceeds the relevant noise criterion, and would fail to maintain a reasonable level of acoustic privacy to the neighbouring properties.

11. The proposal results in an unacceptable intensification of the use of the subject site.

12. There is insufficient public transport infrastructure to support the proposal.

13. The public consultation of the proposal has been grossly insufficient.

14. The proposal fails to protect the intrinsic value of the National Park for the local residents and broader public.

15. For the reasons set out above, the proposal is not considered to be in the public interest.

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**Item No:** R2  Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:**  
**SECTION 121ZD FIRE BRIGADE INSPECTION REPORT - 51 DARLING POINT ROAD DARLING POINT**  
**Author:** Richard Smith, Fire Safety Officer  
**File No:** 15/68719  
**Reason for Report:** To consider the Section 121ZD Report of Fire and Rescue NSW for 51 Darling Point Road Darling Point in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

(Bennett/Wynne)

**Resolved without debate:**

A. That Council receive and note the report of Fire and Rescue NSW dated 23 April 2015 with regard to premises at 51 Darling Point Road Darling Point.

B. That Council exercise its powers to issue a ‘Notice of Intention’ to issue an Order No 6 in the Table to section 121B of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* as detailed in Annexure 2 of the report.

C. That Council notify the Commissioner of New South Wales Fire Brigades of its determination of this matter pursuant to section 121ZD(4) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.
Questions for the Next Meeting

Item No: 12.1
Subject: QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING
Author: Ailsa Crammond, Governance Services Coordinator
Approver: Craig Bennett, Manager Governance & Council Support
File No: 15/146037
Reason for Report: To provide a response to Questions for Next Meeting from Council Meeting of 28 September 2015 and for Councillors to ask Questions for Next Meeting in accordance with Council’s Code of Meeting Practice.

(Bennett/O'Regan)

18/17 Resolved:

A. THAT the responses to previous Questions for Next Meeting be noted.
B. THAT Councillors ask Questions for Next Meeting in accordance with Council’s Code of Meeting Practice.

Adopted.

The following questions were asked:

Question No: 12.1 IPART Report – “Fit For the Future”

Councillor Bennett asking:
Considering that the Council is receiving tomorrow the IPART recommendations, is it possible to organise as soon as possible a briefing to the Councillors as to that response of IPART tomorrow?

General Manager in response:
Yes Madam Mayor. I’m not sure about what advice we will get tomorrow, other than that we are told that we will get the IPART findings. There is a webinar led by the Premier of New South Wales and the Minister for Local Government in New South Wales, being held at 11.45 a.m. tomorrow.

This webinar will give us further indication of what is going on. Any documentation received will be circulated as soon as it is received, so that all Councillors are fully informed.

Councillor Bennett further asking:
If we need a briefing can it be organised for next Monday night?

The General Manager further in response:
Yes we will.
Question No: 12.2 Bus Zone Oxford Street

Councillor O'Regan asking:

As you are aware there is a proposal for the extension of the bus zone on Oxford Street to accommodate the explorer bus. And while I think that explorers and tourists are great I understand that Council is thinking that the bus can be accommodated without the removal of the three (3) car spaces.

So, can you confirm that the Council has actually lodged an objection to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

Second part is can Council actually pass on the Council’s objection or some advice to the local retailers.

Director Technical Services in response:

Madam Mayor I can confirm that if Council has not already lodged an objection we certainly will be. And I will arrange for that to be circulated to the local retailers as well. I believe that it has already been done but I am not 100% sure.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.27 pm.

We certify that the pages numbered 3500 to 3516 inclusive are the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Woollahra Municipal Council held on 19 October 2015 and confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 2 November 2015 as correct.

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General Manager         Mayor