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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BURWOOD held in the Conference Room, Level 1, 2 Conder Street, Burwood on Tuesday 25 July 2023 commencing at 6:05pm.

Attendance

Councillor John Faker (Mayor)
Councillor Heather Crichton
Councillor Ned Cutcher
Councillor Pascale Esber
Councillor David Hull
Councillor George Mannah (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Hugo Robinson

Mr T Briscece, General Manager
Mr F Zincone, Director Corporate Services
Ms B Endycott, Director Community Life
Mr G El Kazzi, Director City Assets
Ms T Donaldson, Director People & Performance
Ms M Wassef, Executive Manager Place Management & Communication
Ms R Vella, Manager City Strategy
Ms M Thorogood, Manager Property
Ms M Butler, Coordinator Governance
Ms A Nicholson, Governance Officer

Opening of meeting by the Mayor

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and Acknowledgement of Country.

Apologies

That there were no apologies.

Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interests by Councillors.

Declarations of political donations

There were no declarations of political interests by Councillors.

Confirmation of Minutes

63/23 RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council Meeting of Burwood held on Tuesday 27 June 2023, as circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceeding of the meeting.

(Moved Councillor Hugo Robinson/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson
Against: Nil

(ITEM MM4/23) POTENTIAL DELAY OF SYDNEY METRO WEST PROJECT

File No: 23/30970

Summary

I write this Mayoral Minute with deep frustration and concern in response to recent media reports, which suggest that the Minns Government is contemplating delaying the Sydney Metro West Project.

Only two months ago, I put forward a Mayoral Minute on this very issue, and as feared, reports are emerging that this vital piece of community infrastructure is now at risk. This critical initiative includes the long-awaited construction of the Burwood North Metro Station, poised to bring immense benefits to our community. Significant work, planning, and investment have already been dedicated to this landmark project, and any potential delay in its construction would be nothing short of an unacceptable outcome.

The Burwood Railway Station has been at capacity for years now, and alone can no longer meet the needs of our residents and visitors. Our community has placed its trust in the NSW Government, expecting that they would honour their commitment to the delivery of this crucial project.

I have already taken the initiative to write to the Premier, urgently flagging these concerns and stressing the importance of honouring the commitment made to our community. We, as the representatives of this community, must stand united in demanding that the NSW Government exhaust every possible course of action to ensure the timely delivery of this project, as promised.

Operational Plan Objective

- C.4.2 Plan for a city that is safe, accessible and easy to get to and move around in
C.11.3 Build and maintain strong partnerships and advocate on behalf of the community

64/23 RESOLVED

That:

1. The Mayor engage with the Minister for Transport, State Member, media and other relevant stakeholders including residents to advocate for the timely completion of the Sydney Metro West Project and the Burwood North Metro Station.
2. The Mayor write to all Councils affected by the decision, encouraging a joint campaign against any delay to this project.
3. The General Manager seek an urgent briefing from the Sydney Metro West engagement team on the progress of this project.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, , Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson
Against: Cr Cutcher

GENERAL BUSINESS

(ITEM 46/23) REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - TVB ANYWHERE MOON FESTIVAL 2023

File No: 23/26269

Summary

Council has received a proposal from TV Media Australia Pty Ltd (known as TVB Anywhere), a national Asian TV and online platform with over 60 Chinese and Vietnamese channels in Australia, to host the TVB Anywhere Moon Festival 2023 in Burwood Park on Saturday 9 September 2023.

TVB Anywhere have requested that Council again come on board as one of the major sponsors of the 2023 event and are seeking in-kind support for a number of areas including event site/venue fee waivers, waste management, audio visual equipment and other related event costs.

This report recommends that Council approve an in-kind contribution of \$5,835 in support of the TVB Anywhere Moon Festival in 2023.

Operational Plan Objectives

- A.29 Deliver Council's ongoing program of community events that celebrate local community and culture.
- A.30 Support external partners to deliver community events.

65/23 RESOLVED

That Council approve an in-kind contribution of \$5,835 based on Council's allocated event budget in support of the TVB Anywhere Moon Festival to be held on Saturday 9 September 2023.

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Pascale Esber)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson
Against: Cr Cutcher

(ITEM 47/23) CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

File No: 23/28107

Summary

This report outlines the proposed Christmas/New Year closedown period and the plans to ensure that an appropriate level of service to the Burwood community is maintained.

Operational Plan Objective

- C.11.4 – Build and maintain strong partnerships and advocate on behalf of the community.
- P.55 – Maintain a high-quality workforce that is committed to delivering on our community's and Council's vision and goals.
- A.135 – Implement year 2 actions of the Workforce Management Plan.

66/23 RESOLVED

1. That Council endorse the Christmas/New Year closedown period from Saturday, 23 December 2023 up to and including Sunday, 7 January 2024.

2. That Council resolve to provide eligible employees with up to an additional three paid leave (concession) days during this closedown period as per the conditions set out in this report.
3. That the General Manager ensures suitable notification is provided to the community of the operational hours for Council services and facilities during the 2023/2024 closedown period.
4. That the General Manager ensures suitable consultation and notification is provided to employees as per the requirements set out in the *Local Government (State) Award 2023*.

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson

Against: Nil

(ITEM 48/23) ADOPTION - REVISED AGENCY INFORMATION GUIDE - GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT 2009

File No: 23/25276

Summary

Council is obliged under Sections 20 and 22 of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (the GIPAA) to adopt and publish an agency information guide that is to be remade at intervals of not more than 12 months. A revised draft of the *Burwood Council Agency Information Guide* is attached for adoption.

Operational Plan Objective

A.105 Ensure all public information is accessible and made available in a timely manner

67/23 RESOLVED

That Council adopts the revised *Agency Information Guide – Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* for publication on its website.

(Moved Councillor Pascale Esber/Seconded Councillor Hugo Robinson)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson

Against: Nil

(ITEM 49/23) INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

File No: 23/10126

Summary

In accordance with Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, this report details all money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Operational Plan Objective

A.103 Implement and monitor appropriate investment strategies and prepare monthly investment reports

68/23 RESOLVED

1. That the investment report for 30 June 2023 be received and endorsed.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be received and noted.

(Moved Councillor Hugo Robinson/Seconded Councillor David Hull)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson

Against: Nil

(ITEM 50/23) MAYORAL CIVIC RECOGNITION, CONDOLENCES AND SMALL DONATIONS - PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2023

File No: 23/29415

Summary

The Civic Recognition, Condolences and Small Donations Policy was reviewed by Council and adopted on 28 June 2022. As part of the Policy requirements, a list of donations and gifts made is to be reported to Council on a six monthly basis. The attached table details all the Discretionary Grants and Gifts for the period 29 November 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Operational Plan Objective

- C.10 A well informed community active in civic life, local planning and decision making.
C.11.1 Conduct Council business with transparency, accountability, compliance and probity that ensures community confidence in decision making.

69/23 RESOLVED

That Council receive and note this report.

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Pascale Esber)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson

Against: Nil

(ITEM 51/23) PETITIONS

File No: 23/30432

Summary

In late May, Council received a petition regarding development in the Enfield area that has been approved via the Complying Development Certificate process.

Operational Plan Objective

- C.11.2 Provide opportunity for engagement with the community to inform Council's decision-making

70/23 RESOLVED

That Council receives and notes the Petition.

(Moved Councillor Heather Crichton/Seconded Councillor Ned Cutcher)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson
Against: Nil

(ITEM 52/23) DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION PAPER AND NIGHT TIME ECONOMY STRATEGY

File No: 23/28386

Summary

The Burwood After Dark Strategy (the strategy) sets a long-term vision and a cohesive roadmap for Burwood's night-time economy. Focused on Burwood (referring to Burwood Town Centre and Burwood North area), this Strategy seeks to make the area a more vibrant place with a diverse range of cultural activities, events and entertainment after dark.

This strategy has been informed by the preparation of the Burwood Economic Development Discussion Paper, and extensive community consultation with local residents, businesses and key private and government stakeholders. The implementation of a vibrant, diverse and safe night-time economy in Burwood is contingent on a successful After Dark Strategy. This Strategy explores how this vision can be achieved through four focus areas – Place, Connection, Experience and Destination.

Operational Plan Objective

- C.9 Safe, clean and activated streets, centres and public places are enjoyed by people day and night
- P.34 Facilitate the growth and prosperity of local businesses and target the growth of business sectors and growth industries
- A.79 Undertake activities that support new economic growth in the Burwood North Precinct and Burwood Town Centre
- A.80 Implement activities or initiatives that enhance Burwood's night time economy

71/23 RESOLVED

That Council:

1. Adopt the Draft Economic Development Discussion Paper 2023 for public exhibition
2. Adopt the Draft Burwood After Dark Strategy 2023 – 2028 for public exhibition

(Moved Councillor Heather Crichton/Seconded Deputy Mayor George Mannah)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson
Against: Nil

This concluded the business of the meeting and Council rose at 6:22 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 July 2023 were submitted for confirmation by council on 22 August 2023 and were confirmed without amendment by resolution 72/23. The confirmed Minutes were signed by the Mayor, John Faker, at the meeting of 22 August 2023.