



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday, 04 June 2018

Present

Council Members

Councillor Con Hindi (Chair), Councillor Rita Kastanias (arrived at 7.17pm), Councillor Nick Katris and Councillor Warren Tegg (arrived 6.06pm).

Industry and Community Members

Mr Shane Combs (Hurstville Private Hospital), Ms Tania Katsanis (community member), Ms Claire Zhang (Best Professional Finance), Mr Allan Zreik (St George Business Chamber), Ms Rosemary Bishop (Community Sector Representative), Ms Katherine Blizzard (replacement for Jacqui Atard), Ms Chantelle Chapman (Hospitality Representative) and Andrew Eldridge (NSW TAFE).

Council Staff

Manager Strategic Planning Ms Catherine McMahon, Community Engagement Coordinator Ms Simone Schwarz, Senior Project Officer Ms Lee Crane, Economic Development Officer Mr Craig Edmondson, Mr Andrew Latta Executive Manager Engineering Operations and Ms Veronica Young (Consultant).

Opening

The Chair, Councillor Hindi, opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

Apologies

Motion: Councillor Katris and Allan Zreik

That apologies for Councillor Agius, Councillor Vince Badalati, Ms Meryl Bishop – Director Environment and Planning and Ms Jacqui Attard (Realise Business), Mr Frank Bates (President Beverley Park Golf Club) and Mr Laurie DeBono (Former CEO Emerdyn Manufacturing) be accepted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest made.

Minutes of previous meetings

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 30 APRIL 2018

Recommendation Councillor Katris and Allan Zreik

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee held on 30 April 2018 be adopted with the following amendments:

- The correct spelling of the names: Shane Combs and Claire Zang.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Tegg arrived at 6.06pm.

Council Reports

EDC006-18 Draft Economic Development Strategy (Report by Economic Development Officer)

Recommendation Shane Combs and Councillor Hindi

- That Council be requested to amend the Terms of Reference to increase the membership of the Committee and that subject to Council endorsement, the Committee invite two people from Council's Youth Advisory Committee to be members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- That the two representatives from Council's Youth Advisory Committee be invited to the next EDAC on 6 August 2018
- That the Committee notes the outcomes of the Economic Development Workshop; and
- That the Committee endorses the draft Economic Development Strategy for the purpose of proceeding to Council and public exhibition.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Shane Combs left at 6.25pm.

Note: Councillor Warren Tegg left the meeting at 6.35pm.

Note: Shane Combs returned at 6.30pm.

EDC007-18 Big Wash and Kogarah Clean Update (Report by Economic Development Officer)

Note: Councillor Kastanias arrived at 7.17pm.

Recommendation Councillor Katris and Councillor Kastanias

- That the Committee receives and notes the report.
- That the Manager Environment, Health and Regulatory Services prepare a report to the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee on the following matters:
 - Which Authority(s) has the jurisdiction for issuing fines for littering, including littering of cigarette butts; and
 - the implementation of an educational program against littering – including cigarette butts and chewing gum – advising the community on what is expected behaviour

within our centres.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

EDC008-18 Advertising and Signage Requirements for Local Business
(Report by Economic Development Officer)

Recommendation Councillor Kastanias and Allan Zreik

That the Committee notes and accepts the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

EDC009-18 Economic Development Advisory Committee Vacancy
(Report by Economic Development Officer)

Recommendation Councillor Kastanias and Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council be requested to amend the Terms of Reference to increase the membership of the Committee and that subject to Council endorsement, the Committee invite two people from the retail sector to be members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- (b) That the Committee invites Mr Abelas as a retail representative on the Committee;
- (c) That the Committee invites Ms Megan Barker as a retail representative on the Committee; and
- (d) That both Mr Abelas and Ms Megan Barker be invited to the next EDAC on 6 August 2018.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

EDC010-18 Smart Cities Update
(Report by Economic Development Officer)

Note: Councillor Katris left at 7.34pm.

Recommendation Councillor Kastanias and Councillor Hindi

- (a) That the Committee note and accept the report; and
- (b) That Council be requested to issue a media release on the Smart Cities project as a good news story.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Katris returned at 7.36pm.

EDC011-18 Night Time Economy
(Report by Economic Development Officer)

Note: Councillor Kastanias left at 7.41pm.

Recommendation Councillor Hindi and Allan Zreik

That the Committee notes and accepts the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Kastanias returned at 7.44pm.

Note: Councillor Kastanias left the meeting at 7.47pm.

EDC012-18 NSW Small Business Month 2018

(Report by Economic Development Officer)

Recommendation Councillor Katris and Councillor Hindi

- (a) That the Committee note and accept the report; and
- (b) That the Committee note the following events over the 6 months:
 - (i) joint event with Council and Realise Business – Jobs expo,
 - (ii) joint event with Council and St George Business Chamber, and
 - (iii) home business networking event by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

GB001-18 General Business

- (a) Mr Shane Combs advised that Hurstville Private was about to commence building its 5th floor level – the hospital has approval to go to 10 levels. That the Hospital's midwives were ageing and that it was seeking midwives from UK and Ireland. The hospital has offered a sweetener to pick up new midwives from the airport and provide 2 weeks free accommodation within the LGA. Ms Rosemary Bishop mentioned that her organisation is looking at co-housing project with older members of the community aimed at increasing accommodation for young people and addressing affordability housing shortages in the local area.
- (b) Mr Allan Zreik President of St George Business Chamber – no update provided.
- (c) Cr Con Hindi advised the Committee that a Notice of Motion was to be presented to the next Council Meeting recommending that there be a report provided on establishing a Georges River Council Business Awards Night for 2019.

Conclusion

The Meeting was closed at 8.04pm

Chairperson