



MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2020

PRESENT:

Mayor Wendy Waller
Councillor Ayyad
Councillor Balloot
Councillor Hadchiti
Councillor Hadid
Councillor Hagarty
Councillor Harle
Councillor Kaliyanda
Councillor Karnib
Councillor Rhodes
Councillor Shelton
Ms Kiersten Fishburn, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Tim Moore, Director City Economy and Growth / Deputy CEO
Mr George Hampouris, Acting Director City Corporate
Dr Eddie Jackson, Director City Community and Culture
Mr Peter Patterson, Director City Presentation
Mr Raj Autar, Director City Infrastructure and Environment
Mr Andrew Stevenson, Chief Strategy and Engagement Officer
Ms Tina Sangiuliano, Strategic Organisational Change Manager
Ms Julie Scott, Manager City Economy
Mr James Ng, Acting General Counsel, Manager Governance, Legal and Procurement
Mr David Maguire, Internal Ombudsman
Mr George Georgakis, Manager Council and Executive Services
Ms Maree Stewart, Coordinator Council and Executive Services (minutes)

OPENING

6.00pm

STATEMENT REGARDING WEBCASTING

The Mayor reminded everyone that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice (other than the Public Forum Section), the meeting is being livestreamed.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY,
PRAYER OF COUNCIL AND
AFFIRMATION TO BE READ BY**

The prayer of the Council was read by the
Chief Executive Officer, Ms Kiersten Fishburn.

APOLOGIES

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mayor Waller declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item EGROW 01: Business Resilience Grants

Reason: Mayor Waller knows and has associations with many local business owners.

Mayor Waller remained in the room for the duration of the item.

Clr Ayyad declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item EGROW 01: Business Resilience Grants

Reason: Clr Ayyad knows and has associations with many local business owners.

Clr Ayyad remained in the room for the duration of the item.

Clr Balloot declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item EGROW 01: Business Resilience Grants

Reason: Clr Balloot knows and has associations with many local business owners.

Clr Balloot remained in the room for the duration of the item.

Clr Hadchiti declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item EGROW 01: Business Resilience Grants

Reason: Clr Hadchiti knows and has associations with many local business owners.

Clr Hadchiti remained in the room for the duration of the item.

Clr Hadid declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item EGROW 01: Business Resilience Grants

Reason: Clr Hadid knows and has associations with many local business owners.

Clr Hadid remained in the room for the duration of the item.

Clr Hagarty declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item EGROW 01: Business Resilience Grants

Reason: Clr Hagarty knows and has associations with many local business owners.

Clr Hagarty remained in the room for the duration of the item.

Clr Kaliyanda declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item EGROW 01: Business Resilience Grants

Reason: Clr Kaliyanda knows and has associations with many local business owners.

Clr Kaliyanda remained in the room for the duration of the item.

Clr Karnib declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item EGROW 01: Business Resilience Grants

Reason: Clr Karnib knows and has associations with many local business owners.

Clr Karnib remained in the room for the duration of the item.

Clr Rhodes declared a pecuniary interest in the following item:

Item EGROW 01: Business Resilience Grants

Reason: Prior to becoming a Councillor, Clr Rhodes held the position of Secretary of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce and was also a member of Business Network International (Liverpool Chapter). Clr Rhodes recognises businesses on the list of grant applicants that are members of either one or both of these organisations.

Clr Rhodes left the room for the duration of the item.

Clr Shelton Declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item EGROW 01: Business Resilience Grants

Reason: Clr Shelton knows and has associations with many local business owners. Additionally, Clr Shelton has business dealings with land owners in the CBD.

Clr Shelton remained in the room for the duration of the item.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

Clr Rhodes left the room at 6.07pm and did not return to the meeting.

CITY ECONOMY AND GROWTH REPORT

ITEM NO: EGROW 01
FILE NO: 138716.2020
SUBJECT: Business Resilience Grants

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Hagarty** **Seconded: Clr Kaliyanda**

That Council:

1. Adopts the recommendations to provide grants to 50 businesses as outlined in the report. The recommendation is to provide grants to the value of \$106,000 to 28 CBD businesses from the City Development Fund, and to provide grants to the value of \$66,000 to 22 businesses in the greater Local Government Area;
2. Allow those applicants that were not successful as outlined in the report and referred to as 'Business pivot requires more development and assistance to demonstrate whether it can generate profit or support existing or new jobs' or 'Reasonable pivot, however, required stronger demonstration that it could generate profit or support existing or new jobs' the opportunity to provide more information to determine whether they would be eligible;
3. By application rebate land owners in the CBD (excluding Westfield & Liverpool Plaza) that were affected by mandatory restrictions an amount equal to three months of 'City Development Fund' levies where it can be demonstrated that a loss in rental income has occurred, providing they meet the same criteria as in the grants program. Council staff to investigate a realistic way of capping these monies be pursued and brought to the next Council meeting; and
4. A communication and/or letter go out to all the business owners in Liverpool that may be eligible for any federal or state government grants, specifically referring to the following government grants:

Federal

- Cash Flow Boost for small businesses to the value of \$20,000 -\$100,000;
- Job Keeper allowance of \$1,500 per employee per fortnight until September 2020; and
- Small Business Grant of \$10,000 for small business expenses.

State

- \$10,000 business grants.

The letter should also state that if a business has not received any of these grants, they should contact the Australian Taxation Office.

Vote for: Mayor Waller, Clr Ayyad, Clr Balloot, Clr Hadchiti, Clr Hadid, Clr Hagarty, Clr Kaliyanda and Deputy Mayor Karnib.

Vote against: Clr Harle and Clr Shelton.

Note: Clr Rhodes had left the meeting and did not take part in the discussion or the vote for the above item.

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THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.41pm.

<Signature>

Name: Wendy Waller

Title: Mayor

Date: 24 June 2020

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 June 2020. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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