

ITEM 16. NOTICES OF MOTION**ENHANCED BUSINESS CHAMBER AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SUPPORT (S103138)****1. By Councillor Vithoukas**

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) business chambers and other business associations play an important role in providing a voice for business that is independent of Government. At the same time, they work with local businesses to represent, stimulate and drive the local economy. Many business chambers are run by volunteers who also run their own businesses rather than paid staff;
- (ii) the City of Sydney is signatory to the Small Business Friendly Councils program that was launched by the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner, in partnership with the New South Wales (NSW) Business Chamber, in September 2014. The Small Business Commissioner's Office promotes business advisory services through the Small Biz Connect Program;
- (iii) the City of Sydney currently offers competitive grants to business chambers and other organisations under various programs guided by the Grants and Sponsorship Policy;
- (iv) a number of the City of Sydney's grants programs are designed to further the objectives of Sustainable Sydney 2030 by supporting the enhancement of local economies to develop the capacity of small business. These programs include the Business Improvement Grant, Village Business Grant and Commercial Creative and Business Events grants; and
- (v) a number of business chambers located within the City of Sydney Local Government Area are Local Chamber Alliance partners of the NSW Business Chamber. The NSW Business Chamber provides support to these chambers through the Local Chamber Alliance Program and online portal which assists executive members of the various business chambers by providing, amongst other things, online education programs, including information about obtaining grants and sponsorships; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) write to the NSW Business Chamber and the NSW Small Business Commissioner, seeking to discuss ways in which the City of Sydney can further support their work with local business chambers and business associations in our Local Government Area, including the delivery of tailored programs for business chambers and business associations which could encompass grant and sponsorship programs including the development of objectives, policies, budgets, risk analysis, strategies and timelines; and
- (ii) consider offering the use of training facilities located in the Local Government Area, if required, for the NSW Business Chamber and the NSW Small Business Commissioners office to deliver tailored grant and sponsorship training.

NO BUSINESS IN ABUSE (S103137)**2. By Councillor Doutney**

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) in Australia, the management of offshore immigration detention centres is outsourced to private companies under government contracts;
- (ii) there is a substantial body of evidence which suggests that there is widespread and regular human rights abuses occurring in the Nauru and Manus Island detention centres. The evidence includes, but is not limited to:
 - (a) revelations in a 2015 Senate Committee that centre management has received 67 allegations of child abuse up to May 2015 at the Nauru based detention centre;
 - (b) reports that, at the Manus Island Detention Centre, three guards have been accused of raping a local PNG woman;
 - (c) the UNHCR's condemnation of the two offshore detention centres for their poor conditions and the impact these conditions are having on the mental and physical health of detainees; and
 - (d) recent reports of a Somali refugee being raped at the Manus Island detention centre. At the time of writing, she is still seeking medical treatment and a termination, which is illegal in PNG; and
- (iii) the No Business in Abuse (NBIA) campaign is working to end the practice of corporations profiting from human rights abuses within the Australian immigration detention system. NBIA is calling on individuals, corporations and investors to sign a pledge that states that all companies should:
 - (a) have zero tolerance for child abuse;
 - (b) respect people's fundamental rights to freedom from arbitrary and indefinite detention;
 - (c) not treat people in a cruel, inhumane or degrading manner; and
 - (d) commit to transparency and independent monitoring to ensure these principles are upheld; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) sign the No Business in Abuse pledge on behalf of the City of Sydney; and
- (ii) update the investment policy to make any necessary changes to ensure that the City honours its pledge.

CIVIC SQUARE PROJECT (S103133)**3. By Councillor Scott**

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on Monday 16 November 2015, the NSW Government announced the plans for Stage 2 of the Sydney Metro project; and
- (ii) on 22 August 2011, Council resolved that the period for commercial and retail leases for properties on lands required for Town Hall Square, including any future properties purchased for Town Hall Square, be extended to the end of 2021 to coincide with the earliest date that these sites are to be required for the construction of the Square;

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to immediately return to Council in 2016 with a fast-tracked proposal detailing funding and project work for the construction of the proposed civic square, commencing in 2017; and

(C) Council request that green space for the CBD be guaranteed as a component of the new public space in the development.

LACK OF ON SITE STAFF PARKING FOR RPA HOSPITAL WORKERS (S103133)**4. By Councillor Scott**

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the recent announcement of the privatisation of the RPA multi-storey carpark in Camperdown and its management by private operator Secure Parking;
- (ii) that, under this new management, the parking fees have doubled and that staff have been advised that 600 out of 1200, or half of all spaces, will be closed to make way for new construction;
- (iii) that the NSW Government's commitment to build another 1,000 multi-storey car park on the site has already been criticised by hospital staff representatives as unable to meet the long standing critical shortage of staff car parking;
- (iv) that hospital staff are rostered on at times during the day and night and therefore public transport is not a solution for all hospital workers all of the time;
- (v) that hospital staff are essential workers and very many do not live locally due to the lack of affordable housing for essential workers in the inner city; and
- (vi) that, without support in areas such as staff parking, working at RPA becomes less attractive to the most qualified and talented healthcare professionals, ultimately becoming a public health and safety issue that affects the local community as the RPA will struggle to attract such staff; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to write to the NSW Minister for Health, the Premier, and the Local Health District to explain Council's parking restrictions in the local area and the impact on residents and businesses of both increased staff parking on surrounding residential streets, and the longer term impact of RPA losing valuable staff as restrictions such as lack of staff parking force staff to seek work elsewhere.

FIG AND WATTLE STREET DEPOT (S103133)

5. By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) on 8 December 2014, Council resolved to sell the former Fig and Wattle Streets Depot site to the NSW Department of Education and Communities, subject to the construction of a public primary school and an 80-place child care facility on the site;
 - (ii) on 15 December 2014, the NSW Department of Education and Communities issued a press release stating that "agreement has been reached for a new public school serving the inner city to be built on a site to be purchased from the City of Sydney on the corner of Wattle, Jones and Fig Streets, Ultimo";
 - (iii) the NSW Department of Education has indicated that they will now no longer proceed with construction of a public primary school site on the former Fig and Wattle Streets Depot site, despite the long-overdue demand by the local community for primary school places in the Ultimo area; and
 - (iv) the Council has a significant surplus and, as such, is in an adequate financial position to propose the sale of the site to the NSW Department of Education to facilitate the provision of school facilities in Ultimo;
- (B) Council rescind the section of the resolution of 8 December 2014 detailing the sale price of \$74 million (excluding GST) to the NSW Department of Education and Communities, and indicate its strong willingness to resolve and finalise the sale of the former Fig and Wattle Streets Depot site;
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare the required documentation to sell the Fig and Wattle Street Depot to the NSW State Government on the basis the site is used to build a new state primary school and childcare centre;
- (D) the Lord Mayor be delegated to commence negotiations with the NSW Government for the sale of the Fig and Wattle Street Depot for the provision of school and childcare facilities in Ultimo, noting that the proposed final sale price would need to be brought before Council for approval; and
- (E) the Lord Mayor report back to Councillors at the earliest opportunity on the outcome of negotiations.

66-68 KELLETT STREET, POTTS POINT 2011 (S103139)

6. By Councillor Forster

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Annex - Kellett Place, 66-68 Kellett Street, Potts Point, was recently identified as a City-owned property being considered for demolition due to its poor condition;
- (ii) the owner of the adjoining and interconnected property at 62-64 Kellett Street, currently leased to Organix Café, had previously been in negotiations with the City with the aim of using the City-owned space at 66-68 Kellett Street as an extension of the neighbouring café business;
- (iii) an extension of the café business in 62-64 Kellett Street into the adjoining property at 66-68 Kellett Street has the potential to increase foot traffic in the area and improve amenity in the adjoining open space, which currently attracts anti-social behaviour and is prone to the dumping of refuse and associated vermin infestation;
- (iv) despite assurances that the owner of 62-64 Kellett Street is willing to pay for interior upgrades and refurbishment of 66-68 Kellett Street, Council withdrew from negotiations and the City-owned property has subsequently fallen into disrepair; and
- (v) a portion of 66-68 Kellett Street lies across the boundary of 62-64 Kellett Street, thereby complicating arrangements should the City choose to demolish that building; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to reopen negotiations with the owner of 62-64 Kellett Street, Potts Point, with the aim of discussing potential refurbishment and re-use of the City-owned property at 66-68 Kellett Street.

CITY OF SYDNEY HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2007-2012 (S103139)

7. By Councillor Forster

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on 6 August 2007, Council adopted the draft Homelessness Strategy 2007-2012;
- (ii) the Strategy's planned review date was listed as December 2009, but this review has not taken place and the Strategy is now three years out of date;
- (iii) since the Strategy's expiry in 2012, the NSW State Government has made a number of announcements in relation to homelessness policy, including a \$515 million package unveiled in June 2014 by then Family and Community Services Minister Gabrielle Upton to reduce homelessness and reduce repeat homelessness by tackling its causes; and

- (iv) the City continues to work with a number of organisations, including Neami, Connect 100 and the Inner City Sydney Homelessness Prevention and Support Service for Young People, as part of its commitment to help those less fortunate, but does not have a current Homelessness Strategy; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to make arrangements to review and update the City of Sydney Homelessness Strategy 2007-2012.

WESTCONNEX CITY OF SYDNEY BRIEFING (S103136)**8. By Councillor Green**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) City of Sydney Councillors and staff were recently briefed on progress of WestConnex, however, many questions were unable to be answered by the Government representatives;
 - (ii) no detailed traffic modelling has been done on impacts of projected traffic increase into major residential renewal precincts of Green Square and Alexandria;
 - (iii) the absence of funding to build direct roadway connection to Kingsford Smith Airport and Port Botany for traffic coming from areas outside of the inner city;
 - (iv) proposed six-lane freeway and ventilation stacks in close proximity to Sydney Park; and
 - (v) the need for all relevant government agencies to be fully briefed by Council staff on City projects and renewal precincts to overcome any misapprehension of precinct demographics, and potential impacts of current plans for traffic increase into new residential developments; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to write to the WestConnex Authority to:
 - (i) arrange a further briefing for City of Sydney Councillors and staff by all relevant government agencies at the earliest possible date in 2016;
 - (ii) request that traffic modelling related to major new residential areas in the LGA be developed and fully addressed at this briefing; and
 - (iii) request that WestConnex works in the City's LGA cease until these critical issues have been addressed.