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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 22 May 2017

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 22 MAY 2017**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.02PM

WELCOME

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf opened the meeting with the following statement:

“I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand here today, the Wurundjeri people, and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, as well as to Elders from other communities who may be with us today.”

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Steph Amir
Cr. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Lina Messina
Cr. Susanne Newton
Cr. Susan Rennie
Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Phil Shanahan - Acting Chief Executive Officer
Katia Croce - Coordinator Council Business

Public Notice – Special Council Meeting 22 May 2017

Insufficient lead time was available to provide the required minimum 7 days public notice for this meeting as per section 89 (4) of the Local Government Act 1989. Public notice was given in ‘The Age’ newspaper on 19 May 2017 and published on Council’s website on 18 May 2017.

Notwithstanding the above requirement involving at least 7 days public notice, section 89 (4A) of the Act provides that if urgent or extraordinary circumstances prevent compliance with this requirement, Council must give public notice as is practicable and specify in the minutes the urgent or extraordinary circumstances which prevented compliance.

The urgency in this matter is due to the following:

- 1. The Mayor is required to advise the organiser of the overseas trip on Monday 22 May 2017 of her attendance.*
- 2. The Councillor support and expenses policy requires Council endorsement for any trips outside Australia (c2.9.4).*
- 3. Based on the above, there is insufficient time to seek Council endorsement at its meeting on 5 June 2017.*

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Le Cerf disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 4.1 Overseas Travel.

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Cr. Le Cerf disclosed a conflict of interest in relation to the following item describing the type of interest as an indirect interest due to an interested party.

Cr. Le Cerf left the meeting prior to discussions of the item at 7.03pm.

Cr. Greco assumed the Chair.

4.1 OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Author: Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Reviewed By: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Report Background

This report seeks endorsement from Council for Cr Le Cerf, in her official capacity as Mayor to travel to the City of Guangyuan, China and present at the Chinese Academy of Social Science Forum – “Low Carbon Development and Eco-Tourism City International Forum 2017”.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

The Mayor, along with other Mayors from some major cities have been invited to present on their climate change experiences at the Low Carbon Development and Eco-Tourism City International Forum 2017 on 13 and 14 June 2017.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the Mayor, Cr Le Cerf to attend and present at the Low Carbon Development and Eco-Tourism City International Forum 2017 on 13 and 14 June 2017.
- (2) Notes the costs of the return airfare and accommodation will be covered by ICLEI Oceania.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the Mayor, Cr Le Cerf to attend and present at the Low Carbon Development and Eco-Tourism City International Forum 2017 on 13 and 14 June 2017.
- (2) Notes the costs of the return airfare and accommodation will be covered by ICLEI Oceania.

Cr. Williams proposed to the mover and seconder that point (3) be added to the motion as follows:

- (3) The Mayor write and provide a report on what economic benefits this will have to Darebin and to the community.

This was not accepted by Cr. Rennie and Cr. Messina.

Cr. Rennie suggested to Cr. Williams that point (3) be amended to the motion as follows:

- (3) That the Mayor provide a brief report on learnings from the conference and their potential implications for Darebin.

This was accepted by Cr. Williams.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That:

- (1) Council endorses the Mayor, Cr Le Cerf to attend and present at the Low Carbon Development and Eco-Tourism City International Forum 2017 on 13 and 14 June 2017.
- (2) Council notes the costs of the return airfare and accommodation will be covered by ICLEI Oceania.
- (3) The Mayor provide a brief report on learnings from the conference and their potential implications for Darebin.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-196

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That:

- (1) Council endorses the Mayor, Cr Le Cerf to attend and present at the Low Carbon Development and Eco-Tourism City International Forum 2017 on 13 and 14 June 2017.
- (2) Council notes the costs of the return airfare and accommodation will be covered by ICLEI Oceania.
- (3) The Mayor provide a brief report on learnings from the conference and their potential implications for Darebin.

CARRIED

Cr Laurence called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr. Steph Amir	Cr. Tim Laurence	
Cr. Gaetano Greco	Cr. Julie Williams	
Cr. Trent McCarthy		
Cr. Lina Messina		
Cr. Susanne Newton		
Cr. Susan Rennie		

The Chairperson, Cr. Greco, declared the motion to be carried.

Cr. McCarthy requested it be noted that Councillors have discussed and agreed to no longer call Divisions.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.22pm.

