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Finance and Governance Committee

Tuesday, 13 June 2023

6:00pm

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Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Peter Mahoney and Councillor Colleen Symington.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Environment and Planning – Meryl Bishop, Acting Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Head of Governance and Risk – Renata Sala, Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer - Marina Cavar, Technology Business Support Officer – Earl Santos and Executive Assistant to the Director Business and Corporate Services - Nickie Paraskevopoulos (Minutes).

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

MOTION: Councillor Ficarra and Councillor Symington

That as the Finance and Governance Chairperson, Councillor Elise Borg, is an apology for tonight's meeting, a vote be taken of the Councillors present, appointed to the Finance and Governance Committee, to elect a Chairperson for this meeting.

That Councillor Peter Mahoney assume the position of Chairperson for the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting on 13 June 2023.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Mahoney opened the meeting at 6:03pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Mahoney acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Ficarra and Councillor Symington

That an apology be accepted for Councillors Borg and Jamieson.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING VIA VISUAL AUDIO LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Mahoney, advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with Section 4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's website.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There are no speakers registered for tonight's meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FIN022-23 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 May 2023
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ficarra and The Mayor Councillor Katris

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 8 May 2023 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIN023-23 Investment Report as at 30 April 2023
(Report by Acting Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Symington and Councillor Ficarra

That the Investment Report as at 30 April 2023 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

FIN024-23 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes of Meeting held on 2 March 2023

(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ficarra and Councillor Symington

- (a) That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 2 March 2023 be received and noted by Council.
- (b) That the Director Business and Corporate Services provide a memo to all Councillors on the recommendation of the report to ARIC on item AUD006-23 for consideration prior to the budget being considered at the June 2023 Council Meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

FIN025-23 2023/24 Strategic Risks

(Report by Head of Corporate Governance and Risk)

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor Councillor Katris and Councillor Ficarra

- (a) That Council receive and note the JLT Public Sector Risk Report (Attachment 1).
- (b) That Council endorse the following 2023/24 ranked Strategic Risks:
 - i. Financial Sustainability
 - ii. Cyber Security
 - iii. Assets and Infrastructure
 - iv. Business Continuity/Disaster Management
 - v. HR Management
 - vi. Climate Change/Adaptation
 - vii. Reputation
 - viii. Statutory and Regulatory Requirement/Ineffective Governance
 - ix. Social Cohesion

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6:21pm

Chairperson

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