



Ordinary Council

Monday 22 July 2024
6.30pm

Late Correspondence

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Subject: LATE CORRESPONDENCE - COUNCIL - 22 JULY 2024
Author: Sue O'Connor, Governance Officer
File No: 24/128116
Purpose of the Report: To table late correspondence as submitted for consideration by the Mayor and Councillors relevant to the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 July 2024.
Alignment to Delivery Program: Strategy 11.3: Ensure effective and efficient governance and risk management.

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives and notes the late correspondence and reads late correspondence in conjunction with the relevant Agenda items.

Please find attached late correspondence relating to matters appearing on the Agenda for Council held on 22 July 2024. Correspondence received is listed below:

General Manager's & Officer's Reports

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12.1	Lease for Cooper Park Tennis Centre – Ministerial Approval	Doron Argaman  	3

Sue O'Connor

LATE CORRO	Item: 12.11
Previously forwarded to Clrs	(Y/N)
Meeting:	(Council) (AMS)
Date:	22 / 7 / 2024

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 21 July 2024 11:12 PM
To: Records
Subject: Late correspondence for Ordinary Council meeting at the Woollahra Chambers on Monday, 22 July 2024, at 6:30 pm .

Dear distinguished members of the Council,

I am writing regarding the recent Recommendation that the Woollahra Municipal Council ("Council") intends to make an application to the Minister for Local Government concerning community objections to the proposed lease with Young Aces Cooper Park ("YACP").

According to the meeting agenda, Council received 31 objections to the proposed signing of the lease with YACP. These objections focused on the change of Permitted Use of the Cooper Park Tennis Centre as a whole.

The inclusion of "... community activities in connection with the Courts" in the lease for YACP is the contentious issue that contradicts the Permitted Use in tender SC7818 and constitutes a breach of Section 35 of the Local Government Act 1993 ("the Act") by not adhering to the Permitted Use as defined in the Cooper Park Plan Management 2001 ("the Plan"). I have consistently raised this argument since the initial discussions regarding tender SC7193.

Why is the Council insisting on incorporating community activities within the tennis centre, when the larger and more suitable Cooper Park Community Hall, also located in Cooper Park and governed by the same Plan, is available? Utilising this Hall would preserve the tennis centre for its intended use and prevent disruptions to the tennis community.

I am curious to know, and expect the councillors to know too, why the so-called "brief summary of the submissions" in Attachment 2 of the agenda selectively included certain objections and awkwardly repeated them instead of providing all 31 objections to the readers. The inclusion of Council's irrelevant and tedious replies to the objections predominantly argues against multi-sports on the tennis courts and does not belong amongst the objections to the Council. I believe there was a malicious attempt by Council to clutter, mislead, and confuse readers by presenting the information in this manner.

On 17 July 2024, I received an unexpected email from the Council requesting me to resend a private email between two community members to the Council, which the Council received without my knowledge. On 18 July 2024, I replied to the Council and requested the removal of this specific communication from the Council's records. However, the Council has not protected my privacy and included this private correspondence on Pages 63 and 64 of Attachment 2 of the agenda. This correspondence is clearly private and is not an official objection to the Council. Moreover, the Council requested additional information on this private correspondence in further communication with me, which I found absolutely astounding.

I need to point out that the Council is obligated to act fairly, ethically, and without bias in the interests of the local community under Section 8A(1)(h) of the Act. Under Section 439 of the Act, the Council must act honestly and exercise a reasonable degree of care and diligence in carrying out its functions under this or any other Act, and most importantly, adhere to Sections 8-19 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

I believe the Council has clearly compromised the integrity of the process in the agenda of this meeting. For this reason, I request that the councillors do not support a submission to the Minister for Local Government and instead consider a Recommendation to dismiss tender SC7818.

I thank you for considering my submission and look forward to the Council acting in good faith to maintain the status quo the tennis community has requested all along.

Best regards,
Doron Argaman

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