



COUNCIL MINUTES

for the Special meeting

Monday 23 March 2020

in the Auditorium,
Adelaide Town Hall



Present - The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor [Sandy Verschoor] (Presiding);
Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Donovan, Hou, Hyde (Deputy Lord Mayor), Khera, Knoll, Martin,
Moran and Simms.

Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Council Meeting, the Lord Mayor stated:

'Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.'

Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil

Item for Consideration

1. Item 3.1 – Response to the impacts of COVID-19 [C]

The Lord Mayor advised the meeting that the motion would be taken in parts.

Councillor Knoll disclosed a material conflict of interest in Item 3.1 - Parts 3.1 and 3.3 and Part 3.4 [Response to the impacts of COVID-19], pursuant to Sections 73 & 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), Parts 3.1 and 3.3 because he is a trader and lessee within the Adelaide Central Market, Part 3.4 because he is a Rundle Mall Management Authority Board member, and that he would withdraw his Chair during those parts of the recommendation.

It was then –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde),
Seconded by Councillor Abrahimzadeh -

That Council:

1. Notes the ongoing work being undertaken by the Council Incident Management Team in identifying and addressing the risks posed by COVID-19.
2. Notes that the Audit Committee will continue to support Council by reviewing and advising on Council's risk management and financial position

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

As previously advised, Councillor Knoll disclosed a material conflict of interest in Item 3.1 - Parts 3.1 and 3.3 and Part 3.4 [Response to the impacts of COVID-19], pursuant to Sections 73 & 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), Parts 3.1 and 3.3 because he is a trader and lessee within the Adelaide Central Market, Part 3.4 because he is a Rundle Mall Management Authority Board member, withdrew his Chair and left the Auditorium at 6.55pm.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Couros,
Seconded Councillor Simms -

That Council:

3. Authorise the CEO to immediately put in place a \$4m COVID-19 Response Package which includes:
 - 3.1. 100% rent free for 3 months for lessees of Council owned buildings (small business operators)

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

It was then -

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde)
Seconded Councillor Simms -

That Council:

3. Authorise the CEO to immediately put in place a \$4m COVID-19 Response Package which includes:
3.2. 100% rent free for 3 months for community leases of council owned buildings

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Simms disclosed a material conflict of interest in Item 3.1 - Part 3.2 [Response to the impacts of COVID-19], pursuant to Sections 73 & 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), because the University of Adelaide is his employer and a lessee of the Park Lands, withdrew his seconding of the motion and his Chair and left the Auditorium at 7.14pm.
- Councillor Donovan seconded the motion.

Discussion continued

The motion was then put and carried

It was then –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde),
Seconded Councillor Abrahamzadeh –

That Council:

3. Authorise the CEO to immediately put in place a \$4m COVID-19 Response Package which includes:
3.3. 100% rent free for 3 months for Adelaide Central Market Tenants

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Simms re-entered the Auditorium at 7.15pm.

The motion was then put and carried

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Couros,
Seconded Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde) –

That Council:

3. Authorise the CEO to immediately put in place a \$4m COVID-19 Response Package which includes:
3.4. Waiving of the separate rate for the purpose of managing and marketing the Rundle Mall precinct (Rundle Mall Marketing Levy) for 3 months

Carried

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Couros,
Seconded Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde) –

That Council:

3. Authorise the CEO to immediately put in place a \$4m COVID-19 Response Package which includes:
3.5. Establish a Small Business Task Force to work in collaboration with Business SA and other agencies tasked with the support for city businesses

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Knoll re-entered the Auditorium at 7.26pm.

The motion was then put and carried

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Couros,
Seconded Councillor Abrahamzadeh -

That Council:

3. Authorise the CEO to immediately put in place a \$4m COVID-19 Response Package which includes:
3.6. Making the city accessible by creating more flexibility regarding on street parking regulations.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

It was then -

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde),
Seconded Councillor Couros –

That Council:

3. Authorise the CEO to immediately put in place a \$4m COVID-19 Response Package which includes:
 - 3.7. Facilitate access to hardship provisions advice with our Rates Hardship approach - options include deferral of rates payment

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Simms,
Seconded Councillor Couros -

That Council:

3. Authorise the CEO to immediately put in place a \$4m COVID-19 Response Package which includes:
 - 3.8. Support for our city communities

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Knoll,
Seconded Councillor Khera –

That Council:

3. Authorise the CEO to immediately put in place a \$4m COVID-19 Response Package which includes:
 - 3.9. Information letter with communication options to all ratepayers to be delivered this week.

Carried

Closure

The meeting closed at 7.39pm.

Mark Goldstone,
Chief Executive Officer

Sandy Verschoor,
Lord Mayor.

Documents Attached for Reference

Nil