



COUNCIL MINUTES

for the Special meeting

Wednesday 22 April 2020

Remote Meeting



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

Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

1. Item 3.1 – COVID-19 Update and Impacts [2020/00230] [C]

With consent of the meeting, the Lord Mayor advised that meeting procedures would be suspended for a 10-15 minute period of informal discussion at 5.35pm.

During the discussion,

- Councillor Abrahimzadeh entered the meeting at 5.39pm.
- Councillor Donovan entered the meeting at 5.44pm.

The period of informal discussion ended at 5.54pm and meeting procedures were reestablished.

It was then -

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

That Council:

1. Notes this report.
2. Requests the CEO to report to the Tuesday 12 May 2020 Council meeting to enable critical decision making in the context of the Q3 Financial Report.
3. Requests that the CEO report to Council outlining options on how Council can achieve a \$20m reduction in operating expenditure during the 2020/2021 financial year.

Discussion ensued

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Simms -

That part 3 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

- '3. Amends so much of Standing Orders as necessary to reinstate create a Finance Committee of Council to meet on 4th Tuesday of each month. The role of the Finance Committee will be to:
 - 3.1. Consider strategies for assisting the City of Adelaide to manage its response to the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic
 - 3.2. Allow the presentation and consideration of expert opinion from business and other stakeholders.
 - 3.3. All Members of the Elected Body will be eligible to attend
 - 3.4. The first meeting of the Finance Committee on April 28th will elect a Chair and a Deputy Chair, for which there will be no remuneration

3.5. The meeting agenda will be determined by the Finance Committee at its first meeting and thereafter in consultation with the Administration

3.6. The Finance Committee will have the power to formulate and vote on recommendations to put to Council.'

Much discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Moran left the meeting at 6.19pm, re-entered at 6.19pm, left at 6.23pm and re-entered at 6.24pm.
- Councillor Martin left the meeting at 6.19pm and re-entered at 6.19pm.

The amendment was then put and lost

Councillor Moran then requested that a division be taken on the amendment

Division

For (4):

Councillors Donovan, Martin, Moran and Simms.

Against (6):

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde) and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Hou, Khera and Knoll.

The division was declared against the amendment

Discussion continued, during which Councillor Moran left the meeting at 6.36pm.

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Martin then requested that a division be taken on the motion

Division

For (7):

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde) and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Donovan, Hou, Khera and Knoll.

Against (2):

Councillors Martin and Simms.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Closure

The meeting closed at 6.52pm.

Mark Goldstone,
Chief Executive Officer

Sandy Verschoor,
Lord Mayor.

Documents Attached for Reference

Nil