



COUNCIL MINUTES

for the Special meeting

Thursday 13 August 2020

in the Colonel Light Room
Adelaide Town Hall



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

Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Special 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

Apologies:

Councillors Donovan and Mackie

Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

1. Item 3.1 – Adelaide Central Market Authority Business Plan and Budget [2019/02431] [C]

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

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Adelaide Central Market Authority 2020-21 Business Plan as included in Attachment A to Item 3.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020.
2. Approves the Adelaide Central Market Authority 2020-21 Budget as included in Attachment B to Item 3.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020.
3. Approves borrowings of \$855,391 to the Adelaide Central Market Authority 2020-21 Budget for the operational funding deficit as detailed in Attachment B to Item 3.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020.
4. Approves borrowings of \$210,000 to the Adelaide Central Market Authority 2020-21 Budget for Central Market Arcade redevelopment priorities as detailed in Attachment B to Item 3.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020.
5. Approves borrowings of \$4.456 million to the Adelaide Central Market Authority 2020-21 Budget for capital works as detailed in Attachment B to Item 3.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Abrahamzadeh entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.37 pm
- Councillor Couros entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.39 pm

The motion was then put and carried

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde) then requested that a division be taken on the motion

Division

For (6):

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

Against (3):

Councillors Martin, Moran and Simms.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

2. Item 3.2 – Rundle Mall Management Authority 2020-2021 Business Plan and Budget [2019/02431] [C]

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

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Rundle Mall Management Authority 2020-21 Business Plan as included in Attachment A to Item 3.2 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020.
2. Approves the Rundle Mall Management Authority 2020-21 Budget as included in Attachment B to Item 3.2 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020.

Carried

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde) then requested that a division be taken on the motion

Division

For (7):

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

Against (2):

Councillors Martin and Moran.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

3. Item 3.3 – 2019-20 Quarter 4 Finance Report [2018/03947] [C]

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

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the 2019-20 Quarter 4 Finance Report (the report), including the updated Long Term Financial Plan.
2. Notes the Quarter 4 Treasury report update as contained in Item 3.3 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020.
3. Approves the 2019-20 Quarter 4 Finance Report and proposed re-timing adjustments as summarised in Attachment A to Item 3.3 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde) then requested that a division be taken on the motion

Division

For (6):

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

Against (3):

Councillors Martin, Moran and Simms.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

4. Item 3.4 – Reshaping our Organisation [2017/03236] [C]

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

That Council:

1. Notes the permanent savings of \$2.576 million identified (post the enactment of our COVID-19 Business Continuity Plan) as an initial contribution to the \$20 million operational expenditure savings target set by Council (Phase 1).
2. Notes the considerations and levers for reshaping our organisation in support of achieving the \$20 million operational savings, other efficiencies and improved outcomes.
3. Approves the Reshaping Principles, and the Roles of Council in the Delivery of Services, within Item 3.4 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020, that will guide us in reshaping our organisation.

4. Notes the proposed timeline for reshaping our organisation which will see structural changes implemented from January 2021.
5. Notes our commitment to timely and transparent communications to our people, our Council (as per section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) and our community as we reshape our organisation.
6. Reaffirms our commitment to support our people through organisational change.
7. Approves extra transition support measures for all employees whose roles become redundant, in order to support their future job readiness and mental health, including:
 1. Outplacement services, and;
 2. An additional month's access to the existing Employee Assistance Program post employment with the City of Adelaide.

Much discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

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

Division

For (6):

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

Against (3):

Councillors Martin, Moran and Simms.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Councillor Couros left the Colonel Light Room at 6.40 pm

5. Item 3.5 – Adoption of the 2020-21 Business Plan and Budget [2019/02431] [C]

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

THAT COUNCIL

1. Adopts the 2020-2021 Business Plan and Budget as indicated in Attachment A to Item 3.5 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020 having considered all submissions made during the public consultation period.
2. Adopts the Budget for the year ending 30 June 2021 included in Attachment A to Item 3.5 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020 comprising all financial statements and other information as required by the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.
3. Resolves to borrow the funding requirement of \$35.5m for the 2020-2021 Budget.
4. Adopts the Long Term Financial Plan as set out on pages 74 to 78 of Attachment A to Item 3.5 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of Council held on 13 August 2020.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the final 2020-2021 Business Plan and Budget document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design.
6. Approves the new fee for 'Advertising costs incurred due to Public Consultation' as detailed in the Report to be added to the Fees and Charges Schedule for 2020-2021 financial year.

Much discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Knoll left the Colonel Light Room at 6.41 pm and re-entered at 6.43 pm
- Councillor Khera left the Colonel Light Room at 6.42 pm and re-entered at 6.44 pm
- Councillor Couros re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 6.43 pm
- Councillor Moran left the meeting at 7.04 pm

The meeting was then put and carried

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

Division

For (6):

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

Against (2):

Councillors Martin and Simms.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

6. Item 3.6 – Adoption of Valuations 2020-2021 [2020/00150] [C]

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

THAT COUNCIL

1. Adopts the valuations for 2020-21, that have been prepared based on Annual Value, pursuant to Section 167 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA) ('the Act')*. The Annual Value comprised with the Assessment Record amount to a total of \$1,155,134,560 of which \$902,589,700 represents the total value of the rateable land, prepared in-house by the City of Adelaide Rates and Valuation team, as applying to the land within the area of the Corporation of the City of Adelaide for rating purposes.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Martin left the meeting at 7.12 pm
- Councillor Khera left the Colonel Light Room at 7.12 pm

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

7. Item 3.7 – Declaration of Rates 2020-2021 [2020/00150] [C]

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

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the general principles of rating outlined in Section 150 of 'the Act', and the requirements of Section 153 (2) of 'the Act' regarding consideration of issues of consistency and equity across Council areas.
2. Notes that in order to raise the amount of \$113.3m, and in exercising the powers contained in Section 153 (1) (b) of 'the Act', it is appropriate pursuant to Section 156 (1) (a) of 'the Act' to declare Differential General Rates in the area of Council according to land use and in accordance with Regulation 14 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013 (SA)*, as follows:
 - 2.1. 0.1149 in the dollar for all rateable land with a residential land use within the City of Adelaide for the financial year ending 30 June 2021.
 - 2.2. 0.1408 in the dollar for all other rateable land uses within the City of Adelaide for the financial year ending 30 June 2021.
3. Declares pursuant to Section 154 of 'the Act', a separate rate in the dollar of 0.00209 on rateable land uses within the City of Adelaide, which falls within the Green Adelaide Board region, in accordance with the requirements of Section 69 of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*.
4. Approves pursuant to Section 153 (3) of 'the Act', not to fix a maximum increase in the general rate on rateable land that constitute the residence of a principal ratepayer, given the rate relief to be provided under Section 166 through a 'Special Discretionary Rate Rebate' in resolution 6.
5. Approves pursuant to Section 166 (1)(i)(ii) of 'the Act', to provide a 'Special Discretionary Rate Rebate' in 2020-21 to all land uses to ensure any increase in general rates payable for comparable properties is no more than 10.0%.
6. Approves that the 'Special Discretionary Rate Rebate' will not be applicable to properties where the valuation has increased because of a new development, addition or alteration.
7. Approves pursuant to Section 182 (4) of 'the Act', a pensioner ratepayer who owns their own home and satisfies the eligibility criteria, will receive (on application) a Council-funded Pensioner Remission of rates to the value of \$100 in 2020-21.
8. Approves pursuant to Section 182 (4) of 'the Act', a self-funded retiree ratepayer who owns their own home and satisfies the eligibility criteria, will receive (on application) a Council funded Self-Funded Retiree Remission of rates to the value of \$50 in 2020-21.
9. Approves pursuant to Section 182 (4) of 'the Act', a ratepayer who has satisfied the eligibility criteria and currently receives a State Government funded Hardship Benefit, will also receive (on application) a Council-funded Hardship Remission of rates to the value of \$100 for the 2020-21 financial year.
10. Approves pursuant to the provisions of Section 181 of 'the Act', all rates and charges which have been imposed for the financial year ending 30 June 2021 will fall due in four equal instalments on the following days or if these days fall on a weekend or public holiday on the next business day:
 - 10.1. 30 September 2020

10.2. 1 December 2020

10.3. 1 March 2021

10.4. 1 June 2021.

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Khara re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 7.13 pm

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

8. Item 3.8 – Declaration of Rundle Mall Special Rate 2020-2021 [2020/00150] [C]

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

THAT COUNCIL

1. Having taken into account the general principles of rating outlined in Section 150 of 'the Act' and issues of consistency and comparability across council areas where relevant, declares pursuant to Section 154 (1) and (7) of 'the Act', a differential separate rate in the dollar of 0.03582 (to be known as the 'Rundle Mall differential separate rate') for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, on the annual value of all rateable land, except land which has a residential land use that is within the Rundle Mall Precinct.
2. Notes that the Rundle Mall differential separate rate will generate approximately \$3.85m in 2020-21.
3. Notes for this resolution 'Rundle Mall Precinct' shall be that area bounded by the:
 - 3.1. southern alignment of North Terrace between Pulteney and King William Streets,
 - 3.2. eastern alignment of King William Street between North Terrace and Grenfell Street,
 - 3.3. northern alignment of Grenfell Street between King William and Pulteney Streets,
 - 3.4. western alignment of Pulteney Street between Grenfell Street and North Terrace.
4. Declares the Rundle Mall differential separate rate for the 2020-21 financial year will fall due in four equal instalments on the days noted below, or if these days fall on a weekend or public holiday, on the next business day:
 - 4.1. 30 September 2020
 - 4.2. 1 December 2020
 - 4.3. 1 March 2021
 - 4.4. 1 June 2021.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

Closure

The meeting closed at 7.16 pm.

Mark Goldstone,
Chief Executive Officer

Sandy Verschoor,
Lord Mayor.

Documents Attached for Reference

Nil