



COUNCIL MINUTES

for the Special meeting conducted by electronic means

Friday 21 January 2022



Present - The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Sandy Verschoor (Presiding)
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Abrahamzadeh
Councillors Couros, Donovan, Hou, Hyde, Khera, Knoll, Mackie, Martin, Moran and Snape.

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.'

Acknowledgement of Colonel William Light

The Lord Mayor stated:

'The Council acknowledges the vision of Colonel William Light in determining the site for Adelaide and the design of the City with its six squares and surrounding belt of continuous Park Lands which is recognised on the National Heritage List as one of the greatest examples of Australia's planning heritage.'

Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil

Report

1. **Item 4.1 – CoA COVID Response - Councillor Martin – Motion on Notice [C]**

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Moran –

That Council asks the Administration to:

1. Allow businesses to apply for a refund of already paid January to March 2022 rates and withdraw any notices for rates not yet paid for the same period and to make appropriate adjustments to the 2021/22 budget and to the Long Term Financial Plan.
2. Establish a team with legal and property expertise to assist business ratepayers who require assistance negotiating rent and/or lease reductions/waivers.
3. Establish an immunisation/booster clinic at Town Hall to assist City businesses and visitors subject to the agreement of and negotiations with SA Health.
4. Conduct an audit of all traffic light pedestrian crossings to ensure the "walk" function is automated and, as happened in Sydney almost two years ago, affix signs to crossing buttons advising they do not need to be touched to help to eliminate the spread of COVID.
5. Increase cleansing of surfaces in public places which could be a source of infection, including seating, flat and other designated surfaces in Rundle Mall and to provide signage in potential high traffic areas, including Precincts, reminding visitors of mask requirements and suggesting the wearing of masks, even though not required in all outdoor settings, can provide protection against COVID.
6. Implement through the Community Development program an assistance program for the aged and the vulnerable isolating to connect them with service providers or directly provide assistance with shopping, medical consultations and any other reasonable form of assistance.

With the consent of the mover, seconder and meeting the motion was withdrawn

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Couros,
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Abrahamzadeh –

That Council:

1. Immediately launches a City Business Saver cash grant to small businesses in the City of Adelaide per the framework detailed in Item 10.8 on the Agenda for the Meeting of Council held on 10 November 2020, with the following amendments: -
 - a. Requests an update on the rollout of the program be provided to the scheduled February meeting of Council.
 - b. To include all businesses who pay rates from \$0 - \$15,000 with a 30% loss of revenue from 27th December 2021 to March 2022, to align with the State Government Business Support Grants (currently \$40 million).
2. Undertakes the following initiatives under the Reignite Adelaide 2.0 program:
 - a. Pedestrian crossings set-to automatic for January and March 2022 request to DIT.
 - b. Continue to assess need for additional cleansing (extent and frequency).
 - c. Rates hardship provisions have been reviewed and will continue to be made available to ratepayers experiencing financial difficulty. These provisions will be promoted. (\$10K).
 - d. Welcome Back lunch/dinner voucher program to be delivered by AEDA (\$250k).
 - e. Fast track the Digital Marketplace delivered by AEDA (\$250k) subject to a briefing to elected members.
 - f. Extend the Reignite Adelaide temporary parklets scheme to support the hospitality industry to expand into the public realm, optimise outdoor capacity limits and attract visitation through inviting, green, safe spaces from January through to 1 June 2022 (up to \$100k from existing budget).
 - g. Extend the Reignite Adelaide fee free scheme for Permit and Development Applications for businesses applying for temporary activations that will support people to return to the city from January through to 1 April 2022 (foregone revenue TBC).
 - h. On Street Parking – free parking from 6pm weeknights and free weekends in key precincts to support a successful festival season in February through to March (foregone revenue TBC).
 - i. UPark Plus Campaigns: \$8 capped price parking for new and lapsed customers from January 2022 to March 2022. 20% off next 5 carparks for the existing customer base until March 2022. Central Market UPark customers will receive 2 hours free parking when they spend more than \$50 within the Central Market effective 18-31 January (foregone revenue approximately \$15k).
 - j. Investigate and consult with traders of Rundle Mall with a sidewalk sale event to be held in conjunction with parking offers and report back in February 2022.
 - k. CoA Tenant Assistance: Work with tenants across all CoA properties to leverage State Government Grants and assess support options where significant financial stress and hardship is present e.g. 30-50% decline in turnover per guidelines (foregone revenue TBC).
 - l. Additional promotion for the Council's subsidiaries to promote new and existing programs (\$500k). Allocating \$100,000 to ACMA and \$400,000 to AEDA.
 - m. Commission comprehensive independent market research of major City employers and their employees and consumers to understand drivers for workers to return to the city and spend time/money to be completed by March 2022 (\$200k).
 - n. Public Art – Strategic Partnership to match artists with business owners to enliven City buildings in all precincts and encourage visitation to be implemented June through to December 2022 (\$300k).
 - o. Double the current allocation for Friday Night Live to \$180k (additional \$90K).
 - p. Small business promotion campaign (\$200k Reignite Adelaide) from February 2022.
 - q. Request funding from the State Government for the CoA to deliver a City-Wide Activation Program (Adelaide Unleashed) to be implemented through February – April 2022 (\$1m).
 - r. A Streetside Activation Grant scheme of up to \$5,000 in value for business to activate immediately outside their location (\$250k).
 - s. A Shopfront Improvement Grant scheme grant of up to \$10,000 in value with a co-contribution of 25% from the applicant (\$700k).

- t. An intrastate advertising campaign targeted at South Australians promoting Adelaide hotels and city experiences (\$250k).
 - u. Accelerating work to introduce a UPark ticket validation scheme for City businesses and brings forward infrastructure work for necessary upgrades to UPark infrastructure.
 - v. Investigates a scheme to provide small businesses in the city with free Rapid Antigen Tests with a priority for customer service centric operations such as hospitality, retail, and personal services.
 - w. Investigate an option Rapid Antigen Tests collection within the City of Adelaide, including pedestrian access, for Adelaide and North Adelaide residents.
3. Requests funding from the State Government for CoA to deliver the following event infrastructure & activation projects:
- a. Utilities Infrastructure Upgrade for Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) – power, water, sewerage upgrade similar to the improvements to Rundle Park / Kadlitpina (Park 13) to be implemented by October 2022 (\$3m).
 - b. Activation Infrastructure for Waymouth St, Gouger St, Wyatt St, Chesser St, Jerningham St - bollards, street furniture, canopies similar to investment in East End by June / Dec 2022 estimated at \$400k per site (\$2m).
 - c. Explore feasibility for a live site in the city (costings TBC).
 - d. Explore feasibility for a sound shell in the city (costings TBC).
 - e. Upgrade the Rundle Mall sound system and celebrate our designation as a UNESCO City of Music (costings TBC).
 - f. All weather covering and permanent atmospheric lighting for Moonta Street Plaza at Gouger Street entrance (\$1.5m).
 - g. Upgrade of Field Street as per council approved design (\$1.5m).

Much discussion ensued during which:

- Councillor Martin left the Special meeting at 4.17pm and re-joined at 4.19pm.
- With the consent of the mover and seconder of the motion, the Lord Mayor advised that the motion would be voted upon in parts.
- Councillor Hyde declared a possible perceived conflict of interest in Part 3 of the CoA COVID Response, pursuant to sections 75 & 75A of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, because he has nominated for preselection with the Liberal Party for a Seat in State Parliament and advised of his intention to remain in the Special meeting of the Council and participate in the debate and vote.
- Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Abrahamzadeh) left the Special meeting at 4.50pm and re-joined at 4.53pm

Part 1, Part 2 (excluding 2.a) and Part 3 of the motion were put and carried unanimously

Part 2.a of the motion was then put and carried

Councillor Snape requested that a division be taken on Part 2.a of the motion

Division

For (8):

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Abrahamzadeh) and Councillors Couros, Donovan, Hou, Mackie, Martin, Moran and Snape.

Against (3):

Councillors Hyde, Khera and Knoll.

The division was declared in favour of Part 2.a of the motion

Closure

The Special meeting closed at 5.08pm

Clare Mockler,
Chief Executive Officer

Sandy Verschoor,
Lord Mayor

Documents Attached for Reference

Nil