



CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

for the meeting

Tuesday, 16 April 2024

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Councillor Dr Siebentritt (Chair)
Councillor Elliott (Deputy Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis,
Giles, Hou, Martin and Noon

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair 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.’

2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apology:

Councillor Li

3 Confirmation of Minutes - 19/3/2024 & 21/3/2024

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Lord Mayor -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 March 2024 and the Special meeting held on 21 March 2024, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

5 Deputations

Nil

6 Workshops

Nil

7 Reports for Recommendation to Council

7.1 Draft 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Community Consultation purposes

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Davis entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.40 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

That formal meeting procedures be suspended for a period of 15 minutes.

Carried

Formal meeting procedures were suspended at 6.01 pm.

Discussion ensued. The period of informal discussion ended at 6.16 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Giles,
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape -

That formal meeting procedures be suspended for a further period of 15 minutes.

Carried

Formal meeting procedures were suspended at 6.16 pm.

Discussion continued, during which Councillor Giles left the Colonel Light Room at 6.19 pm and re-entered at 6.22 pm.

Formal meeting procedures resumed at 6.34 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget document set out in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024 for the purpose of public consultation commencing at 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
2. Approves the continuation of the Special Discretionary Rebate of 10% to cap annual rate increases, as incorporated in Council's Rating Policy.
3. Approves the change of land use from residential to commercial-other for short stay accommodation, to be incorporated in Council's Rating Policy.
4. Approves the reinstatement of the Pensioner Rate Rebate of \$100 per household for eligible concession card holders, accessed by application only, to be incorporated into Council's Rate Rebate Policy.
5. Notes the Asset Renewal Repair Fund of \$4.582m resourced through a temporary increase in rates revenue for 2024/25 to ensure that adequate cash flow is generated from operations to fund the renewal program.
6. Notes an allocation of 1.5% of rates revenue to upgrade Park Lands Buildings. This amount of \$2.027m for 2024/25 is to be funded through a minor increase in rates revenue of \$0.164m and operating savings of \$1.863m to be identified during the consultation period. Council requests the Administration to fund the design of the initiatives identified for Park 27B and Park 21W pending the presentation to Council of a strategy by which Council is able to;
 - 6.1. prioritise the funding for the upgrade of buildings to deliver fit for purpose toilet, shower and change facilities, with an emphasis on supporting inclusive community based lease holders offering sport and recreation.
 - 6.2. devise an equitable means of providing support for the same facilities for community based lease holders contributing their own funding to upgrade Park Lands buildings.
7. Requests the Administration, by the June 18th 2024 meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee, recommends to Council adjustments to the 24/25 Business Plan and Budget to lower the proposed increase in rates to 5.9% or less through a re-assessment of External Grant, Sponsorship and Strategic Partnerships programs.
8. Requests the Administration to identify the budget expenditure allocations aligned to implement the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan to ensure the key outcomes are delivered/met and the consultation document to reflect the priorities of the Strategic Plan.
9. Noting the published research of the Local Government Association, asks the Administration to investigate in readiness for the 25/26 Business Plan and Budget, paths by which the City of Adelaide could levy rates on, or leverage the rate free status of, Federal and State Government departments, instrumentalities and institutions, excluding religious institutions, to compensate City of Adelaide ratepayers for bearing the cost of the provision of services to such entities.

10. Notes the 2024/25 Budget delivers an Operating Surplus of \$9.367m and projects borrowings of \$72.190m at the end of 2024/25.
11. Notes the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Central Market Authority provided as Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing at 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
12. Notes the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Economic Development Agency provided as Attachment C to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
13. Notes the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority provided as Attachment D to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing at 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
14. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the draft 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- The Chair advised the meeting that the motion would be taken in parts.
- Councillor Abrahamzadeh left the Colonel Light Room at 7.00 pm and re-entered at 7.06 pm.

In response to queries from Members, the following undertakings were given:

- To provide Council Members with information to confirm that purchasing carbon offsets has ceased, throughout the entire organisation, including for subsidiaries and businesses.
- To include further statistics on the rates contribution businesses make to the City of Adelaide in the budget document.
- What rate increase or cuts would be required in third budget to make Council's debt less than the \$183m forecast in the LTFFP, closer to \$0? Include this information in the Q3 report in May and include any update of the LTFFP.
- How the City of Adelaide compare on rates to other Council's rating on median property value.

Parts 1 to 5 of the motion, were then put and carried

Part 6 of the motion, was then put and carried

Part 7 of the motion, was then put and carried

Part 8 of the motion, was then put and carried

Part 9 of the motion, was then put and carried

Parts 10-14 of the motion, were then put and carried

7.2 Update on progress of Integrated Community Engagement Framework

Moved by Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Councillor Hou -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the update on the progress of the Integrated Community Engagement Framework, and the Integrated Community Engagement Program 2023/24 (Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 April 2024).

2. Notes that a further update on the progress of the Integrated Community Engagement Framework will be provided in the second half of the year to wrap up 2023/24 and that future updates in this space will be provided to Council Members via E-News.
3. Notes the outcome of an internal review into community engagement with people living in high-rise buildings, and the report assessing impacts of distribution of promotional material for the consultation on the Draft Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (Attachment B to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 April 2024).
4. Notes the status quo approach to engaging with the western City community until such time as the Integrated Community Engagement Framework is fully implemented, including work to review Council's approach to supporting local economic activity, place activation and precinct engagement.

Carried unanimously

7.3 Draft Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy

Moved by Councillor Couros,
Seconded by Councillor Martin –

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes that a Draft Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy will be presented to the City Community Services and Culture Committee on 4 June 2024 seeking approval for public consultation.

Carried unanimously

8 Reports for Noting

Nil

9 Exclusion of the Public

Moved by Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee dated 16 April 2024 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 10.1 [Adelaide Visitor Experience Centre] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item contains matters that must be considered in confidence as they relate to an open tender process and contain information relating on ongoing licensing negotiations.

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably provide third parties information that could provide an advantage to them in negotiations with Council. It also includes matters relating to an open tender process for the provision of services.

Public Interest

The Committee is satisfied that in principle the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of this information relates to ongoing licencing negotiations and an open tender process.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee dated 16 April 2024 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 10.1 [Adelaide Visitor Experience Centre] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (b) of the Act.

Carried

Councillor Abrahamzadeh, Members of the public and Corporation staff present not directly involved with Item 10.1, left the Colonel Light Room at 7.13 pm.

10 Confidential Reports for Recommendation to Council

10.1 Adelaide Visitor Experience Centre [S90(3) (b)]

The meeting re-opened to the public at 7.20 pm.

Item 10.1 – Adelaide Visitor Experience Centre

Confidentiality Order

Authorises that in accordance with Section 90 (3) (b) (i) and (ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 10.1 [Adelaide Visitor Experience Centre] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 April 2024 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90 (3) (b) (i) and (ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the City Finance and Government Committee do order that:

1. The resolution becomes public information in the Minutes of the Council meeting.
2. The report, the discussion and any other associated information submitted to this meeting and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until Council has awarded the contract to a tender and the licencing agreement has been finalised.
3. The Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

Closure

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Councillor Dr Siebentritt
City Finance and Governance Committee Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil