



CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

for the Special meeting

Tuesday, 28 May 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 Couros, Davis, 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

On Leave:

Councillors Giles and Li

Absent:

Councillor Abrahamzadeh

3 Reports for Recommendation to Council

3.1 Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget - savings target update

Councillor Phillip Martin declared a material conflict of interest in relation to funding for the Adelaide Zero Project within Item 3.1 [Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget - savings target update], pursuant to Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), as his daughter works for the Adelaide Zero Project, and would therefore vacate his Chair, and left the Colonel Light Room at 4.35 pm.

To enable Councillor Martin to re-enter the Colonel Light Room and be involved in the debate, it was then -

Moved by Lord Mayor,

Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Endorses the identified savings as per Option 2 of Attachment A to item 3.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Special City Finance and Governance Committee held 28 May 2024 excluding the Adelaide Zero Project for the purposes of the final 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget to be presented to Council for adoption on 25 June 2024.
2. Notes:
 - 2.1 All Pre-Commitments are fully funded
 - 2.2 Mainstreets / Precinct Group funding reinstated to provide 6 months of payments pending review
 - 2.3 The reinstatement of the AEDA Commercial Events and Sponsorship Program (\$500k) be reallocated to Strategic Partnerships (\$175k) and Events and Festival Sponsorship (\$325k)
 - 2.4 Reinstatement of Heritage and Sustainability grants funding to 2023/24 funding levels.
3. Notes that the funding allocations to support External Grant Funding programs will be monitored by Administration over the first quarter of 2024/25 and be prioritised for review as part of the Q1 Business Plan and Budget Review.

Councillor Martin re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 4.41 pm.

The Chair requested leave of the meeting to suspend formal meeting procedures for a period of 15 minutes at 4.41 pm.

Leave was granted

Informal discussion ensued

The Chair requested leave of the meeting to suspend formal meeting procedures for a further period of 15 minutes at 4.58 pm.

Leave was granted

Informal discussion continued, during which Councillor Hou entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.04 pm.

The Chair requested leave of the meeting to suspend formal meeting procedures for a further period of 15 minutes at 5.13 pm.

Leave was granted

Informal discussion continued

The meeting re-entered formal meeting procedures at 5.23 pm.

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Couros,
Seconded by Councillor Hou -

That parts 2.2 and 2.3 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

2.2 Mainstreets / Precinct Group funding fully reinstated

2.3 The full reinstatement of the AEDA Commercial Events and Sponsorship Program

Discussion ensued, during which part 2.2 of the amendment was altered to included the words 'whilst the review is occurring with a report to come back by December 2024.'

The amendment was then put and lost

Discussion continued

The motion was then put and carried

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Councillor Martin left the Colonel Light Room at 5.53 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Councillor Noon –

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

4. Endorses the identified savings to the Adelaide Zero Project as per Option 2 of Attachment A to item 3.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Special City Finance and Governance Committee held 28 May 2024.

Carried unanimously

Closure

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm

Councillor Dr Siebentritt

City Finance and Governance Committee Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil