



COUNCIL

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 28 January 2025

in the Council Chamber, Adelaide Town Hall

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Our Adelaide.
Bold.
Aspirational.
Innovative.

Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Presiding Member)

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Elliott

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis, Giles, Martin, Noon, Dr Siebentritt and Snape

1 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 Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognize and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.’

2 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.’

3 Prayer

The Lord Mayor stated:

‘We pray for wisdom, courage, empathy, understanding and guidance in the decisions that we make, whilst seeking and respecting the opinions of others.’

4 Pledge

The Lord Mayor stated:

‘May we in this meeting speak honestly, listen attentively, think clearly and decide wisely for the good governance of the City of Adelaide and the wellbeing of those we serve.’

5 Memorial Silence

The Lord Mayor asked all present stand in silence in memory of those who gave their lives in defence of their Country, at sea, on land and in the air.

6 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies:

Councillors Hou and Li

7 Confirmation of Minutes – 10/12/2024

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Snape –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 December 2024, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

8 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

9 Deputations

Nil

10 Petitions

Nil

11 Recommendations of the Audit and Risk Committee

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Snape –

1. Recommendation 1 – Item 4.4 – Annual Terms of Reference Review

THAT COUNCIL

1. Adopts the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference as contained in Attachment A to Item 4.4 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 11 December 2024.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make any necessary typographical or syntactical amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk Committee as contained in Attachment A to Item 4.4 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 11 December 2024.

Carried

12 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

12.1 Nominations for the Libraries Board of SA

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Davis –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the call for nominations to the Libraries Board of SA from the Local Government Association.
2. Resolves to nominate a Councillor from the City of Adelaide, to be considered as the Local Government Association representative on the Libraries Board of SA.

Carried

The Lord Mayor called for nominations to be considered by the Local Government Association Board of Directors as a Member of the Libraries Board of SA.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Giles, who accepted the nomination. Councillor Giles declared a material conflict of interest in Item 12.1 [Nominations for the Libraries Board of SA], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* having been nominated to a position with a pecuniary benefit, withdrew her Chair and left the Council Chamber at 6.03 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Davis –

THAT COUNCIL

3. Approves Councillor Giles to be nominated for consideration by the Local Government Association Board of Directors as a Member of the Libraries Board of SA.

Carried

Councillor Giles re-entered the Council Chamber at 6.05 pm.

12.2 National General Assembly of Local Government 2025

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that input from Council Members is sought in developing proposed motions, with a report to come back to Council at its 11 March 2025 meeting outlining proposed motions for consideration.

Carried

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations as a voting delegate at the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 24–27 June 2025.

Councillor Giles nominated Councillor Noon, who accepted the nomination. Councillor Noon declared a material conflict of interest in Item 12.2 [National General Assembly of Local Government 2025], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) having been nominated to a position with a pecuniary benefit, withdrew her Chair and left the Council Chamber at 6.07 pm.

It was then –

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

THAT COUNCIL

2. Appoints Councillor Noon to represent Council as a voting delegate at the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 24–27 June 2025.

Carried

Councillor Noon re-entered the Council Chamber at 6.07 pm.

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of proxy voting delegate at the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 24–27 June 2025.

Councillor Giles nominated herself. Councillor Giles declared a material conflict of interest in Item 12.2 [National General Assembly of Local Government 2025], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) having been nominated to a position with a pecuniary benefit, withdrew her Chair and left the Council Chamber at 6.08 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Snape
Seconded by Councillor Davis -

THAT COUNCIL

3. Appoints Councillor Giles as a proxy.

Carried

Councillor Giles re-entered the Council Chamber at 6.08 pm.

Councillor Noon declared a material conflict of interest in Item 12.2 [National General Assembly of Local Government 2025], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) being the appointed delegate, withdrew her Chair and left the Council Chamber at 6.08 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Snape
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

THAT COUNCIL

4. Approves the delegate to travel and attend in person.

Carried

Councillor Noon re-entered the Council Chamber at 6.08 pm.

13 Lord Mayor's Reports

The Lord Mayor addressed the meeting on the following:

- Council's achievements throughout 2024
- Council's tasks ahead for 2025, including the work that Council will continue to build upon
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Australia Day events
- Mayor sporting events – T20 International, the Women's Ashes and Tour Down Under final stages
- Condemnation of the neo Nazi style rally that took place in the City
- Congratulations to the Australian Alliance to End Homelessness on receiving the Bronze World Habitat Award.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Giles –

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

14 Councillors' Reports

14.1 Reports from Council Members

Councillor Snape addressed the meeting to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide and his attendance at the New Years Eve fireworks at Elder Park.

Councillor Davis addressed the meeting on his attendance at a Women's sport event ahead of the Women's T20 and an Australia Day event.

Councillor Siebentritt addressed the meeting on his attendance at a Sister City event, Carols By Candlelight and Citizenship Ceremony.

Councillor Noon addressed the meeting regarding the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and condemned the current actions of a neo-Nazi group in the City.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh
Seconded by Councillor Martin –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Council Member activities and functions attended on behalf of the Lord Mayor (Attachment A to Item 14.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 28 January 2025).
2. Notes the summary of meeting attendance by Council Members (Attachment B to Item 14.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 28 January 2025).
3. Notes that reports from Council Members tabled at the meeting of the Council held on 28 January 2025 will be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

Councillor Abrahamzadeh addressed the meeting to thank the staff who worked through the festive period.

The motion was then put and carried

15 Motions on Notice

15.1 Councillor Davis - MoN - City-wide Speed Limit Review

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the public condemnation of the proposal to reduce the speed limit in the City of Adelaide to 30km/h.
2. Abandons any further investigation into a blanket 30km/h speed limit in the city.
3. Abandons any further investigation into a blanket 40km/h speed limit.
4. Continues the investigation into speed limits across the City of Adelaide local government area with the aim of making the city's roads safer and achieving road safety targets outlined in the Strategic Plan 2024-28. This investigation must ensure that proposals for changing speed limits in any area are grounded in actual crash data and evidence-based analysis for Council's consideration.
5. Requests the administration to ensure that the investigation includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Identifying black spot areas for vehicle-vehicle collisions and vehicle-pedestrian collisions;
 - b. Assessing whether reducing the speed limit in these areas would improve safety, or if alternative measures—such as traffic calming, improved traffic signage, education programs, or pedestrian crossings—would deliver more effective safety outcomes;

- c. Analysing data on actual fatalities and accidents, including their locations and causes, whilst also taking the City of Adelaide's City Plan into consideration; and
- d. Ensuring that businesses and residents of the City of Adelaide are adequately consulted prior to any Council decision on proposed changes to speed limits or other road safety measures.

Discussion ensued

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

That the motion be amended to read as follows:

‘That Council defers any decision in relation to speed limits in the City of Adelaide until the presentation of a report to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on the Integrated Transport Strategy and the School Zone Safety Review.’

Discussion ensued

Councillor Davis raised a point of order that the amendment was a direct negative. The Lord Mayor ruled that it was not.

Councillor Davis raised a point of order around Members speaking about other Members. The Lord Mayor ruled that Councillor Martin was not being disparaging or offensive.

Councillor Couros raised a point of order in relation to Members speaking to the motion. The Lord Mayor reminded Members to speak to the motion.

The amendment was then put and lost

Councillor Snape requested that a division be taken on the amendment

Division

For (4):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Elliott and Councillors Giles, Martin and Snape.

Against (5):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis, Noon and Siebentritt.

The division was declared against the amendment

Discussion continued

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on the motion

Division

For (6):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis, Giles, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (3):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Elliott and Councillors Martin and Snape.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

16 Motions without Notice

Nil

17 Questions on Notice

17.1 Councillor Davis - QoN - Parking Information Officers

The Question and Reply having been distributed and published prior to the meeting was taken as read.

The reply for Item 17.1, is attached for reference at the end of the Minutes of the meeting.

18 Questions without Notice

Nil

19 Exclusion of the Public

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 20.1

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (g) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 28 January 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 20.1 [Capital City Committee Annual Report and Update] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

The disclosure of information in this report would breach 'Cabinet in confidence' information presented to the Capital City Committee (CCC) established under the City of Adelaide Act 1998 which has provided for a State/Capital City inter-governmental forum (the CCC) to operate and the associated duty of confidence and duty as a member of the inter-governmental forum.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 28 January 2025 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 20.1 [Capital City Committee Annual Report and Update] 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) (g) of the Act.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 20.2

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in sections 90(3) (b) and (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 28 January 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 20.2 [Delegation to Award Contract] 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 is commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to identify the shortlisted tenderers and to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business and prejudice the commercial position of the Council, with the potential to confer a commercial advantage to a third party competitor of a person with whom the council is conducting business.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 28 January 2025 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 20.2 [Delegation to Award Contract] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in sections 90(3) (b) and (d) of the Act.

Carried

Councillor Davis, members of the public and corporation staff not involved with Items 20.1 and 20.2 left the Council Chamber at 6.56 pm.

- 20 Confidential Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**
- 20.1 Capital City Committee Annual Report and Update [S90(3) (g)]**
- 20.2 Delegation to Award Contract [S90(3) (b) & (d)]**

The meeting reopened to the public at 6.57 pm.

Item 20.1 – Capital City Committee Annual Report and Update [S90(3) (g)]

Resolution and Confidentiality Order

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the report on the Capital City Committee meeting held on 12 December 2024.
2. Receives and notes the Capital City Committee 2023-24 Annual Report, presented as Attachment A to Item 20.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on 28 January 2025.
3. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 20.1 [Capital City Committee Annual Report and Update] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on 28 January 2025 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (g) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council orders that:
 - 3.1. The resolution become public information and included in the Minutes of the Council Meeting.
 - 3.2. Attachment A to Item 20.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on 28 January 2025, the Capital City Committee 2023-24 Annual Report, become public information following the Annual Report being tabled in Parliament.
 - 3.3. The report (excluding Attachment A), 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 31 December 2030.
 - 3.4. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2025.
 - 3.5. The Chief Executive Officer 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.

Item 20.2 – Delegation to Award Contract [S90(3) (b), (d)]

Confidentiality Order

Authorises that, in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 20.2 [Delegation to Award Contract] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 28 January 2025 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (b) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of Council do order that:

1. The resolution, 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 execution of the contract, in accordance with Section 91 (8)(b)-(ba) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA).
2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed December 2025.
3. The Chief Executive Officer 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 6.57 pm

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Lord Mayor

Documents Attached:

Item 17.1 - Councillor Davis - QoN - Parking Information Officers, Reply - Distributed Separately

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. Since the beginning of council how additional parking inspectors in terms of FTEs have we employed?
2. What has been the increase in cost for employing them?
3. What has been the total revenue increase since we employed them?

REPLY

1. The current term of Council commenced in November 2022, therefore dollar figures from the 2022/23 financial year onwards are provided in the tables below.

	As at Nov 2022	As at 30 Jun 2023	As at 30 Jun 2024	As at 31 Dec 2024
Budgeted PIO FTEs	23.5	23.5	30.5	30.5
Actual FTEs	21.2	19.7	23.6	24.9

Labour Expenses	2022/23	2023/24	To Dec 2024
Budget	\$2,354,390	\$2,940,721	\$1,466,076
Actuals	\$1,719,767	\$2,432,523	\$1,174,738

Expiation Revenue	2022/23 Actuals	2023/24 Actuals	2024/25 *Budgeted
Expiations	\$ 6,379,626	\$ 8,456,807	\$ 10,320,604
Late Payments	\$ 957,347	\$ 1,170,579	\$ 928,288
FERU	\$ 1,034,781	\$ 1,208,741	\$ 1,262,695
Total	\$ 8,371,754	\$ 10,836,127	\$ 12,511,587

2. The following explanatory notes to the tables in paragraph one are provided:

2.1. FTEs

- 2.1.1. The FTE figures relate to Parking and Information Officers (PIOs) only, excluding leadership or administrative support functions.

- 2.1.2. The increase in budgeted FTEs from November 2022 to 30 June 2024 reflects a Council-approved service change through adoption of the 2023/24 Annual Business Plan and Budget.
- 2.1.3. On average between 10-20% of these FTEs can be vacant at any point in time due to factors such as staff turnover and recruitment challenges and timing.
- 2.1.4. As at 31 December 2024, there were 5.6 FTE vacancies in the PIO team.

2.2. Expenses

- 2.2.1. The expenses figures include staff salary, overtime and any temporary contractors used.
- 2.2.2. These figures exclude plant, equipment or other staffing costs. They also do not reflect expiation administration expenses such as printing, mailing and vehicle ownership search costs, which increase and decrease in correlation with expiation volume.

2.3. Revenue

2.3.1. Expiation revenue consists of three components:

- 2.3.1.1. The value of initial expiations issued
- 2.3.1.2. Late payment fees which are applied if not paid within 28 days
- 2.3.1.3. Fees collected if unpaid expiations are transferred to the Fines and Enforcement Recovery Unit (FERU) for enforcement.

2.3.2. PIOs directly impact the first component, but not the remaining two.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4 hours.
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