



CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 15 April 2025

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)
Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis, Giles, Martin and Snape

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair 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 recognise 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 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil

3 Confirmation of Minutes - 11/3/2025, 18/3/2025, 25/3/2025 & 1/4/2025

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 March 2025 and the Minutes of the Special meetings on 11 March 2025, 25 March 2025 and 1 April 2025, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

5 Deputations

5.1 Deputation - Mr Damien Kelly - Parklet Fees

Mr Damien Kelly addressed the meeting to:

- Speak about parklet fees from the perspective of a parklet owner.

During the presentation, Councillor Snape entered the Colonel Light Room at 7.28 pm.

The Chair thanked Mr Kelly for his deputation and response to questions.

6 Workshops

6.1 Proposed fees and charges - 2025/26 Budget

Discussion Facilitators:

Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer
Jo Podoliak, Director, City Community
Steve Zaluski, Associate Director, Regulatory Services
Jennifer Kalionis, Associate Director, City Culture

Precis of Topic:

To seek Council Members’ feedback on the Proposed Fees and Charges changes for 2025/2026.

Undertaking - Proposed fees and charges - 2025/26 Budget

In response to a query from Councillor Davis, an undertaking was given to provide Council Members with the cost to undertake road closures for large events.

7 Reports for Recommendation to Council

7.1 AEDA Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget

Discussion Facilitators:

Steve Maras, Chair, Adelaide Economic Development Agency
Greg Ratsch, General Manager, Adelaide Economic Development Agency
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer, City of Adelaide

Precis of Topic:

To provide Council Members' with information regarding AEDA's 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget; and the basis for the AEDA Board's position of 9.5% of rate revenue to deliver obligations under the AEDA Charter and Council's Economic Development Strategy.

The Chair sought leave of the meeting to adjourn at 8.30 pm, until the conclusion of the Special Council meetings.

Leave was granted

The meeting resumed at 8.33 pm with the following Members present:

Lord Mayor and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Davis, Giles, Martin, Siebentritt and Snape.

The Chair sought leave of the meeting to continue the meeting past 8.30 pm, until all items had been considered.

Leave was granted

Discussion continued, during which Councillor Couros re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 8.36 pm.

7.2 2025/2026 Business Plan and Budget – Review of Fees and Charges

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Davis left the Colonel Light Room at 8.51 pm and re-entered at 8.52 pm.
- Councillor Abrahamzadeh left the meeting at 8.51 pm.
- Councillor Davis left the meeting at 8.53 pm.
- Councillor Couros declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.2 [2025/2026 Business Plan and Budget – Review of Fees and Charges], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as she has family businesses that paid outdoor dining fees, but as one of a class, she would stay in the room, participate in the discussion and vote on the matter.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Adopts the schedule of fees and charges set by Council for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
2. Notes the schedule of fees and charges set by Council under delegation for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment B to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
3. Adopts the schedule of fees and charges set by Council for the Adelaide Economic Development Agency for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment C to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
4. Notes the schedule of General fees and charges set by Statute included in Attachment D to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025. These fees will be updated in June/July 2025 once gazetted by State Government.

5. Notes the schedule of Commercial Business fees and charges set by Council under delegation for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment E to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
6. Notes the base level increase of 3% being applied to most fees and charges reflecting the most recent 2025/26 CPI forecast from the South Australian Centre for Economic Studies (SACES).

Discussion continued

The motion was then put and carried

7.3 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget - Budget Update

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Lord Mayor -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL
THAT COUNCIL

1. Endorses the final list of Strategic Projects, Capital Projects (including Renewals), Service changes and operational savings/opportunities for inclusion in the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget for the purpose of public consultation, as outlined in Attachment A, to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
2. Endorses the final operating budgets (inclusive of service changes) for inclusion in the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget for the purpose of public consultation, as outlined within the 'Our Programs and Projects' in Attachment B, to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Couros left the meeting at 9.01 pm.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

7.4 Amendment By-law Implementation Report

Moved by Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL
THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the public consultation submissions and recommendations received on the draft Miscellaneous Amendment By-law, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
2. Notes the requirements of the National Competition Policy and the Reports prepared on the National Competition Policy with respect to the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10, as contained in Attachment B to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
3. Makes the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10, as contained in Attachment C to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025, pursuant to Section 246 of the Local Government Act 1999 and in exercise of the powers and taking into account the requirement contained in the Legislation Interpretation Act 2021, City of Adelaide Act 1998, and Local Government Act 1999 (SA) and regulations.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 as made by Council.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to publish notice of the making of the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 in the Advertiser newspaper.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to arrange for the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 as made by Council to be published in the Government Gazette.
7. Adopts the report to the Legislative Review Committee on the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 as contained in Attachment D to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.

8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Legislative Review Committee Report on the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 as contained in Attachment D to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025, on behalf of Council.
9. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to arrange for the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 and all other necessary documentation to be provided to the Legislative Review Committee.

Carried

7.5 Council Members Training and Development Plan

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the draft 2025/26 Council Member Training Plan as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
2. Notes that finalisation of the draft 2025/26 Council Member Training Plan as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025, is dependent on the adoption of the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget.

Carried

8 Reports for Noting

Nil

Closure

The meeting closed at 9.11 pm

Councillor Dr Siebentritt

City Finance and Governance Committee Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil