



CITY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 1 September 2026

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon (Chair)
Councillor Martin (Deputy Chair)
Councillors Cabada, Couros, Freeman, Giles, Maher and Dr Siebentritt

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair stated:

‘The City of Adelaide acknowledges the Kaurna People of the Adelaide Plains as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today.

We acknowledge and honour their spiritual and cultural stewardship of this Country and recognise their deep and enduring relationship with its lands, waters, the sky, and all living things.

We pay our respects to Kaurna Elders past and present and recognise the important role of emerging leaders in sustaining and strengthening culture.’

2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies:

Councillors Abrahamzadeh and Snape

3 Confirmation of Minutes - 4/8/2026

Councillor Giles left the Colonel Light Room at 6.32 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs held on 4 August 2026, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

5 Deputations

Nil

6 Workshops

Nil

7 Reports for Recommendation to Council

7.1 Light Square / Wauwi Traffic and Safety Assessment

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Giles re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 6.33 pm.

Undertaking - Light Square / Wauwi Traffic and Safety Assessment

In response to a query from Councillor Siebentritt, the CEO gave an undertaking to provide Council Members with information on any renewal items scheduled for Light Square in the next 10 years.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Freeman,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

THAT THE CITY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes that the City Plan identifies a Light Square / Wauwi upgrade as essential to supporting significant residential and employment growth expected within the north-west of the CBD towards 2031, which requires improved transport networks and access to additional green space.
2. Notes the traffic and safety assessment of Light Square / Wauwi prepared by the City of Adelaide with the support of Wallbridge Gilbert Aztec (WGA), as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 1 September 2026.
3. Notes that the traffic and safety assessment confirms that both Option 1 and Option 2 in the draft Light Square / Wauwi Master Plan are feasible, but due to existing constraints on the road network, full delivery of either Option 1 and Option 2 would need to be taken as part of a broader precinct and network scale transport solution.
4. Notes the Light Square / Wauwi Active Travel Report as contained in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 1 September 2026.
5. Notes the City of Adelaide's application under Stream One of the Australian Government's Urban Precincts Partnership Program (UPPP) remains under consideration for broader precinct and network scale planning for Light Square / Wauwi.
6. Notes the short-term works package to target high-impact traffic and safety improvements for Light Square, is currently an unfunded item and will be incorporated into the prioritised program of transport related upgrades currently being developed by the Administration as part of the Integrated Transport Strategy Implementation Plan Item 4.1.4. for funding consideration in future Business Plans and Budgets processes.
7. Requests that the Administration develop concept plans for the short term safety enhancement works with funding through Council's quarterly budget review processes in 2026/27, including the Quarter 1 review process, and future Annual Business Plan and Budget processes.
8. Requests the Administration bring a report back to the October 2026 City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, to finalise and adopt the draft Light Square / Wauwi Master Plan.
9. Notes that the Administration will seek grant funding for the short term works package following the development of the concept plans.

Discussion continued, during which :

- With the consent of the mover, seconder and the meeting part 8 of the motion was varied to replace the word 'October' with the word 'November'.
- Councillor Giles left the Colonel Light Room at 7.03 pm and re-entered at 7.06 pm.

Undertaking - Light Square / Wauwi Traffic and Safety Assessment

In response to a query from the Lord Mayor, the CEO gave an undertaking to provide Council Members with information on the number of off street car parks in the area.

The Chair advised the meeting the motion would be taken in parts.

Parts 1-6 of the motion carried
Part 7 of the motion carried
Part 8 of the motion carried
Part 9 of the motion carried

7.2 Assessment of Long-term Vacant and Underutilised Sites for Housing

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

THAT THE CITY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the outcomes of the 2025/26 strategic project investigating the long-term vacant properties and underutilised land and buildings in the City of Adelaide as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 1 September 2026.
2. Notes that the 2026/27 Economic Development Strategy implementation project will explore options to mitigate building vacancy.
3. Notes that the findings of the Vacant and Underutilised Sites Assessment will be shared with the State Planning Commission and the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Housing Regulation.

Amendment -

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Freeman –

‘That the motion be amended by the inclusion of an additional part 4 to read as follows:

4. Asks the Administration to report to Council no later than December 2026 on Administration’s recommendations in relation to the consultation team’s recommendations (at para 22) and resourcing required.’

Amendment carried

Motion, as amended, carried

8 Reports for Noting

Nil

Councillors Cabada and Couros left the meeting at 7.51 pm.

The Chair wished Rundle Mall a Happy 50th Birthday and advised the meeting she had tendered her resignation as Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee.

Closure

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon
City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil