



CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 28 April 2026

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 Maher (Deputy Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Freeman,
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

Apology:

Councillor Cabada

Absent:

Councillor Davis

3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

4 Deputations

Nil

5 Reports for Recommendation to Council

5.1 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget - fees and charges

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Freeman entered the Colonel Light Room at 6.07 pm
- Councillor Giles left the Colonel Light Room at 6.11 pm and re-entered at 6.12 pm

Undertaking - 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget - fees and charges

In response to a query from Councillor Martin, an undertaking was given to provide Council Members with further information regarding the impact of the introduction of the new fee to accommodate short term parkers on weekends as detailed within Attachment B - Fees and charges set under delegation by Council.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Maher,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

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 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment A to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 28 April 2026.
2. Notes the schedule of fees and charges set by Council under delegation for the 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment B to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 28 April 2026, exclusive of the new fees described at paragraph 12.3 and 12.4 of the report.

3. Adopts the schedule of fees and charges set by Council for the Adelaide Economic Development Agency for the 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment C to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 28 April 2026.
4. Notes the schedule of General fees and charges set by Statute included in Attachment D to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 28 April 2026. These fees will be updated in June/July 2026 once gazetted by State Government.
5. Notes the schedule of Commercial Business fees and charges set by Council under delegation for the 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment E to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 28 April 2026.
6. Notes the base level increase of 3.5% being applied to most fees and charges reflecting the most recent 2026/27 CPI forecast from the South Australian Centre for Economic Studies (SACES).

Carried

5.2 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget - draft for public consultation

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget document set out in Attachment A to Item 5.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Special City Finance and Governance Committee held on 28 April 2026 for the purpose of public consultation commencing at 9.00am on Tuesday 5 May 2026 and concluding at midnight Tuesday 26 May 2026, subject to the following amendments made to Attachment A:
 - a. An explanation of the proposed 2026/27 works to be undertaken as part of the Main Street upgrade program and the timelines for each project
 - b. Include a 2026/27 allocation of \$2,000,000 for "Greening Program Year 3 Implementation" in the Infrastructure Capital Projects Budget
 - c. Increase the 2026/27 allocation of \$805,000 for "School Safety Implementation Project" to \$1,510,000 in the Infrastructure Capital Projects Budget, with a further increase of \$1,510,000 subject to a matching contribution to be sought from the State Government
 - d. Include a 2026/27 allocation of \$307,000 for "Small Business Program" in the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Strategic Projects Budget in accordance with its CEO briefing papers on March 23, 2026
2. Notes the Draft 2026/27 Budget delivers an Operating Surplus of \$4.976m and forecast borrowings of \$82.295m at the end of 2026/27.
3. Notes the Draft 2026/27 Budget delivers Capital expenditure of \$98.546m, including \$68.825m for the asset renewal program, and \$29.721m on new and upgraded assets.
4. Notes the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Central Market Authority provided as Attachment B to Item 5.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Special City Finance and Governance Committee held on 28 April 2026, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing at 9.00am on Tuesday 5 May 2026 and concluding at midnight Tuesday 26 May 2026.
5. Notes the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Economic Development Agency provided as Attachment C to Item 5.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 28 April 2026, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing at 9.00am on Tuesday 5 May 2026 and concluding at midnight on Tuesday 26 May 2026.
6. Notes the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority provided as Attachment D to Item 5.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Special City Finance and Governance Committee held on 28 April 2026, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing at 9.00am on Tuesday 5 May 2026 and concluding at midnight on Tuesday 26 May 2026.

7. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the Draft 2026/27 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

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Freeman,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

That the motion be amended by the inclusion of an additional part (b) to read as follows:

- 'b. Defer the 2026/27 budget allocation of \$460,000 for "Undergrounding of Powerlines" and \$635,000 for "West Pallant Street Improvements" to the subsequent 2027/28 financial year, to enable confirmation of an appropriate funding contribution from SA Power Networks (SAPN).'

Discussion ensued

The amendment was then put and lost

Discussion continued, during which:

- The Lord Mayor left the Colonel Light Room at 7.12 pm and re-entered at 7.14 pm.
- With the consent of the mover and seconder, the Chair advised the motion would be taken in parts.

Part 1 of the motion, was then put and carried

Part 1a of the motion, was then put and carried

Part 1b of the motion, was then put and carried

Part 1c of the motion, was then put and carried

Part 1d of the motion, was then put and carried unanimously

Parts 2 – 7 of the motion, were then put and carried

Closure

The meeting closed at 7.17 pm

Councillor Dr Siebentritt
City Finance and Governance Committee Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil