CITY OF ADELAIDE

COUNCIL

Minutes

for the Special meeting on

Tuesday, 10 November 2026

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)

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Freeman, Giles, Maher, Martin, Dr Siebentritt and Snape

1 Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor 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

Nil

3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

4 Motions on Notice

4.1 Revocation and Review – Item 17.3, 27 October 2026 – Advertising and Promotion of Oil and Gas Companies

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Abrahimzadeh -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Revokes in its entirety the resolution of Council of 27 October 2026 relating to Item 17.3 – Advertising and Promotion of Oil and Gas Companies, as follows:

   That from July 1st 2027:

   1. *Notes that the City of Adelaide officially declared a climate emergency in August 2019, and has an Integrated Climate Strategy 2030, working to significantly lower emissions in the CoA by 2030.*
   2. *Council will not advertise / or accept any advertising on any Council controlled signage on Council property by companies whose main business is the extraction or sale of coal, oil and gas.*
   3. *Council will not accept sponsorship from companies whose main business is the extraction or sale of coal, oil or gas.*
   4. *Council (including its subsidiaries) will not accept any hospitality offering (including tickets to events and races) where an oil/gas/coal company is a sponsor, regardless of sponsorship provided by the City of Adelaide or its subsidiaries.*
   5. *That all relevant Council policies be reviewed and updated to reflect this policy position.*
   6. *That administration create the appropriate transitions for sponsorship and advertising arrangements where necessary, and where an existing obligation requires a transition, that should be specific and time limited.*

7. That Council advertise this policy position via its website and inform relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to Federal and State Local Members of Parliament and other appropriate bodies.

Discussion ensued

Carried

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (8):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Freeman, Maher, Martin and Siebentritt

Against (2):

Councillors Giles and Snape

The division was declared in favour of the motion

It was then -

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Freeman -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Reaffirms the City of Adelaide's commitment to addressing climate change, per its *Integrated Climate Strategy 2030* endorsed by Council in June 2024, which supports a global ambition to significantly reduce carbon emissions by 2050 and sets a local ambition for the City of Adelaide to:
    a. Achieve 'net zero' emissions by 2035, brought forward from 2050.
    b. Achieve a 50% emissions reduction by 2030, from 2020 levels.
    c. Pursue stronger government policies that decouple economic growth from the use of fossil fuels.
2. Recognises the City of Adelaide's long-standing and enduring history of climate change leadership at a local, state, national and global level, which has been supported by successive Councils over several decades, including:
    a. Adopting a target in 2008 for City of Adelaide operations to be carbon neutral by 2020, which was achieved and certified by the Australian Government's Climate Active Program following a transition to 100% renewable energy in 2020.
    b. Establishing *Carbon Neutral Adelaide* with the State Government in 2015, together with adoption of the *Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015-2025*, which set a shared ambition to make the City of Adelaide one of the world's first carbon neutral cities with a target for 'net zero' emissions by 2025, which was not achieved.
    c. Declaring a climate emergency in August 2019 through Council resolution that "climate change poses a serious risk to the people of Adelaide, and it should be treated as a national emergency", joining an international movement of more than 900 councils and other agencies, including 36 councils across Australia.
    d. Being internationally recognised as a global climate leader through reporting carbon emissions via the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), following tracking of community emissions through inventories since 2007.
    e. Being a signatory to the international Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, through which a pledge has been made to contribute towards the goals of the Paris Agreement.
    f. Being a member of the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance, alongside 21 other member cities, which represents a global collaboration of leading cities with aggressive climate change targets working to reduce emissions by 80% of more by 2050 or sooner, including Sydney and Melbourne.

g. Supporting the State and Federal Government in 2025 to advocate for the City of Adelaide as host city for the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31), the annual United Nations Climate Change conference with representatives from 197 nations, noting South Australia's global leadership in renewable energy and target for 100% renewables by 2027.

h. Representing the City of Adelaide at the Pre-COP31 Stakeholder Engagement Program in Nadi, Fiji in October 2026, to discuss climate change opportunities ahead of COP31.

3. Requests Administration to provide a report to Council by May 2027 addressing:

a. the implications of restricting advertising or sponsorship by companies whose principal business is the extraction or sale of coal, oil or gas; and

b. recent developments in climate policy and international climate commitments, including outcomes arising from United Nations Climate Change Conferences, together with developments in technology, regulation, energy transition and the broader economic and business environment.

4. Requests the Lord Mayor to write to the State Government to:

a. Express growing community concern regarding the promotion of coal, oil and gas sponsorship on publicly owned assets within the City of Adelaide, acknowledging the potential for this to be perceived as contradictory to government commitments to reducing carbon emissions and achieving 'net zero'.

b. Seek advice on how sponsorship and partnership arrangements are considered in the context of the South Australia Government's Net Zero Strategy 2024–2030, Climate Ready Government framework and legislated emissions reduction and renewable energy targets, together with relevant national climate and net-zero commitments.

c. Request that the State Government consider whether sustainability and environmental responsibility criteria, including emissions reduction objectives, should form part of the evaluation of sponsorship and partnership arrangements.

d. Offer Council's support in promoting and partnering on initiatives that highlight South Australia's leadership in sustainability, innovation and renewable energy, while also supporting the objectives of the South Australian Government's Net Zero Strategy 2024–2030 and the City of Adelaide's Integrated Climate Strategy 2030.

Discussion ensued

Carried

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (6):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Freeman, Giles, Maher, Martin and Snape

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Cabada, Couros and Siebentritt

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Closure

The meeting closed at 6.34 pm

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Lord Mayor

Date of confirmation: