



# COUNCIL MINUTES

for the meeting

Tuesday, 29 November 2022

in the Council Chamber, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Presiding)  
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin  
Councillors Couros, Davis, Elliott, Giles, Hou, Jing, Noon, 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 Kurna 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 Kurna 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**

Upon the completion of the Acknowledgement of Colonel Light by the Lord Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer asked all present to pray -

‘Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon the works of the City of Adelaide; direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of your glory and the true welfare of the people of this City. Amen’

## **4 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.

## **5 Apologies and Leave of Absence**

Apologies:

Councillor Abrahamzadeh

## **6 Item 6 - Confirmation of Minutes - 11/10/2022, 13/10/2022 & 20/10/2022**

Moved by Councillor Couros,  
Seconded by Councillor Hou -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 October 2022 and the Minutes of the Special meetings of the Council held on 13 October 2022 and 20 October 2022, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

## **7 Deputations**

### **8 Item 7.1 - Mr Ian Vagg - Deputation - Planning Review**

Ian Vagg addressed the Council:

- On the urgent need for the Council Member’s participation in the Government’s Planning System Implementation Review and the change of date of the review.

The Lord Mayor thanked Mr Vagg for his deputation.

**9 Petitions - Nil**

**10 Advice from Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority & Advice/Recommendations of the Audit and Risk/Reconciliation Committee - Nil**

With leave of the meeting, the Lord Mayor advised that Item 13 – Lord Mayor’s Reports, would be considered prior to Item 10 – Chief Executive Officer’s Reports.

**11 Item 13 - Lord Mayor's Reports**

The Lord Mayor addressed the meeting as follows:

‘May I firstly congratulate all of you on being elected for the 2022-2026 term. We are making the transition from candidate to decision-maker, with the majority of councillors, 7 of 12, newly elected and therefore, needing to learn about Local Government and capital city governance as well as the status quo.

Local Government is not only the most accessible for candidates seeking election, it is also the most relevant to people’s every day lives.

We are privileged to have great influence and a degree of power and with that great responsibility toward our community.

As the Capital City Council, our role and our decisions are particularly important. Our city is the engine room of our state and it’s vital that we represent not just the narrow range of those who elected us within this city, but recognise we represent the city’s entire eco-system and to some extent, the essence of being South Australian.

Looking around the chamber, I’m impressed by the skills you all bring and I’m full of optimism for the term ahead. We have now completed the majority of our mandatory training under the Act and I look forward to working with you for the benefit of the city.

Since being elected, I have met with Premier Peter Malinauskas and Minister Champion and discussed a range of matters where the state and city can work together. I look forward to progressing these conversations.

I have begun to meet Council staff and have said in my first address to them that one of my goals is to ensure the Corporation is an employer of choice in local government, offering both prestige and career paths.

I might add that our aspiration for our operations should be aimed at high quality policy debate, good design and exemplary implementation. This will bring prestige to our capital city and install pride in our staff. I would also hope that as the capital city we could continue to mentor and support other local governments as we have done through policy and resource sharing.

Shortly, we will elect a Deputy Lord Mayor. It is my intention to work with whoever is chosen but have said to potential candidates that I would prefer an existing rather than newly elected councillor take the role.

I am keen to have a return to a Committee structure and two Council meetings per month. A Committee structure would allow perhaps three or four councillors to be appointed as Chair and provide an opportunity for councillors, not just the LM and DLM, to chair meetings.

My other intention is to ensure that every member of council has a role as a chair of a significant committee or a representative or nominated role on an external body.

To this end, I look forward to the workshop to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December where we will ensure we understand the implications of the proposals before us.

The path forward could be assisted by the passage of Councillor Martin’s motion on notice, which endorses the increase in number of Council meetings and changes to the Committee structure without, I hope, being prescriptive.

I am keen that we as a new Council build on the positive achievements of our predecessors and we will I am sure, put in the necessary work to be timely, strategic and focused.

You would know that significant deadlines approach. The most pressing an understanding of our finances in order to set a strategic budget and agenda and importantly, responding to the planning review. I am pleased to inform you that the Minister has extended the deadline to the 30<sup>th</sup> of January. This is still a challenging period of the year and a short time frame.

I have, therefore, decided that this year’s Christmas Lunch and Reception will not be going ahead. With only

five weeks between being sworn in and Christmas Day, I believe the time would be better spent coming to grips with the issues the city faces.

Council recently announced an exciting program of community Christmas events for us all to enjoy during the festive season including a free Christmas Concert at Adelaide Town Hall. I encourage everyone to get out and about and enjoy some Christmas cheer in the city. I look forward to our meetings and working with you all in the future.

There is much work to do.'

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Martin,  
Seconded by Councillor Giles –

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

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

### **13 Item 10.1 - Position of Deputy Lord Mayor**

Moved by Councillor Davis,  
Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt -

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves, in the 2022-2026 term of office, having the position of Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with section 20(4) of the City of Adelaide Act 1998.

Carried unanimously

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Snape,  
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

1. Approves the appointment of a Council Member to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor commencing 29 November 2022 and concluding on 30 November 2023.

Carried

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor.

Councillor Davis, nominated Councillor Martin, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Martin declared a material conflict of interest in Item 10.1 [Position of Deputy Lord Mayor], pursuant to Sections 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), as he is the successful nominee for appointment to a position with remuneration, withdrew his chair and left the Council Chamber at 5.46 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Davis,  
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

That Council appoints Councillor Martin to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor commencing 29 November 2022 and concluding on 30 November 2023.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

Councillor Couros leave the Council Chamber at 5.49 pm.

Councillor Martin, re-entered the Council Chamber at 5.50 pm, whereupon he was congratulated on his appointment as Deputy Lord Mayor.

### **14 Item 10.2 - Lapsed Council Decisions as a result of the 2022 General Election**

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Davis,  
Seconded by Councillor Li -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the report.

Carried

Councillor Courous re-entered the Council Chamber at 5.51 pm.

**15 Item 10.3 - Results of the 2022 General Election**

Moved by Councillor Snape,  
Seconded by Councillor Davis -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the results of the City of Adelaide 2022 General Election.

Carried unanimously

**16 Exclusion of the Public - Nil**

**17 Confidential Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports) - Nil**

**18 Councillors' Reports - Nil**

**19 Questions on Notice - Nil**

**20 Questions without Notice - Nil**

**21 Motions on Notice**

**22 Item 17.1 - Councillor Martin - MoN - Meeting Structure**

Moved by Councillor Martin,  
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

That Council:

1. Approves that ordinary meetings of Council to be held each month, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except as otherwise determined by the resolution of Council.
2. Notes the Council workshop on the Governance Framework (Council Committees) the 6 December 2022 and requests that the following committee structures is presented as part an option
  - City Finance and Governance Committee, the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, the City Community Services and Culture Committee and the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee.
3. Proposes for the structure of the Council, Committee agenda and standing orders to also be presented at that meeting.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- With the consent of the mover, seconder and the meeting, the motion was varied twice to read as follows:

'That Council:

1. Notes the option of two ordinary meetings of Council to be held each month, except as otherwise determined by the resolution of Council.
2. Notes the Council workshop on the Governance Framework (Council Committees) on the 6 December 2022 and requests that the following committee structures is presented as an option
  - City Finance and Governance Committee, the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, the City Community Services and Culture Committee and the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee.
3. Proposes for the structure of the Council, Committee agenda and standing orders to also be

presented at that meeting.'

The motion, as varied, was then put and carried unanimously

## 23 Motions without Notice

### 24 Item 18.1 - Councillor Couros - MWN - Adelaide 500

Moved by Councillor Couros,  
Seconded by Councillor Hou -

That Council

1. Recognise the reintroduction of Adelaide 500 to the city and the positive economic uplift it will bring during this period.
2. Notes that an event of this scale impacts the city and those travelling to the city are heavily affected due to road closures and diversions.
3. Requests the Lord Mayor writes to the Premier requesting further consideration to be given to next year's event towards minimising disruption and assisting those travelling into the city over the event period.
4. Requests AEDA to implement a dedicated marketing campaign to draw more people into the City during the event next year.

Discussion ensued

Amendment -

Moved by Councillor Snape,  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott -

'That Part 1 of the motion be amended to delete the words 'to the city and the positive economic uplift it will bring during this period.'

Discussion ensued

The amendment was then put and lost

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,  
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

'That Part 4 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

4. Requests AEDA explore the options to implement a dedicated marketing campaign to draw more people into the City during the event next year.'

Amendment carried unanimously

Discussion continued

The motion, as amended, was then put and carried

Councillor Snape requested that a division be taken on the amendment

#### **Division**

#### **For (9):**

Councillors Couros, Davis, Elliot, Giles, Hou, Li, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

#### **Against (1):**

Councillor Snape.

The division was declared in favour of the motion, as amended

**25 Item 18.2 - Councillor Snape - MwN - Deputations**

Moved by Councillor Snape,  
Seconded by Councillor Hou -

That the Office of the Lord Mayor write to Mr Vagg and all subsequent deputation speakers thanking them for making their deputation to Council, of the duration of this term.

Carried unanimously

**Closure**

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm

Clare Mockler,  
Chief Executive Officer

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith  
Lord Mayor