



COUNCIL MINUTES

for the Special meeting

Thursday, 20 October 2022

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Sandy Verschoor (Presiding)

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Abrahamzadeh

Councillors Couros, Hyde, Khera, Knoll, Martin, Moran and Snape

1 Item 1 - Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Special 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 Item 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 Item 3 - Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies:

Councillor Donovan and Councillor Hou

4 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

5 Item 4.1 - Adelaide Botanic High School Expansion

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Hyde,

Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Abrahamzadeh) -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes exemptions to make designated decisions in relation to Execution of the Memorandum of Understanding and to consider the granting of legislative concurrences to enable the vesting of the relevant land portions or other adjustments of rights between the State Government and the City of Adelaide were granted by the Minister for Local Government on 17 October 2022.
2. Notes that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department for Education, the Department for Environment and Water and the City of Adelaide has been executed by the Chief Executive in line with the decision of Council on 12 July 2022 and confirms the outcomes negotiate by Council which include:
 - 2.1. A net gain of Park Lands in the care and control of Council; and
 - 2.2. Significant future investment in the Park Lands.
3. Notes the assessment by the Chief Executive Officer in relation to the significant decisions under the City of Adelaide Caretaker Policy.
4. Resolves to proceed to deal with the significant decision (under the Caretaker Policy) to approve the provision of the necessary concurrences/requests as envisaged by the Memorandum of Understanding, and implement the Memorandum of Understanding, as set out below.

5. Approves the provision of the necessary concurrences/requests pursuant to all relevant legislative requirements to enable the vesting of the relevant land portions and/or other adjustment of rights between the State Government and the City of Adelaide as envisaged by the Memorandum of Understanding.
6. Approves the Chief Executive Officer (or anyone acting in that position) to make the significant decisions (under the Caretaker Policy) to undertake all steps necessary to implement the Memorandum of Understanding and authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or anyone acting in that position) to take such steps.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Moran,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

That the question lie on the table for the next few weeks until the new Council is formed and is dealt with as expeditiously as the new Council sees fit.

Lost

Councillor Moran requested that a division be taken on the motion

Division

For (3):

Councillors Martin, Moran and Snape.

Against (5)

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Abrahamzadeh) and Councillors Couros, Hyde, Khera and Knoll.

The division was declared against the motion

Discussion continued during which Councillor Khera left the Colonel Light Room at 6.18pm and re-entered at 6.20pm.

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Khera requested that a division be taken on the motion

Division

For (5):

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Abrahamzadeh) and Councillors Couros, Hyde, Khera and Knoll

Against (3)

Councillors Martin, Moran and Snape

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Closure

The meeting closed at 6.33 pm

Clare Mockler,
Chief Executive Officer

Sandy Verschoor
Lord Mayor