



COUNCIL MINUTES

for the meeting

Tuesday, 9 April 2024

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 Snape

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis, Elliott, Giles, Hou, Li, Martin, Noon and Dr Siebentritt

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 recognise 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

The Lord Mayor stated:

'We pray for wisdom, courage, empathy, understanding and guidance in the decisions that we make, whilst seeking and respecting the opinions of others.'

4 Pledge

The Lord Mayor stated:

'May we in this meeting speak honestly, listen attentively, think clearly and decide wisely for the good governance of the City of Adelaide and the wellbeing of those we serve.'

5 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.

The Lord Mayor sought leave of the meeting to bring forward Item 17.2 – Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape – MoN – Save the Crown and Anchor, given the public interest in the gallery.

Leave was granted

17.2 Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape - MoN - Save the Crown and Anchor

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Giles –

That Council:

- Notes the proposal submitted at 188 & 196 Grenfell Street which includes Crown and Anchor site, that if progressed, will result in the loss of a significant historic building in our city and may have a negative impact on the lively and thriving East End.
- Notes the significance of the Crown & Anchor venue to the City of Adelaide's live music culture, which has supported and continues to support emerging musicians and the music community of Adelaide and Australia.

- Notes the City of Adelaide's status as a UNESCO City of Music.
- Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Premier expressing concerns about the potential loss of a key Adelaide live music venue, and requesting the City of Adelaide and the State Government work together to consider options that will provide greater protection for such venues.

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

'That Council:

- Notes the proposal submitted at 188 & 196 Grenfell Street which includes Crown and Anchor site, that if progressed, will result in the loss of a significant historic building in our city and may have a negative impact on the lively and thriving East End.
- Notes the significance of the Crown & Anchor venue to the City of Adelaide's live music culture, which has supported and continues to support emerging musicians and the music community of Adelaide and Australia.
- Notes the City of Adelaide's status as a UNESCO City of Music.
- Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Premier (with copies sent to the Minister for Arts and Minister for Planning) expressing concerns about the potential loss of a key Adelaide live music venue, and requesting the City of Adelaide and the State Government work together to develop protections for places of arts, social and cultural value in the Planning & Design Code.'

Discussion ensued

The motion, as varied, was then put and carried

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape requested that a division be taken on the motion as varied.

Division

For (8):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Couros, Elliott, Giles, Li, Martin Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (3):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Davis and Hou.

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

The Lord Mayor sought leave of the meeting for a 5 minute adjournment.

Leave was granted

The meeting adjourned at 5.56pm.

The meeting resumed at 6.01 pm, with the following Members present.

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Presiding)
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis, Giles, Li, Martin, Noon and Dr Siebentritt

6 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil

7 Confirmation of Minutes - 26/3/2024

Moved by Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2024, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

8 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

Councillor Hou re-entered the Council Chamber at 6.03 pm.

9 Deputations

Nil

10 Petitions

Nil

Councillor Elliott re-entered the Council Chamber at 6.04 pm.

11 Recommendation of Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority - 28 March 2024

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority met on 28 March 2024.
2. Notes the advice contained in this report, Item 11 [Advice of Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority – 28 March 2024] regarding Items 7.2 [Draft Wauwi/Light Square Master Plan] and 8.2 [Draft Victoria Park Master Plan Consultation Summary].

Carried

12 Recommendations of the City Community Services and Culture Committee - 2 April 2024**12.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy**

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Defers consideration of this item to the next meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee on the 16th of April 2024.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Martin requested that a division be taken on the motion

Division

For (8):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Elliott, Giles, Hou, Li, Martin Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (3):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros and Davis.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

13 Recommendations of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee - 2 April 2024

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

13.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.1 - Draft Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi Master Plan Consultation SummaryTHAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives the Consultation Summary Report on the Draft Victoria Park Master Plan 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 2 April 2024.
2. Notes the draft Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi Master Plan (Master Plan), subject to the inclusion of the changes contained in points 21 through to 22.4.1 as contained in the report and Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 2 April 2024.

13.3 Recommendation 3 - Item 7.3 - Ancillary Accommodation and Student Accommodation Definitions Review Code AmendmentTHAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorses the submission on the Ancillary Accommodation and Student Accommodation Definitions Review Code Amendment, contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3, on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 2 April 2024.
2. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to amend, finalise and forward Attachment A to Item 7.3, on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 2 April 2024, to the Code Amendment consultation process by 15 April 2024.

Carried

13.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 6.1 - Draft Light Square / Wauwi Master Plan

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

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives the presentation on the draft Wauwi/Light Square Master Plan contained in Attachment A to Item 6.1 of the Agenda for City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 2 April 2024.
2. Notes the design and planning principles to guide the development of a draft Wauwi/Light Square Master Plan contained in Attachment A to Item 6.1 of the Agenda for City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 2 April 2024.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

14 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**14.1 Nomination of Council Appointed Member to Kadaltilla**

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the following amendment to the Kaurua representative roles (contingent upon consultation with the Minister for Planning) on the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Board for the period commencing 17 April 2024 and expiring 31 December 2025:
 - 1.1. Frances (Mitzi) Nam as a Member of the Kadaltilla Board (replacing Tim Agius, former Chair KYAC)
 - 1.2. Dennis Rigney as a Deputy Member for Frances (Mitzi) Nam (replacing Allan Sumner, former Deputy Chair KYAC).

Carried

14.2 Projects and Service Changes for inclusion in the Draft 2024/25 BP&B

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the final list of Strategic Projects for inclusion in the Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget, as outlined in Attachment A, to Item 14.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 9 April 2024.
2. Requests the Administration provide further advice in relation to the proposed Strategic Project allocations for:
 - City Activation
 - Commercial Events Funding Program
3. Requests Administration include in the draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget a Strategic Project allocation of \$50,000 for Pensioner Rate Rebates of \$100 per household, accessed by application only.
4. Notes the final list of Service Changes for inclusion in the Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget, as outlined in Attachment A, to Item 14.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 9 April 2024.
5. Notes the final list of Capital Projects for inclusion in the Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget, as outlined in Attachment A, to Item 14.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 9 April 2024.
6. Notes the requirement for an Asset Renewal Repair Fund of \$4.582m resourced through a temporary increase in rates revenue for 24/25.
7. Requests Administration provide further advice on the inclusion/implementation of a committed allocation for the upgrade of the Park Lands Buildings equivalent to 1.5% of rates revenue, to be matched by an equal State Government commitment.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Giles
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape

That meeting procedures be suspended for a period of 10 minutes.

Carried

Meeting procedures were suspended at 6.10 pm.

Meeting procedures resumed at 6.20 pm.

Discussion continued, during which:

- With the consent of the mover, seconder and the meeting, parts 6 and 7 of the motion were varied and an additional part 8 included, to read as follows:
 6. Notes the proposed requirement for an Asset Renewal Repair Fund of \$4.582m resourced through a temporary increase in rates revenue for 24/25.
 7. Requests Administration provide further advice on the inclusion/implementation of a committed allocation for the upgrade of the Park Lands Buildings equivalent to 1.5% of rates revenue, to seek matched funds through an equal State Government commitment.
 8. Requests Administration provide further advice on the inclusion/implementation for separation bikeway trials aligned with road renewal projects.
- Councillor Abrahamzadeh left the meeting at 6.22 pm.
- With the consent of the mover and seconder, the Lord Mayor advised the meeting that the motion would be taken in parts.

Part 1 of the motion was then put and carried

Part 2 of the motion was then put and carried

Part 3 of the motion was then put and carried unanimously

Part 4 of the motion was then put and carried

Part 5 of the motion was then put and carried

Part 6 of the motion, as varied, was then put and carried

Part 7 of the motion, as varied, was then put and carried

Part 8 of the motion was then put and carried unanimously

15 Lord Mayor's Reports

The Lord Mayor addressed the meeting on the following activities:

- Australian National Band Championships and the Australian Sikh Games, including Civic Events hosted at the Town Hall.
- Meeting with one of the chief adjudicators for the Band Championships, Nicholas Childs, a Welsh euphonium virtuoso and director of the Black Dyke Band.
- Attendance at the Collingwood v Hawthorn match at Adelaide Oval for the Gather Round.
- Attendance at a virtual meeting for the Future Living Code Amendment with other Elected Members from across Adelaide and a virtual meeting with the Green Adelaide board to talk about the heat mapping project and tree canopy data.
- To acknowledge former Lady Mayoress Diana Watson, recently 100 years old. Diana served as Lady Mayoress while her husband Dr Arthur John Watson was Lord Mayor from 1981 to 1983.
- To acknowledge for our Muslim community today marks the end of Ramadan and the celebration of Eid ul Fitr with the breaking of the fast tomorrow.

It was then –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Davis –

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

16 Councillors' Reports

Nil

17 Motions on Notice

17.1 Councillor Siebentritt - MoN - Motion for consideration by the National Local Government Assembly

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

That Council endorse the following Motion for consideration by the National General Assembly:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

Noting the drafting of recent legislation by the Federal Government and the drafting of a new Australian Sustainability Reporting Standard by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, both of which are due for implementation as of 30 June 2024 and which are already informing climate disclosure reporting approaches within Federal and some State agencies, ALGA agrees to lead a process to identify minimum climate disclosure reporting standards by 30 November 2024 that could apply to local government entities for consideration by respective State Governments.

National Objective:

Develop consistent guidance on standards for climate disclosure assessment and reporting at a local government level to ensure greater consistency in:

- (a) Assessing the impacts of climate change, covering physical and transition risks.
- (b) Determining the financial impacts which will be linked to national objectives for financing adaptation measures at a national level.

Key arguments:

1. The local government sector has been at the forefront of action on climate change for much of the past two decades, leading on work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and develop and implement climate change adaptation plans.
2. Over the past 5 years though, the business sector has become increasingly active internationally, initially through voluntary climate disclosure reporting through the Taskforce on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and more recently emerging mandatory reporting.
3. In Australia this will manifest in mandatory climate disclosure reporting via legislation soon to be introduced by the Federal Government backed by a new set up of complementary Australian Accounting Standards (Australian Sustainability Reporting Standards). This will make climate disclosure reporting mandatory for many Australian businesses. Furthermore, large non-profit entities will also be impacted and some states already require agency reporting aligned to the TCFD.
4. It has been argued that these are the most significant changes to corporate reporting in Australia for at least a decade and will affect all parts of the Australian economy either directly or indirectly via supply chain impacts. But to date, local government has not been considered even though the consolidated revenue, value of assets and staff numbers for many councils around Australia would meet many of the triggers for this reporting.
5. Without coordinated and clearer direction on reporting requirements and standards, Local Government will be the largest sector in Australia not to have national guidance on reporting requirements, which will impact governance, risk assessment and financing in the sector. Furthermore, greater consistency in reporting standards will assist with comparing governance and preparedness measures being implemented around Australia and create cost savings for when this work is delivered.'

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

18 Motions without Notice

Nil

19 Questions on Notice

19.1 Councillor Martin - QoN - Changing Place Facilities

19.2 Councillor Noon - QoN - 2024/25 Draft Budget and Asset Renewal Requirements

19.3 Councillor Martin - QoN - Festoon Lighting

19.4 Councillor Martin - QoN - Budget Outcomes

The Questions and Replies having been distributed and published prior to the meeting were taken as read.

The replies for Items 19.1 – 19.4, are attached for reference at the end of the Minutes of the meeting.

20 Questions without Notice

Nil

21 Exclusion of the Public

Moved by Councillor Giles,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (j) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 9 April 2024 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 22 [Draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential as it contains information and links to draft Code Amendment documents provided by Planning and Land Use Services in confidence.

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably breach confidentiality of information provided to Council by the State Government through Planning and Land Use Services prior to the commencement of a Code Amendment.

Public Interest

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of this information will result in release of information that has been provided to Council in confidence from the State Government through Planning and Land Use Services.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 9 April 2024 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 22 [Draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (j) of the Act.

Carried

Councillor Couros, members of the public and Corporation staff present not directly involved with Item 22, left the Council Chamber at 6.54 pm.

22 Draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy [S90(3) (j)]

The meeting re-opened to the public at 7.00 pm.

Item 22 - Draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy

Confidentiality Order

In accordance with Section 91 (7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 22 [Draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS)] was received discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (j) (i) and (ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this Council do order that:

1. The resolution, the report and the discussion submitted to this meeting and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until activities in accordance with Part 4, Division 1, Section 18(4) (b) of the *Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005* (SA) are completed.
2. The Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or parts of this order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

Closure

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Lord Mayor

Date of confirmation:

Documents Attached:

Item 19.1 – 19.4 – Question on Notice Replies – Distributed Separately

Councillor Martin - QoN - Changing Place Facilities

Tuesday, 9 April 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Tom McCready, Director City Services

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting that the City of Adelaide sold its James Place public toilet facility, including a then recently completed changing place facility for the disabled, in exchange for a cash payment and an undertaking from the purchaser to provide a similar complex to enable construction of 60 King William project, could the Administration advise;

1. Whether the changing place facility is of a comparable or lesser standard than that which was demolished
2. If Council or another party will be responsible for cleaning and maintenance of the toilets and changing place facility
3. What hours the toilets and changing place will be open compared to the operating days and hours offered by the demolished Council operated facility, and
4. Noting that the Council operated facilities offered direct access from James Place and that the new toilets and changing place facility are indoors, will the Council instal signage, including operating hours, to direct users and their carers?'

REPLY

1. On 9 June 2020 and 15 December 2020, Council granted delegation to the CEO and / or delegate for the negotiation and execution of contractual documentation for the sale of the James Place public toilets to Charter Hall for the purpose of the 60 King William Street development with Charter Hall to provide replacement public toilets.
2. Following a public consultation process Council resolved on 23 March 2021 to revoke the James Place public toilets land from its classification as community land for the purpose of the sale.
3. Charter Hall has constructed the replacement public toilets to a high-quality standard in keeping with the design of the 60 King William Street development. The new public toilets provide commensurate facilities, including a Changing Places facility and accessible, male and female toilets, with the fixtures and fittings considered to be of a higher standard.
4. Charter Hall is responsible for the ongoing cleaning, maintenance and capital replacement of the public toilets. On this basis, a Land Management Agreement (LMA) was registered on the land at settlement to protect Council's interest with respect to the delivery and operation of the replacement public toilets, noting that any subsequent land owners will also be bound by the LMA.
5. The LMA requires Charter Hall or any subsequent owner to:
 - 5.1. Maintain, repair, clean and keep the replacement toilets in good repair and condition.

- 5.2. Permit access to Council to view the state of the facilities.
- 5.3. Comply with 'operating key performance criteria' including the agreed cleaning regime and public conveniences performance standards (e.g. maintenance and safety).
- 5.4. Operate the toilet in accordance with the following agreed opening hours (being consistent with the previous facilities):
 - 5.4.1. Monday to Thursday between 7.00am and 8.30pm.
 - 5.4.2. Friday between 7.00am and midnight.
 - 5.4.3. Saturday between 8.00am and midnight.
 - 5.4.4. Sunday between midnight and 8.30pm.
- 6. Charter Hall has been reminded of the required cleaning, maintenance and operating standards (including opening hours) as set out within the registered LMA. In addition, a request has been made to Charter Hall to display directional signage, including opening hours, to assist facility users. This will be supported by Council's street directional signage.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.
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Councillor Noon - QoN - 2024/25 Draft Budget and Asset Renewal Requirements

Tuesday, 9 April 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Carmel Noon

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Acting Chief
Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Carmel Noon will ask the following Question on Notice:

'In the preparation of the draft budget for the fiscal year 2024/25, can Council be presented with a budget that includes rate revenue, fees, and charges, with adjustments limited to CPI increases?

Additionally, advice is sought from the Administration concerning necessary increases in rate revenue to support projects within the Asset Management Plan, proposed AEDA and ACMA budgets, approved and proposed strategic and capital projects and proposed service changes?

Furthermore, can Administration advise Council what the expected average rate increase in other local government areas in South Australia for the upcoming fiscal year, based on current information received?'

REPLY

1. The financial summary of the draft 2024/25 budget presented to Council on 9 April 2024 includes a base budget which reflects a CPI increase (forecast at 3.25%). In addition, adjustments have been incorporated to reflect increased parking activity and expenses expected to increase by more than CPI.
2. The base budget factoring in a CPI increase, increases in strategic projects and service changes (including those in AEDA and ACMA), offset by identified savings and other opportunities, delivers a projected operating surplus of \$2.758m.
3. The additional surplus required to fund the proposed Asset Management Plans is \$4.582m and produces an operating surplus of \$7.340m with a required rate revenue increase of 6.68% (which includes the 3.25% CPI increase).
4. Informal advice from a number of Councils (provided in confidence) indicate expected rate increases for 2024/25 of between 3.75% and 9.21%, with an average of 6.21% across the sample.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.
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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting that the Administration referenced at Recommendation 2 in Agenda Item 13 for the meeting of Council on March 26, 2024, the installation of festoon lighting to support local restaurants between Lombard and Gover Streets in North Adelaide, could the Administration advise;

1. Who suggested the project and was it brought to Council and, if so, on which date
2. When did work begin on the project
3. What was the cost to the City of Adelaide and was there any contribution from the supported restaurants and
4. Is there any ongoing cost to the City of Adelaide?

REPLY

1. In early 2022, the installation of under-veranda festoon lighting to enhance 12 business frontages along O'Connell Street was discussed as an opportunity through the O'Connell Street Mainstreet Roundtable. This included festoon lighting in the section between Lombard and Gover Streets. The project was funded through the City Activation budget and did not require a report to Council.
2. Work began on the project in May 2022.
3. The total cost to Council for the design, supply and installation of the festoon lighting on O'Connell Street was \$90,681.00. There was no contribution from businesses.
4. As electrical supply for the festoon lighting is from Council light poles, there is an ongoing cost related to electricity. There are no meters to be able to determine the specific amount per annum, however, advice from City Services is that this cost would be negligible against the City of Adelaide's overall power costs.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.
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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration advise from available documents for each of the financial years ending on June 30th in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022:

1. The operating surplus or deficit?
2. The amount expended on asset renewals?
3. The amounts at 2 expressed as a percentage of the asset renewal funding ratio?
4. The total value of ratepayer property assets sold in the financial year in which the contract for sale was signed?
5. Any amounts included in the budget or factored into the Long Term Financial Plan for Main Street Upgrades?

And any amounts recommended by the Administration in respect of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for consideration by the elected body for the financial year 24/25 Budget and Business Plan?'

REPLY

1. The table below shows the relevant financial items for each year requested

Related question		2018/19 (\$'000)	2019/20 (\$'000)	2020/21 (\$'000)	2021/22 (\$'000)
1	Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(21,177)	(18,346)	(6,933)	977
2	Asset Renewals	23,335	15,203	23,205	29,987
3	ARFR	76%	40%	72%	46%
4 (a)	Property Asset Sold	1,025	-	1,273	66,148
4 (b)	Net carrying value	16		775	59,053

2. Note that the results for FY19 through to FY21 were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic whereby Parking and other Fees and Charges were reduced and project delivery was impacted due to the availability of contractors, materials, cost increases and other logistical matters.

3. The Long Term Financial Plans (LTFP) for the financial years 2018/19 through to 2021/22 were built on the assumption that new and upgraded assets were included based on a decision of Council.
4. There was no decision of Council to specifically fund new and upgrade projects for Main Streets, and Council determined to fund new and upgrade projects for Main Streets through the adoption of the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget at its meeting on 27 June 2023. The 2023/24 to 2032/33 LTFP incorporates the commitment of \$15m per year for Main Street Upgrades.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours
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