



COUNCIL MINUTES

for the meeting

Tuesday, 23 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, 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 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 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.

6 Apologies and Leave of Absence

On Leave:

Councillor Li

7 Confirmation of Minutes - 9/4/2024

Moved by Councillor Noon,

Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 April 2024, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

8 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

9 Deputations

Nil

10 Petitions

Nil

11 Audit and Risk Committee Report - 12 April 2024

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

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the support of the Audit and Risk Committee for the Asset Renewal Repair Fund of \$4.582m resourced through a temporary increase in rates revenue for 2024/25 to deliver an Operating Surplus to ensure that adequate cash flow is generated from operations to fund the renewal program for 2024/25.

Discussion ensued, during which, Councillor Couros raised a point of order which was ruled against by the Lord Mayor.

The motion was then put and carried

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

Division

For (6):

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

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

12 Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee - 16 April 2024**12.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - Draft 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Community Consultation purposes**

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

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves the Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget document set out in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024 for the purpose of public consultation commencing at 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
2. Approves the continuation of the Special Discretionary Rebate of 10% to cap annual rate increases, as incorporated in Council's Rating Policy.
3. Approves the change of land use from residential to commercial-other for short stay accommodation, to be incorporated in Council's Rating Policy.
4. Approves the reinstatement of the Pensioner Rate Rebate of \$100 per household for eligible concession card holders, accessed by application only, to be incorporated into Council's Rate Rebate Policy.
5. Notes the Asset Renewal Repair Fund of \$4.582m resourced through a temporary increase in rates revenue for 2024/25 to ensure that adequate cash flow is generated from operations to fund the renewal program.

6. Notes an allocation of 1.5% of rates revenue to upgrade Park Lands Buildings. This amount of \$2.027m for 2024/25 is to be funded through a minor increase in rates revenue of \$0.164m and operating savings of \$1.863m to be identified during the consultation period. Council requests the Administration to fund the design of the initiatives identified for Park 27B and Park 21W pending the presentation to Council of a strategy by which Council is able to;
 - 6.1. prioritise the funding for the upgrade of buildings to deliver fit for purpose toilet, shower and change facilities, with an emphasis on supporting inclusive community based lease holders offering sport and recreation.
 - 6.2. devise an equitable means of providing support for the same facilities for community based lease holders contributing their own funding to upgrade Park Lands buildings.
7. Requests the Administration, by the June 18th 2024 meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee, recommends to Council adjustments to the 24/25 Business Plan and Budget to lower the proposed increase in rates to 5.9% or less through a re-assessment of External Grant, Sponsorship and Strategic Partnerships programs.
8. Requests the Administration to identify the budget expenditure allocations aligned to implement the 2024-2028 strategic plan to ensure the key outcomes are delivered/met and the consultation document to reflect the priorities of the strategic plan.
9. Noting the published research of the Local Government Association, asks the Administration to investigate in readiness for the 25/26 Business Plan and Budget, paths by which the City of Adelaide could levy rates on, or leverage the rate free status of, Federal and State Government departments, instrumentalities and institutions, excluding religious institutions, to compensate City of Adelaide ratepayers for bearing the cost of the provision of services such entities.
10. Notes the 2024/25 Budget delivers an Operating Surplus of \$9.367m and projects borrowings of \$72.190m at the end of 2024/25.
11. Notes the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Central Market Authority provided as Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing at 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
12. Notes the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Economic Development Agency provided as Attachment C to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
13. Notes the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority provided as Attachment D to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing at 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
14. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the draft 2024/25 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 Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

That part 1 of the motion be amended to include the words 'subject to the following amendment: adding at the last paragraph of Page 72 "Financial framework and Indicators" after the words "....the 2024/25 financial year", the following words

In order to ensure investment at a level to achieve Council's Asset Renewal Funding Ratio target for 2024/25.'

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Martin raised a point of order and provided a personal explanation and the Lord Mayor reminded Councillor Couros to speak to the amendment.

The amendment was then put and carried

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

Division

For (6):

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

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the amendment

Amendment -

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh -

That the motion be amended to read as follows:

‘THAT COUNCIL:

1. That the Draft 2024/25 Budget be referred to the City Finance and Governance Committee for a further workshop to be held on 7th May 2024 and reschedules all other committees to be held on 21st May 2024 and is subject to the following *amendment: adding at the last paragraph of Page 72 “Financial framework and Indicators” after the words “the 2024/25 financial year”, the following words*

In order to ensure investment at a level to achieve Council’s Asset Renewal Funding Ratio target for 2024/25.
2. Approves the continuation of the Special Discretionary Rebate of 10% to cap annual rate increases, as incorporated in Council’s Rating Policy.
3. Approves the change of land use from residential to commercial-other for short stay accommodation, to be incorporated in Council’s Rating Policy.
4. Approves the reinstatement of the Pensioner Rate Rebate of \$100 per household for eligible concession card holders, accessed by application only, to be incorporated into Council’s Rate Rebate Policy.
5. Notes the Asset Renewal Repair Fund of \$4.582m resourced through a temporary increase in rates revenue for 2024/25 to ensure that adequate cash flow is generated from operations to fund the renewal program and that the council commits to reduce the rates revenue by an equivalent amount in the 2025/26 budget given this is a temporary increase.
6. Notes an allocation of 1.5% of rates revenue to upgrade Park Lands Buildings. Council requests the Administration to fund the design of the initiatives identified for Park 278 and Park 21 W pending the presentation to Council of a strategy by which Council is able to;
 - 6.1. prioritise the funding for the upgrade of buildings to deliver fit for purpose toilet, shower and change facilities, with an emphasis on supporting inclusive community based lease holders offering sport and recreation.
 - 6.2. devise an equitable means of providing support for the same facilities for community based lease holders contributing their own funding to upgrade Park Lands buildings.
7. Requests the Administration, by the 7th May 2024 meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee, recommends to Council adjustments to the 24/25 Business Plan and Budget to lower the proposed increase in rates to 5.3% which is equivalent to the 2023 average LGPI or less through a re-assessment of External Grant, Sponsorship and Strategic Partnerships programs, operations, and capital works programs.

8. Requests the Administration to identify the budget expenditure allocations aligned to implement the 2024-2028 strategic plan to ensure the key outcomes are delivered/met and the consultation document to reflect the priorities of the strategic plan.
9. Noting the published research of the Local Government Association, asks the Administration to investigate in readiness for the 25/26 Business Plan and Budget, paths by which the City of Adelaide could levy rates on, or leverage the rate free status of, Federal and State Government departments, instrumentalities and institutions, excluding religious institutions, to compensate City of Adelaide ratepayers for bearing the cost of the provision of services such entities.
10. Notes the 2024/25 Budget delivers an Operating Surplus of \$9.367m and projects borrowings of \$72.190m at the end of 2024/25.
11. Notes the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Central Market Authority provided as Attachment B to Item 7 .1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing at 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
12. Notes the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Economic Development Agency provided as Attachment C to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
13. Notes the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority provided as Attachment D to Item 7 .1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing at 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
14. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the draft 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design.
15. Directs the Administration to prepare a report identifying potential savings by adjusting the maintenance, repair, and renewal of all infrastructure and services provided to assets immediately adjacent to exempt ratepayers to the legislative minimum. This report should include an analysis of reduced service levels in areas such as leaf blowing, street sweeping, pavement repair and renewal, lighting upgrades and maintenance, street furniture, and rubbish collection.
16. Implements a 2% efficiency dividend across all Council operations, aiming to streamline processes and reduce operational costs without compromising the quality of services provided to the community.
17. Requests the Administration to prepare a report to be presented on 7th May 2024 on all proposed new spending for the 2024/25 financial year. This report should rank each new capital expenditure against the Council's Strategic Plan, evaluating each item on a value-for-money basis.
18. Instructs the Administration to explore the feasibility of establishing a Council subsidiary or subcommittee dedicated to maximizing income from the Council's existing assets. This exploration should include potential development or improvement of Council-owned land and other assets, with the aim of generating additional revenue streams to support Council services and initiatives.
19. Directs the Administration to prepare and present on 7th May 2024 a draft long-term financial plan that includes assumptions aimed at achieving a net debt figure of \$0 by 2035. This plan should outline strategies for debt reduction, cost control, rate increases and revenue enhancement to ensure the Council's financial health and sustainability in the long term.'

The Lord Mayor advised at 6.12 pm that formal meeting procedures would be suspended until 6.15 pm. Councillor Elliott left the Council Chamber at 6.12 pm and re-entered at 6.14 pm.

The period of informal meeting procedures ended at 6.18 pm.

Discussion continued, during which:

- With the consent of the mover, seconder and the meeting part 18 of the amendment was varied to replace the word 'subsidiary' with the word 'committee'.
- Councillor Abrahamzadeh raised a point of order and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape apologised.
- Councillor Davis moved section 29, which the Lord Mayor ruled was not appropriate.

A Formal Motion was then -

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

That the amendment be put.

Carried

The amendment was then put and lost

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

Division

For (3):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros and Davis.

Against (7):

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

The division was declared against the amendment

A Formal Motion was then –

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

That the motion, as amended be put.

Lost

Discussion continued

The motion, as amended, was then put and carried

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

Division

For (6):

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

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

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

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Hou –

12.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Update on progress of Integrated Community Engagement Framework

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the update on the progress of the Integrated Community Engagement Framework, and the Integrated Community Engagement Program 2023/24 (Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 April 2024).

2. Notes that a further update on the progress of the Integrated Community Engagement Framework will be provided in the second half of the year to wrap up 2023/24 and that future updates in this space will be provided to Council Members via E-News.
3. Notes the outcome of an internal review into community engagement with people living in high-rise buildings, and the report assessing impacts of distribution of promotional material for the consultation on the Draft Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (Attachment B to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 April 2024).
4. Notes the status quo approach to engaging with the western City community until such time as the Integrated Community Engagement Framework is fully implemented, including work to review Council's approach to supporting local economic activity, place activation and precinct engagement.

12.3 Recommendation 3 - Item 7.3 - Draft Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes that a Draft Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy will be presented to the City Community Services and Culture Committee on 4 June 2024 seeking approval for public consultation.

Carried unanimously

13 Recommendations of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee - 16 April 2024

Moved by Councillor Elliott,
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

13.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - Capital Project Update - March 2024

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Capital Works Program Update for March 2024 as contained within this report and Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure & Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024.

13.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Council Members' Accommodation Review

THAT COUNCIL

1. Resolves not to proceed to detailed design or construction with either concept option associated with Council Members' Accommodation as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024, due to the estimated construction costs and delivery outcomes.

13.3 Recommendation 3 - Item 7.3 - City Dirt Concept Options

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority is supportive of the City Dirt BMX Hub Concept Design Option Two as discussed at their meeting on 22 February 2024.
2. Notes a budget bid will be put forward in the 2025/26 Annual Business Plan and Budget deliberations to develop detailed designs and cost estimates to commence construction in future years.
3. Notes that a workshop will be held at the next meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee, in May 2024, to consider the three options presented.

13.4 Recommendation 4 - Item 7.4 - Adoption of the Urban Elements Asset Management Plan

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the community feedback for the draft Urban Elements AM Plan included in the Engagement Summary & Submissions Report provided in Attachment A to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024.

2. Notes that the draft Urban Elements AM Plan was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee on 16 February 2024 for review and comment, where recommendations were made to adjust wording within the executive summary for the purposes of better informing the community what is covered within each asset class.
3. Notes that there were no changes to the draft Urban Elements AM Plan in response to the feedback received through the community consultation or the advice received from the Audit and Risk Committee, other than minor editorial and formatting changes.
4. Adopts the Urban Elements AM Plan provided in Attachment B and C to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024
5. Notes that the adopted Urban Elements AM Plan will be included into the 24/25 Business Plan and Budget and LTFP.
6. Notes that the Urban Elements AM Plan will be reviewed on an annual basis, where any material changes to financial forecasts will be considered through the Annual Business Plan and Budget process and incorporated as updates to the LTFP.
7. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor and technical amendments as required (including updates to adopted budgets in the LTFP), to the Urban Elements AM Plan documents contained in Attachment B and C to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024.

13.5 Recommendation 5 - Item 7.5 - Adoption of the Transport Asset Management Plan

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the community feedback for the draft Transport Asset Management Plan included in the Engagement Summary & Submissions Report provided in Attachment A to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024.
2. Notes that the draft Transport Asset Management Plan was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee on 16 February 2024 for review and comment, where recommendations were made to adjust wording within the executive summary for the purposes of better informing the community what is covered within each asset class.
3. Notes that there were no changes made to the draft Transport Asset Management Plan in response to the feedback received through community consultation and the advice received from the Audit and Risk Committee, other than minor editorial and formatting changes.
4. Adopts the Transport Asset Management Plan provided in Attachment B and C to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024
5. Notes that the adopted Transport Asset Management Plan will be included into the 24/25 Business Plan and Budget and Long Term Financial Plan.
6. Notes that the Transport Asset Management Plan will be reviewed on an annual basis, where any material changes to financial forecasts will be considered through the Annual Business Plan and Budget process and incorporated as updates to the Long Term Financial Plan.
7. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor and technical amendments as required (including updates to adopted budgets in the Long Term Financial Plan), to the Transport Asset Management Plan documents contained in Attachment B to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024.

13.6 Recommendation 6 - Item 7.6 - Public Realm Condition AuditsTHAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Public Realm Condition Audits as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.6 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024.

13.7 Recommendation 7 - Item 7.7 - Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Targets and Micro-Mobility UpdateTHAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the inclusions to the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Transition Roadmap contained in Attachment A to Item 7.7 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024.
2. Approves the inclusions to the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Transition Roadmap contained in Attachment B to Item 7.7 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024.
3. Notes the initial short-term EV charging infrastructure target is to increase the number of public EV charging bays by twenty-five (25), expanding to a network of up to 220 public EV chargers by 2030.
4. Notes the revised EV charging infrastructure target contained in Attachment A Item 7.7 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024 will be used to update the target contained in the draft Integrated Climate Strategy 2030.
5. Notes that improvements to bicycle networks and cycling infrastructure in the City of Adelaide for increased adoption of electric cargo bikes and small commercial electric delivery vehicles will be considered through the development of the Integrated Transport Strategy.
6. Requests administration to seek out quality design and low impact charging infrastructure and also consider suitable safety and shading measures, to be installed into on-street locations.
7. Requests administration seek advice from providers on the capacity of groups of residents without off street parking to sponsor or request installation of site specific infrastructure to facilitate EV usage.

Carried

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

Nil

15 Lord Mayor's Reports

The Lord Mayor addressed the meeting on the following activities:

- Civic reception, Adelaide Equestrian Festival
- Walking tours of Gouger and O'Connell Streets
- Adaptive Reuse Steering Committee meeting
- Spoke at COTA's Conversations in the City talk

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Davis –

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

16 Councillors' Reports

16.1 Reports from Council Members

Moved by Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Hou –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Council Member activities and functions attended on behalf of the Lord Mayor (Attachment A to Item 16.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 23 April 2024).
2. Notes the summary of Council Members' meeting attendance (Attachment B to Item 16.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 23 April 2024).
3. Notes that reports from Council Members tabled at the meeting of the Council held on 23 April 2024 will be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape addressed the meeting on his attendance at the 2024 Theme launch at the Botanic Garden Bicentennial Conservatory.

Councillor Noon addressed the meeting on her attendance at the equestrian civic event hosted by the Lord Mayor and to thank Minister Geoff Brock for his service as Minister Local Government and wish him all the best.

Councillor Hou addressed the meeting on his attendance at an event in the Town Hall, to welcome to Adelaide a Yibao VIP group, from Shandong supporting a delegation organised by Business Events Adelaide, and to present a gift on behalf of the group to the Lord Mayor and City of Adelaide.

Councillor Siebentritt addressed the meeting to correct his attendance at Kadaltilla, as it was Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape who attended.

Councillor Davis addressed the meeting regarding core sampling and extended an invitation for the Lord Mayor to attend.

Councillor Giles addressed the meeting to acknowledge the work done by the administration to celebrate Neighbour Day, including the event at the Victoria Park wetland.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

17 Motions on Notice

17.1 Councillor Noon - MoN - Exemptions to commence building works prior to 7am

Moved by Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

That Council:

1. Notes the decision of Council on 26 March 2024 that asks the Administration provide advice at the earliest opportunity on potential changes to the process for granting exemptions to certain building construction hours of operation to include feedback from elected members.
2. Request that Administration include in its advice, options relating to:
 - a. alternative options for the public notification of works that have an exemption for earlier commencement currently undertaken by the Developer, that considers consultation with relevant stakeholders to mitigate the impact on both developers and the community, which is consistent with current legislation.
 - b. improved definitions for when concrete pour exemptions are actioned, including consideration of limiting the use of exemptions prior to 7am between the months of May and August each year.

Discussion ensued

A/CEO Undertaking – Number of Complaints

In response to a query from Councillor Couros, an undertaking was given to provide Council Members with information on the number of complaints received annually.

The motion was then put and carried

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

Division

For (8):

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

Against (2):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

17.2 Councillor Noon - MoN - Outdoor Dining Fee exemption between May & August

Moved by Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Couros –

That Council:

1. Notes a survey of restaurants and cafes regarding outdoor dining was conducted during the first quarter of the 2024 calendar year.
2. Requests Administration provide a report on alternative models for outdoor dining fees, which includes exempting such fees between May and August (inclusive) each year due to the colder weather, which typically hampers customers' utilisation of outdoor dining spaces for consideration as part of the 2025/26 Annual Business Plan and Budget Process.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Martin left the Council Chamber at 7.16 pm and re-entered at 7.18 pm.
- Councillor Couros declared a general interest in Item 17.2 [Councillor Noon - MoN - Outdoor Dining Fee exemption between May & August], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as she owns businesses subject to outdoor dining fees, but as no financial decision is being made on the matter she will stay and vote.
- Councillor Abrahamzadeh left the Council Chamber at 7.22 pm.
- Councillor Davis raised a point of order against Councillor Martin, which the Lord Mayor ruled against.
- Councillor Davis left the Council Chamber at 7.25 pm and re-entered at 7.29 pm.
- Councillor Martin raised a point of order and Councillor Hou apologised.

The motion was then put and lost

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

Division

For (3):

Councillors Couros, Davis and Noon.

Against (6):

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

The division was declared against the motion

17.3 Councillor Noon - MoN - One way access to carparks in Calvary Hospital vicinity

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

That Council asks the Administration to undertake a review of vehicular movement in and out of Bath Lane (off Pulteney Street) due to concerns raised by local businesses and members of the public in the area associated with near misses and a recent accident and that a report is presented back to Council in the first quarter of 2024/25 for consideration taking into account access requirements for emergency vehicles, (ambulances).

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Noon declared a general interest in Item 17.3 [Councillor Noon - MoN - One way access to carparks in Calvary Hospital vicinity], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) due to the location of her employment, but that she would stay in the meeting, and vote on the matter.

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Abrahamzadeh re-entered the Council Chamber at 7.33 pm.

17.4 Councillor Martin - MoN - Traffic Light Crossing Times

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

That Council, noting temporary arrangements are in place for the Tynte Street crossing, asks the Administration to examine and to report to Council within quarter one of 2024/25, on the possibility of extending the pedestrian crossing time for all East West crossings of O'Connell Street, North Adelaide.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

18 Motions without Notice

Nil

19 Questions on Notice**19.1 Councillor Couros - QoN - Operating outdoor dining without a valid permit****19.2 Councillor Couros - QoN - Council Rates****19.3 Councillor Couros - QoN - Costs associated with renewal projects****19.4 Councillor Noon - QoN - Costs associated with commissioning and installation of Art in Public Realm in previous Council term****19.5 Councillor Couros - QoN - Operating outdoor dining without a valid permit****19.6 Councillor Martin - QoN - Festoon Lighting North Adelaide**

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

The replies for Items 19.1 – 19.6, are attached for reference at the end of the Minutes of the meeting.

20 Questions without Notice

Discussion ensued

21 Exclusion of the Public

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,
Seconded by Councillor Elliott –

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 23 April 2024 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 22 [Confidential Recommendation of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 16 April 2024] 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 contains matters that must be considered in confidence as they relate to an open tender process and contain information relating on ongoing licensing negotiations.

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably provide third parties information that could provide an advantage to them in negotiations with Council. It also includes matters relating to an open tender process for the provision of services.

Public Interest

The Committee is satisfied that in principle the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of this information relates to ongoing licencing negotiations and an open tender process.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 23 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 [Confidential Recommendation of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 16 April 2024] 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) (b) of the Act.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (i) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 23 April 2024 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Question without Notice regarding a Litigation Matter, in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential in nature because the report includes information on Council litigation.

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably be expected to prejudice the outcome of Council's actual litigation.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 23 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 of the consideration of a Question without Notice regarding a Litigation Matter, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (i) of the Act.

Carried

Councillor Davis left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

Members of the public and Corporation staff present not directly involved with Item 22, left the Council Chamber at 7.46 pm.

22 Confidential Recommendation of the City Finance and Governance Committee - 16 April 2024

22.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 10.1 - Adelaide Visitor Experience Centre [S90(3) (b)]

The meeting re-opened to the public at 7.49 pm.

Item 22 - Confidential Recommendation of the City Finance and Governance Committee - 16 April 2024

Recommendation 1 – Item 10.1 – Adelaide Visitor Experience Centre

Resolution and Confidentiality Order

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Reaffirms its previous decision for the Adelaide Visitor Experience Centre to be relocated from the City of Adelaide Customer Service Centre to the State Library of South Australia.
2. Endorses the Adelaide Visitor Experience Centre to be operated in a Council-supported not-for-profit model.
3. Delegates authority to the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to progress to stage two of the procurement process.
4. Authorises that in accordance with Section 90 (3) (b) (i) and (ii) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) and because Item 22 [Confidential Recommendation of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 16 April 2024] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 23 April 2024 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90 (3) (b) (i) and (ii) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), this meeting of the Council do order that:
 - 4.1. The resolution becomes public information in the Minutes of the Council meeting.
 - 4.2. The report, the discussion and any other associated information submitted to this meeting and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until Council has awarded the contract to a tender and the licencing agreement has been finalised.
 - 4.3. The Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

Closure

The meeting closed at 7.49 pm

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Lord Mayor

Date of confirmation:

Documents Attached:

Item 19.1 – 19.6 – Question on Notice Replies, Distributed Separately

Councillor Couros - QoN - Operating outdoor dining without a valid permit

Tuesday, 23 April 2024

Council

Council Member

Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:

Ilia Houridis, Director City Shaping

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Will the Council issue a warning letter before implementing a \$210 fine for operating outdoor dining without a valid permit? Additionally will the council verify the status of the business before assuming they no longer wish to operate outdoor dining?'

REPLY

1. Council endorsed the reinstatement of outdoor dining fees as part of the 2023/24 Annual Business Plan & Budget.
2. Notification emails regarding the reinstatement of fees were sent to permit holders in July/August 2023, with physical letters distributed as Officers conducted on-site audits during August and September 2023.
3. In September 2023, 530 permit holders received permit renewal notices, which included an invoice for fees.
4. 80% of permit holders have completed the renewal process and paid all fees. The remaining 20% (approximately) remain outstanding, either due to unpaid fees or incomplete documentation.
5. Reminder notices were sent in October 2023 and again in November 2023.
6. In March 2024, further communication was issued, which included notification that permits would be terminated if no action was made.
7. Specifically, the communication advised that if a permit is not renewed or paid by 12 April 2024, Council will assume the business no longer wishes to operate an outdoor dining area.
8. The communication outlined that any business continuing to use outdoor dining without a valid permit beyond this date, risks receiving an expiation.
9. Administration will shortly be advising Consumer and Business Services (CBS) of any permits that are no longer valid, which is likely to void any related liquor licenses. Administration will advise relevant businesses that we have notified CBS about the expiry of their permit.
10. Administration does not intend to send any additional written communication to permit holders before further action is taken.
11. If a business is continuing to use outdoor dining without a valid permit and/or payment of fees, they risk being expiated.

- 12. Expiations will only be issued if an Authorised Officer observes a business actively operating outdoor dining without a valid permit.
- 13. Communication to permit holders has highlighted that if a business is facing financial difficulties and unable to pay the full amount, they can contact Council to discuss payment options.
- 14. This option remains available to any business that contacts Council.

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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Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Acting Chief
Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Can administration advise

1. Advise what the percentage of "new" rates did the City of Adelaide incurred for the years 2014 – 2024?
2. Please provide information on the percentage increase in rates from 2014 – 2024. Additionally, could clarification be provided on which of these years valuations was not used as a method to assess rates.
3. What is the percentage split of rates between each ward and/or postcodes within the CoA?
4. The percentage of rates attribute to residential and commercial properties within the CoA?
5. In light of recent reports that approximately \$1billion worth of residential buildings are presently under construction within the CoA how does the administration anticipate this contributing to an increase in "new" rate revenue?'

REPLY

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Percentage "new" rates from total	14.1%	3.2%	1.0%	1.9%	2.3%	1.7%	1.3%	1.6%	1.0%	1.2%
Total rate revenue increase (inc. growth)	3.2%	4.7%	2.1%	3.0%	4.3%	6.2%	2.5%	2.4%	3.0%	8.1%

1. "New" rates are defined as rates revenue arising from new developments, and alterations and modifications to existing buildings. Yearly increase in rates revenue from this source outlined in the table above.
2. The annual increase in total rates revenue is outlined in the table above.

Valuations are used every year to derive individual council rates. Valuations were put on hold for existing properties from 2020/21 to 2022/23 (ie. rates for existing unchanged properties did not increase).

3. Rates revenue (2014-15 – 2023-24) by postcode is summarised below:

Rates revenue	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
5000 postcode	86.5%	86.9%	87.3%	87.3%	87.5%	88.2%	88.5%	88.7%	89.0%	88.9%
5006 postcode	13.5%	13.1%	12.7%	12.7%	12.5%	11.8%	11.5%	11.3%	11.0%	11.1%

4. 25% of rates are attributed to residential property and 75% to commercial property.
5. *The Advertiser* on 23 March 2024 reported that residential buildings worth \$1bn are currently under construction in Adelaide’s CBD, equating to approximately 1,000 new residences. These properties don’t yet exist and are, therefore, not able to be valued. However, assuming the current average rate per residential property in the City of Adelaide (\$2,213), approximately \$2.2 million in additional rates revenue could be expected annually from these developments.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4 hours.
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Councillor Couros - QoN - Costs associated with renewal projects

Tuesday, 23 April 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Tom McCready, Director City Services

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Can the administration:

Provide the financial allocation associated with the renewal for the following streets below, as well as the corresponding financial year(s) in which these renewals were allocated?

Hindley Street
Gouger Street
Hutt Street
O'Connell Street
Melbourne Street

Also, could the administration provide details on which financial year(s) the renewal is scheduled for the following thoroughfares?

King William Street (from North Terrace to South Terrace)
Grenfell Street
Currie Street
North Terrace West'

REPLY

1. Council's draft Asset Management Plans (AMPs) outline the asset renewal activities and associated funding requirements recommended for inclusion into the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) to achieve our asset performance targets (levels of service).
2. The suite of six draft AMPs are scheduled to be presented to Council for adoption by 30 June 2024, with subsequent updates made to the LTFP to reflect these financial commitments.
3. Through the development of the draft AMPs, asset renewal requirements have been aligned with the Main Street Revitalisation Projects. All assets with renewal requirements forecast within the next 5 years (based on renewal intervention levels and forecast deterioration rates) have been scheduled to align with Main Street project timings outlined within the 27 June 2023 Council Decision.
4. This results in each Main Street project having an upgrade funding source (as per Council Decision) and a renewal funding source (as per the AMPs).
5. It is important to note that as the Main Street Revitalisation Project scopes are finalised through design development in consultation with Council and the community, asset renewal forecasts will be reviewed to ensure alignment with the finalised extent of the project scope. At this stage renewal forecasts have been assessed along the full length of the street, however if the final design has a lesser footprint, renewal funding allocations for the project will be adjusted/reduced.

6. When considering the asset renewal forecasts within the AMPs, it is important to understand that Year 1 is considered as a detailed budget for delivery purposes, Years 2 to 4 are considered estimated forecasts that will be refined through further project planning and design development and years 5 to 10 are considered as financial projections that are generally subject to change through ongoing reviews and updates to AMPs.
7. A summary of the asset renewal forecasts within our draft AMPs for the Streets outlined within the Question on Notice is summarised below:

Street	Renewal Forecast Cost	Renewal Forecast Timing
Hindley Street	\$11.6 million	Forecast across 2024-25 and 2025-26
Gouger Street	\$6.3 million	Forecast across 2025-26 and 2026-27
Hutt Street	\$10.4 million	Forecast across 2025-26 and 2026-27
O'Connell Street	\$8.2 million	Forecast across 2026-27 and 2027-28
Melbourne Street	\$6.9 million	Forecast across 2026-27 and 2027-28
King William Street (North)	\$2.5 million	Forecast across 10 year planning period
King William Street (South)	\$12.4 million	Forecast across 10 year planning period
Grenfell Street	\$27.6 million	Forecast across 10 year planning period
Currie Street	\$17.0 million	Forecast across 10 year planning period
North Terrace (West)	\$7.3 million	Forecast across 10 year planning period

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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Councillor Noon - QoN - Costs associated with commissioning and installation of Art in Public Realm in previous Council term

Tuesday, 23 April 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Carmel Noon

Public

Contact Officer:
Ilia Houridis, Director City Shaping

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Carmel Noon will ask the following Question on Notice:

'That Council:

1. Request Administration advise Council what the costs were for the commissioning and installation of Council public art projects in the public realm, in Council owned buildings and any public art projects that Council funded between the Council term of November 2018 to November 2022, including but not limited to;
 - 1.1 The Gawler Place Hanging Gardens (art component)
 - 1.2 The Pigeon bronze statue in Rundle Mall
 - 1.3 Illuminate Public Art
 - 1.4 Bentham Street.'

REPLY

1. The below summary outlines the total costs for the commissioning and installation of Council public art projects in the public realm, in Council-owned buildings and any public art projects that Council funded during the Council term of November 2018 to November 2022.
2. Permanent public art projects commissioned for the public realm during the last term of Council included:
 - 2.1. Gawler Place Artworks
 - 2.1.1. *Flow*, a large stainless sculpture integrated into a green arbour (\$115,000), created by Laura Wills and Will Cheesman working with Exhibition Studios.
 - 2.1.2. *Ripples*, integrated artwork and functional furniture including seating, bike racks and traffic delineators spanning across Gawler Place (\$104,000), created by Stephen Roy working with metal fabricator Tom Golin.
 - 2.1.3. *Pigeon*, a striking sculpture and instant Adelaide icon (\$174,000), created by artist, Paul Sloan, working with Iguana Creative.
 - 2.2. Market to Riverbank Artworks
 - 2.2.1. *Motional*, a series of integrated artwork display units designed to present artworks throughout the Bentham Street (\$114,000) by Karl Meyer and Exhibition Studios.
 - 2.2.2. *Geological armatures*, and sculptural artworks on display in the Motional display units in Bentham Street (\$14,200) by Tom Borgas.

- 2.2.3. *Golden Rhombohedron (Obtuse)*, a light-based artwork (\$215,000) by Jason Sims installed in 2021 in Grote Street. This artwork was also Council's public art commission for the inaugural Illuminate Adelaide event.
- 2.2.4. *Geode*, an integrated artwork found across urban elements such as drainage grates and granite seating (\$58,000) by Amy Joy Watson installed in Topham Mall in 2018 and extends across the Market to Riverbank Link.
- 2.2.5. *The Riverbank is a Kaurna Market*, a sandblasted and painted artwork across concrete seating (\$40,000) by Paul Herzich installed in 2018 in Topham Mall.
- 2.3. Produce Lane (off Hindley Street) Gallery includes lightboxes and projections (\$50,000) and a changing display of art works.
- 2.4. Welcoming Space for Young People *Ngaru mularta | Chalk Sticks*, integrated artwork and functional furniture (\$25,000) by Dave Court installed in 2021 in Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga.
- 2.5. Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace artwork *sQuiggle* (\$40,000) by Karl Meyer with Exhibition Studios installed in 2021 in Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka.
- 2.6. Paxton's Walk Streetscape Revitalisation Project artwork *Fear* (\$50,000), an etched artwork integrated across paving and seating, by Greg Mitchell installed in 2023 in Paxton's Walk.
- 2.7. Adelaide City of Music Laneways (\$104,380)
 - 2.7.1. City of Music Mural - Dave Court (2019)
 - 2.7.2. She Imagined Buttons City of Music Laneway - Sia Furler Mural – Jasmine Crisp (2020)
 - 2.7.3. Cold Chisel Lane City of Music Laneway – James Dodd (2021)
 - 2.7.4. No Fixed Address Lane City of Music Laneway - Elizabeth Yanyi Close, Shane Mankitya Cook and Thomas Readett (2022)
 - 2.7.5. Street of Love City of Music Laneway Paul Kelly Lane – Heidi Kenyon (2022).
- 2.8. Major Memorials
 - 2.8.1. *Guiding Light*, the Vietnamese Boat People Monument, by Tony Rosella, Ash Badios, Judith Rolevink and Tim Thomson, was donated to the City of Adelaide and installed in 2021 on Victoria Drive / Karrawirra Park 12. City of Adelaide contribution included \$20,000 for landscaping and a bench.
 - 2.8.2. Place of Reflection, *Empty Arms*, (\$150,000) and seating nestled into new landscaping in Murlawirrapurka / Rymill Park (Park 14). Created by Ngarrindjeri Elder and artist Aunty Yvonne Koolmatrie, in collaboration with artist/designer Karl Meyer, supported by Exhibition Studios, *Empty Arms* was installed in 2023.
3. City of Adelaide Owned Buildings
 - 3.1. Honouring Women in Leadership Portraits in the Adelaide Town Hall of Wendy Chapman AM by Tsering Hannaford and Dame Roma Mitchell AC, DBE, CVO, QC by Kate Kuruc (\$24,000).
4. There are a number of additional and/or temporary artworks commissioned and installed by the City of Adelaide in the public realm, in some cases undertaken in partnership. These are in Council owned and leased buildings, and include public art projects, such as electrical box wraps, street banners, murals, and initiatives that are ephemeral.
5. There is a significant list of deliverables that have been enabled through more minor levels of funding. Further time is required to provide a comprehensive list of these items between 2018/2019 and 2022/2023. If requested, a report can be provided via E-News which outlines the expenditure on all public art partnerships, Council-led commissioning and purchasing of temporary, permanent, and enduring Public Art. Examples include the wraps of service boxes, installations, murals, mosaics, projections and lighting, soundscapes, multi-media and unique street design and furniture elements created by an artist to add value to public realm projects such as paving, ornamental wall inserts, windows, gates, grates, light fittings, bollards, water features and the like.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply

To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

Councillor Noon - QoN - Gawler Place Upgrade

Tuesday, 23 April 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Carmel Noon

Public

Contact Officer:
Tom McCready, Director City Services

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Carmel Noon will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Administration to advise:

1. What were the original costings for the Gawler Place upgrade between North Terrace and Rundle Mall and between Rundle Mall and Grenfell Street?
2. What was the final cost to complete the project?'

REPLY

1. The City of Adelaide 2016-17 Integrated Business Plan first presented the Gawler Place Redevelopment with a budget of \$7.85 million across 2016-17 and 2017-18.
2. Through further investigations and design development, it was identified that this budget was insufficient to deliver the intended outcomes of the project.
3. The final cost to complete the project was \$17.8 million. These costs included investigative works, external design costs, external project management costs, construction costs and relocation of third-party infrastructure. Council approval of the revised project budget was provided through Council decisions on 15 September 2018 and 13 August 2019.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4 hours.
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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting the response to the Council Meeting of April 9, 2024, could the Administration advise;

1. Which meeting/s of the O'Connell Street Mainstreet Roundtable discussed the installation of festoon lights to enhance the businesses between Lombard and Gover Streets and were the discussions referenced in the minutes
2. Were any other locations on O'Connell Street formally proposed for similar festoon lighting
3. Why was there no report to Council in 2021 or 2022 to seek approval for the \$90,000 project
4. If Council did not need to approve the project, was there any communication with any elected member to advise that the project would be undertaken/commenced and, if so, to whom, by what means and on what dates
5. Was there an E News or any communication to any elected member/s to alert them to the conclusion of the project and, if so, on what date/s and
6. Could the Administration provide an estimate, based on the number and the output of the festoon lights and the unit cost of electricity purchased at the relevant times, the annual cost to ratepayers to power the lighting, based on financial year 23/24 electricity contract prices, together with any maintenance costs since their installation?'

REPLY

1. Discussion for the aspiration to install ambient shopfront lighting is reflected in the minutes of the May 2021 Lord Mayor Roundtable meeting ([Link 1](#)).
2. No other locations in O'Connell Street were formally proposed at the time for this particular festoon lighting. The festoon lighting project was designed to add warmth, atmosphere and safety to improve the city experience around the cluster of dining businesses on O'Connell Street.
3. Similar festoon lighting had previously been installed in the community land between Lombard Street and O'Connell Street and this had proved successful in deterring anti-social behaviour and creating a more inviting and safer space for the community.
4. On 28 May 2019, Council requested that the Administration investigate options for atmospheric lighting for O'Connell Street and Melbourne Street in North Adelaide, with prioritisation given to solar options. An undertaking was given to ensure that the atmospheric lighting would be complementary to the Splash Adelaide program.

- 4.1. On 10 March 2020 Council received a report and approved atmospheric lighting in O'Connell Street and Melbourne Street ([Link 2](#)).
- 4.2. The festoon project aligned with the March 2020 decision of Council and was delivered within existing budgets and delegations.
5. An update to Elected Members regarding O'Connell Street lighting was circulated via E-News on [21 July 2022](#).
6. The annual cost to power the festoon lighting is estimated to be \$1,971. There have been no maintenance costs incurred since the installation.

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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