

Councillor Martin - QoN - Festoon Lighting North Adelaide

Tuesday, 23 April 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
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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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