



AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL

*meeting to be held on Wednesday 01 April 2020 at 6:00 pm
in the Council Chamber, Salisbury Community Hub, 34 Church Street, Salisbury*

Elected Members

Mayor G Aldridge

Cr M Blackmore, Cr L Braun, Cr B Brug, Cr C Buchanan, Cr A Duncan,
Cr K Grenfell, Cr N Henningsen, Cr D Hood, Cr P Jensen, Cr S Ouk,
Cr D Proleta, Cr S Reardon, Cr G Reynolds, Cr J Woodman

Prayer

Father in heaven

We thank you for the wondrous resources of our City, for its people, its environment and its sense of community. We thank you for the opportunity to now deliberate over how best to help our community. Please bless that we will respect one another and that we will all do our best to make decisions that will help our community to grow and prosper.

Bless our efforts this day in God's name. Amen.

Kaurna Acknowledgement

The City of Salisbury acknowledges that we are meeting on the 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.

Apologies:

Leave of Absence:

-
- ITEM 1: Council Meeting Procedures - Amendment to enable electronic participation
- ITEM 2: CEO Update – City of Salisbury Response to COVID-19 Pandemic
- ITEM 3: Financial Update
- ITEM 4: Motion on Notice: City of Salisbury Budget Response to COVID-19

CLOSE



John Harry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM 1: Council Meeting Procedures - Amendment to enable electronic participation

AUTHOR Mick Petrovski, Manager Governance - CEO/Governance, CEO and Governance

CITY PLAN LINKS 4.3 Have robust processes that support consistent service delivery and informed decision making.

SUMMARY To inform Council about the Minister for Local Government issuing the *Electronic Participation in Council Meetings Notice 2020* (SA Government Gazette, 31 March 2020) to allow Elected Members to be able to attend Council meetings by electronic means, and to provide a recommendation to alter the City of Salisbury's meeting procedures to enable that for future meetings of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council's code of practice for meetings be amended to enable Elected Members to attend meetings of Council by electronic means, in accordance with the *Electronic Participation in Council Meetings Notice 2020* (SA Government Gazette, 31 March 2020) issued by the Minister for Local Government.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 New section 302B of the *Local Government Act 1999* (LG Act) empowers the Minister for Local Government to, by Notice published in the Government Gazette, vary or suspend operation of provisions of the LG Act where it is reasonably necessary during a public health emergency (where relevant declarations have been made).

2. REPORT

2.1 The *Electronic Participation in Council Meetings Notice 2020* (Notice) is the first Notice made by the Minister in exercise of his new emergency powers.

2.2 This Notice provides variations to the LG Act to enable some or all council members to participate in a council meeting by electronic means, something which is not permitted under the ordinary application of the LG Act or the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013* (Regulations).

2.3 This Notice enables Councils to continue making decisions for their communities, while protecting the health and safety of Elected Members, council staff and the public, during this difficult and uncertain time.

2.4 The Notice has been issued during this period of emergency, to assist with dealing with the Covid-19 public health threat. The Notice will cease to apply 28 days after all relevant emergency declarations are revoked.

2.5 In order for the Notice to take full effect, councils will need to make a decision to vary their own code of practice for meetings at their next meeting in order to apply these measures.

-
- 2.6 This Special meeting of Council is the first opportunity for Council vary its code of practice.
 - 2.7 It is important to note that the Notice allows Elected Members to meet by electronic means to alter or substitute the code of practice even if the existing code of practice prevents or inhibits anything permitted by the Notice (that will then be subject to change at that meeting).

3. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Failure to make necessary alterations to the code of practice for meetings will impact on a Council's ability to continue meeting electronically.
- 3.2 Therefore, it is essential that Council adopt the recommendation, to ensure that the meeting can proceed, if there are Elected Members attending by electronic means.

CO-ORDINATION

Officer:

Date:

ITEM 2: CEO Update – City of Salisbury Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

This report is yet to be finalised and will be distributed as a separate document.

ITEM 3: Financial Update

This report is yet to be finalised and will be distributed as a separate document.

ITEM 4: Motion on Notice: City of Salisbury Budget Response to Covid-19

Cr Chad Buchanan has submitted the following Motion on Notice:

1. That Council note the update provided by the Chief Executive Officer on the status of measures taken thus far to manage the impact of COVID-19 on the community and staff.
2. That Council authorise administration to develop a 2 year COVID-19 Infrastructure Recovery Program, inclusive of existing capital program, that will see total Capital of \$100M spent in the years 2020/21 and 2021/22 that will assist the community recover from the significant impacts of COVID-19:
 - a. that in the delivery of the COVID-19 Infrastructure Recovery Program administration seek to maximise procurement of goods and services from the Northern Adelaide region in line with Council's Procurement Policy; and
 - b. that the administration partner with the Federal and State Governments to deliver further social and economic support to our community, including leveraging funding opportunities to extend the COVID-19 Infrastructure Recovery Program.
3. That Council endorse staff to prepare a draft 2020/21 Annual Plan and Budget with a 0% rate increase (excluding growth) and no increase to fees and charges (unless required by legislation) and in doing so:
 - a. Revise the Long Term Financial Plan to account for the COVID-19 Infrastructure Recovery Program in 2020/21 and 2021/22 up to \$100M over the 2 years; and
 - b. Identify the need for additional financing facilities to support a 0% rate increase and the delivery of the COVID-19 Infrastructure Recovery Program, in addition to our base 2020/21 borrowing requirements.
 - c. Provide a further report for Council's ordinary meeting in April 2020 discussing potential changes for further reductions in Council's current fee structure.
4. That the due date for payment of rates for the Fourth Quarter 2019/20 and the First Quarter 2020/21 is deferred to 1 December 2020, with ratepayers encouraged to make payments where possible to minimise the outstanding level of rates payable by 1 December 2020.
5. That Council extend the previous decision to waive fines for non-payment of rates to ratepayers impacted by COVID-19 to cover all ratepayers based on the extended due date.
6. That Council approve the establishment of a \$50M Cash Advance Debenture to support the deferment of the Fourth Quarter 2019/20 and First Quarter 2020/21 rate payments until 1 December 2020, noting this is additional to financing facilities required to deliver a 0% rate increase and the COVID-19 Infrastructure Recovery Program.

-
7. That the administration draft a revised Hardship Policy to also include businesses within the policy and identify other support mechanisms for the community, including consideration of the waiving of interest payments for ratepayers that have been identified through the Hardship Policy application process as suffering hardship from COVID-19.
 8. That Recommendations 3 and 7 are brought to the April Budget & Finance Committee for further consideration, including endorsing a Draft Annual Plan and Budget for consultation as required by s123 of the Local Government Act.
 9. That the administration bring back a report to Council before adoption of the 2020/21 budget covering the following matters:
 - a. Account for the impact of a 0% rate increase and no fees and charges increase in 2020/21 and strategies to manage the impact over the life of the LTFP; and
 - b. Identify opportunities to offset the impact of 3a & 3b by reviewing new initiative bids, in particular any increased service levels and other operating costs that can be reduced or deferred.
 10. That the CEO be authorised to investigate opportunities for further support to be provided to community members experiencing disadvantage associated with COVID-19.
 11. That timed parking limits are monitored to ensure enforcement facilitates customer access to businesses, and it be addressed with warnings and education prior to enforcement action, with the exception of parking restrictions for disabled parking, loading zones, clearways, permit zones, footpath obstructions and bike lanes or other identified areas posing a public safety risk, which will continue to be enforced.

CO-ORDINATION

Officer:

Date: