



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
34 CHURCH STREET, SALISBURY ON**

1 APRIL 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor G Aldridge
Cr M Blackmore
Cr L Braun (*from 6.03pm*)
Cr B Brug
Cr C Buchanan
Cr A Duncan
Cr K Grenfell (*from 6.03pm*)
Cr N Henningsen (*via videoconference*)
Cr D Hood
Cr P Jensen
Cr S Ouk (*via videoconference*)
Cr D Proleta (*from 6.26pm*)
Cr S Reardon
Cr G Reynolds
Cr J Woodman (Deputy Mayor)

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Mr J Harry
General Manager Business Excellence, Mr C Mansueto
General Manager City Development, Mr T Sutcliffe
A/General Manager Community Development, Ms V Haracic
Manager Financial Services, Ms K George
Manager Governance, Mr M Petrovski
Risk and Governance Program Manager, Ms J Crook
Governance Support Officer, Ms K Boyd

The meeting commenced at 6.01pm.

OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed the members, staff and the gallery to the meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer read the Opening Prayer.

The Mayor read the Kurna Acknowledgement.

APOLOGIES

There were no Apologies.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

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

Moved Cr M Blackmore

Seconded Cr L Braun

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.

**CARRIED
0488/2020**

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

Moved Cr A Duncan

Seconded Cr S Reardon

1. That the information be received and noted.

**CARRIED
0489/2020**

ITEM 3: COVID-19 Financial Update

Cr D Proleta entered the meeting at 6.26 pm.

Cr C Buchanan sought leave of the meeting to speak for a further two minutes and leave was granted.

Moved Cr C Buchanan

Seconded Cr J Woodman

1. That Council notes and receives the information.

**CARRIED
0490/2020**

ITEM 4: MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Motion on Notice: City of Salisbury Budget Response to Covid-19

Cr C Buchanan sought leave of the meeting to speak for a further five minutes and leave was granted.

Cr G Reynolds requested that formal meeting procedures be suspended to enable discussion and questions to be asked without formality.

The Mayor, with the consent of the whole meeting, advised that the meeting procedures would be suspended.

Formal meeting procedures were suspended at 6.52 pm.

Formal meeting procedures were resumed at 7.12 pm.

Moved Cr C Buchanan

Seconded Cr B Brug

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.

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4. Rate Payment Deferral is to be implemented for ratepayers experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 so that the latest date for payment for the Fourth Quarter 2019/20 and the First Quarter 2020/21 is deferred to 1 December 2020, noting that the rates instalment notices will be issued with the relevant due dates as required by the legislation, but highlighting the relief being provided by Council. Fines are to be waived during this time, and no legal action is to be taken in relation to these rate arrears. Ratepayers are to be encouraged to make regular payments where possible.
 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.

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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.

**CARRIED
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The meeting closed at 7.24 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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