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CITY OF HOBART

# MINUTES

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
(OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING)  
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2016 AT 5.00PM**

**PRESENT:** The Lord Mayor Alderman S L Hickey, Alderman E R Ruzicka (Chairman), The Deputy Lord Mayor Alderman R G Christie, Aldermen P S Cocker, A M Reynolds and M Zucco.

**APOLOGIES:**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Alderman D C Thomas.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
(OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING)  
MINUTES 2  
1/3/2016**

DEPUTY LORD MAYOR CHRISTIE

That the Lord Mayor be co-opted to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Ruzicka	
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie	
Reynolds	

**1. MINUTES OF THE OPEN PORTION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2016**

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REYNOLDS	That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record.
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MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Ruzicka	
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie	
Reynolds	
Lord Mayor Hickey	

The minutes were signed.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

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No supplementary items were received.

**3. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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No pecuniary or conflicts of interest were indicated.

**4. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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No items were transferred.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
(OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING)  
MINUTES 3  
1/3/2016**

DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

That item 8 be now taken.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Ruzicka	
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie	
Reynolds	
Lord Mayor Hickey	

Item 8 was then taken.

Ms Marisa Field, UTAS intern was present to undertake a presentation on the trends influencing the revision of the Hobart 2025 Vision, for the information of Aldermen.

**5. STRATEGIC VISION – REVIEW – PRESENTATION – FILE REF: 10-5-2**

LORD MAYOR

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Group Manager Executive and Economic Development of 22 February 2016, as detailed below, be adopted.

- That:*
- 1. This memorandum and the attached report are for the information of Aldermen.*
  - 2. The work undertaken by Ms Field will be used as an input by officers in the development of the new vision project.*

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Ruzicka	
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie	
Cocker	
Reynolds	
Lord Mayor Hickey	

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
(OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING)  
MINUTES 4  
1/3/2016**

**6. DRAFT MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT – COMMENT – FILE REF: 10-5-2**

COCKER

- That: 1. In respect to the Draft Model Code of Conduct submitted for consideration by the Council, the Local Government Association of Tasmania be advised in the following terms:
- (i) The Council supports the inclusion of a reference to anti-bullying behaviour within Part 7 of the Model Code of Conduct.
  - (ii) The Council wishes the specific inclusion of Mayors within Part 8 of the Code in relation to representation.
  - (iii) The Council considers it appropriate that to Part 8(5) of the Code is amended to provide that by personal views do not unreasonably undermine the Council.
  - (iv) The practical application of the process around the conflict of interest provisions at Part 2, 6(i) to (iii) of the Code should be clarified, including the capacity to abstain from voting which in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, is interpreted as a vote in the negative.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Ruzicka	
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie	
Cocker	
Reynolds	
Lord Mayor Hickey	

**7. COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL REVIEW 2015 – FILE REF: 10-40-1**

DEPUTY LORD MAYOR                      That the recommendation contained in the report of the Acting Director Corporate Services of 23 February 2016, as detailed below, be adopted.

- That:*
- 1.    *The report be received and noted.*
  - 2.    *The Council endorse the recommendations contained within Attachment A in respect to the Council's Policy Review for 2015.*
  - 3.    *The Council endorse the proposed new structure of the Policy Manual as outlined in the report and detailed on the amended policies.*

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**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
(OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING)  
MINUTES 5  
1/3/2016**

Item No. 7 continued

- 4     *The Council endorse the display of its Policy Manual on the City of Hobart website.*

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Ruzicka	
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie	
Cocker	
Reynolds	
Lord Mayor Hickey	

Item 9 was then taken.

<b>MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER REGULATION 16 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2015</b>
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**8. STRATEGIES TO ALLEVIATE PEAK TRAFFIC ISSUES – FILE REF: 36-1-1**

ALDERMAN ZUCCO

“That a report is prepared to consider options on how the Hobart City Council may assist in alleviating the morning and evening peak traffic issues for City and the greater Hobart area.

That the Hobart City Council administration canvas in consultation with staff an approach in staggering staff commencement and finishing times for the councils workforce.

The report also consider approaching the State and Federal Government in particular the education department, the private schools association and other large employers in considering working collectively on a ‘time management’ approach that may elevate some of the morning and evening traffic issues.

**Rationale:**

The City is experiencing morning and evening traffic issues; the solution to the traffic problems require thought and innovative approaches in alleviating some of these peak time issues.

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**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
(OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING)  
MINUTES 6  
1/3/2016**

Item No. 8 continued

The Council has more than 600 employees and by considering changes to start and finishing times of staff though this approach it may not resolve all the traffic issues though it may provide some minor assistance.

A collective approach with the State and Federal Government in particular the education providers in considering school starting times in areas where schools and colleges are clustered could be further measures in alleviating congestion.

Also working with larger private employers to also consider this approach will go further in changing the traffic patterns.

Changing the driving patterns of say 50/100 cars or more may provide some short term assistance to a problem that requires innovative solutions until such time those other solutions are explored or implemented this may assist in some way.

I have discussed this with a number of people including a leading Hobart traffic expert who provided positive feedback with this approach.”

**The General Manager reports:**

“In accordance with Clause 5 of the Notices of Motion procedures, I provide the following qualification as to whether the substance of this Notice of Motion resides within the jurisdiction of the Hobart City Council:

The matter is within the jurisdiction of the City of Hobart, as it relates to alleviating traffic congestion and suggests potential changes to the working hours of some Council staff.”

Procedural Motion  
ZUCCO

That the matter be deferred to a Special Governance Committee meeting on 21 March 2016.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED**

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Ruzicka

Deputy Lord Mayor Christie

Reynolds

Zucco

NOES

Lord Mayor Hickey

Item 5 was then taken.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
(OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING)  
MINUTES 7  
1/3/2016**

**9. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – STATUS REPORT**

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DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Ruzicka	
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie	
Cocker	
Reynolds	
Lord Mayor Hickey	

**10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – FILE REF: 13-1-10**

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**10.1 RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE ELIZABETH STREET MALL**

ALDERMAN COCKER

**Question:** How does the Council manage religious behaviour and activities in the Elizabeth Street Mall?

**Answer:** The General Manager took the question on notice.

**11. CLOSED PORTION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

That the items be noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Ruzicka	
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie	
Cocker	
Reynolds	
Lord Mayor Hickey	

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
(OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING)  
MINUTES 8  
1/3/2016**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6.12 pm to conduct the closed portion of the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 6.20 pm.

Item 11 was then taken.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS A  
CORRECT RECORD THIS 5TH DAY OF  
APRIL 2016.

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**CHAIRMAN**