



CITY OF HOBART

# **MINUTES**

## **Governance Committee Meeting**

**Open Portion**

**Tuesday, 30 January 2018 at 5.00pm**

---

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

---

### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<b>1. CO-OPTION OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS.....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>6 REPORTS .....</b>	<b>5</b>
6.1 Questions On Notice - Procedures .....	5
6.2 Councillor Allowances - Issues Paper .....	7
6.3 Appointment of Acting General Manager.....	8
6.4 Hobart City Deal Heads of Agreement .....	9
<b>7 COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT .....</b>	<b>10</b>
7.1 Status Report.....	10
<b>8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE .....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>9. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING.....</b>	<b>11</b>

**Governance Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Tuesday, 30 January 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ruzicka (Chairman)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Cocker  
Thomas  
Reynolds

**ALDERMEN**

Lord Mayor Hickey  
Zucco  
Briscoe  
Sexton  
Burnet  
Denison  
Harvey

**PRESENT:** Alderman E R Ruzicka (Chairman), the Deputy Lord Mayor Alderman R G Christie and Aldermen P S Cocker, D C Thomas and A M Reynolds

Alderman Thomas arrived at 5.02 pm, was present for items 6 to 9 and retired from the meeting at 5.36pm.

Alderman Cocker arrived at 5.02 pm and was present for items 6 to 9.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Nil.

**1. CO-OPTION OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY**

---

No Aldermen were co-opted to the Committee.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

---

ACTING LORD MAYOR

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Governance Committee meeting held on [Tuesday, 28 November 2017](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Ruzicka  
Acting Lord Mayor Christie  
Reynolds

NOES

The minutes were signed.

### **3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

---

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Committee resolve to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager.

No supplementary items were received.

### **4. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

---

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Aldermen are requested to indicate where they may have any pecuniary or conflicts of interest in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the committee has resolved to deal with.

No interest was indicated

### **5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

---

Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

A committee may close a part of a meeting to the public where a matter to be discussed falls within 15(2) of the above regulations.

In the event that the committee transfer an item to the closed portion, the reasons for doing so should be stated.

Are there any items which should be transferred from this agenda to the closed portion of the agenda, or from the closed to the open portion of the agenda?

No items were transferred.

## 6 REPORTS

---

### 6.1 Questions On Notice - Procedures File Ref: F18/5306

---

THOMAS

That the recommendation contained in the report of the General Manager of 24 January 2018, be adopted amended by the following:

1. Clause 2 (vii) was amended to read as follows
  - (vii) The chairman of a meeting may permit debate of a question on notice, or its response, and may accept amendments including requests for further information.

MOTION CARRIED

#### VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Ruzicka	
Acting Lord Mayor Christie	
Cocker	
Thomas	
Reynolds	

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That: 1. The Council endorse the following parameters in defining the nature of a Question on Notice:

- (i) Where a Question on Notice may be submitted under r 30 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the definition of the term “question” is the same as that adopted by the Council at its meeting on 4 December 2017, in respect to Questions Without Notice, ie:

“The purpose of a question on notice is to obtain information of a factual nature which requires minimal research or investigation. Any matter which requires detailed research, investigation, interpretation, and analysis and/or officer advice for Council’s consideration, should be dealt with by a Notice of Motion, and will not be accepted by the General Manager as a question on notice.

2. The following framework for dealing with Questions on Notice lodged under r 30 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, be adopted:

- (i) Questions are to be lodged with the General Manager at least seven clear days prior to an ordinary meeting of the Council or a Council committee, as provided under r 30 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.
- (ii) Questions which relate to another item which is listed on the same agenda of a Council or Council committee meeting will not be accepted by the General Manager.
- (iii) The General Manager will refuse to accept a question on notice for a Council committee if the subject matter does not relate to the Terms of Reference of the committee.
- (iv) In placing a question on the relevant agenda, the General Manager is to determine whether the subject matter necessitates placement on either the open or closed portion of the meeting, in consideration of r 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.
- (v) The General Manager may refuse a request to place a question on an agenda if it has been previously asked, is unclear, defamatory or improper, in which case the Alderman submitting the question will be notified accordingly.
- (vi) Where it has not been possible to prepare a response to a question for inclusion on the relevant agenda, the General Manager will note this accordingly on the agenda and provide advice as to the timing of the response.
- (vii) The chairman of a meeting may permit debate of a question on notice, or its response, and may accept amendments including requests for further information.

**Delegation: Council**

**6.2 Councillor Allowances - Issues Paper**  
**File Ref: F18/5860**

---

ACTING LORD MAYOR

- That 1. The Council provide a submission in response to the Board of Inquiry's review of allowances paid to Local Government Councillors specifically addressing the following:
- a) The Board's review would benefit from including member(s) with Local Government experience.
  - b) Appropriate recognition for superannuation within the quantum of the allowance.
  - c) Introduction of a loading in recognition of the workload associated with Hobart's capital city status.
  - d) Concept of sitting fees be explored by the Board (in line with Perth and Darwin)
  - e) Consideration be given to incentivising ongoing learning by Aldermen.
  - f) Deputy Lord Mayor receive the Lord Mayor's allowance when acting in the role of Lord Mayor for an extended period, for example greater than seven days.
2. In the event the Council wishes to provide an oral submission to the Board of Inquiry, nominations be sought from interested Aldermen.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Ruzicka  
Acting Lord Mayor Christie  
Cocker  
Reynolds

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

- That 1. The Council provide a submission in response to the Board of Inquiry's review of allowances paid to Local Government Councillors specifically addressing the following:
- a) The Board's review would benefit from including member(s) with Local Government experience
  - b) Appropriate recognition for superannuation within the quantum of the allowance.
  - c) Introduction of a loading in recognition of the workload associated with Hobart's capital city status.

- d) Concept of sitting fees be explored by the Board (in line with Perth and Darwin)
  - e) Consideration be given to incentivising ongoing learning by Aldermen.
  - f) Deputy Lord Mayor receive the Lord Mayor's allowance when acting in the role of Lord Mayor for an extended period, for example greater than seven days.
2. In the event the Council wishes to provide an oral submission to the Board of Inquiry, nominations be sought from interested Aldermen.

**Delegation Council**

**6.3 Appointment of Acting General Manager**  
**File Ref: F18/6308; S11-002-01**

---

ACTING LORD MAYOR

That the recommendation contained in the report of the General Manager of 25 January 2018, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Ruzicka  
Acting Lord Mayor Christie  
Cocker  
Reynolds

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the Deputy General Manager be appointed to act in the office of the General Manager during every absence of the General Manager for a term of five years pursuant to s61B(4) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**Delegation: Council**



**6.4 Hobart City Deal  
Heads of Agreement  
File Ref: F18/6646**

---

REYNOLDS

The recommendation contained in the report of the General Manager of 25 January 2018, be adopted with the inclusion of an additional clause to read as follows:

3. The Acting Lord Mayor write an appropriate letter to the Prime Minister acknowledging the Hobart City Deal and the commitment of the Council to make a contribution to the Deal. A copy of the letter also be forwarded to the federal members for Denison and Franklin as well as all Tasmanian Federal Senators.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Ruzicka  
Acting Lord Mayor Christie  
Cocker  
Reynolds

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

- That
1. The Heads of Agreement for a Hobart City Deal marked as Attachment A to Item 6.4 on the Open Governance Committee meeting agenda of 30 January 2018 be noted.
  2. The General Manager be authorised to:
    - (i) participate in officer discussions on the formation of a City Deal for Hobart, including the scoping of a Greater Hobart Act; and
    - (ii) provide regular reports to the Council on these matters, including the implications on Council resources and priorities.
  3. The Acting Lord Mayor write an appropriate letter to the Prime Minister acknowledging the Hobart City Deal and the commitment of the Council to make a contribution to the Deal. A copy of the letter also be forwarded to the federal MHA's for Denison and Franklin as well as all Tasmanian Federal Senators.

**Delegation: Council**

## **7 COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT**

---

### **7.1 Status Report** **File Ref: F18/7453; 16/112**

---

ACTING LORD MAYOR

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

#### VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Ruzicka	
Acting Lord Mayor Christie	
Cocker	
Reynolds	

## **8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

---

Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.  
File Ref: 13-1-10

No questions were asked at the meeting.

## **9. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING**

---

The following items were discussed: -

- Item No. 1 Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Council Meeting
- Item No. 2 Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda
- Item No. 3 Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest
- Item No. 4 Committee Action Status Report
- Item No. 4.1 Committee Actions - Status Report  
LG(MP)R 15(2)e(i)
- Item No. 5 Questions Without Notice

ACTING LORD MAYOR

That the items be noted.

MOTION CARRIED

### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Ruzicka  
Acting Lord Mayor Christie  
Cocker  
Reynolds

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5.49 pm to conduct the closed portion of the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 5.51 pm.

Item 9 was then taken.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.52pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS  
A CORRECT RECORD THIS  
14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018.

---

**CHAIRMAN**