



CITY OF HOBART

# **MINUTES**

## **Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting**

**Open Portion**

**Thursday, 30 July 2020 at 4:36pm**

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**Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting (Open Portion)  
held on Thursday, 30 July 2020 at 4:36 pm.**

**This meeting of the Economic Development & Communications Committee is held in accordance with a Notice issued by the Premier on 3 April 2020 under section 18 of the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020*.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Thomas (Chairman)  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Dutta  
Ewin

**NON-MEMBERS**

Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Briscoe  
Harvey  
Behrakis  
Sherlock  
Coats

**PRESENT:** Alderman D C Thomas (Chairman), Alderman Dr P T Sexton, the Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, Councillor W F Harvey, Alderman S Behrakis and Councillor W Coats.

The Lord Mayor was an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Lord Mayor left the meeting at 4.43pm, returning at 4.55pm, left the meeting at 4.58pm, returning at 5.07pm.

**APOLOGIES:** Alderman M Zucco and Councillor J Ewin.

Councillor Harvey arrived at the meeting at 4.45pm and was co-opted for items 6.2 to 9.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Nil.

Alderman Behrakis arrived and the meeting at 5.17pm and retired at 5.24pm.

Councillor Coats was co-opted to the Committee.

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

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SEXTON

That Councillor Coats be co-opted to the Committee

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Thomas  
Sexton  
Lord Mayor Reynolds

NOES

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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SEXTON

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Economic Development & Communications Committee meeting held on [Thursday, 30 January 2020](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Thomas		
Sexton		
Lord Mayor Reynolds		
Coats		

The minutes were signed.

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

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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**

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

Members of the Committee 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

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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

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Professor Juan Salazar (Lead Chief Investigator) and Ms Chloe Power (Antarctic Youth Ambassador) addressed the Committee in relation to item 6.1.

### 6.1 Antarctic Cities Project - Hobart Specific Summary and Update File Ref: F20/63511

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LORD MAYOR REYNOLDS

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Senior Advisor Economic Development, the Manager Economic Development Engagement & Strategy and the Director Community Life of 23 July 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

#### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Sexton  
Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Coats

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the Hobart specific interim summary and update to the Committee on the progress of the Antarctic Cities Project be received and noted.

#### **Attachment**

A. Professor Juan Salazar Ms Chloe Power - Antarctic Cities - Presentation

**Delegation: Committee**

LORD MAYOR REYNOLDS

That Councillor Harvey be co-opted to the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Sexton  
Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Coats

Ms Marnie Craig (CEO Business Events Tasmania) addressed the Committee in relation to item 6.2.

**6.2 Business Events Tasmania Annual Funding Submission**  
**File Ref: F20/74981; 17/62**

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SEXTON

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Senior Advisor Economic Development, the Manager Economic Development Engagement & Strategy and the Director Community Life of 22 July 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Sexton  
Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Harvey  
Coats

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the Council provide funding of \$ 53,728 to Business Events Tasmania which has been included in the Economic Development Budget Function of the 2020-21 Annual Plan.

**Attachment**

A. Ms Marnie Craig - Business Events Tasmania - Presentation

**Delegation: Council**

### 6.3 COVID-19 Economic Response and Recovery File Ref: F20/69916

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HARVEY

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Manager Economic Development Engagement & Strategy and the Director Community Life of 23 July 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

#### VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
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Harvey	
Coats	

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

- That:
1. The Council endorse the following guiding principles for economic recovery which will inform future Council activities in this area:
    - i) Economic recovery is focused on need and adding value.
    - ii) Economic recovery supports resilience.
    - iii) Economic recovery builds economic confidence and participation.
    - iv) Economic recovery is evidence-based.
    - v) Economic recovery is flexible and adaptable.
  2. The Council endorse the creation of a flexible COVID-19 economic recovery framework and action plan, including associated community engagement.
  3. The Council endorse the creation of a COVID-19 economic recovery business consultative group, as a temporary means of seeking feedback on recovery efforts.
    - (i) The General Manager is delegated responsibility for finalising the group's membership and terms of reference.
  4. The Lord Mayor and Chair of the Economic Development and Communications Committee seek to coordinate a meeting with relevant Australian and/or Tasmanian Government representatives to inform economic recovery planning.

**Delegation: Council**

**6.4 COVID-19 Business Grants Summary**  
**File Ref: F20/71918; 19/95**

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SEXTON

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Community Activation and Grants Coordinator, the Manager Activation Programs and Tourism and the Director Community Life of 22 July 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Sexton  
Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Harvey  
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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

- That: 1. The successful grant applications from the eCommerce Grant and the Professional Assistance Grant as detailed in Attachments A and B to item 6.4 of the Open Economic Development and Communications Committee agenda of 30 July 2020, be noted.
2. All awarded grants be recorded in the 'Grants, Assistance and Benefits Provided' section of the City of Hobart Annual Report.

**Delegation: Committee**

**7. COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT**

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**7.1 Committee Actions - Status Report**  
**File Ref: F20/28344; 16/120**

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HARVEY

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED



VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Sexton  
Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Harvey  
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**Delegation: Committee**

**8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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

**8.1 Alderman Sexton - Taste of Tasmania - Sydney to Hobart -  
Melbourne to Hobart - Yacht Races**  
**File Ref: 13-1-10**

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Question: Can the Director advise what is the likely impact on the proposed Taste of Tasmania event if the Sydney to Hobart and/or Melbourne to Hobart Yacht races are cancelled?

What is the latest date by which Council and prospective stall holders would need to know whether the Yacht race(s) are proceeding?

When does Council have to pay its contribution towards the Taste of Tasmania event?

In the event that the Taste of Tasmania is cancelled or down sized, will any contribution made by Council be refunded?

Answer: The Director Community Life took the question on notice.

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

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HARVEY

That the Committee resolve by majority that the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to regulation 15(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* because the items included on the closed agenda contain the following matters:

- Confirm the minutes of the Closed portion of the meeting.
- Questions without notice in the Closed portion.

The following items were discussed: -

Item No. 1	Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
Item No. 2	Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda
Item No. 3	Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest
Item No. 4	Questions Without Notice

MOTION CARRIED

### VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
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Sexton		
Lord Mayor Reynolds		
Harvey		
Coats		

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 5.25pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS  
A CORRECT RECORD THIS  
27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

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**CHAIRMAN**