



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES

Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting

Open Portion

Thursday, 27 August 2020 at 4:30pm

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**Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting (Open Portion)
held on Thursday, 27 August 2020 at 4:30 pm.**

This meeting of the Economic Development and 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), Councillors M Dutta, J Ewin and W F Harvey.

Councillor Harvey was co-opted to the Committee.

APOLOGIES: Alderman Dr P T Sexton.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil.

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

DUTTA

That Councillor Harvey be co-opted to the Committee

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Thomas
Dutta
Ewin

NOES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

EWIN

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

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Thomas
Dutta
Ewin
Harvey

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*.

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

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.

EWIN

That item 6.2 be now taken.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas
Dutta
Ewin
Harvey

Item 6.2 was then taken

6. REPORTS

Professor Peter Frappell addressed the Committee in relation to item 6.1.

6.1 International Measurement System Demonstration File Ref: F20/26977

HARVEY

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 20 August 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Thomas		
Dutta		
Ewin		
Harvey		

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the information be received and noted.

Attachment

A. Professor Peter Frappell - Presentation ⇨ 

Delegation: Committee

Item 7.1 was then taken.

6.2 International Relations Review
File Ref: F20/40406

EWIN

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 21 August 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Thomas		
Dutta		
Ewin		
Harvey		

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That: 1. The Council receives the progress report marked as item 6.2 of the Open Economic Development and Communications Committee agenda of 27 August 2020, against the current International Relations Action Plan 2018.

2. Strategic decisions relating to existing and new international relationships are deferred, to be considered in March 2021.
3. Major operational activities relating to existing and potential new international relationships are paused until March 2021.
4. The Lord Mayor contacts the cities of Yaizu (Japan), L'Aquila (Italy), Xi'an (China), Fuzhou (China), Balibó (Timor-Leste), Incheon (South-Korea), Jiri (Nepal) and Kochi (India) to advise them of the Council's pause in activity.
5. The Council notes the Economic Development Unit's current focus on supporting local businesses through COVID-19 crisis and recovery phases.

Delegation: Council

6.3 Business Grants Update
File Ref: F20/90850; 19/95

HARVEY

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Marketing and Business Engagement Officer, the Manager Economic Development Engagement & Strategy and the Director Community Life of 20 August 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas
Dutta
Ewin
Harvey

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

- That:
1. The Council endorse the proposed Business Adaptation and Assistance Grant for the 2020–21 financial year.
 2. A total budget of \$200,000 be allocated to the program from existing funding in the events and business grants streams, specifically:

- (i) \$48,000 from the existing business grants stream, and
- (ii) \$152,000 from the events grants stream.

Delegation: Council

**6.4 Professional Development Reporting - Alderman Thomas - Digital Artificial Intelligence Summit - Melbourne - 27 August 2019
File Ref: F20/88523**

DUTTA

That the recommendation contained in the memorandum of the General Manager of 12 August 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas
Dutta
Ewin
Harvey

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the information be received and noted.

Delegation: Committee

Item 6.1 was then taken.

7. COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT

7.1 Committee Actions - Status Report **File Ref: F20/89474; 16/120**

DUTTA

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas
Dutta
Ewin
Harvey

Delegation: Committee

8. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulation 29(3) *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*
File Ref: 13-1-10

8.1 Taste of Tasmania - Sydney to Hobart - Melbourne to Hobart - Yacht Races **File Ref: F20/90197; 13-1-10**

Memorandum of the Director Community Life of 19 August 2020.

DUTTA

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas
Dutta
Ewin
Harvey

Delegation: Committee

9. 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.

10. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

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 and questions without notice in the closed portion of the meeting.

The following items were discussed: -

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| 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

Thomas
Dutta
Ewin
Harvey

Delegation: Committee

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 5.02pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

CHAIRMAN