



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

Special Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting

Open Portion

Tuesday, 14 June 2022

at 4.55pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall

THE MISSION

Working together to make Hobart a better place for the community.

THE VALUES

The Council is:

People	We care about people – our community, our customers and colleagues.
Teamwork	We collaborate both within the organisation and with external stakeholders drawing on skills and expertise for the benefit of our community.
Focus and Direction	We have clear goals and plans to achieve sustainable social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Hobart community.
Creativity and Innovation	We embrace new approaches and continuously improve to achieve better outcomes for our community.
Accountability	We are transparent, work to high ethical and professional standards and are accountable for delivering outcomes for our community.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Business listed on the agenda is to be conducted in the order in which it is set out, unless the committee by simple majority determines otherwise.

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Special Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held Tuesday, 14 June 2022 at 4.55pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

This meeting of the Economic Development & Communications Committee is held in accordance with a Notice issued by the Premier on 31 March 2022 under section 18 of the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020*.

The title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant s.61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman D C Thomas (Chairman)
Alderman M Zucco
Alderman Dr P T Sexton
Councillor M Dutta
Councillor J Fox

Apologies:

Leave of Absence: Nil.

NON-MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor H Burnet
Alderman J R Briscoe
Councillor W F Harvey
Alderman S Behrakis
Councillor Z Sherlock
Councillor W Coats

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

2. 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 conflict 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.

3. 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?

4. REPORTS

4.1 Waived Outdoor Dining Fees **File Ref: F22/55152**

Memorandum of the Project Manager Economic Development, Director Connected City and Director City Life of 9 June 2022.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Waived Outdoor Dining Fees

In a Special Council Meeting on 20 January 2022, the Council delegated the Chief Executive Officer to extend the waiving of fees for Outdoor Dining, Food Licences, Occupation Licenses (for authorised trading purposes by the Chief Executive Officer).

The waiving of fees for outdoor dining was extended for the three month period from 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022 to allow businesses to trade beyond their regular footprint outdoors to better accommodate the needs of their customers due to COVID restrictions.

The total amount of fees waived for this period was \$65,241.71.

Since that time the State Government have acted on health advice to remove COVID related restrictions ensuring that businesses can trade without impediment.

Following the relaxation of COVID restrictions, the Economic Development and Communications Committee is asked to note that the Chief Executive Officer will cease the waiving of fees for Outdoor Dining and Occupation Licenses, calculated in accordance with the 2021-22 Fees and Charges to become payable upon issue of an invoice.

Council has issued 136 permits to occupy public space for outdoor dining. 102 permit holders paid annually. 34 remaining permit holders will receive an invoice for the period 1 April 2022 until 30 June 2022 and will be granted 30 days to pay. Invoices for permits to occupy public space for outdoor dining are not sent in advance but are sent in the period they are due.

The Economic Development and Communications Committee, at its meeting of 2 June 2022, resolved that the Tasmanian Hospitality Association should be consulted on this matter. Engagement was conducted with the THA's CEO, Steve Old, on 6 June 2022.

It should be noted that the City will continue to work directly with a number of hospitality businesses to assist them in a limited trial of new extended outdoor dining spaces in which people can stay connected, see friends and family, while keeping the city vibrant and supporting the wider local business community, including 'bricks and mortar' retailers.

This will include the installation and removal of equipment, and technical and logistic advice and support at no cost to the trader.

The City Economy Unit will also continue to work with hospitality operators to ensure the needs of these businesses are considered in the Economic Development Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Economic Development and Communications Committee note that in accordance with the delegation provided to the Chief Executive Officer by the Council on 20 January 2022, the Chief Executive Officer will cease the waiving of outdoor dining fees from 31 March 2022 in line with the State Government’s removal of COVID-19 related restrictions.

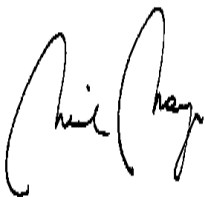
As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.



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Neil Noye
DIRECTOR CITY LIFE

Date: 9 June 2022
File Reference: F22/55152

