



CITY OF HOBART

# **MINUTES**

## **Finance Committee Meeting**

**Open Portion**

**Tuesday, 11 April 2017 at 5:00 pm**

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**Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Tuesday, 11 April 2017 at 5.00 pm in the Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Thomas (Chairman)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Ruzicka  
Sexton

**ALDERMEN**

Lord Mayor Hickey  
Briscoe  
Burnet  
Cocker  
Reynolds  
Denison  
Harvey

**PRESENT:** Alderman D C Thomas (Chairman), the Deputy Lord Mayor Alderman R G Christie, Aldermen M Zucco, P T Sexton, H C Burnet, the Lord Mayor Alderman S L Hickey, P S Cocker, A M Reynolds and W F Harvey.

Alderman Burnet was co-opted to the Committee.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Alderman E R Ruzicka.

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

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SEXTON

That Alderman Burnet be co-opted to the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Sexton

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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SEXTON

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Finance Committee meeting held on [Tuesday, 21 March 2017](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Burnet

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*.

SEXTON

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

MOTION CARRIED

### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Burnet

#### **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*.

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**

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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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#### **6.1 Related Party Disclosures** **File Ref: F17/32407**

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SEXTON

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Manager Finance and the Director Financial Services of 6 April 2017, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Burnet

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the Council adopt the draft policy titled 'Related Party Disclosures', marked as Attachment A to item 6.1 of the Open Finance Committee agenda of 11 April 2017.

**Delegation: Council**

Ms Jennifer Styger and Ms Margie Jenkin addressed the Committee in relation to item 6.2.

**6.2 Investment of Council Funds - South Hobart and Foothills  
Community Bank  
File Ref: F17/33556**

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**ZUCCO**

- That: 1. The Council pledge to purchase \$50,000 worth of shares to assist with the establishment of the South Hobart and Foothills Community Bank.
2. The Council show further support by way of linking the \$2 million dollars currently invested with the Bendigo Bank together with any future cash investments in that institution to the South Hobart and Foothills Community Bank.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VOTING RECORD**

**AYES**

**NOES**

Thomas  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Burnet

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

- That: 1. The Council pledge to purchase \$50,000 worth of shares to assist with the establishment of the South Hobart and Foothills Community Bank.
2. The Council show further support by way of linking the \$2 million dollars currently invested with the Bendigo Bank together with any future cash investments in that institution to the South Hobart and Foothills Community Bank.

**Delegation: Council**

**6.3 Remissions of Rates and Charges Granted**  
**File Ref: F17/31822; 22-2-2**

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BURNET

That the recommendation contained in the memorandum of the Group Manager Rates and Procurement and the Director Financial Services of 6 April 2017, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Burnet

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the information contained in the memorandum of the Group Manager Rates and Procurement and the Director Financial Services of 6 April 2017 titled "Remissions of Rates and Charges Granted" be received and noted.

**Delegation: Committee**

**6.4 Request for Extension of Lease - Telstra Telecommunication  
Tower - Sandown Park, Sandy Bay**  
**File Ref: F17/34497; 5601657**

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SEXTON

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Program Leader Recreation and Projects, the Manager Parks and Recreation and the Director Parks and City Amenity of 13 April 2017, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas	Deputy Lord Mayor Christie
Zucco	Burnet
Sexton	

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

The Finance Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of 6 April 2016, ie:

That: 1. The Council approve a new lease to Telstra for the site of the

telecommunications tower located at Sandown Park, Sandy Bay for a ten (10) year period with two (2) further five (5) year options.

2. The addition of any further infrastructure relating to the tower be considered by the Council at the time of application.
3. The General Manager be authorised to negotiate the terms of the new lease agreement.
4. Pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993, notice be provided of the Council's decision, in writing and within 7 days of the decision, to those parties that lodged an objection including rights of appeal under the Act.

**Delegation: Council**

## **7 COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT**

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### **7.1 Committee Actions - Status Report** **File Ref: F17/33914**

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#### **BURNET**

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Director Financial Services of 6 April 2017, be adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **VOTING RECORD**

**AYES**

**NOES**

Thomas  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Burnet

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the information be received and noted.

## **8. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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

### **8.1 Parking Compliance Issues - 54 King Street, Sandy Bay** **File Ref: F17/15341**

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BURNET

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

#### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Burnet

## **9. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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

No questions were asked at the meeting.

Supplementary item 11 was then taken.

## 10. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

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The following items were discussed: -

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| 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   | Reports  |
| Item No. 4.1 | 3 Wilks Road, Lenah Valley<br>LG(MP)R 15(2)(c)(i)                        |
| Item No. 4.2 | 6 Washington Street - Lease Agreement<br>LG(MP)R 15(2)(f)                |
| Item No. 5   | Committee Action Status Report   |
| Item No. 5.1 | Committee Actions - Status Report<br>LG(MP)R 15(2)(d), (g) and e(ii)     |
| Item No. 6   | Responses to Questions Without Notice                                    |
| Item No. 6.1 | Myer Rivulet Site<br>LG(MP)R 15(2)(i)                                    |
| Item No. 7   | Questions Without Notice   |
| Item No. 8   | Goulburn Street Car Park - Sale to Housing Tasmania<br>LG(MP)R 15(2)(f)  |

SEXTON

That the items be noted.

MOTION CARRIED

### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Burnet

**SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM**

**11 Review of Credit Card Surcharge**  
**File Ref: F17/28582**

DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Group Manager Rates and Procurement and Director Financial Services of 13 April 2017, be adopted, amended by the following:

1. The addition of Clause 3 to read as follows:
  - “3. The Lord Mayor to advise the community of the change to the credit card surcharge through an appropriate media release.”
2. The addition of Clause 4 to read as follows:
  - “4. A review be conducted in 12 months’ time to ascertain the cost incurred by Council in relation to credit card payment charges.”

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Thomas  
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Burnet

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

- That:
1. The 1 percent credit card surcharge currently applied to payments made by credit card, including point of sale transactions, in areas of Council except the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre be discontinued, effective from 1 July 2017.
  2. That a credit card payment limit for the payment of Council rates be re-introduced at the level of \$3,000 per transaction.
  3. The Lord Mayor to advise the community of the change to the credit card surcharge through an appropriate media release.
  4. A review be conducted in 12 months’ time to ascertain the cost incurred by Council in relation to credit card payment charges.

**Delegation: Council**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:54 pm to conduct the closed portion of the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 5:59 pm.

Item 10 was then taken.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5:59 pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS  
A CORRECT RECORD THIS  
16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2017.

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**CHAIRMAN**