



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES

Open Portion
Monday, 24 April 2023
AT 5.00 pm
Council Chamber, Town Hall



City of HOBART

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PRESENT:

The Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor H Burnet, Councillor W F Harvey, Alderman S Behrakis, Councillors M S C Dutta, Dr Z E Sherlock, J L Kelly, L M Elliot, Alderman L A Bloomfield, Councillors R J Posselt and B Lohberger.

APOLOGIES:

Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Alderman Zucco

Councillor Elliot left the meeting at 5.30pm, returning at 5.32pm and was not present for items 8 to 10 inclusive.

Councillor Elliot left the meeting at 7.05pm, returning at 7.07pm.

Councillor Kelly left the meeting at 7.10pm at the commencement of the comfort break, returning at 7.29pm.

Councillor Sherlock at 7.10pm at the commencement of the comfort break, returning at 7.29pm.

Councillor Lohberger left the meeting at 7.28pm, returning at 7.29pm.

Alderman Bloomfield left the meeting at 7.10pm at the commencement of the comfort break, returning at 7.30pm.

Councillor Posselt left the meeting at 7.36pm, returning at 7.37pm.

Councillor Elliot left the meeting at 8.41pm, returning at 8.42pm.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Lord Mayor provided an acknowledgement of Country.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Chairman reports that she has perused the minutes of the meeting of the Open Portion of the Council meeting held on [Monday, 20 March 2023](#), finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

BURNET
POSSELT

That the recommendation be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Harvey
Behrakis
Dutta
Sherlock
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

NOES

The minutes were signed.

3. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

Are there any items, which the meeting believes, should be transferred from this agenda to the closed agenda or from the closed agenda to the open agenda, in accordance with the procedures allowed under Section 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*?

No items were transferred.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN

No communication was received.

5. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Chief Executive Officer reports that no Council workshops have been conducted since the last ordinary meeting of the Council.

Date: Monday, 27 March 2023

Purpose: kunanyi / Mt Wellington Future Directions | Budget Workshop 2

Attendance: The Lord Mayor Councillor A Reynolds, the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor H Burnet, Councillors B Harvey, M Dutta, Z Sherlock, J Kelly, L Elliot, Alderman L Bloomfield, Councillors R Posselt and B Lohberger.

Date: Monday, 17 April 2023

Purpose: Workshop - Local Provisions Schedule | Briefing Salamanca Market

Attendance: The Lord Mayor Councillor A Reynolds, the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor H Burnet, Councillors B Harvey, M Dutta, Z Sherlock, J Kelly, L Elliot, Alderman L Bloomfield, Councillors R Posselt and B Lohberger.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6.1 Central Hobart Precinct Plan - Anne Burleigh and Chris Goggins

Anne Burleigh and Chris Goggins put the following question and was provided with the corresponding response by the Chief Executive Officer.

Background:

Whilst the precinct plan has many good ideas there is concern that it's simply a mechanism to enable UTAS to move from the Sandy Bay Campus to the Hobart Central Business District.

There are numerous references: For example the "Innovation Precinct" which includes such key actions as:

"4. Explore the future desired Streetscape function and character of Melville Street." A theme central to the UTAS move!

Moreover the whole Innovation Precinct has not been a part of any previous documentation, yet it seems to cover over a quarter of the area covered by this plan!

We were told at previous consultations about the precinct plan that UTAS would not be discussed, but yet the Innovation Precinct appears to be set up for them!

My question is for the CEO, through the Lord Mayor.

Question:

Will the Council record within the Innovation Precinct Plan, the will of the 22,631 Ratepayers with regards to the UTAS move and respect and honour their NO vote?

Response:

Central Hobart Plan - context

Hobart has experienced steady population growth over recent years, and its population and employment are expected to increase even further in the next decades. The Central Hobart Plan aims to guide that growth and change in our central 64 blocks over the next two decades in a manner that will strengthen what's great about Hobart, and what makes the city liveable and distinctive.

Central Hobart Plan – Innovation Precinct

A fundamental part of the evolution and growth of Hobart is the

predicted need for additional office space to accommodate approximately 11,500 additional workers over the next 20 years. Additional employment opportunities are likely the greatest in the Innovation Precinct, as it has a significant number of larger sites with uses that do not fully capitalise on their City Centre location. The Innovation Precinct seeks to provide employment opportunities for the city based on the close walking proximity to all the City Centre has to offer including education, recreation, government and culture and to complement the existing City Centre employment base. It is also a significant opportunity for key worker housing within walking distance of employment.

The Innovation Precinct is a direct response to “Idea Three: A place to learn and work” in the *Central Hobart Precincts Plan*, which identified a thriving knowledge economy as a future direction. It is also an evolution of the proposed Trinity Campbell precinct but more clearly showing the link to the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Sandy Bay and Mount Nelson – future Structure Plan

To manage this growth sustainably and respond to new and emerging global challenges, forward-thinking planning at a LGA scale is crucial. Sandy Bay, located just south of the CBD and adjoining Hobart’s iconic Battery Point, is well positioned to play a role in moving Hobart towards a more sustainable future and respond to current and emerging urban challenges.

The Sandy Bay Structure Plan will provide a pathway forward for the area to grow sustainably, delivering liveable neighbourhoods and supporting the City’s vision for Hobart to be one of the world’s greatest small capital city.

The need for a structure plan for Sandy Bay was identified through the proposed development of the Future Hobart Plan. Furthermore, this is in keeping with City of Hobart’s response to the UTAS Elector Poll, dated 12/12/2022, which brought forward the Structure Plan for Sandy Bay. This recognises the importance of extensive community engagement in future planning and development of Sandy Bay and Mount Nelson.

The Sandy Bay structure plan will include recommendations for policies, development controls and projects to guide planning and sustainable growth. This project also provides the opportunity to collaborate with the community and key stakeholders to develop and deliver on a shared vision.

Hobart – as a capital city

Ultimately, identifying and making the most of all major development opportunities (including sites already owned by UTAS) is about ensuring the continued role of Central Hobart as the heart of a flourishing capital city for all. It is about capturing value and benefits for the community as the city grows and evolves over the next two decades.

7. DEPUTATIONS

Ms Nadia Tanase, Mr Jon Jovanovic, Ms Emma Hope, Salamanca Market Stallholders Association and Ms Jennifer Hoy addressed the Council in respect of the proposed Salamanca Market site fees increases and the draft Licence Agreement.

BURNET
DUTTA

That the deputations and information provided in respect of the proposed Salamanca Market site fee increases and the draft Licence Agreement be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	
Harvey	
Behrakis	
Dutta	
Sherlock	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the deputations and information provided in respect of the proposed Salamanca Market site fee increases and the draft Licence Agreement be received and noted.

8. PETITIONS

No petitions were received.

9. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council resolve to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

No supplementary items were received.

10. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

Elected Members 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 Council has resolved to deal with.

No interest was indicated.

OFFICER REPORTS

11. Draft Waterworks Reserve Master Plan File Ref: F23/32591

SHERLOCK
HARVEY

That the recommendation contained in the officer report, marked as item 11 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, be adopted, amended by the inclusion of the following words to clause 2:

including letters to residents on the Northern border of Waterworks reserve, specifically all South Hobart residents on the southern side of Huon Road.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Harvey
Behrakis
Dutta
Sherlock
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Draft Waterworks Reserve Master Plan be endorsed for release for 4 weeks public exhibition.
2. A co-ordinated program of community engagement be progressed to include the local and broader community and key stakeholder groups, including letters to residents on the Northern border of Waterworks reserve, specifically all South Hobart residents on the southern side of Huon Road.

12. Crowther Reinterpreted - Addendum to Franklin Square Conservation Master Plan
File Ref: F23/27657; 16/427-002-004

HARVEY
SHERLOCK

That the recommendation contained in the officer report, marked as item 12 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, be adopted.

AMENDMENT

ELLIOT
BEHRAKIS

That Council pursue conversations with Narryna house, Battery Point as the new location for the bronze Crowther statue.

AMENDMENT LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Behrakis	Lord Mayor Reynolds
Kelly	Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Elliot	Harvey
	Dutta
	Sherlock
	Bloomfield
	Posselt
	Lohberger

Note: Alderman Bloomfield abstained from voting on the amendment.

In accordance with section 28(3) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, to abstain from voting at a meeting is to vote in the negative and has been recorded accordingly.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Behrakis
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	Bloomfield
Sherlock	
Posselt	
Lohberger	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the Council approve the inclusion of the addendum included as Attachment A to item 12 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, within the Franklin Square Conservation Plan 2007 (reprint 2012).

13. Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre - Fees and Charges 2023-24
File Ref: F23/25056; 17/218

HARVEY
DUTTA

That the recommendation contained in the officer report, marked as item 13 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	
Harvey	
Behrakis	
Dutta	
Sherlock	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the schedule of fees and charges for the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre included as Attachment A to item 13 of the Open Council agenda of 24 April 2023, be approved for the 2023-24 financial year.

14. New Council Policy - Internal Audit Charter
File Ref: F23/26442

BURNET
HARVEY

That the recommendation contained in the officer report, marked as item 14 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Harvey
Behrakis
Dutta
Sherlock
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council adopt the City of Hobart Internal Audit Charter marked as Attachment A to item 14 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023.
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to finalise the City of Hobart Internal Audit Charter and arrange for it to be made available from the City's website.

**15. Draft - Public Interests Register Policy
File Ref: F23/28249; 16/119**

BURNET
POSSELT

That the recommendation contained in the officer report, marked as item 15 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, be adopted.

AMENDMENT

HARVEY
DUTTA

That Council consider the mandatory nature of the Public Interest Register in its next submission to the Tasmanian Government.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Behrakis
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	
Sherlock	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION
CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Kelly
Zucco	Elliot
Harvey	
Behrakis	
Dutta	
Sherlock	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

- That:
1. The Council adopt the Policy titled Public Interests Register Policy and marked as Attachment A to item 15 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023.
 3. That Council consider the mandatory nature of the Public Interest Register in its next submission to the Tasmanian Government.

16. Draft - Property Developer Contact Register Policy
File Ref: F23/28703; 16/119

BURNET
SHERLOCK

That the recommendation contained in the officer report, marked as item 16 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, be adopted.

AMENDMENT

HARVEY
BLOOMFIELD

That the policy be amended to remove the word 'regularly' from section 4(a) of the draft policy.

AMENDMENT LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	Lord Mayor Reynolds
Harvey	Behrakis
Bloomfield	Dutta
	Sherlock
	Kelly
	Elliot
	Posselt
	Lohberger

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Behrakis
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	Kelly
Harvey	
Dutta	
Sherlock	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the Council adopt the Policy titled Property Developer Contact Register Policy and marked Attachment A to item 16 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023.

17. Elected Member Professional Development Process
File Ref: F23/29360; 16/119

BURNET
SHERLOCK

That the recommendation contained in the officer report, marked as item 17 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, be adopted.

AMENDMENT

LOHBERGER
BEHRAKIS

- That:
1. The policy allocation of \$5,000 per annum be retained but adjusted by CPI annually.
 2. The policy be amended to allow Elected members to bring forward their next years funding allocation, should a professional development activity that exceeds the \$5,000 policy cap be identified, noting unspent funding allocations cannot be accrued year on year.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Harvey
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	Elliot
Behrakis	Posselt
Dutta	
Sherlock	
Kelly	
Bloomfield	
Lohberger	

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION
CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Posselt
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	
Harvey	
Behrakis	
Dutta	
Sherlock	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Lohberger	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

- That: 1. The Council adopt an amended Part C of the Elected Member Development and Support Policy, as shown in tracked changes in Attachment A to item 17 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, amended by the following:
- a) The policy allocation of \$5,000 per annum be retained but adjusted by CPI annually.
2. The policy be amended to allow Elected members to bring forward their next years funding allocation, should a professional development activity that exceeds the \$5,000 policy cap be identified, noting unspent funding allocations cannot be accrued year on year.

**18. Submission to Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience
File Ref: F23/36429**

BURNET
SHERLOCK

That the recommendation contained the officer report, marked as item 18 of the Open Council Agenda or 24 April 2023, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Harvey
Behrakis
Dutta
Sherlock
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the Council endorse the submission, marked as Attachment A to item 18 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, to the Senate Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience.

19. Submission to the Tasmanian Climate Change Action Plan 2023-25
File Ref: F23/36519

BURNET
HARVEY

That the recommendation contained in the officer report, marked as item 19 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Harvey
Behrakis
Dutta
Sherlock
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That Council endorse the submission, marked as Attachment A to item 19 of the Open Council Agenda of 24 April 2023, to Tasmanian's Draft Climate Change Action Plan 2023-25 Consultation.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 16(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2015

20. Parking Meters in North Hobart File Ref: F23/35169

Alderman Zucco and Councillor Kelly

Motion

1. "That the Hobart City Council remove parking meters in North Hobart.
2. That the CEO be provided delegated authority to consult with traders as per their parking requirements for the business strip of North Hobart and implement the needs of the restaurant and retail strip.
3. That parking times be altered to 8am - 6pm in council off street car parks in accordance to the requests of the Traders and consistent with other retail/Restaurant precincts.
4. That planned digital parking signage for North Hobart be expedited as a high priority.
5. That these actions are commenced within 30 days and completed within 60 days of this motion."

Rationale:

"On the 23rd August 2021 the Council approved the following resolution "*That the Hobart City Council immediately suspend the use of parking meters in North Hobart. That the CEO be provided delegated Authority to consult with traders as per their parking requirements for the business strip of North Hobart and implement their needs as a matter of urgency*"

The North Hobart traders have been awaiting action in accordance to the resolution "as a matter of urgency" but thus far there request for immediate

actions has not eventuated in accordance to the approved resolution 19 months ago.

The traders are now seeking the immediate removal of the Parking meters and action to change the parking times to 6pm nightly similarly to other retail and restaurant precinct.

If a "director" is able to have new parking signage implemented within 7 days, so why is it that no action has occurred in 19 Months? The director at the time changed the signs that involved a "Line" and the word "only" added so if these changes are able to be implemented within a week why is it that no action on the resolution has eventuated.

The implementation of Parking meters in North Hobart has decimated a vast number of businesses in North Hobart with some losing around \$5000 per week this is not sustainable and is causing Mental Stress for a vast number of family run small businesses in North Hobart.

How would any elected members or Senior HCC management feel if they were subjected to such losses.

Traders have expressed their concerns with a recent Petition in particular, affected traders were not consulted.

I have personally spoken to a vast number of traders who are frustrated and concerned that they were not consulted and the extent of their business losses over the past months.

The HCC is causing unnecessary loss of trade and mentally distressing traders who have suffered over the past period and the time has come for their requests to be adhered to.

The Council has an obligation to immediately remove this unwanted impost on traders and furthermore NO OTHER small business precinct is being subjected to this type of big brother policy. There are NO Meters in South Hobart, Sandy Bay, Lower Sandy Bay, Lenah Valley or New Town. This is unjust.

Irrespective of any proposed "precinct plan" the traders in the North Hobart strip seek immediate action as no matter what the overall outcome maybe for the North Hobart Precinct" The traders are seeking immediate action on the above as that is "their" needs as traders and ratepayers of the strip.

To simply use the precinct plans in General as any "excuse" there has been

a number of “parklet style” developments implemented by Council in very recent times so the needs of Traders in those areas have been actioned but the needs of the North Hobart Traders have not been actioned in accordance to the August 23rd 2021 resolution. The First step is to remove these unwanted meters and work with those affected to move forward with solutions.”

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

1. The Council at its meeting of 23 August 2021 resolved:

That Council wait until the CEO has reported back to the Council in response to the petition received from North Hobart Traders, estimated to be in three weeks' time, before making any decision in regards to the parking meters in North Hobart.

2. At a subsequent Council meeting on 20 September 2021 Council considered a memorandum report from the CEO. The resolution included that the Council:

Authorise the CEO to hood the parking meters in Elizabeth Street, between Burnett and Federal Streets, North Hobart until such time as other supports to enhance the North Hobart precinct are achieved; in consultation with traders, landowners and residents, with progress reports provided to Council at key milestones

3. Since that Council meeting, the parking meters were hooded at the CEO's discretion and several projects and programs have been undertaken or are in progress to enhance the North Hobart precinct as per the resolution.

These include the upgrade to Swan Street Park, Retailer Support Program, Lefroy Street Car Park upgrade and the roll out of CCTV cameras at intersections along Elizabeth Street and in Lefroy Street Car Park as well as the replacement of the existing ones at Condell Place Car Park.

4. A briefing paper was prepared and published in the Elected Member Bulletin of Friday 31 March outlining the work the City is doing in regard to parking matters in the North Hobart retail precinct.
5. Officers are aware of the frustrations and concerns that have been expressed by some traders in North Hobart in regard to parking in the area. Work has been ongoing in attempting to fully address the needs and requests of traders, patrons and residents in North Hobart.
6. Work is currently progressing to investigate the feasibility of

permanently removing the parking meters as requested by the North Hobart Trader's Association. This investigation requires consideration of numerous factors above those of simply removing the infrastructure.

7. The City Economy Team is currently in contact with Lisa Martin President of the North Hobart Traders Association and has provided information on parking conditions and active businesses trading in the precinct. An offer to meet with the association as and when appropriate was made on 4th April 2023.
8. If traders require further review of the time limits in place and other parking regulations and infrastructure then this can be reviewed in the context of the City's transport and parking strategies managed through City Mobility.
9. Given the numerous issues raised with the City through various channels by traders, patrons and residents alike and the complexity of those varying issues, it is considered appropriate to receive a comprehensive report from Council Officers on this matter prior to Council making a final decision.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 5 – Movement and connectivity

Outcome: 5.1 – An accessible and connected city environment helps maintain Hobart's pace of life

Strategy: 5.1.2 – Consider social, environmental and economic elements in transport and technology decision-making.

Financial Implications

1. Any proposal to allocate funds to new programs and projects would need to be considered as part of the budget review process.
2. Removal of parking infrastructure and reduction of timed parking regulations would have an impact on revenue and expenditure in the budget which would need to be assessed and reviewed appropriately.

KELLY
BEHRAKIS

That the motion be adopted with the inclusion of an additional clause 6 that reads as follows:

6. *Existing parking meter sites be considered for a trial of two electric vehicle chargers on Elizabeth Street North Hobart and for associated data to be fed into both the parking strategy and EV strategy for the purpose of informing future strategic decisions.*

POSSELT
SHERLOCK

That Alderman Behrakis be granted an additional one minute to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Harvey
Behrakis
Dutta
Sherlock
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

NOES

PROCEDURAL MOTION

SHERLOCK
BURNET

That clauses 2 to 6 be deferred to a Council workshop.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Behrakis
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	Posselt
Sherlock	Lohberger
Bloomfield	

The Lord Mayor then put clause 1 of the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Harvey
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	
Behrakis	
Dutta	
Sherlock	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the Council remove parking meters in North Hobart.

21. Security Cameras in North Hobart
File Ref: F23/36008

Councillor Elliot

Motion

“That a report be provided

1. That the Hobart City Council require officers to:
 - arrange for the urgent installation of security cameras on the traffic lights at the intersection of Elizabeth and Pitt Street, North Hobart
 - develop and implement an action plan to ensure that the entirety of Elizabeth Street from Tasma Street to Federal Street and the entirety of the Condell Place carpark, Tony Haigh Walk and Burnett Place are covered with security cameras
 - meet with North Hobart Traders within 14 days to hear their security concerns and to agree on practical actions to alleviate security issues in their precinct in addition to the above and
 - provide a detailed report to Council within 90 days on the actions taken and planned related to security in the North Hobart precinct.

2. That the Hobart City Council require officers to:
 - develop and implement a grant program for North Hobart and CBD traders that assists them with the financial burden of installing and managing of security cameras for the exterior of their premises on the condition that the exterior footage captured is to be kept for at least 30 days and that when the footage is requested by Tasmania Police or the City of Hobart that it is to be provided in a timely manner
 - undertake an audit of security camera and security lighting coverage across public areas of the CBD and other crime hotspot areas and provide a report back to Council with recommendations and
 - ensure that the City’s security camera network is at all times managed to provide maximum benefit.”

Rationale:

“It is a well-known that there has been some very serious issues raised by

traders in the CBD and other precincts in Hobart over the past years and that illegal and anti-social behaviour is escalating. These issues include property damage, thefts, assaults and devastatingly, murder.

There are traders and staff that fear walking to their cars after work which is unacceptable. Several elected members have recently met with traders and seen first hand footage of the serious nature of security issues in our city. It is imperative that the City Council play its role in ensuring that not only our traders are safe but so are the general public.

The Council has a responsibility to support the community's safety. It is time that the City embarked on upgrades and new installations to the City's security systems and also consider working with Tasmania Police on a far more effective monitoring system similar to the City of Melbourne.

This issue has been previously raised without any real action and its time that this matter was prioritised with a defined timeline."

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

1. A briefing paper was prepared and published in the Elected Member Bulletin of Friday 31 March outlining the work the City is doing in regard to CCTV cameras and safety in the North Hobart area.

As outlined in the briefing paper, the City currently has projects underway to install CCTV in North Hobart at the intersections where Elizabeth Street meets the following streets:

- Bathurst St
- Melville St
- Brisbane St
- Patrick St
- Warwick St
- Tasma St
- Burnett St
- Pitt St
- Lefroy St
- Strahan St
- Newdegate St
- Swan St

- Federal St

There will also be CCTV installed at both Lefroy Street and Condell Place car parks. There are already 4 cameras in Condell Place, but this project will replace them with new ones.

Over the past three years the City has committed \$200,000 to build the infrastructure to connect North Hobart to the City's CCTV network. This is in addition to the \$500,000 allocated specifically to North Hobart from the \$880,000 we received in Federal Grant funding.

2. The City is also progressing a project to install additional lighting in Tony Hague Walk.
3. The City has been working very closely with Police in relation to anti-social behaviour, and will continue to do so as it formalises relationships and processes that align with community safety priorities. The Shop Safe, Play Safe information campaign was launched in late 2022 in conjunction with Crime Stoppers which promotes processes endorsed by Tasmania Police.
4. The City has run two rounds of the Retailer Support Program which provided an assessment of visual merchandising and store design including instore security. The program included access to funding to implement recommendations from the assessment. Almost sixty Hobart businesses participated across the two rounds, with six North Hobart businesses accessing support.
5. The City Economy Team is currently in contact with Lisa Martin President of the North Hobart Traders Association and has provided information on parking conditions and active businesses trading in the precinct. An offer to meet with the association as and when appropriate was made on 4th April 2023.
6. Given the numerous issues raised with the City through various channels by traders, patrons and residents alike and the complexity of those varying issues, it is considered appropriate to receive a comprehensive report from Council Officers on this matter prior to Council making a final decision.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 2 – Community inclusion, participate and belonging
Outcome: 2.4 – Hobart communities are safe and resilient, ensuring people can support one another and flourish in times of hardship.

Strategy: 2.4.5 – Ensure that Hobart is a safe and liveable city by enhancing community and public safety and security, working in partnership with key stakeholders.

2.4.6 Deliver and support initiatives, activities and programs that build community resilience, wellbeing and safety.

Financial Implications

3. Any proposal to allocate funds to new programs and projects would need to be considered as part of the budget review process.
4. Funding for the rollout of the above-mentioned CCTV cameras has previously been secured through a Federal grant. Changing to the programming of that work would have financial implications to the City that would need to be reviewed and assessed appropriately.

ELLIOT
BEHRAKIS

That the motion be adopted.

MOTION LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Behrakis
Kelly
Elliot

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Harvey
Dutta
Sherlock
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

POSSELT
BLOOMFIELD

That:

1. Council officers supply an anticipated schedule of works for the planned installation of CCTV along Elizabeth Street, North Hobart at the next Council meeting.

2. Council officers prepare a report considering staffing enhancements to the Safe City Hub to aid in preservation of law, order and amenity in the municipality.

MOTION LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Behrakis	Lord Mayor Reynolds
Kelly	Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Bloomfield	Harvey
Posselt	Dutta
Lohberger	Sherlock
	Elliot

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

The motion was lost.

The Lord Mayor vacated the Chair which was assumed by the Deputy Lord Mayor.

22. An Indigenous Voice to Parliament
File Ref: F23/36685

Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds

Motion

“That the Council:

- 1.1. Re-affirms the City of Hobart’s commitment to truth-telling, reconciliation and standing with Aboriginal people in matters of significance, as embodied in its ‘Aboriginal Commitment and Action Plan’;
- 1.2. Recognises that Australia has formally endorsed the UN *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which includes the collective right to self-determination;
- 1.3. Notes the Commonwealth Government’s commitment to; the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* in full, including Voice, Treaty and Truth, and to a referendum on enshrining a Voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution;
- 1.4. Acknowledges that there is a diversity of opinions inside and outside Aboriginal communities, in Hobart and across the state and country, on the significance and implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament; and

- 1.5. Supports the 2017 *Uluru Statement from the Heart*, and the 'yes' campaign for the Constitutional Recognition of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament."

Rationale:

"The 2007 UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which Australia has endorsed in full ¹, states in part:

"Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. (art. 3)

"Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representations chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures.....(art. 18)

"States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them " (art. 19) ²

In May 2017, over 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates from across Australia gathered at Mutitjulu near Uluru. Together, they developed and released the *Uluru Statement from the Heart*. The 1-page statement is addressed to the Australian people, inviting us all to create a better nation via 3 key proposals:

1. a constitutionally enshrined 'Voice'; and a Makarrata Commission ³ to supervise:
2. a process of agreement-making between governments (aka a treaty or treaties); and
3. truth-telling about our history.

The Uluru Statement is found at **Attachment A**. This can also be heard read by Prof. Megan Davis online: <https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/>

In May 2022, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese began his victory speech on election night by acknowledging Country and committing to the Uluru Statement from the Heart *in full* ⁴. At the Garma Festival in July that year, he announced there would be a referendum on an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to parliament, while re-affirming his government's "promise to implement the Statement from the Heart at Uluru, *in full* " ⁵.

Seven delegates to the 2017 Uluru convention did not agree with the final wording of the Statement. ⁶ As with any issue and any community, there is not a single united position within the Aboriginal community on the referendum.

An IPSOS poll conducted in late January 2023 found that 80% of First Nations people supported the Voice, with three-quarters of respondents 'very sure' about their decision. One in 10 were undecided, while the remaining 10% were opposed. ⁷

¹ Australian Human Rights Commission, 'United we stand – Support for United Nations Indigenous Rights Declaration a watershed moment for Australia', media release (Sydney, 3 April 2009)

<<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/2009-media-release-united-we-stand-support-united-nations-indigenous>>.

² UN *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP, 2007)

<www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf>.

³ *Makarrata* is a complex Yolngu word from north-east Arnhem Land describing 'a process of conflict resolution, peacemaking and justice'. The Uluru Statement defines it as 'the coming together after a struggle.'

⁴ 'Read incoming prime minister Anthony Albanese's full speech after Labor wins federal election', *ABC News* (22 May 2022) <<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-05-22/anthony-albanese-acceptance-speech-full-transcript/101088736>>

⁵ C. Graham, 'Transcript: Anthony Albanese's Speech to Garma re Voice to Parliament,' *New Matilda* (30 July 2022) <<https://newmatilda.com/2022/07/31/transcript-anthony-albaneses-speech-to-garma-re-voice-to-parliament-july-30-2022/>>

⁶ C. Wahlquist, 'Uluru talks: delegates walk out due to sovereignty and treaty fears', *The Guardian* (25 May 2017)

⁷ J. Attanasio, 'Majority support for Indigenous Voice to Parliament, poll claims, as PM pushes referendum after protests', *Nine News* (27 January 2023)

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

1. The City of Hobart Aboriginal Commitment and Action Plan 2020-2022 (ACAP) was developed in strong collaboration with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community. The ACAP acknowledges the devastating impacts of colonialism on Aboriginal people, leading to a lack of understanding about continuing Tasmanian Aboriginal culture within Tasmania and Australia as well as overseas.
2. One of the priority areas in the ACAP is Inclusion and Equity – Demonstrating leadership in social justice and inclusion in partnership with Aboriginal people. This priority area includes the following actions particularly relevant to this motion:
 - Explore opportunities for Aboriginal people to provide input with the aim of recognising and valuing the views of our Traditional Custodians and increasing the level of influence by Aboriginal people;
 - Monitor trends and movements at a state and federal level and support Aboriginal people in campaigns of significance; and

- Support the campaign for Treaty in Australia.
- 3. It is noted that at the current time, the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM) and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) have not formed a view on this matter.
- 4. It is understood that within the local Tasmanian Aboriginal community, the views around whether or not the Voice should be supported are divided. The City has not undertaken any specific engagement to determine the views of Tasmanian Aboriginal organisations or community members.
- 5. The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) has recently stated publicly that the organisation does not support the Voice because it would leave Indigenous people as “nothing but advisers to a white government over issues that Aboriginal people should be in control of”. The TAC is advocating instead for a Treaty to be pursued.
- 6. It is proposed that a consultant will be engaged in the near future to undertake a review of the ACAP and develop pathways for ongoing authentic engagement and collaboration with Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar:

Outcome: 2.1 Hobart is a place that recognises and celebrates Tasmanian Aboriginal people, history and culture, working together towards shared goals.

2.1.1 Demonstrate leadership in Aboriginal social justice in partnership with Aboriginal people.

Strategy: We recognise that Hobart is a hub for activism, protest and positive change for Aboriginal people. We commit to walking alongside Aboriginal people as equal partners.

Aboriginal Commitment and Action Plan 2020-2022

13. Encourage and support Aboriginal voices across our City:

- Explore opportunities for Aboriginal people to provide input with the aim of recognising and valuing the views of our Traditional Custodians and increasing the level of influence by Aboriginal people.

- Monitor trends and movements at a state and federal level and support Aboriginal people in campaigns of significance.

14. Support the Aboriginal community in campaigns of significance as appropriate.

Support the campaign for Treaty in Australia.

Legislation and Policy

Legislation:

Policy:

Financial Implications

5. There are no financial implications relating to this motion.

REYNOLDS
SHERLOCK

That the motion be adopted.

POSSELT
SHERLOCK

That Councillor Dutta be provided with an additional one minute to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Harvey
Behrakis
Dutta
Sherlock
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

PROCEDURAL MOTION

KELLY
BEHRAKIS

That the matter be deferred.

PROCEDURAL MOTION LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Behrakis	Lord Mayor Reynolds
Kelly	Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Elliot	Harvey
Bloomfield	Dutta
	Sherlock
	Posselt
	Lohberger

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Behrakis
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	Bloomfield
Sherlock	
Posselt	
Lohberger	

Note: Alderman Behrakis and Councillors Kelly and Elliot abstained from voting on the motion.

In accordance with section 28(3) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, to abstain from voting at a meeting is to vote in the negative and has been recorded accordingly.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the Council:

1. Re-affirms the City of Hobart's commitment to truth-telling, reconciliation and standing with Aboriginal people in matters of significance, as embodied in its 'Aboriginal Commitment and Action Plan';

2. Recognises that Australia has formally endorsed the UN *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which includes the collective right to self-determination;
3. Notes the Commonwealth Government's commitment to; the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* in full, including Voice, Treaty and Truth, and to a referendum on enshrining a Voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution;
4. Acknowledges that there is a diversity of opinions inside and outside Aboriginal communities, in Hobart and across the state and country, on the significance and implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament; and
5. Supports the 2017 *Uluru Statement from the Heart*, and the 'yes' campaign for the Constitutional Recognition of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

The Lord Mayor resumed the Chair.

23. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

No questions were asked.

24. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

That the Council resolve by absolute 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:

- renewal of a contract including details of the terms and conditions of renewal
- proposal for Council in an interest of land
- information of a personal and confidential nature

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 | Communication from the Chairman |
| Item No. 3 | Leave of Absence |

- Item No. 4 Consideration of supplementary Items to the agenda
Item No. 5 Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest
Item No. 6 Appointment of Portfolio Committee members
LG(MP)R 15(2)(g)
Item No. 7 Contract Extension - Contract No. P19/106 - Panel of
Providers for Civil Construction Works
LG(MP)R 15(2)(d)
Item No. 8 Request to Waive Requirement to Tender - The Mercury
Newspaper Advertising
LG(MP)R 15(2)(d)
Item No. 9 Rating and Valuation Strategy Review - Community Advisory
Group Membership
LG(MP)R 15(2)(g)
Item No. 10 Risk and Audit Panel - Annual Report to Council and 2023
Work Plan
LG(MP)R 15(2)(g)
Item No. 11 Congress Street Land Tenure
LG(MP)R 15(2)(f)
Item No. 12 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE
LG(MP)R 15(2)(g)
Item No. 13 Regatta Point
LG(MP)R 15(2)(g)

BURNET
HARVEY

That the recommendation be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED BY
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Harvey
Behrakis
Dutta
Sherlock
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.10pm for a comfort break.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.28pm.

Item 20 was then taken.

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 9.18pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
22ND DAY OF MAY 2023.

CHAIRMAN