



MINUTES

Open Portion
Monday, 15 December 2025
At 4.00pm
Council Chamber, Town Hall



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PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock, Alderman M Zucco, Councillor W F Harvey, Councillor M S C Dutta, Councillor J L Kelly, Councillor L M Elliot, Alderman L A Bloomfield, Councillor R J Posselt, Councillor B Lohberger, Councillor W N S Coats and Councillor G H Kitsos.

APOLOGIES:

Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil.

The Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds declared an interest in item 11 and left the meeting at 4.13pm, returning at 4.15pm.

The Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sherlock left the meeting at 5.21pm, returning at 5.23pm.

Councillor Elliot left the meeting at 6.03pm, returning at 6.04pm.

Alderman Zucco left the meeting at 6.03pm, returning at 6.04pm.

Councillor Posselt left the room at 6.09pm, returning at 6.11pm.

Councillor Dutta left the room at 6.37pm, returning at 7.11pm, following the dinner break.

Councillor Harvey left the room at 7.54pm, returning at 7.57pm.

Deputy Lord Mayor left the room at 7.58pm, returning at 8.03pm.

Bondi Beach - Terrorist Attack

The Lord Mayor commenced the meeting by requesting the Chamber to observe a minute's silence, in honour of the victims of the terrorist attack that occurred at Bondi Beach on Sunday 14 December 2025, during Jewish Hanukkah celebrations at 6.47pm.

The Chamber observed a minute's silence.

The Lord Mayor noted that Hanukkah symbolises light and hope, the Jewish Community have asked that Australians add a little extra light to this darkened world tonight by lighting a candle. This is a poignant response to this act of hatred and violence.

As a gesture of remembrance, solidarity and to show support to the Jewish community, the Lord Mayor invited elected members and staff to join her in lighting twelve candles at 6.47pm.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson opened the meeting and provided an acknowledgement of country.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

SHERLOCK
KITSOS

The Chairperson reports that she has perused the minutes of the meeting of the Open Portion of the Council meeting held on [Monday, 24 November 2025](#), finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

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 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*?

No items were transferred.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

No communication was received.

5. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Chief Executive Officer reports that the following workshops have been conducted since the last ordinary meeting of the Council.

Date: 1 December 2025
Purpose: North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan – Annual Implementation Update | Proposed Relocation of Farm Gate Market

Attendance:
Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock, Alderman M Zucco, Councillor's W F Harvey, M S C Dutta, J L Kelly, L M Elliot, Alderman L A Bloomfield, Councillor's R J Posselt, and G H Kitsos

Apologies:
Councillor B Lohberger

Leave of Absence:
Nil.

Date: 8 December 2025
Purpose: Cornelian Bay Track Management | Dog Management Policy Review | 2026-27 Annual Plan and Budget

Attendance:
Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock, Alderman M Zucco, Councillor's W F Harvey, M S C Dutta, J L Kelly, L M Elliot, Alderman L A Bloomfield, Councillor's R J Posselt, B Lohberger and G H Kitsos

Apologies:
Nil.

Leave of Absence:
Councillor W N S Coats

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6.1 Public Questions

6.1.1 Sarah Callaghan - Unfair allocation of South Hobart Oval usage times

Sarah Callaghan put the following questions. The Chief Executive Officer took questions 1 and 2 on notice pending the outcome of question 3.

PREAMBLE

Whilst the new booking system is welcome, the current allocation of South Hobart Oval to South Hobart Football Club (SHFC) is unreasonable and inconsistent with the Oval's role as a shared community space.

Bookings currently show SHFC booking the Oval up to seven days a week during the first three months of next year, including almost every weekend and after school hours. These bookings monopolise the prime times for community use. There is also evidence to date that the bookings times are not being fully utilised.

QUESTION 1

Will the Council review the current booking allocations for the Oval against its Open Space Inclusion and Community Access objectives, including the reasonableness of both the frequency and duration of the bookings?

QUESTION 2

Will the Council commit to guaranteed unbooked access times for the general community, particularly weekends, after school hours, and school holidays with priority given to informal community use rather than exclusive club bookings?

QUESTION 3

When does the Council, as an aside, expect to finalise and adopt the updated dog management policy, and will it specifically address dog access arrangements at South Hobart?

RESPONSE

Council officers have now completed the engagement process in accordance with the legislation. At the last Hobart Workshop Committee, elected members considered, discussed and unpacked some of the legal issues and advice that needs to be incorporated into the policy.

At this stage, it is likely that Council will fully consider the Dog Management Policy in February 2026. The Chief Executive Officer took

questions 1 and 2 on notice pending the outcome of question 3.

6.1.2 Roslyn Saltmarsh

Robyn Saltmarsh put the following questions which were taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.

PREAMBLE

We are very distressed at the ongoing divisive behaviour of the South Hobart Football Club which threatens our joy of living in South Hobart, by demanding so much use of the South Hobart Oval to the exclusion of we members of the community.

QUESTION 1

Do we as a community have to block book our green open spaces in order to use them?

QUESTION 2

If so, can we as a community block book 3 months ahead?

QUESTION 3

If so, when do the next bookings open and how much do we have to pay?

QUESTION 4

If not, why not?

RESPONSE

The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice, noting that with respect to South Hobart Oval, it is a unique circumstance that the Council is working through. Council needs to understand its future direction in terms of the Dog Management Policy. Once the Council has formed the final view of the policy, then those types of questions can be considered.

7. PETITIONS

No petitions were received.

8. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 10(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

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 2025*.

No supplementary items were received.

9. INDICATIONS CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

Elected Members are requested to indicate where they may have, or are likely to have, an interest in the agenda.

The following interest was indicated:

- The Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds - item 11

OFFICER REPORTS

10. Hobart Housing Action Plan - Council Endorsement
File Ref: F25/83182

SHERLOCK
LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 10 of the Open Council Agenda of 15 December 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the Council endorse the draft City of Hobart Housing Action Plan marked as attachment A of item 10 of the Open Council Agenda of 15 December 2025, for community engagement.

The Lord Mayor declared an interest in item 11 and left the room. The Deputy Lord Mayor assumed the Chair.

11. Salamanca Art Centre - Request for Sponsorship
File Ref: F25/85011; 16/119

POSSELT
LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 11 of the Open Council Agenda of 15 December 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council support the request for a financial contribution of \$40,000, to be provided to the Salamanca Arts Centre and conditional upon their receipt of Creative Australia funding, to be allocated to and payable in the 2026-27 financial year operational budget.
2. The Council delegate the authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a sponsorship agreement on the Council's behalf.
3. The total value of support be recorded in the 'Grants, Assistance and 4. Benefits provided' section of the City of Hobart's Annual Report 2026-27.

The Lord Mayor returned and assumed the Chair.

12. Domain Tennis Centre - Reduction of Lease Footprint
File Ref: F25/75971

POSSELT
LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 12 of the Open Council Agenda of 15 December 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The cooperation of Domain Tennis Centre Inc in supporting improved pedestrian infrastructure to the Queens Domain is noted.
2. The Council agree to amend the lease to the Domain Tennis Centre Inc dated 22 December 1993 for part of Queens Domain by amending the lease plan to remove an area consistent with area shown in Attachment B of item 12 of the Open Council Agenda of 15 December 2025.
3. The CEO be delegated authority to agree to the final area to be excised from the area leased to the Domain Tennis Centre Inc under the lease dated 22 December 1993 for part of Queens Domain in implementing Clause 2 above.
4. Any works required to the Domain Tennis Centre entrance as a result of the lease adjustment be funded by Council.

13. Town Hall Open Day - Post Event Report
File Ref: F25/50008

SHERLOCK
KITSOS

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 13 of the Open Council Agenda of 15 December 2025, be adopted.

AMENDMENT

ZUCCO
LOHBERGER

That should the Local Government election be held in October 2026 as proposed, the open day occur after the election. Should the election be deferred for a period of at least 6 months, then Town Hall open day proceed in September 2026.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Lord Mayor Reynolds
Zucco	Dutta
Harvey	Kitsos
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Coats	

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	
Zucco	
Harvey	
Dutta	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Coats	
Kitsos	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council receives and notes the Town Hall Open Day – Post Event Report.
2. The Council notes a budget recommendation will be considered during the 2026-27 budget process for a Town Hall Open Day to be held in 2026 to commemorate the 160-year anniversary.
3. Should the Local Government election be held in October 2026 as proposed, the open day occur after the election. Should the election be deferred for a period of at least 6 months, then Town Hall open day proceed in September 2026.

**14. Trees on Private Property
File Ref: F25/88656; 16/119**

HARVEY
KITSOS

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 14 of the Open Council Agenda of 15 December 2025, be adopted.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ZUCCO
ELLIOT

That this matter be referred to the Greater Hobart Mayors Group to consider and that a report be provided back to Council.

PROCEDURAL MOTION LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Zucco
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Coats

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Harvey
Dutta
Posselt
Lohberger
Kitsos

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	Coats
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Kitsos	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. As the Kingborough Council has not progressed their draft Trees on Private Property By-Law, Council resolves that officers proceed to prepare a report that addresses:
 - (a) The current approaches being taken by similar Councils around Australia to enhance the protection of trees on private property. This should include which local laws, policies and programs are reporting the most success in reducing the decline of tree cover on private land,
 - (b) The benefits of Council adopting a tree management local law or policy, modelled on those being used nationally that protect trees over a certain size or of a certain species on private and public property.
 - (c) Contributing factors resulting in loss of trees on private land that Council may need to factor into its future decision.
 - (d) The report considers mechanisms of Council approval for tree removal on public land.

15. Multi-Storey Car Parks' Operating Hours - Six Monthly Review
File Ref: F25/76591; F25/34271

SHERLOCK
DUTTA

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 15 of the Open Council Agenda of 15 December 2025, be adopted.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

KITSOS
BLOOMFIELD

That the matter be deferred to a workshop in February 2026 for further consideration.

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the matter be deferred to a workshop in February 2026 for further consideration.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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

16. Flying for Climate
FILE REF: F25/89514

Councillor Louise Elliot

Motion

“That the Council request officers to prepare a policy (or update existing policies) to reflect the following principles:

- That the Council’s strong preference is for participation in any 'climate change' meeting or event is through electronic means, such as video link.
- That air travel is not to be used for any elected member, including the Lord Mayor, when the meeting or event purpose is exclusively or predominately 'climate change' focussed, unless approved in advance by the Council.
- That air travel is not to be used for any Council employee or consultant engaged by the Council when the meeting or event purpose is exclusively or predominately 'climate change' focussed, unless approved in advance by the CEO.
- That when an elected member or employee travels by air for the purposes of a 'climate change' meeting or event, that following the event, a report is to come to Council outlining the practical benefits to the Council of the in-person participation and how this would not have been possible through electronic means.”

Rationale:

“In recent years, significant air travel has been undertaken by the Lord Mayor, Cr Reynolds, for the exclusive or predominate purpose of 'climate change'. This has included several international trips, with visits to Paris, Egypt, Brazil, Hawaii, New York and Korea (twice), plus several interstate trips.

Air travel is a significant generator of emissions. Technology to link into events is available.”

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

The City of Hobart is dedicated to achieving zero organisational emissions by 2035. The *2040 Climate Ready Hobart Strategy* provides a roadmap for a zero emissions and climate resilient future across the city.

Since 2020, organisational greenhouse gas emissions have been reduced by 13.2%, as reported in the City of Hobart 2024-2025 Annual Report. Reductions were achieved in waste, transport and plant and electricity. The primary challenge remains reducing methane emissions from waste, which account for over 90% of organisational emissions.

In August 2023, the Council adopted a motion requiring CEO determination around all staff and elected member travel. In line with this commitment, priority 4.2 of the *2040 Climate Ready Hobart Strategy* reflects the following *“Limiting high emissions travel by elected members and staff to where there is a compelling need. This includes air travel and use of internal combustion engines and hybrids. Where travel is necessary, a high integrity offset scheme should be used”*. Additionally, priority 4.2 of the *2040 Climate Ready Hobart Strategy* states: *“Encouraging international delegations and sister cities to prioritise virtual exchanges or to hold meetings during major events.”*

The decision to travel is approved when it has been determined that in-person attendance is necessary.

The City of Hobart already conducts considerable advocacy and engagement online but on occasion, significant value is generated from attending in-person national and global events. The City of Hobart’s approach balances the imperative to reduce emissions with the need for impactful advocacy and global leadership.

Instances where travel has been required, have resulted in many benefits for the City, including:

- Securing strategic partnerships and investments.
- Further enhancing the City of Hobart’s reputation in global climate forums.
- Direct benefits to Hobart’s climate action agenda

All of which could not have been achieved through attending via electronic means.

All climate-related travel has been fully funded by city networks such as the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, C40 Cities and Bloomberg Philanthropies.

Council’s advocacy and leadership on climate change have delivered tangible benefits. The invitation for cities to apply to the global Youth Climate Action Fund was made only possible, following the Mayors attendance at the UN Climate Conference COP28 in Dubai, resulting in Bloomberg Philanthropies providing funding to the City of Hobart of \$235,000 (AUD), enabling 29 youth-led teams to receive up to AU\$7,500 in grants, each to drive real-world climate action in schools, homes, streets, and communities across Hobart. Across the two rounds of funding the City has received, over 30 projects have been funded. Hobart was one of three Australian cities chosen to take place in these rounds, joining 98 cities globally in empowering youth to lead the fight against climate change.

As an outcome of the 2025 Local Leaders Forum in Brazil, the City of Hobart was invited to apply for another two years of funding to continue the Youth Climate

Action Fund. If we are successful in securing this grant, the City of Hobart will receive approximately AU\$150,000 in funding.

The City has also benefited directly from the considerable relationship built with Bloomberg Philanthropies to build capability of Cities. This is a result of the City's considerable climate leadership and advocacy. Elected Members were provided a briefing on the Bloomberg Philanthropies City Leadership Program at the 10 November Hobart Workshop Committee.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 6 -Natural Environment

Outcome: Hobart is a city that delivers public value and excellence by being a financially responsible, high performing and accountable organisation that is responsive to the needs of the community.

Strategy:

Legislation and Policy

Legislation:

Policy: *2040 Climate Ready Hobart Strategy*

Financial Implications

1. Not Applicable.

ELLIOT
COATS

That the motion be adopted.

ZUCCO
POSSELT

That Councillor Elliot be granted an additional three minutes to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

ZUCCO
POSSELT

That Councillor Dutta be granted an additional three minutes to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

PROCEDURAL MOTION

DUTTA
POSSELT

That the motion be now put.

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	Bloomfield
Posselt	Coats
Lohberger	
Kitsos	

Alderman Bloomfield abstained from voting on the procedural motion.

In accordance with section 32 (3) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, to abstain from voting at a meeting is to vote in the negative and has been recorded accordingly.

The Lord Mayor put the motion.

MOTION LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Zucco	Lord Mayor Reynolds
Kelly	Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Elliot	Harvey
Coats	Dutta
	Bloomfield
	Posselt
	Lohberger
	Kitsos

Alderman Bloomfield abstained from voting on the motion.

In accordance with section 32 (3) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, to abstain from voting at a meeting is to vote in the negative and has been recorded accordingly.

MOTION

LOHBERGER
KITSOS

That:

1. The Hobart City Council requests staff investigate reporting annually on all organisational transport emissions generated by Council staff and Elected Members on Council business, and includes this transport emissions data in each year's Annual Report; and,
2. The reported data be broken down by type so that annual progress can be measured across individual areas.

AMENDMENT

ZUCCO
COATS

That the following additional point be included:

'That the Council write to the Minister seeking clarification on the Lord Mayor's role to represent Council on international and / or Climate Change and / or travelling using transport emissions in accordance with s27(a) of the *Local Government Act*.'

PROCEDURAL MOTION

DUTTA
KITSOS

That the motion now be put.

PROCEDURAL MOTION LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Kelly
Harvey	Elliot
Dutta	Bloomfield
Lohberger	Posselt
Kitsos	Coats

AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Lord Mayor Reynolds
Zucco	Harvey
Kelly	Dutta
Elliot	Posselt
Bloomfield	Lohberger
Coats	Kitsos

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ZUCCO
LOHBERGER

That the motion be now put.

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Kelly
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	Elliot
Zucco	Posselt
Harvey	Coats
Dutta	
Bloomfield	
Lohberger	
Kitsos	

The motion was then put.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Kitsos

NOES

Zucco
Elliot
Coats

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Hobart City Council requests staff investigate reporting annually on all organisational transport emissions generated by Council staff and Elected Members on Council business, and includes this transport emissions data in each year's Annual Report; and,
2. The reported data be broken down by type so that annual progress can be measured across individual areas.

17. UTAS Rezoning
FILE REF: F25/89530

Alderman Louise Bloomfield and Councillor Ben Lohberger

Motion

“That the Council notes:

- There is no business case supporting the extraordinary use of Parliament by the Tasmanian Government to attempt to rezone two sections of land on the University of Tasmania’s Sandy Bay campus, through the passing of the University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2025;
- Hobart City Council officers recommended “the usual statutory process for rezoning land should be followed, rather than rezoning through legislative processes”
- UTAS has committed to rejuvenating and rebuilding a STEM centre on the campus, based around the existing STEM faculties that already exist on that campus;
- There are STEM facilities on the land proposed for rezoning, and the cost of relocating these facilities possibly outweighs the financial benefits of rezoning and selling the land on which they already sit;
- The land proposed for rezoning is fire-prone, steep, rocky, has limited road access, and is unsuitable for the high-density development possible if it is rezoned as Inner Residential;
- The Sandy Bay Mt Nelson Neighbourhood Plan is currently being formulated by Council, the draft Plan recommended ‘staged and sensitive urban renewal’ if this land was to be developed, and UTAS undertook to use this neighbourhood plan to inform its campus plans;
- The rezoning of campus land containing STEM facilities and significant student accommodation undermines the intent of the government’s pledge to preserve the Sandy Bay campus, which it took to the 2024 state election.

And the Council:

- Calls on the Tasmanian Parliament to support the rejuvenation of STEM on the Sandy Bay campus and reject the move to rezone sections of the Sandy Bay campus to the unsuitable Inner Residential category.”

Rationale:

“In 2022 Hobart City Council ratepayers voted 74% in an elector poll in favour of UTAS remaining on the Sandy Bay campus.

In 2024 the Council resolved to support UTAS rejuvenating the STEM faculties that already exist on the Sandy Bay campus, as part of a new STEM centre of excellence. The land now proposed for rezoning (and ultimately, sale) under the University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2025 includes the Life Sciences building and multiple greenhouses, which are critical to a rejuvenated STEM centre on the campus.

Rezoning these two parcels of land on the campus to Inner Residential will allow for high-density development, which is very clearly not in keeping with the steep and rocky nature of the land itself, or its location, its vulnerability to bushfire, or its accessibility. The land is completely unsuitable for this zoning category, and there is no business case from the Tasmanian Government or UTAS to support the rezoning.

At the October 2025 Hobart City Council meeting, the Council CEO advised the following in his response to a public question about the use of parliament to rezone parts of the Sandy Bay campus:

Officers were consulted during the process and contributed feedback. The technical land use planning feedback was provided after stating our recommendation that the usual statutory process for rezoning land should be followed, rather than rezoning through legislative processes. [emphasis mine]

Adjunct Professor John Ross, an academic working at UTAS, has also questioned whether the rejuvenation of STEM on the Sandy Bay campus would be cheaper if these sections of land were not rezoned and sold, and the affected STEM facilities were not required to be completely rebuilt elsewhere. Astoundingly, there is no business case from UTAS regarding the costs and benefits of relocating and rebuilding these STEM facilities, nor is there any indication about the fate of the significant student accommodation on this land including Christ College and Fisher College.

The Bill currently before parliament is inappropriate for all of these reasons, and it should be rejected in the best interests of the university, the students and staff, and the rejuvenation of STEM on this campus.”

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

The University of Tasmania’s Sandy Bay Campus is located within a Particular Purpose Zone under the Hobart Local Provisions Schedule (LPS). This zone is intended to support the ongoing development of the campus as a key tertiary education hub for the State, accommodating a range of activities that primarily serve education, recreation, and entertainment needs of students, while fostering stronger integration with the wider community.

Council has not formerly considered the *University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2024* (‘the Bill’) and thus does not hold an endorsed position.

Council Planning Officers were consulted by the State Government during the process of developing the Bill and contributed feedback accordingly. However, while technical land use planning feedback was provided, Council Officers recommended that the usual statutory process for rezoning land be followed, rather than rezoning through the Bill.

The usual statutory rezoning process is preferred as it enables comprehensive due

diligence, including:

- Public exhibition and representation periods, giving community members, stakeholders, and affected parties the opportunity to express their views, ensuring decisions reflect diverse perspectives.
- Assessment under the statutory framework, which considers environmental impacts, social implications, and alignment with strategic planning objectives, safeguarding ecological values and community wellbeing.
- Compliance with the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (LUPAA), the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPS), and the Local Provisions Schedule, promoting fairness and consistency.
- Independent review by the Tasmanian Planning Commission, reinforcing confidence in the integrity of decision-making.

The Council is in the process of developing a strategic land use structure plan, referred to as the Mount Nelson and Sandy Bay Neighbourhood Plan. As part of that process, the potential rezoning of land falling within the identified area will be considered as part of that process.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

- Pillar: 1 – Sense of Place
 6 – Natural Environment
 7- Built Environment
 8 – Governance and Civic Involvement
- Outcome: 1.1 Hobart keeps a strong sense of place and identity, even as the city changes.
- 1.2 Hobart’s cityscape reflects the heritage, culture and natural environment that make it special.
- 6.1 The natural environment is part of the city and biodiversity is preserved, secure and flourishing.
- 7.2 Development enhances Hobart’s unique identity, human scale and built heritage.
- 7.4 Community involvement and an understanding of future needs help guide changes to Hobart’s built environment.
- 8.1 Hobart is a city that is well governed that recognises the community as an active partner that informs decisions.

- Strategy: 1.1.1 Protect and enhance, core elements of Hobart identity – kunanyi / Mount Wellington, timtumili minanya / River Derwent, natural areas, green spaces and Hobart’s heritage, culture and human scale – so they continue to be valued as central features of Hobart’s landscape and social fabric.

1.2.2 Ensure City place-making planning and initiatives embody civic pride by reflecting community values and the character of local neighbourhoods.

1.2.4 Develop and implement the Future Hobart Plan, Central Hobart Plan and related neighbourhood plans.

6.1.3 Protect and enhance Hobart habitats, key natural assets and ecosystems, including wildlife corridors and waterways.

7.2.1 Develop and advocate for increasing city densification that reflects Hobart's character, in line with neighbourhood structure planning.

7.2.2 Advocate for systems that leverage development that improves the city's infrastructure, open space and social and community needs

7.2.3. Ensure that social and economic outcomes, accessibility, climate change, biodiversity, sustainability and greening are factored into city design.

7.4.1: Advocate for creative and sustainable ways to manage population growth in the built environment.

7.4.4: Develop neighbourhood structure plans for key areas of the city.

7.4.2: Ensure transport and land use planning are integrated to deliver the best economic, social and environmental outcomes into the future.

8.1.3 Make informed decisions by undertaking genuine, transparent and appropriate community engagement to understand the current and future needs of the community.

Legislation and Policy

Legislation: *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*

Policy: N/A

Financial Implications

1. BAU & Funding for 25/26 FY allocated.

BLOOMFIELD
LOHBERGER

That the motion be adopted, amended as follows:

That the Council notes:

1. There is no business case supporting the extraordinary use of Parliament by the Tasmanian Government to attempt to rezone two sections of land on the University of Tasmania's Sandy Bay campus, through the passing of the University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2025.
2. Hobart City Council officers recommended "the usual statutory process for rezoning land should be followed, rather than rezoning through legislative processes.
3. UTAS has committed to rejuvenating and rebuilding a STEM centre on the campus, based around the existing STEM faculties that already exist on that campus.
4. There are STEM facilities on the land proposed for rezoning, and the cost of relocating these facilities possibly outweighs the financial benefits of rezoning and selling the land on which they already sit.
5. The land proposed for rezoning is fire-prone, steep, rocky, has limited road access, and is unsuitable for the high-density development possible if it is rezoned as Inner Residential.
6. The Sandy Bay Mt Nelson Neighbourhood Plan is currently being formulated by Council, the draft Plan recommended 'staged and sensitive urban renewal' if this land was to be developed, and UTAS undertook to use this neighbourhood plan to inform its campus plans.
7. The rezoning of campus land containing STEM facilities and significant student accommodation undermines the intent of the government's pledge to preserve the Sandy Bay campus, which it took to the 2024 state election.

And the Council:

8. Completes the Mount Nelson Sandy Bay Neighbourhood plan as soon as practical.
9. Submits the completed Mount Nelson Sandy Bay Neighbourhood plan to Legislative Council as a matter of urgency so that it can be considered as Hobart City Council's contribution to the debate of University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2025.
10. Write to Legislative Council requesting that they defer final decision on the University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2025 until they receive the submitted Mount Nelson Sandy Bay Neighbourhood Plan for consideration.

The Lord Mayor then put the vote for clause 1.

MOTION CARRIED
CLAUSE 1

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco	Harvey
Kelly	Dutta
Elliot	Posselt
Bloomfield	Kitsos
Lohberger	
Coats	

The Lord Mayor then put the vote for clause 2.

MOTION CARRIED
CLAUSE 2

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	Zucco
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	
Harvey	
Dutta	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Coats	
Kitsos	

The Lord Mayor then put the vote for clause 3.

MOTION CARRIED
CLAUSE 3

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

The Lord Mayor then put the vote for clause 4.

MOTION LOST
CLAUSE 4

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Zucco
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Lohberger
Coats

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Harvey
Dutta
Posselt
Kitsos

The Lord Mayor then put the vote for clause 5.

MOTION CARRIED
CLAUSE 5

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Harvey
Dutta

The Lord Mayor then put the vote for clause 6.

MOTION CARRIED
CLAUSE 6

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	
Zucco	
Harvey	
Dutta	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Coats	
Kitsos	

The Lord Mayor then put the vote for clause 7.

MOTION LOST
CLAUSE 7

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Zucco	Lord Mayor Reynolds
Kelly	Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Elliot	Harvey
Bloomfield	Dutta
Lohberger	Posselt
Coats	Kitsos

The Lord Mayor then put the balance of the motion, Clauses 8,9 and 10.

MOTION CARRIED
CLAUSE 8,9 AND 10

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

Harvey

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

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18. Limiting Car Yard proliferation in the CBD
FILE REF: F25/89731

Councillor Ryan Posselt

Motion

“1. The Council requests officers prepare appropriate planning scheme amendments to prospectively prohibit broadacre automotive retail in Hobart; and

2. The Council requests officers write to the State Government, Committee for Greater Hobart, Greater Hobart Mayors, Clarence Council, Kingborough Council, Glenorchy Council and any other relevant party identified by the CEO expressing a strong desire for collaboration to identify an appropriate site within Greater Hobart to accommodate broadacre automotive sales in the future and in concert with these stake holders develop a plan for the coordinated retreat of broadacre automotive retail from the City.”

Rationale:

“Central Hobart Precincts plan, endorsed by this Council, sets out an ambitious vision for the future of our city. It envisions a city of human scale, made for the people of Hobart. A city that is inviting, vibrant and economically successful. A future proof city with opportunity for all Tasmanians.

In addition, the 30 year Greater Hobart Plan, developed by the Committee for Greater Hobart sets out a vision of centralised growth. By 2050, this shared and visionary plan envisages an additional 5,000 dwellings in the CBD of Hobart. This would lead to at least an additional 10,000 residents in the heart of the city.

Urban planners, economists and small business people know that the more people living near to shops, hospitality and small business operations, the more likely they are to be successful. They know that footfall dictates sales and brand awareness. While night time economies thrive when people live closer to venues. The pub or café becomes the third space, in addition to workplaces and homes, for community to come together and build relationships. This strengthens our community while supporting hospitality providers, not least our night time economy operators.

More people living centrally, will lead to new opportunities for business people and entrepreneurs as those new residents will need services, food and beverage suppliers. They will shop locally too. What is more, communities report feeling safer when there are more people in public places. Enhancing foot traffic through settlement patterns will make our city safer for all.

More people living centrally has a dramatic effect of traffic and congestion. An additional 10,000 people living within walking distance to work leads to thousands less cars on the road everyday when compared to urban fringe, greenfield development of the same scale. Public spend on transport infrastructure is reduced

as relative demand falls. Other infrastructure costs, including power and sewerage services are much lower when urban infill, near population centres is realised.

In addition, we have the worst housing typology diversity of any capital city in the country. As a city we are oversupplied by 3 and 4 bedroom homes and do not have enough supply of apartments and town houses. It is important to recognise that many people want to live in medium density dwellings, but few have the opportunity to do so in Hobart.

Despite a number of visionary plans for our city's heart, we continue to see mixed use residential development stall in Hobart. And while a recent motion from this Council explores incentives to build class 2 mixed use residential dwellings in the CBD, it is important that undesirable uses of our limited city land are scaled back.

We have seen the Motors development on Macquarie Street fail for a number of reasons. This directly resulted in the likely return of this site to automotive retail. In addition, we have recently seen the K&D site be purchased by an automotive retailer last month. At present 45,314 square meters of our compact CBD being occupied by C17 Land use (Yard – motor supplies, domestic [Car yard]).

Broadacre car yards are objectively a poor use of city space, especially when more modern alternatives exist such as the Lexus dealer on Elizabeth Street and Tesla dealerships all over the country. Other cities have addressed historical commercial patterns and taken active steps to limit Car yards in their City's centre. Some have successfully worked with stakeholders to create new precincts in more appropriate areas.

This motion seeks to make the necessary steps to achieve what both the 30 year Greater Hobart Plan and the Central Hobart Precincts Plan envisages. Some of the necessary steps may already be in-train, but this motion will expedite those changes with the full endorsement of the Council. In addition, it will seek to coordinate with other councils and the state to find a new home for automotive dealerships in the long term.

At its core, this motion seeks to build a vibrant, future proof city for its people. Where housing is abundant and economic opportunity abounds for all Tasmanians.



Tesla Dealer Martin Place – constructed on an activated street front and located on one of the busiest pedestrian malls in Australia



Lexus Dealer Hobart includes a collocated Japanese restaurant on the ground floor.”

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Discussion

Broadacre automotive retail refers to 'motor vehicle, boat or caravan sales' as defined under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPS). This definition also includes minor repair or servicing of vehicles. Motor vehicle sales falls under the 'Bulky Goods Sales' use class, which is described as use of land for the sale of heavy or bulky goods which require a large area for handling, storage and display.

Broadly, Bulky Goods Sales is:

- (a) prohibited in the residential zones;
- (b) permitted in the Urban Mixed Use Zone, Local Business Zone and General Business Zone; and
- (c) discretionary in the Central Business Zone Specific Area Plan (SAP) and Hobart Commercial Zone SAP areas.

Land falling within the Urban Mixed Use Zone, Local Business Zone and General Business Zone is most likely not suitable for development as a broadacre automotive retail, but this is worth reviewing properly and exploring possible scheme amendments to address this issue.

Under the LPS, the Central Business Zone SAP extends to Brisbane Street so that blocks such as the large site formerly owned by the University of Tasmania (K&D site) are now part of that zone. While Bulky Goods Sales may be a discretionary use in that zone, it will be difficult to demonstrate that a broadacre automotive retail business would satisfy the objectives in the planning scheme for the zone.

Officers are in discussions with the Tasmanian Planning Commission regarding the final steps required to finalise the operation of some LPS provisions. We can provide a further report to Elected Members on the ability to seek to prohibit broadacre automotive retail in the central Hobart area as part of that process.

In addition, further changes are proposed in the Central Hobart Planning Scheme Amendment to follow, aiming to prohibit large broadacre car yards across Central Hobart whilst permitting smaller vehicle display showrooms as a discretionary use. These changes are expected to be considered by Council in the first half of next year and will be put on public exhibition allowing the community to have their say on the proposed changes.

By progressing these planning scheme amendments, officers are delivering on the aims of *The Central Hobart Plan* which seeks to transform the inner city into a thriving mixed-use precinct with housing and innovative businesses, ultimately reducing land-intensive uses like car yards. Officers also commit to writing to the State Government, Committee for Greater Hobart, Greater Hobart Mayors, Clarence Council, Kingborough Council, Glenorchy Council and any other relevant party

identified by the CEO, expressing a strong desire for collaboration to identify appropriate areas within Greater Hobart to accommodate broadacre automotive sales in the future and to consider developing a plan for the coordinated retreat of broadacre automotive retail from the city.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Capital City Strategic Plan

Pillar: 1 – Sense of Place
7 – Built Environment

Outcome: 1.2 Hobart's cityscape reflects the heritage, culture and natural environment that make it special.

7.1 Hobart has a diverse supply of housing and affordable homes.

7.2 Development enhances Hobart's unique identity, human scale and built heritage.

7.4 Community involvement and an understanding of future needs help guide changes to Hobart's built environment.

Strategy: 1.2.2 Ensure City place-making planning and initiatives embody civic pride by reflecting community values and the character of local neighbourhoods.

1.2.4 Develop and implement the Future Hobart Plan, Central Hobart Plan and related neighbourhood plans.

7.2.1 Develop and advocate for increasing city densification that reflects Hobart's character, in line with neighbourhood structure planning.

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7.4.4: Develop neighbourhood structure plans for key areas of the city.

7.4.2: Ensure transport and land use planning are integrated to deliver the best economic, social and environmental outcomes into the future.

Legislation and Policy

Legislation: *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*

Policy: Central Hobart Plan (Endorsed Strategy)

Financial Implications

1. BAU

POSSELT
LOHBERGER

That the motion be adopted

SHERLOCK
ZUCCO

That Councillor Posselt be granted an additional three minutes to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

ZUCCO
SHERLOCK

That Alderman Bloomfield be granted an additional three minutes to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

ZUCCO
SHERLOCK

That Councillor Elliot be granted an additional three minutes to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

SHERLOCK
DUTTA

That Alderman Zucco be granted an additional three minutes to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

ZUCCO
DUTTA

That Councillor Kelly be granted an additional three minutes to address the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

PROCEDURAL MOTION

KELLY
BLOOMFIELD

That the matter be deferred to a workshop for further consideration.

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Dutta
Posselt
Lohberger

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the matter be deferred to a workshop for further consideration.

19. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

POSSELT
COATS

That the information contained within the following responses, marked as items 19.1 and 19.2 of the Open Council Agenda of 15 December 2025, be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Harvey
Dutta
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger
Coats
Kitsos

NOES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the information contained in the following responses to questions without notice, be received and noted.

19.1 LGAT LGBTQA+ Motion

Memorandum of the Chief Executive Officer of 5 December 2025.

19.2 Costs of Legal Advice on Council Meetings

Memorandum of the Director Corporate Services of 8 December 2025.

20. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulations 33 and 34 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.
File Ref: 13-1-10

20.1 Councillor Harvey - LED Street Lights

Question: What is the process for getting screens or shades on LED street lights to stop them shining into windows?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer advised that it depends on the circumstances and individuals are able to talk to TasNetworks. However, in terms of determining if screens or shades are legally required, an assessment needs to be undertaken to determine if an environmental nuisance is occurring. The assessment would determine if the light is unreasonably interfering with a person's enjoyment of the environment (which is the legal phrase). It comes down to obtaining evidence and actually assessing the impact the light might be having on residents.

20.2 Councillor Harvey - Street Lights in Collins Street

Question: Are the street lights in Hobart owned by the City of Hobart or by TasNetworks, Collins Street for example?

Response: The Director Infrastructure and Assets advised that the majority of the lights are owned by the City of Hobart.

20.3 Councillor Harvey - Responsibility for LED Light Shades

Question: If the LED street light is owned by the City of Hobart, who is responsible for putting the shade on?

Response: The Director Infrastructure and Assets advised that a council officer would do an assessment on the light, then if it is warranted, the officer would contact TasNetworks about putting a glare shield on the LED street light.

20.4 Councillor Lohberger - Foo Fighters Concert

Question: Did the Hobart City Council have an opportunity to bid for the Foo Fighters concert taking place in Launceston?

Response: The Chief Executive advised that the City was not made aware of the concert and did not have an ability to be involved. Stadiums Tasmania was the principal proponent, and they did not engage with the City, nor did they need to.

20.5 Councillor Dutta - Removal of the word Christmas

Question: Has there been a Council decision, directive, or operational decision made by Council staff to remove the word 'Christmas' from the City's suite of Christmas decorations or the materials produced for Christmas?

Response: The Director Community and Economic Development advised no, there had not been a decision made to remove the word 'Christmas' from its decorations.

20.6 Councillor Coats - UTAS Documents on Website

Question: Where is the information about the UTAS city move located on the new City of Hobart website?

Response: The Head of Executive Services took the question on notice.

20.7 Councillor Coats - Aboriginal Flag

Question: Today I noticed that the Aboriginal flag has been taken down from the flag poles. When did that happen?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Aboriginal flag was taken down this morning following protocols in respect of the direction received from our protocol officer. The national flag flew at half mast today, and when that occurs the other flags do not fly.

20.8 Councillor Kelly - Tasmanian Flag on E-mail

Question: On the footer of our official Council emails there are flags at the bottom. I note that there's the Aboriginal flag, a Torres Strait flag and one other I cannot make out. Why isn't the Tasmanian or Australian flag in that email footer?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer advised that display of flags is not part of the City's standard templates.

20.9 Alderman Zucco - Travel and Costs Associated with Travel

Questions: How many times has Deputy Lord Mayor acted in the capacity of Lord Mayor since the 1 November 2022?.

What are the extra costs associated with the Deputy acting as the Lord Mayor during that period?

How many times have Elected Members, including the Lord Mayor, travelled interstate or overseas in that period, paid for by Council or paid for by others?

Have any City of Hobart staff travelled with any Elected Member or Lord Mayor on overseas trips or interstate trips in regards to escorting Elected Members to events or otherwise irrespective of whether or not they've been paid for by other persons?

What are the staffing costs associated with staff escorting either Elected Members or the Lord Mayor on trips?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer took those questions on notice.

20.10 Councillor Elliot - Status of Police Parking

Question: What is the status of the Police returning car parking spaces in Argyle Street near Monotone Printers to general parking?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer advised that officers are seeking some information on this matter.

20.11 Councillor Elliot - Parking over Driveway

Question: What information does the Council have on flexibility around the road rules relating to parking over your own driveway?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

20.12 Councillor Elliot - Letter of Support

Question: What letters are Council officers planning to write and to whom in response to the Bondi terrorism attack?

Response: The Lord Mayor advised that she has written already to the Mayor and Councillors of the Waverley Council, which is the council where the incident occurred, as well as the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the Jewish Council of Australia, and the Hebrew Congregation of Hobart.

20.13 Councillor Posselt - Battery Point Community Hall Roof

Question: Can officers provide an update on the status and condition of the Battery Point Community Hall roof, and clarify who is the responsible party for replacing or repairing the roof if it needs to be repaired or replaced?

Response: The Director Community and Economic Development advised that the Battery Point Community Hall Association has issues with their roof, and they've approached the City recently looking for a funding contribution to repair it. As it is not a Council building officers are considering that proposal. A recommendation to the Council will be prepared either way to enable a decision to be made.

20.14 Councillor Posselt - Battery Point Community Hall Owner

Question: Who owns the Battery Point Community Hall?

Response: The Director Community and Economic Development advised that Battery Point Community Association own the hall and the Council owns the garden.

20.15 Councillor Posselt - Elected Members Accepting Free Tickets

Question: Recently an integrity probe has been launched into elected members of Parliament accepting free tickets to events.

Will Council officers commit to refusing free tickets for Elected Members as standard part of sponsor negotiations? (e.g. Taste and Dark Mofo) and will officers commit to not including those in the negotiations?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

20.16 Councillor Posselt - Bright Light Complaints

Question: I raised, some time ago, the LED signs that are in the Glue Store window and also the Thirsty Camel Bottle Shop in West Hobart which have both been subject to complaints for how bright they are. Are officers going to progress any limitations on lumens, candles, or light output for LED signs within our City centre; and

What approvals were undertaken in order for the St Luke's billboard to illuminate in our CBD which, for reference, is probably about 15 metres high and it now makes us look like Times Square?

Response: The Director Strategic and Regulatory Services took the question on notice.

21. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

POSSELT
HARVEY

That the Council resolve by absolute majority that the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* because the items included on the closed agenda contain the following matters:

- Minutes of a closed Council meeting
- Land Acquisition
- Proposals for the Council in interest of land

The following items were discussed:-

Item No. 1	Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Council Meeting
Item No. 2	Communication from the Chairperson
Item No. 3	Leave of Absence
Item No. 4	Consideration of supplementary Items to the agenda
Item No. 5	Indications of Conflicts of Interest
Item No. 6	Land Acquisition - Turnip Fields Road Minor Deviation for Landslip LG(MP)R 17(2)(g)
Item No. 7	Questions without Notice

MOTION CARRIED
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lord Mayor Reynolds	
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock	
Zucco	
Harvey	
Dutta	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	
Lohberger	
Coats	
Kitsos	

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6.37pm to light candles in support of the Jewish Community following the Bondi Beach terrorist attack and for a meal break.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.10pm.

Item 18 was then taken.

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 8.22pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
27TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

CHAIRPERSON