



CITY OF HOBART

# MINUTES

THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN PORTION

TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2026



City of HOBART

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**The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 at 4.00pm in the Lady Osborne Room.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Alderman L A Bloomfield (Chairperson)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock  
Councillor J L Kelly  
Councillor L M Elliot  
Councillor R J Posselt  
Councillor B Lohberger  
Councillor G Kitsos

**NOMINEE MEMBERS:**

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds  
Alderman M Zucco  
Councillor W F Harvey  
Councillor M S C Dutta  
Councillor W N S Coats

**PRESENT:**

Alderman L A Bloomfield (Chairperson)  
Acting 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  
Councillor R J Posselt  
Councillor B Lohberger

Acting Lord Mayor Councillor Sherlock arrived at 4:05pm and was not present for items 1 to 4.

Councillor Posselt left from the meeting at 5.03pm, returning at 5:05pm.

Aldermen Zucco left from the meeting at 5:17pm, returning at 5:19pm.

Councillor Elliot left from the meeting at 5:28pm after declaring an interest in item 6.2, returning at 5.32pm.

Councillor Posselt retired from the meeting at 5:53pm and was not present for items 8 to 9.

Alderman Zucco retired from the meeting at 5.58pm.

Councillor Lohberger retired from the meeting at 5.58pm.

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor G H Kitsos

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds

In accordance with clause 4.6 of the Terms of Reference, the Chief Executive Officer appointed Alderman M Zucco as a member of the committee to fill a committee member vacancy.

In accordance with clause 5.3 of the Terms of Reference, the Chief Executive Officer appointed the Councillor W F Harvey and Councillor M S C Dutta as members of the Committee.

**QUORUM:**

There were 9 Elected Members present during the Open Portion of the meeting, therefore the quorum was set at 5.

## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson provided an acknowledgement of country.

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

DUTTA

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on Monday, 19 January 2026, be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Zucco  
Harvey  
Dutta  
Kelly  
Elliot  
Bloomfield  
Posselt  
Lohberger

NOES

## **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

The minutes were signed.

## **3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

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

### **Recommendation**

That the Committee resolve to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the Chief Executive Officer.

No supplementary items were received.

#### **4. INDICATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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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.

No interest was indicated.

#### **5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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

A Committee may close a part of a meeting to the public where a matter to be discussed falls within 17(2) of the above regulations.

In the event that the Committee transfers an item to the closed portion, the reasons for doing so should be stated.

Are there any items which should be transferred from this agenda to the closed portion of the agenda, or from the closed to the open portion of the agenda?

LOHBERGER

That item 7.1 be taken before item 6.1.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

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

NOES

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That item 7.1 be taken before item 6.1.

**Delegation: Committee**

Item 7.1 was then taken.

## **6. REPORTS**

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### **6.1 Change of Council Meeting Time**

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**File Ref: F26/6619**

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HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 10 February 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

#### **VOTING RECORD**

AYES

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

NOES

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the Council meeting scheduled to be held at 4.00pm on Monday, 23 February 2026, be moved to 5.15pm on the same day.

**Delegation: Committee**

Councillor Elliot declared a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 5:28pm.

**6.2 Short Stay Levy Bill 2025**  
**File Ref: F26/613; 24/46**

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HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 10 February 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock  
Zucco  
Harvey  
Dutta  
Kelly  
Bloomfield  
Posselt  
Lohberger

NOES

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That:

1. The Committee endorse the draft submission to the Tasmanian Government in response to the draft Short Stay Levy Bill 2025, marked as Attachment A to item 6.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 10 February 2026.
2. The CEO be authorised to finalise the submission, making any minor editorial amendments that do not change its intent, and to lodge it with the Department of Treasury and Finance.
3. The Lord Mayor write to the Treasurer and the Minister for Housing, enclosing the endorsed submission and confirming Council's willingness to assist with implementation discussions.
4. The submission be published on the City's website upon lodgement.

**Delegation: Committee**

Item 7.2 was then taken.

## 7. ITEMS FOR WORKSHOPPING

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The City of Hobart utilises the workshop forum as allowed under the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 as a mechanism to receive information in relation to specific matters.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Committee, any matter that is listed on the agenda for workshopping may not be the subject of a Committee decision, other than a resolution that the item be noted.

### 7.1 Safer Hobart Program

File Ref: F26/1631

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Ben Artup, Director Community and Economic Development and Tai Gavin, Project Manager Safe City provided a presentation on this item.

Following the presentation, Tasmania Police Inspector John Toohey and the Chairperson of the Confederation of Greater Hobart Business, Edwin Johnstone, were invited to speak and provide feedback from their perspectives and experience.

Elected Members were invited to review the report and the presentation and provide feedback.

The following feedback was provided:

- It was noted that the proposal is still in concept stage, with ongoing discussions occurring with the Community. There are areas in the program that require further development and enhancement.
- The program aims to focus on relationship-building, engagement and community safety, supporting Tasmania Police through early identification of issues, escalation where required, and on-ground observation.
- The proposal seeks to reinforce and complement existing safety processes currently in place between retailers and Tasmania Police.
- Members noted two case studies currently in operation in Melbourne and Perth. The model under consideration for Hobart is more closely aligned with the Perth model, which includes referral pathways and engagement-focused practices.
- Clear and consistent reporting of crime-related incidents will support improved outcomes through the justice system.
- Strong emphasis on training was highlighted as essential for the program's success.
- Improved communication channels between officers and Tasmania Police were identified as a need, with suggestions that direct and streamlined communication systems should be established.
- Challenges relating to recruitment were identified, including the level of risk and the nature of the role. It was noted that this is not an enforcement role, it's an engagement role that requires strong observational skills. Officers will be required to escalate issues observed.
- The importance of recruiting the right candidates was emphasised.

Members discussed the qualification levels and questioned if a certificate III would be sufficient

- A holistic approach is required, ensuring that personnel are suitably qualified to deliver the program.
- The program is expected to support improved data collection and provide opportunities to better understand emerging safety issues.
- Members highlighted the need for the program to work closely with CCTV operations and to enhance communication with Tasmania Police when risks are identified.
- Recruitment may be challenging as the role could be demanding and require a high level of capability.
- It was clarified that the program is not intended to replace security guards but to build internal capability within the City of Hobart through appropriately trained officers to support local communities.
- Clear KPIs are needed to measure effectiveness and support ongoing delivery of the program.
- Members raised that the program should commence as a trial with strict benchmarks in place.

### **Attachments**

A Safer Hobart Presentation 

Item 6.1 was then taken.

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### **7.2 Mount Nelson Local Area Mobility Plan**

**File Ref: F26/2326**

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Karen Abey, Director Strategic and Regulatory Services; Daniel Verdouw, Manager City Transport; and Thiago Borges, Transport and Traffic Engineer, provided a presentation on this item.

Elected Members were invited to review the report and the presentation and provide feedback.

The following feedback was provided:

- It was noted that the provision of a footpath is the main priority for this project, due to the significant number of people who live and use this area for that purpose.
- The proposed 40 km/h speed limit was viewed positively as a strong initiative to reduce the likelihood and severity of crashes, noting that 2025 recorded a high number of fatalities from vehicle accidents.
- Members discussed the data showing the correlation between increased vehicle speeds and crash fatality rates, highlighting the significant jump in risk between 40 km/h and 50 km/h.
- A range of footpath designs and treatments (e.g. crushed granite)

should be considered to suit local conditions and community needs.

- It was noted that during the 1980s, the local community opposed a proposal to construct a footpath to the Signal Station.
- Members emphasised the importance of clear and distinctive gateway signage when entering the 40 km/h speed zone, recommending not only speed-limit signage but also welcome and place-based design elements, including suitable graphics.
- The need for raised pedestrian (wombat) crossings at key locations, particularly near the Mount Nelson Store and in front of the Oval, was identified as a priority.
- Concerns were raised about local parking behaviour, noting this could create issues in the future if not considered as part of the design.
- Lighting improvements were raised as part of personal safety considerations, particularly around the Oval and along Olinda Grove.
- The need for Wildlife crossings was discussed.
- It was also noted that stormwater infrastructure, planning, and water management are not within the scope of this report.

### Attachments

A Mount Nelson Local Area Mobility Plan Presentation 

## 8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

No questions were asked.

## **9. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING**

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### **SHERLOCK**

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 10 February 2026, be adopted.

That the Committee resolve by 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 Committee Meeting
- Confidential Information
- Closed Questions Without Notice

The following items were discussed: -

Item No. 1	Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
Item No. 2	Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda
Item No. 3	Indications of conflicts of interest
Item No. 4	Items For Workshopping
Item No. 4.1	Dark Mofo 2026-2028 City Partnership Proposal LG(MP)R 17(2)(h)(ii)
Item No. 5	Questions Without Notice

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **VOTING RECORD**

#### **AYES**

Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock  
Zucco  
Harvey  
Dutta  
Kelly  
Elliot  
Bloomfield  
Lohberger

#### **NOES**

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 5:58pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS  
A CORRECT RECORD THIS  
16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

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**CHAIRPERSON**