



CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 19 August 2025

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin (Acting Chair)
Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis, Giles and Snape

In the absence of a Chair, Michael Sedgman, Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting and called for nominations for the position of Acting Chair.

Councillor Abrahamzadeh entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.30 pm.

The Lord Mayor nominated Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Couros nominated Councillor Abrahamzadeh, who declined the nomination.

Councillor Couros nominated Councillor Davis, who accepted the nomination.

Having two nominations for one position, a ballot was conducted, resulting in Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin being the successful nominee.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Giles,
Seconded by Councillor Snape –

That Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin be appointed as the Acting Chair for the City Finance and Governance Committee for this meeting.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Martin took the Chair at 5.37 pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair stated:

‘Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.’

2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apology:

Councillor Siebentritt

3 Confirmation of Minutes - 17/7/2025

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee Reconvened on 17 July 2025, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Giles left the Colonel Light Room at 5.40 pm and re-entered at 5.43 pm.

Councillor Snape called a Point of Order in relation to Councillor Davis breaching regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, due to Councillor Davis behaving in an improper and disorderly manner.

Councillor Davis made a personal explanation in relation to the Point of Order called by Councillor Snape in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*.

The Acting Chair, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin ruled in favour of the point of order and asked Councillor Davis to leave the Colonel Light Room at 5.44 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Giles –

That Councillor Davis has contravened regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, by behaving in an improper and disorderly manner and that he be removed from the meeting for the period of an hour or until the conclusion of the City Finance and Governance Committee.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and lost

Councillor Davis re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.52 pm and was advised that the motion had been lost and the meeting continued.

4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

5 Deputations

Nil

6 Workshops

Nil

7 Reports for Recommendation to Council

7.1 Community Engagement Charter and Community Engagement Policy - Consultation

Moved by Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the proposed draft City of Adelaide Community Engagement Charter (CoA Charter), as contained in Attachment A and an updated draft City of Adelaide Community Engagement Policy (CoA Policy), as contained in Attachment B, to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025 for the purpose of community engagement.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design, to the draft CoA Charter and draft CoA Policy arising from the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025 to be presented to the meeting of Council on the 26 August for final adoption for the purposes of community engagement.
3. Endorses Administration undertaking community engagement on the draft CoA Charter and draft CoA Policy for a period of four weeks commencing on 1 September 2025.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

7.2 Q4 2024/25 BP&B Update

Theo Maras, Chair and Fabienne Reilly, General Manager, Adelaide Central Market Authority addressed the meeting.

Greg Ratsch, General Manager, Adelaide Economic Development Agency addressed the meeting.

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL
THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the City of Adelaide 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget Quarter 4 Update as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025.
2. Notes the 2024/25 end of year preliminary financial position, which includes:
 - 2.1. Total operating revenue of \$243.168m (\$240.099m estimated in Q3)
 - 2.2. Total operating expenses (including depreciation) of \$231.033m (\$230.732m estimated in Q3)
 - 2.3. An operating surplus of \$12.135m (\$9.367m estimated in Q3)
 - 2.4. Total Capital Expenditure of \$101.127m (\$112.909m estimated in Q3)
 - 2.5. Net cash borrowings of \$22.043m, made up of borrowings of \$23.820m offset by \$1.777m cash held in bank accounts (\$30.739m borrowings estimated in Q3).
3. Notes results presented are estimates only and subject to completion of the external audit.
4. Receives the Council Subsidiary Quarter 4 updates as contained as Attachments B, C, and D to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025.
5. Notes the audited annual financial statements will be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 24 September 2025.
6. Notes the audited financial statements will be presented to the City Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting scheduled for 21 October 2025 and the Council at its meeting scheduled for 28 October 2025.

Carried

7.3 Strategic Plan 2024-2028 Year 1 update

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Davis left the Colonel Light Room at 6.39 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL
THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Year 1 Update on the Strategic Plan 2024 – 2028 as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025.
2. Adopts amendments to the Strategic Plan 2024 – 2028 as per Table 1 of the 'Strategic Plan 2024-2028 Year 1 update' report as Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025.
3. Approves the CEO to make adjustments in line with the approved amendments, to the Strategic Plan 2024-2028 and relevant subordinate Strategies, and amend these on Council's public website.

Carried unanimously

The Acting Chair, Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin sought a motion to adjourn the City Finance and Governance Committee until the conclusion of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee, due to the amount of public present in the gallery.

Moved by Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Councillor Giles –

That the City Finance and Governance Committee adjourn until the conclusion of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6.41 pm.

Closure

The meeting closed at 6.41 pm

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin
City Finance and Governance Committee Acting Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil