



City of
LAUNCESTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2017
1.00pm**

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The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council was held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:

Date: 18 September 2017

Time: 1.00pm

Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the General Manager to certify that any advice, information or recommendation given to Council is provided by a person with appropriate qualifications or experience.

Declaration

I certify that persons with appropriate qualifications and experience have provided the advice, information and recommendations given to Council in the Minutes Items for this Meeting.



Michael Tidey
Acting General Manager

City of Launceston

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Present: **Alderman** **A M van Zetten (Mayor)**
R I Soward (Deputy Mayor)
R L McKendrick
R J Sands
J G Cox
D H McKenzie
D C Gibson
J Finlay
D W Alexander
S R F Wood
E K Williams

In Attendance: **Mr M J Tidey (Acting General Manager)**
Mr S G Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services)
Mrs L M Hurst (Director Development Services)
Mr A B Frost (Acting Director Facilities Management)
Mr M R George (Acting Director Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery)
Mr P Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)
Mr J A Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy)
Mrs A Rooney (Committee Clerk)

Apologies: **Alderman** **K P Stojansek**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, opened the Meeting at 1.00pm and noted an apology from Alderman K P Stojansek.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Local Government Act 1993 - Section 48

(A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.)

No declarations of interest were made for this Meeting

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 35(1)(b)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 4 September 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 18 September 2017

MOTION

Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman S R F Wood.

That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood and Alderman E K Williams

4 DEPUTATIONS

No Deputations were identified as part of these Minutes

5 PETITIONS

Local Government Act 1993 - Sections 57 and 58

No Petitions were identified as part of these Minutes

6 COMMUNITY REPORTS

(Community Reports allow an opportunity for Community Groups to provide Council with a three minute verbal presentation detailing activities of the group. This report is not intended to be used as the time to speak on Minutes Items; that opportunity exists when that Minutes Item is about to be considered. Speakers are not to request funding or ask questions of Council. Printed documentation may be left for Aldermen.)

No Community Reports were registered with Council as part of these Minutes

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31

7.1 Public Questions on Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(1)

(Questions on Notice must be in writing and should be received by the General Manager at least seven days before the relevant Council Meeting. Questions on Notice will be researched by Council Officers and both the Question on Notice (as received) and the response will be provided at the Council Meeting and a reply in writing will also be provided.)

No Public Questions on Notice were identified as part of these Minutes

7.2 Public Questions without Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(2)(b)

(Members of the public who ask Questions without Notice at a meeting will have both the question and any answer provided recorded in the Minutes. Council Officers will endeavour to answer the question asked at the meeting, however, that is not always possible and more research may be required. If an answer cannot be provided at the Meeting, the question will be treated as a Question on Notice. A response will be provided at the next Council Meeting.)

7.2.1 Mr Ron Baines - University of Tasmania Move to Inveresk

- 1. Is Council considering the University of Tasmania's (UTAS) proposal to utilise the Albert Hall for up to 600 students and will UTAS reimburse the Council?**

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, responded by saying that the proposal was part of the current UTAS Master Plan which has been circulated for public comment and input and if a request is forwarded to Council it would be considered. Reimbursement would occur if the proposal was accepted.

- 2. Is the faux railway station at Number 2 Invermay Road, Invermay to be demolished to make way for the area's use by UTAS?**

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, responded by saying that he was unaware of any such plans.

Mr Michael Tidey (Acting General Manager) added that the Community Consultation Plan circulated by UTAS does include different uses for the property, however, no formal application has been received at this stage.

7.2.2 Mr Ron Baines - National Automobile Museum Move

1. Does Council intend to sell the land made vacant by the move from this site by the Automobile Museum? What is the site valued at?

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, stated that the Council would be willing to sell the land if it was required to do so and a current valuation is being prepared.

7.2.3 Mr Basil Fitch - University of Tasmania Move to Inveresk

1. Is it not time the Council levelled with Launceston ratepayers with regard to the UTAS move?

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, stated that the UTAS Master Plan is currently undergoing a public consultation process and has not been finalised as yet. Once a report is received by Council, necessary discussions and decisions will occur as appropriate.

7.2.4 Mr Basil Fitch - National Automobile Museum Move

1. Will the ratepayers be required to fund such a move?

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, responded by saying that if a move does eventuate, it is likely that a land swap will occur - one valuation for the other.

7.2.5 Mr Basil Fitch - Fragrance Hotel Group

1. Will Council take into consideration all developmental matters in cases such as this?

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, responded by saying that all relevant matters would be considered with such proposals.

Under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council acts as a Planning Authority in regard to items included in Agenda Item 8 - Planning Authority.

8 PLANNING AUTHORITY

No Development Applications were identified as part of these Minutes

9 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

9.1 Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Tuesday 5 September 2017

- Attended the Science Investigation Awards at the Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre at UTAS Newnham

Wednesday 6 September 2017

- Attended the Uncover Launceston Launch by The Hon Will Hodgman MP Premier Tasmania in the John Hart Conservatory in the City Park
- Attended the proposed Launceston Regional Tennis Centre clubhouse facility upgrade project meeting at the Launceston Regional Tennis Centre
- Attended the Junction Calypso Opening Night Event in the Princes Square

Thursday 7 September 2017

- Officiated at a Citizenship Ceremony at the Town Hall
- Attended Junction Arts You Tube session with Adam Page in the Princes Square

Friday 8 September 2017

- Attended the Official Opening of the 2017 Tasmanian Outdoor Boat and Caravan Show at the Silverdome
- Attended the Autobarn Cocktail Party at Autobarn Launceston

Sunday 10 September 2017

- Attended the Hockey Tasmania Luncheon to acknowledge the contribution of volunteers at the Northern Hockey Centre

Tuesday 12 September 2017

- Attended the AGM of the Honorary Justices' Association of Tasmania at Henty House
 - Attended Theatre North's Production of Bakersfield Mist at the Princess Theatre
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9.1 Mayor's Announcements ...(Cont'd)

Wednesday 13 September 2017

- Officiated at the Launceston Community Christmas Launch at the Albert Hall
- Officiated at the Opening at the Northern Suburbs Community Centre with special guest Peter Kenyon in Blackwood Drive

Thursday 14 September 2017

- Attended farewell function for Robert Dobrzynski at the Town Hall

Friday 15 September 2017

- Attended the Starting Point Neighbourhood House AGM at Starting Point Neighbourhood House
- Attended farewell function for Lou Clark at the Penny Royal
- Officiated at the Mother's Union Conference at the Tramshed's Function Centre

Saturday 16 September 2017

- Attended launch of Persistence Pays, New book by Dr John Paull at QVMAG Inveresk
- Attended the North Launceston Bowls Club Opening Day at the North Launceston Bowls Club
- Attended the NTFA Grand Final Lunch for Division One at the Windsor Park Function Centre
- Attended the Courage and Hope Cocktail Ball at the Tailrace Centre

Sunday 17 September 2017

- Officiated at the Women's 5km Run for Cancer Council Tasmania at the City Park

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, noted that he did not attend the AGM of the Honorary Justices' Association of Tasmania at Henty House

10 ALDERMEN'S REPORTS

(This item provides an opportunity for Aldermen to briefly report on the activities that have been undertaken in their capacity as a representative of the Council. It is not necessary to list social functions that have been attended.)

10.1 Alderman D C Gibson

- **Attended the Junction Arts Festival and highlighted the participation of local talent whilst noting this event is a supported City of Launceston Signature Event**
- **Attended the asset based Community Development Project celebration function at Rocherlea**
- **Noted that during August more than 14,000 people visited the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Galley to participate in various exhibitions**
- **Attended the Festivale Annual General Meeting and noted that Ms Lou Clark has stepped down from a voluntary role after 17 years participation with 10 years as Chair of Festivale**

10.2 Alderman D H McKenzie

- **Attended the Good Neighbour Council Annual General Meeting**

10.3 Alderman R L McKendrick

- **Encouraged visitation to the upcoming Launceston College Steam Engine function open to the public**
- **Attended the recent Meeting of Tasmanian Heritage Council held at the School of Architecture**

10.4 Alderman S R F Wood

- **Attended the Launceston Boat and Caravan Show**
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11 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN**11.1 Questions on Notice**

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 30

(A councillor, at least seven days before an ordinary Council Meeting or a Council Committee Meeting, may give written notice to the General Manager of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that Meeting. An answer to a Question on Notice will be in writing.)

No Aldermen's Questions on Notice were identified as part of these Minutes

11.2 Questions without Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 29

(Questions without Notice, and any answers to those questions, are not required to be recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting.)

11.2.1 Alderman J Finlay - Cultural Strategy Update**1. Could Aldermen be provided with current Cultural Strategy update?**

Mr Michael Tidey (Acting General Manager) indicated that this question would be Taken on Notice.

12 COMMITTEE REPORTS**12.1 Tender Review Committee Meeting - 28 August 2017 and 4 September 2017****FILE NO:** SF0100**AUTHOR:** Jonathan Downes (Manager Strategic Procurement)**DIRECTOR:** Paul Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and consider a report from the Tender Review Committee (a delegated authority Committee).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the report from the Tender Review Committee Meetings held on 28 August 2017 and 4 September 2017.

Mr P Gimpl (Acting Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

Mr Basil Fitch spoke to the item

DECISION: 18 September 2017

MOTION

Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.

That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood and Alderman E K Williams

13 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

Council Workshops conducted on 11 September 2017 were:

- UTAS - Regular updates
 - TFGA - Update on issues facing the agricultural sector
 - Neighbour concerns regarding 22 Campbell Street, Newstead
 - Proposed Gorge Hotel
 - Northern Suburbs Revitalisation Project - Rocherlea ABCDE Learning Site
 - Civic Square Public Amenity Building - Concept
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14 NOTICES OF MOTION

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 16(5)

14.1 Notice of Motion - D W Alexander - Policy Paper on Equity in Regulating Accommodation Places

FILE NO: SF5547

AUTHOR: Tegan Murray (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Michael Tidey (Acting General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider creating a Policy on Equity in Regulating Accommodation Places.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council request officers to prepare a Policy Paper for consideration at a future Workshop dealing with the following :

1. Existing regulation governing hotel and motel accommodation places within the City of Launceston.
 2. Existing regulation governing Airbnb and Short Stayz and similar accommodation places within the City of Launceston.
 3. The ability of the Council to administer regulation of Airbnb and Short Stayz and similar accommodation places within the City of Launceston and difficulties encountered.
 4. Observations and analysis concerning potential disincentives for investment in hotel and motel accommodation within the City of Launceston resulting from the level of regulation compared to Airbnb and Short Stayz and similar accommodation places.
 5. Observations based on investigation regarding the impacts, both positive and negative of Airbnb and Short Stayz and similar accommodation on tourism and investment within the City of Launceston.
 6. Any other matters considered relevant.
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Mr M Tidey (Acting General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

14.1 Notice of Motion - D W Alexander - Policy Paper on Equity in Regulating Accommodation Places ...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 18 September 2017**MOTION 1****Moved Alderman D W Alexander, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.****That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.****LOST 1:10****FOR VOTE: Alderman D W Alexander****AGAINST VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman S R F Wood and Alderman E K Williams****DECISION: 18 September 2017****MOTION 2****Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman R I Soward.****That Alderman D W Alexander be granted an additional three minutes speaking time.****CARRIED 11:0****FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood and Alderman E K Williams**

14.1 Notice of Motion - D W Alexander - Policy Paper on Equity in Regulating Accommodation Places ...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 18 September 2017

MOTION 3

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.

That Alderman J Finlay be granted an additional three minutes speaking time.

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood and Alderman E K Williams

15 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS**15.1 Increased Funding Request from the RSPCA****FILE NO:** 78670**AUTHOR:** Debbie Fortuin (Manager Environmental Services)**DIRECTOR:** Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a request from the RSPCA for an increase to the financial contribution for the managing of the pound on behalf of City of Launceston.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 30 July 2007 - Agenda Item 11.3 - RSPCA - Lease Arrangements

Council - 10 July 2017 - Agenda Item 15.2 - Increased Funding Request from the RSPCA

Workshop - 17 July 2017 - Workshop discussion

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council agrees to:

1. Enter into a Service Agreement with the RSPCA for the management of the pound facility at 19 Cavalry Road, Mowbray on behalf of the City of Launceston for the 2017/2018 financial year.
 2. Provide \$65,000 as an annual payment to the RSPCA for providing the service.
 3. Participate in a review of the service agreement, lease agreement and the funding model in conjunction with RSPCA personnel prior to the confirmation of the 2018/2019 budget.
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Mrs L Hurst (Director Development Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

15.1 Increased Funding Request from the RSPCA ...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 18 September 2017**MOTION****Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.****That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.****CARRIED 11:0****FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood and Alderman E K Williams**

16 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

17 QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

18 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

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19 MAJOR PROJECTS DIRECTORATE ITEMS

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20 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

21 GENERAL MANAGER'S DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No items were identified as part of these Minutes

22 URGENT BUSINESS

Regulation 8(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, states that a council, by absolute majority at an ordinary council meeting, may decide to deal with a matter that is not on the Minutes.

No Urgent Items were identified as part of these Minutes

23 CLOSED COUNCIL

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 15(2)

No Closed Items were identified as part of these Minutes

24 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, closed the Meeting at 1.57pm.
