



City of
LAUNCESTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 23 MARCH 2015**

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of the Launceston City Council will be held at the Council Chambers -

Date: 23 March 2015

Time: 1.00 pm

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.



Robert Dobrzynski
General Manager

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

In Attendance: **Mr R S Dobrzynski (General Manager)**
Mr J Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy)
Mrs A Rooney (Committee Clerk/Admin Officer)

Apologies: **Nil**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 10 March 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 23/03/2015

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman J G Cox, seconded Alderman D C Gibson.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 12:0

2. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 10 March 2015 in closed session be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 23/03/2015

RESOLUTION: (2):

Moved Alderman J G Cox, seconded Alderman D W Alexander.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 12:0

4 DEPUTATION

Nil

5 ANSWERS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC AND ALDERMEN'S QUESTION TIME

Meeting Date	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
10 March 2015	<p>Alderman D W Alexander asked:</p> <p>Who was responsible for the cricket event recently held in Civic Square and were residents notified regarding access to their property on the day of this event?</p>	<p>The Big Screen Civic Square event was held on 28 February 2015 as a part of the Summer Daze program coordinated by a collaboration of organisations (including City of Launceston) to leverage interest around a number of big ticket events (NAB Cup, Launceston Cup) by providing a live telecast of the World Cup Cricket match held that day. It was also an opportunity to trial an activation event for Civic Square as a key initiative of the Launceston City Heart Project.</p> <p>Local businesses in the vicinity of the event were informed of the event by way of a poster drop in the week of the event. There were no road closures in place or changes to access around the existing civic square bollards.</p> <p>All fencing was of a temporary nature and had the ability to be easily moved if access was impeded, and there were a number of visible representatives on site for requests of this nature. Prior to commencement of the event a site briefing was carried out with all vendors and suppliers, and they were notified who the event managers were if any issues arose. None were recorded. However, as Civic Square has been identified as a key site for events in the City of Launceston, officers will review processes to ensure that business impacted by future events are fully consulted.</p>	Mrs Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

Meeting Date	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
10 March 2015	<p>Alderman R J Sands asked:</p> <p>1. How much has the earth Levee on Lindsay Street subsided?</p> <p>2. What is the engineer calculated weight of the Lindsay Street Levee?</p> <p>3. What is the estimated cost to repair this level when the height and safety levels are compromised?</p> <p>4. The cost to reinstate the Walkways after the remediation work is completed?</p>	<p>1. Subsidence of earth levees in Invermay is a well-recognised phenomenon with the original levees in the 1960's being constructed over ten years to accommodate the movement. Settlement of the earth levee in Lindsay Street has been monitored since commencement and is reducing as pressures equalise. Settlement varies along the levee with the greatest settlement being 900mm. Generally it has subsided approximately 500mm. Settlement is predicted to reach equilibrium in 2020. Please note the concrete levees are founded on steel piles driven to stable ground and are not subject to settlement.</p> <p>2. The mass of the levee varies with its cross-sectional area which ranges between 32m² and 52m². This provides a mass in the range of 64 to 104 tonnes per metre of levee. The total mass of the levee is approximately 26,000 tonne.</p> <p>3. A budget has been set in 2020 to re-top this levee. The budget has been set at \$200,000. Reserve funds have been set aside for these works by the Flood Authority.</p> <p>4. The cost to reinstate the walkways is included in the 2020 budget noted above. Reinstatement of the walkways, as a component, is anticipated to cost \$80,000.</p>	<p>Mr Andrew Fullard (General Manager, Launceston Flood Authority)</p>

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6.1 Nicholas Lee - Increased Burial Fees

Public Question:

Are the Aldermen aware of the ramifications for:

- (a) ratepayers and**
- (b) funeral companies**

in regards to the increased burial fees from 1 July 2013?

The Mayor responded that the matter had been discussed at Council and Aldermen were aware of the implications.

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY

Nil

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

8.1 Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Wednesday 11 March

- Attended Welcome Function for Job Creation and Local Economic Development - An International Perspective - Hosted by Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz

Thursday 12 March

- Attended Innovation Circle event with Deputy Premier, the Honourable Jeremy Rockliff and the Honourable Michael Ferguson

Friday 13 March

- Officially opened the redeveloped Launceston Waste Centre and Resale Shop 'Uptipity' and dedication of plaque for former Deputy Mayor, Alderman Jeremy Ball

Saturday 14 March

- Attended Riverside Aquatic Club and presented swim medals

Sunday 15 March

- Officiated at St Giles Balfour Burn

Monday 16 March

- Officiated at private citizenship ceremony
- Attended induction of Reverend Steven Terrell, Chaplain to Scotch Oakburn College

Wednesday 18 March

- Attended Rural Alive & Well event

Thursday 19 March

- Judging Welcome Wall Project (UTAS) entries
 - Attended Ten Days Opening Night Performance of Cardinals
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8.1 Mayor's Announcements...(Cont'd)

Friday 20 March

- Attended Beacon Business Partnership Group event
- Officiated at Public Citizenship Ceremony and Harmony Day Celebrations at UTAS

Saturday 21 March

- Attended Relay for Life Official Opening Ceremony
- Attended Centenary Celebration for the East Launceston Croquet Club
- Attended Riverside Lions 50th Celebration Dinner

Sunday 22 March

- Attended Harmony Day Celebration soccer game at UTAS and presented trophy.
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9 ALDERMEN'S/DELEGATES' REPORTS**9.1 Ald Soward - Launceston College Learner Driver Safety Program**

Alderman R I Soward reported:

- **20 March - Attended the launch of the Launceston College Learner Driver Safety Program.**

9.2 Ald Gibson - Tasmanian International Arts Festival

Alderman D C Gibson reported:

- **19 March - Attended the official opening of the Tasmanian International Arts Festival with reference to David Keeling's art exhibition at the University of Tasmania; the Habits and Habitat exhibition at QVMAG; the Design Centre exhibition opening and Plato's Cave at the Earl Arts Centre.**

9.3 Ald Wood - Cityprom

Alderman S R F Wood reported:

- **18 March - Attended the Cityprom Board Meeting.**

9.4 Ald Dawkins - Tasmanian International Arts Festival

Alderman A E Dawkins reported:

- **In conjunction with the Tasmanian International Arts Festival - the Stompin' dance program commences this week.**

9.5 Ald McKendrick - Franklin House and Heritage Council

Alderman R L McKendrick reported:

- **15 March - Attended the Franklin House Annual Fair**
 - **17 and 18 March - Attended the Tasmanian Heritage Council Committee Meeting**
 - **22 March - Attended the Darts Tasmania competition.**
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9.6 Ald Finlay - Audit Panel Workshop

Alderman J Finlay reported:

- Attendance at a recent internal Audit Committee Workshop.
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10 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN**10.1 Ald Sands - Lindsay Street Levee**

Alderman R J Sands asked:

- 1. Has the prediction to reach equilibrium been calculated accurately and by whom?**
- 2. Is there a funding contingency should the Launceston Flood Authority not have sufficient funds? Will these costs be borne by the ratepayers?**
- 3. Over what period did the 900mm settlement occur and where was the greatest area of settlement along the levee wall?**

These questions were taken on notice.

10.2 Ald Sands - Launceston Aquatic Club

Alderman R J Sands asked:

As there are concerns regarding the increasing membership costs for the Launceston Aquatic Club, could a meeting be convened with the General Manager, members of the Launceston Aquatic Club, South Esk and myself to discuss the pricing structure?

Mr Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager) responded that he would convene a meeting to discuss areas of concern.

Alderman R J Sands requested a copy of a report lodged by the Launceston Aquatic Club to Council concerning their revised pricing structure along with the accompanying attachment provided by Swimming Tasmania.

The General Manager stated the report would be forwarded to Aldermen.

10.3 Ald Sands - Personnel Matter

Alderman R J Sands asked:

A number of questions of the Mayor related to the processes around how a personnel matter had been dealt with, in particular Alderman Sands asked why a decision was made at a meeting held on 28 October 2013 not to release a report regarding a personnel matter.

The Mayor responded that he had followed legal advice, and procedures of the Council through the Committee were followed.

There was acknowledgement that the matter had been investigated by an outside body.

10.4 Ald McKendrick - Adherence to Council Protocol

Alderman R L McKendrick asked:

Regarding the issue that Alderman Sands raised, would it be fair to state that Council followed the advice and protocols provided?

The Mayor responded that he thought that was a fair statement.

11 COMMITTEE REPORTS**11.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting - 26 February 2015****FILE NO:** SF2965**AUTHOR:** Fiona Ranson (Urban Design & Heritage Planner)**DIRECTOR:** Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and consider a report from the Heritage Advisory Committee's meeting held on 26 February 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the report from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 February 2015.

Mrs L Hurst (Director Development Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 23/03/2015**RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman J Finlay, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.****That the Recommendation be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 12:0**

12 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

The following Council Workshops were held on 16 March 2015

- Parking Proposal Feedback
- Council compliance for Cats and Dogs
- Tamar Yacht Club - Lease Negotiation
- QVMAG Governance and Operational Management
- QVMAG Governance Advisory Board
- Reimagining the Gorge Project - Progress
- Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce.

DECISION: 23/03/2015

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman D C Gibson, seconded Alderman R I Soward.

That the Workshops be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 12:0

13 PETITIONS

Nil

14 NOTICES OF MOTION - FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

DIRECTORATE MINUTES ITEMS**15 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES****15.1 Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce****FILE NO:** SF6160**AUTHOR:** Damien Fitzgerald (Launceston City Heart Project Officer)**DIRECTOR:** Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the establishment of a Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce to aid in the delivery of the project.

Mrs L Hurst (Director Development Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 15.1 – 15.2 inclusive.

DECISION: 23/03/2015**RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.****That the Recommendation be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 12:0**

15.2 Cityprom Budget 2015/2016**FILE NO:** SF0016, SF0526**AUTHOR:** Bruce Williams (Economic Development Officer)**DIRECTOR:** Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the Cityprom 2015/2016 budget.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

SPPC - 16 March 2015 - Deputation

Council - 24 June 2013 - Item 15.2 - Resolved Cityprom CBD Promotional Services Grant Agreement for period 2013-2016

Council - 12 July 2010 - Item 11.2 - Resolved Cityprom Agreement for period 2010-2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the Cityprom budget for the 2015/2016 financial year of \$497,280 and indicates its intention to strike a differential rate on businesses included in the City of Launceston CBD area of \$492,000 [four hundred and ninety two thousand dollars], to fund this budget.

Alderman J Finlay withdrew from the Meeting at 1.48pm

DECISION: 23/03/2015**RESOLUTION: (1):**

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman D C Gibson.

Alderman J Finlay re-attended the Meeting at 1.50pm

15.2 Cityprom Budget 2015/2016...(Cont'd)

RESOLUTION: (2):

Moved Alderman R I Soward, seconded Alderman D W Alexander.

That the item lay on the table.

LOST 3:9

FOR VOTE - Ald R J Sands, Ald D W Alexander and Ald R I Soward

AGAINST VOTE - Ald A M van Zetten, Ald R L McKendrick, Ald D H McKenzie, Ald G J Cox, Ald D C Gibson, Ald J Finlay, Ald A E Dawkins, Ald S R F Wood, Ald E K Williams

Alderman J Finlay retired from the meeting at 1.51pm.

RESOLUTION (1) was put.

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman D C Gibson.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 11:0

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Ald J Finlay

16 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Nil

17 QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

Nil

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18 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

18.1 Golconda Road - Acquisition for Road Widening

FILE NO: SF1491 / 26594

AUTHOR: Robert Holmes (Property Coordinator)

DIRECTOR: Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the need to acquire land for road widening purposes.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council pursuant to Section 176 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* resolves to compulsorily acquire for the authorised purpose of road widening an area of 4,889m² shown as lots 1 and 2 on the plan of survey marked Attachment 1 (ECM document 3420742). The property affected is situated and known as 351 Golconda Road owned by B & AE Curwen. The acquisition is to be by agreement in accordance with Section 9 of the *Land Acquisition Act 1993* and compensation payable for the acquisition is the sum of \$4,889.00 with the Council to pay legal, survey and transfer expenses.

Mr H Galea (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 23/03/2015

RESOLUTION: (1):

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 11:0

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Ald J Finlay

19 CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

20 GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

21 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

22 INFORMATION / MATTERS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Nil

23 CLOSED COUNCIL**23.1 Disposal of Land****RECOMMENDATION:**

That Minutes Item 23.1 be considered within closed Council pursuant to the authority contained within regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

23.1 Disposal of Land

15(2)(e) as it concerns proposals for Council to acquire land or an interest in land, or for the disposal of land.

Alderman R J Sands retired from the meeting at 2.00pm.

DECISION: 23/03/2015**RESOLUTION: (1):**

Moved Alderman R I Soward, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.

That Council move into closed session.

CARRIED 10:0

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Ald R J Sands, Ald J Finlay.

24 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor closed the meeting at 2.11pm.
