



**Minutes of the City of Unley  
Council Meeting  
Monday, 24 August 2020, 7.00pm  
Council Chambers  
181 Unley Road Unley**

**PRESENT**

<i>Presiding Member</i>	<i>Mayor</i>	M. Hewitson
	<i>Deputy Mayor</i>	P. Hughes
<i>Councillors</i>	K. Anastassiadis	J. Boisvert
	M. Broniecki	S. Dewing
	J. Dodd	D. Palmer
	M. Rabbitt	J. Russo
	N. Sheehan	E. Wright

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer, Mr P. Tsokas  
General Manager City Services, Ms M. Berghuis  
General Manager City Development, Mr C. Malak  
General Manager Business Support & Improvement, Ms N. Tinning  
Executive Manager Office of the CEO, Ms T. Norman  
Executive Assistant Office of the CEO, Ms L. Kennedy  
Manager Development & Regulatory Services, Mr G. Brinkworth  
Landscape Architect, Mr J. Wilson

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Presiding Member opened the meeting with the Kaurna Acknowledgement.

**PRAYER AND SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Members stood in silence in memory of those who had made the Supreme Sacrifice in the service of their country, at sea, on land and in the air.

**WELCOME**

The Presiding Member welcomed Members of the Council, Senior Staff, Media and members of the gallery to the 24 August 2020, meeting of the Unley City Council.

## **1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **1.1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

### **1.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

### **1.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor S. Dewing declared a material conflict of interest in Item 4.7 on the basis of her employment with Sturt Football Club and noted that she would leave the meeting when that item was discussed.

### **1.4 MINUTES**

#### **ITEM 1.4.1**

#### **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY, 27 JULY 2020**

MOVED Councillor M. Broniecki

SECONDED Councillor J. Dodd

That:

1. The minutes of the Ordinary Council held on Monday, 27 July 2020 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0316/20***

### **1.5 DEFERRED / ADJORNED ITEMS**

Nil

## **2. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS**

### **ITEM 2.1**

#### **DEPUTATION RE: MIKE TURTUR BIKEWAY**

1. Denise Tipper, Goodwood

Re. Item 4.1 Mike Turtur Bikeway Consultation Summary and Corridor Landscape Design

### **ITEM 2.2**

#### **DEPUTATION RE: MIKE TURTUR BIKEWAY DESIGN SPEED**

1. Dr Jennifer Bonham, Wayville

Re. Item 4.1 Mike Turtur Bikeway Consultation Summary and Corridor Landscape Design

### **ITEM 2.3**

#### **DEPUTATION RE: MIKE TURTUR BIKEWAY**

1. Sophie Bird, Goodwood

Re. Item 4.1 Mike Turtur Bikeway Consultation Summary and Corridor Landscape Design

### **ITEM 2.4**

#### **DEPUTATION RE: MIKE TURTUR BIKEWAY**

1. Joseph Maniscalco, Goodwood

Re. Item 4.1 Mike Turtur Bikeway Consultation Summary and Corridor Landscape Design

### **3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Nil

### **4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

#### **ITEM 4.1**

#### **MIKE TURTUR BIKEWAY CONSULTATION SUMMARY AND CORRIDOR LANDSCAPE DESIGN**

Gemma Kernich of Department for Infrastructure and Transport, with the approval of the Mayor and Elected Members, took and answered questions from the floor regarding Item 4.1

MOVED Councillor J. Russo

SECONDED Councillor E. Wright

That:

1. The report be received.
2. Changes made to the Mike Turtur Bikeway Concept Design by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), in response to the community consultation feedback received, regarding the civil design element of the proposed upgrade, be noted.
3. The landscape design and greening element of the proposed Mike Turtur Bikeway upgrade, as set out in Attachment 2 to this report (Item 4.1, Council Meeting 24/08/2020) and related budget, be endorsed for the purpose of advancing to tender and construction.
4. An amount of \$262,000 from the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program grant funding be allocated towards meeting Council's cost for the greening and new lighting elements of the proposed Mike Turtur Bikeway upgrade.
5. Council acknowledges the feedback from UBUG in relation to the project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0317/20***

**ITEM 4.2**

**LICENCE AGREEMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT SHARED USE PATHS**

MOVED Councillor J. Boisvert

SECONDED Councillor D. Palmer

That:

1. The report be received.
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign any Licence Agreements pertaining to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's (formerly the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure) Shared Use Path Head Agreement for all sections of paths located within the City of Unley.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0318/20***

**ITEM 4.3**

**UNLEY CIVIC PRECINCT - EDMUND AVENUE COTTAGES REDEVELOPMENT - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND NEXT STEPS**

MOVED Councillor J. Russo

SECONDED Councillor K. Anastassiadis

That:

1. The report be received.
2. The Edmund Avenue Cottages Concept Design information set out in Attachment 1 to report Item 4.3, Council Meeting 22/06/2020, be endorsed.
3. The detailed design for each Cottage takes into account the feedback received from the Edmund Avenue Cottages Concept Design consultation process as is summarised in this report.
4. The detailed design, development approval and preparation of tender for construction commence for Cottages 72, 74 and 76 Edmund Avenue.
5. The Administration pursue State and Commonwealth Government grant funding opportunities for the construction of new additions to the Edmund Avenue Cottages.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0319/20***

#### **ITEM 4.4**

#### **ACTIVE AGEING STRATEGY DOCUMENT UPDATE**

MOVED Councillor M. Broniecki

SECONDED Councillor M. Rabbitt

That:

1. The report be received.
2. The progress and achievements outlined in the Active Ageing Strategy be noted.
3. The updated Active Ageing Strategy, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report (Item 4.4, Council Meeting 24/08/2020) be endorsed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0320/20***

#### **ITEM 4.5**

#### **RECRUITMENT OF THE COUNCIL ASSESSMENT PANEL INDEPENDENT MEMBERS**

#### **SUSPENSION OF FORMAL MEETING PROCEDURES**

The Presiding Member with approval of two-thirds of the members present, suspended meeting procedures pursuant to Regulation 20(1) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013* at 8.17pm for 15 minutes to facilitate an informal discussion of the matter.

Formal meeting procedures resumed at 8.18pm.

MOVED Councillor J. Boisvert

SECONDED Councillor E. Wright

That:

1. The report be received.
2. Applications for four (4) Independent Member positions on the Council Assessment Panel, including Presiding Member, and additionally one (1) Deputy Independent Member, be sought from appropriately qualified Level 2 Planning Accredited Professionals with appointments to commence in March 2021, or in the event a vacancy occurs as a consequence of the commencement of Accredited Professional requirements, prior to March 2021.
3. An initial shortlist of applicants for interview that meet the minimum accreditation standards be prepared by the General Manager City Services, Manager Development and Regulatory and Executive Manager Office of the CEO.

4. A Council Assessment Panel Selection Committee comprising:  
Councillor Boisvert  
Mayor Michael Hewitson  
Councillor Palmer  
Councillor Russo  
Councillor Dodd

supported by the Chief Executive Officer be appointed to conduct interviews of the shortlisted applicants and identify four (4) persons for recommendation to Council for appointment to Independent Member positions on the Council Assessment Panel, including Presiding Member, and additionally one (1) Deputy Independent Member.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0321/20***

**ITEM 4.6**

**GRANT FUNDING FOR FOOD ORGANICS INCENTIVES**

MOVED Councillor S. Dewing

SECONDED Councillor E. Wright

That:

1. The report be received.
2. The grant funding amount of \$202,835, offered by the Green Industries SA Kerbside Performance Plus Food Organics Incentives Program, be accepted, with the Council required contribution of \$69,215 to be funded from the existing waste management budget.
3. A City-wide rollout of ventilated kitchen caddies and 150 compostable liners to 17,000 households, with the aim of reducing food waste sent to landfill, be endorsed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0322/20***

*Councillor S. Dewing left the Chambers at 8.23pm in accordance with her material conflict of interest declaration.*

**ITEM 4.7**

**STURT FOOTBALL CLUB REQUEST TO EXTEND RENT RELIEF PROVISION FOR BARZAAR**

**SUSPENSION OF FORMAL MEETING PROCEDURES**

The Presiding Member with approval of two-thirds of the members present, suspended meeting procedures pursuant to Regulation 20(1) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013* at 8.23pm for 15 minutes to facilitate an informal discussion of the matter.

Formal meeting procedures resumed at 8.35pm.

MOVED Councillor J. Russo

SECONDED Councillor K. Anastasiadis

That:

1. The report be received.
2. The rent relief provision of 50% (\$5,787) for BarZaar be applied for the month of July 2020.

With the leave of the meeting and consent of the seconder Councillor J. Russo VARIED the MOTION as follows:

That:

1. The report be received.
2. The rent relief provision of \$11,574 for BarZaar be applied for the month of July 2020.

**CARRIED**

***Resolution No. C0323/20***

*Councillor S. Dewing returned to the Chambers at 8.52pm.*

*Councillor N. Sheehan returned to the Chambers at 8.52pm.*

**ITEM 4.8**

**PRELIMINARY YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT - JUNE 2020**

MOVED Councillor M. Broniecki

SECONDED Councillor J. Dodd

That:

1. The report be received.
2. The Preliminary End of Year Results for 2019-20 be noted.
3. Carry forward projects from 2019-20 totalling a net amount of \$3.85M (as set out in Attachment 5 to Item 4.8, Council Meeting 24/08/2020) be approved.

4. The revised budgeted Uniform Presentation of Finances reflecting a Budget Operating Surplus of \$0.60M before Capital Revenue and revised Net Borrowings of \$3.29M as summarised in Attachment 6 to Item 4.8 (Council Meeting 24/08/2020) for the 2020-21 financial year be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0324/20***

*Councillor N. Sheehan returned to the Chambers at 8.55pm.*

**ITEM 4.9**

**2019-20 FOURTH QUARTER CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

MOVED Councillor M. Rabbitt

SECONDED Councillor J. Dodd

That:

1. The report be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0325/20***

**ITEM 4.10**

**LGA CALL FOR NOMINATION FOR LGA PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF GAROC**

MOVED Councillor P. Hughes

SECONDED Councillor D. Palmer

The Presiding Member with the support of two thirds of the members suspended formal meeting procedures for 10 minutes at 9.03pm.

Formal meeting procedures resumed at 9.08pm.

That:

1. The report be received.
2. Mayor Michael Hewitson be nominated for a position on GAROC to commence office from the conclusion of the 2020 LGA AGM and to remain in office until the conclusion of the 2022 AGM. Pursuant to clause 4.3.3 of the GAROC Terms of Reference.

**CARRIED**

***Resolution No. C0326/20***



**ITEM 4.11**

**LGA CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - SA FLOOD WARNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

MOVED Councillor J. Dodd

SECONDED Councillor J. Boisvert

That:

1. The report be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolution No. C0327/20*

**ITEM 4.12**

**TRADER ASSOCIATION QUARTER 4 REPORTS 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2020**

MOVED Councillor N. Sheehan

SECONDED Councillor M. Broniecki

That:

1. The report be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolution No. C0328/20*

**ITEM 4.13**

**QUARTERLY REPORT - CENTENNIAL PARK CEMETERY AUTHORITY**

MOVED Councillor M. Rabbitt

SECONDED Councillor J. Russo

That:

1. The report be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolution No. C0329/20*

**ITEM 4.14**

**COUNCIL ACTION RECORDS**

MOVED Councillor M. Broniecki

SECONDED Councillor K. Anastassiadis

That:

1. The report be noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolution No. C0330/20*

## 5. MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

### 5.1 MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

#### ITEM 5.1.1

#### NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR N. SHEEHAN RE: BEAUTIFICATION OF THE GOODWOOD UNDERPASS

MOVED Councillor N. Sheehan

SECONDED Councillor S. Dewing

That:

1. A letter be sent to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport requesting that the Department for Infrastructure and Transport investigate options for beautifying the Goodwood Underpass, ideally through installation of a mural using local artists, or by some other suitable treatment of the concrete structure.

With the leave of the meeting and consent of the seconder Councillor N. Sheehan VARIED the MOTION as follows:

That:

1. A letter be sent to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Member for Unley and the Member for Badcoe, requesting that the Department for Infrastructure and Transport investigate options for beautifying the Goodwood Underpass, ideally through installation of a mural using local artists, or by some other suitable treatment of the concrete structure.

Councillor K. Anastassiadis MOVED an AMENDMENT

1. A letter be sent to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Member for Unley and the Member for Badcoe, requesting that the Department for Infrastructure and Transport investigate options for beautifying the Goodwood Underpass, ideally through installation of a mural using local artists, or by some other suitable treatment of the concrete structure eg. green walls.

The AMENDMENT LAPSED for want of a SECONDER

The MOTION was PUT and

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0331/20***

### 5.2 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

## **5.3 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

### **ITEM 5.3.1**

#### **QUESTION ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLOR D. PALMER RE: TREE PLANTING**

The following Questions were asked by Councillor D. Palmer at the Council Meeting on 27 July 2020 and were taken on Notice. The answers are now provided:

#### **QUESTIONS**

1. What scope is there to plant extra trees in verges over and above what we have already identified?
2. What restrictions, other than distances from street corners and from driveways and avoiding services, apply to achieving continuous coverage?
3. Are we holding off planting trees where so requested by rate payers?
4. If the answer to 3 is yes, can Council receive a regular report indicating how many potential tree plantings have been delayed?

#### **ANSWERS**

1. What scope is there to plant extra trees in verges over and above what we have already identified?

In order to identify the number and location of new trees to be planted within Council's verges, a City-wide audit is required. In 2019/20, approximately 50% of the City's verges were audited which identified approximately 2,000 planting opportunities for new trees. The remainder of verges located across the City will be audited in 2020/21 and 2021/22. Consistent with Council's endorsed Tree Strategy, the parameters and criteria which have been adopted by Council staff for planting of new trees ensures that the maximum number of trees that can be planted are planted within Council's verges. In this respect, there is no further scope to plant additional trees within Council's verges to those which are being identified by Council staff.

2. What restrictions, other than distances from street corners and from driveways and avoiding services, apply to achieving continuous coverage?

The only other consideration is the spacing between trees to ensure that new trees which are planted are not competing for growth and are given the best possible opportunity to survive post planting.

3. Are we holding off planting trees where so requested by rate payers?

If a resident or ratepayer objects to the planting of a new tree in a Council verge adjacent their property, Council staff put on hold the planting of that particular tree until the end of the planting season.

Once an objection is received, a letter (or email) is sent notifying the objector that Council staff will give consideration to the concerns which they have raised and will contact them once an outcome is determined. In this respect, at this time, Council staff have put on hold the decision to plant a tree at these particular locations until Council provides a direction on its position of whether it wishes to proceed with planting new trees when objections are raised. If the answer to 3 is yes, can Council receive a regular report indicating how many potential tree plantings have been delayed?

Out of the 404 new tree plantings proposed for the current tree planting season, Council staff have received 24 objections, all of which have been placed on hold as outlined in (3) above. At the end of each annual planting season, Elected Members can be provided with a summary of the number of tree plantings for which objections from residents or ratepayers are received. The decision regarding whether Council proceeds with the planting of these particular trees would obviously be in line with Council's directive. A report will be presented to Council at its meeting to be held in November 2020 regarding a review of Council's Nature Strips Policy. The report will include further information regarding this matter and seek a directive from Council at that time.

#### **ITEM 5.3.2**

#### **QUESTION ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLOR D. PALMER RE: MAINTAINING CONDITION OF GOODWOOD AND UNLEY OVALS**

The following Questions on Notice have been received from Councillor D. Palmer and the answers are provided:

#### **QUESTIONS**

1. Will the current Asset Management and/or Parks & Gardens reviews include an examination of the current condition of the two Ovals and their suitability for the use required of them?
2. Has there been any recent independent assessments of either facility?
3. If so, can the current council be provided a copy of any such report?
4. Will any such review include identifying the various challenges faced by council in providing a fit for use facility?
5. Will any such examination include strategies for transitioning the ovals from one season to the next, particularly the spring transition?
6. Likewise, will any such review examine and identify strategies for improved drainage, particularly in the cricket pitch section of the ovals?
7. Should we be giving consideration to redeveloping either or both ovals in the near future?

8. How often should a complete redevelopment be considered for an oval, recognising of course the amount of use it might get?
9. What is the likely cost of a complete redevelopment of an oval, including providing improved drainage, releveling and re-turfing the surface?
10. Alternatively, what would be the likely cost to redevelop just the pitch area?
11. Are we able to identify what impact a redevelopment would have on ongoing maintenance, if any?

## **ANSWERS**

1. The Administration is currently developing new Asset Management Plans which will be submitted to Council for consideration later this year. Whilst the new Plans will not list the turf surface at the Ovals as assets to be renewed through Council's annual renewal programs, the existing irrigation systems will be listed as assets. The turf surfaces are not considered to be depreciable assets from an asset management or financial perspective and as such, are not able to be listed for renewal within the new Plans. Council will at some point in time need to consider the replacement of the turf surfaces at both Ovals which will likely be at the time that it renews the irrigation systems, however the new turf surfaces will be funded as new capital projects.
2. In terms of turf replacement, there has not been any recent independent assessments undertaken regarding the turf surfaces at the Ovals. However, from a safety and maintenance perspective, a monthly independent assessment is undertaken by a turf consultant at the Ovals. Recommendations received through these assessments regarding safety and maintenance are considered by Council staff to assist in keeping the turf surfaces at the Ovals in the best condition possible for users. Council did receive an assessment of the Unley Oval ground conditions in 2012/13 as part of the Unley Oval maste planning process. The report suggested providing underground drainage and replacing the turf.
3. The independent turf assessment reports are available online through a client login system that is accessed by Council staff. Administration will forward any previous investigations unertake in 2012/13 but these may be out of date in terms of recommendations given the maintenance work undertaken to Unley Oval over the last 5 years.
4. Prior to Council deciding to replace the turf surfaces at the Ovals, a detailed independent assessment will need to be undertaken. This assessment will consider irrigation, drainage, service levels, usage, future demands, etc. This will be a similar process to the assessment which was undertaken to review the turf surface at Page Park which enabled Council to determine the best way forward.

5. Council staff currently have a process regarding the preparation of the turf surfaces at the Ovals to ensure a transition between seasonal usage. This process requires a minimum of two weeks to adequately prepare and transition the turf surfaces and cricket wicket areas. Any upgrade undertaken will not change the duration of this required transition period and process. However, this process will be reviewed as part of the detailed independent assessment which will be undertaken in preparation for the eventual replacement of the turf surfaces at the Ovals. Any recommended changes to that process will be taken into account to ensure best practice is implemented.
6. Improvements to drainage will be included in the detailed independent assessment which is to be undertaken in preparation for the eventual replacement of the turf surfaces at the Ovals.
7. The replacement of the turf surfaces at the Ovals is not currently included in Council's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) as a new capital project. However, the works have been included in Council's new Asset Management Plans but as a projection that is subject to a Council endorsed financial commitment. Council will need to consider these works in terms of its priorities as part of its future annual budget consideration process and amend its LTFP accordingly, if and when it decides to proceed.
8. This is a difficult question to answer as turf surfaces do not have typical lifespans or expected useful lives. In addition, it should be noted that the current condition of the turf surfaces at the Ovals are a direct result of a change in the preparations between seasons due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
9. The costs to replace the turf surfaces at the Ovals, together with the existing irrigation systems that would need to be undertaken at the same time, is likely to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and as a minimum \$500,000 per Oval. The actual costs would be confirmed once detailed independent assessments have been completed.
10. In 2018, Council staff obtained first order cost estimates to undertake works on the pitch areas only. The indicative costs included drainage and turf replacement for these areas only and were in the order of \$125,000 at each Oval.
11. It is envisaged that redevelopment would not reduce ongoing maintenance costs. However, it would enable Council staff to effectively maintain each facility to a consistent standard or level of service which would be able to cater for increased and diverse user demand. In other words, it would enable Council to maintain the facilities to a higher standard and allow a more timely repair to the ongoing wear and tear caused by usage.

#### **5.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Councillor M. Rabbitt asked a Question Without Notice with reference to Item 4.9 2019-20 Fourth Quarter Corporate Performance Report re. increase to residential waste. The question was TAKEN ON NOTICE.

### **6. MEMBER'S COMMUNICATION**

#### **6.1 MAYORS REPORT**

##### **ITEM 6.1.1**

##### **MAYOR'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST**

MOVED Councillor M. Broniecki

SECONDED Councillor E. Wright

That:

1. The report be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0332/20***

#### **6.2 DEPUTY MAYORS REPORT**

##### **ITEM 6.2.1**

##### **DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST**

MOVED Councillor M. Rabbitt

SECONDED Councillor J. Russo

That:

1. The report be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Resolution No. C0333/20***

#### **6.3 ELECTED MEMBERS REPORTS**

##### **ITEM 6.3.1**

##### **REPORTS OF MEMBERS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST**

Council noted attached reports from Members:

1. Councillor M. Broniecki
2. Councillor M. Rabbitt

## **6.4 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **ITEM 6.4.1 CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence from:

- Hon Vickie Chapman MP – re. The 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide
- Hon Vickie Chapman MP – re. Statutes Amendment (Local Government) Review Bill 2020
- Brown Hill Keswick Creek Board – re. Consideration for Funding Assistance for BHKC Stormwater Project
- Steve Georganas MP – re. Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project
- Steve Georganas MP (to Deputy PM) – re. Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project
- Hon Vickie Chapman MP – re. Roads to Recovery Program for 2020-21

was noted.

## **7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

## **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 28 September 2020 - 7.00pm

## **CLOSURE**

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 9.26pm.

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PRESIDING MEMBER