

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE ABERDEEN ROOM, LEVEL 2, paranapple centre, 137 ROOKE STREET, DEVONPORT ON MONDAY 25 JULY 2022 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM

Meeting	From	To	Time Occupied
Open Session	5:30pm	6:41pm	1 hour 11 minutes
Closed Session	6:44pm	7:07pm	23 minutes
Total			1 hour 34 minutes

Present

Cr A Rockliff (Mayor)
Cr A Jarman (Deputy Mayor)
Cr J Alexiou
Cr G Enniss
Cr P Hollister
Cr L Laycock
Cr L Murphy
Cr L Perry

Council Officers:

General Manager, M Atkins
Deputy General Manager, J Griffith
Executive Manager City Growth, M Skirving
Executive Coordinator, J Surtees
Communications and Engagement Officer, T Creedon

Audio Recording:

All persons in attendance were advised that it is Council policy to record Council meetings, in accordance with Council's Digital Recording Policy. and that the meeting was being live streamed on YouTube. The digital recording of this meeting will be made available to the public on Council's website for a minimum period of six months.

1 APOLOGIES

The following apology was received for the meeting.

Cr Milbourne

Leave

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 PROCEDURAL

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

22/141 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Perry
SECONDED: Cr Murphy

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 June 2022 as previously circulated be confirmed.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

3.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.2.1 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT PRIOR MEETINGS

22/142 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Hollister

That the responses to questions from Mr Janney at the June 2022 Council meeting, be noted.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

3.2.2 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

22/143 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Perry
SECONDED: Cr Murphy

That Council in relation to the correspondence received from Mr Vellacott, endorse the responses proposed and authorise their release.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Ennis, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

3.2.3 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

Bob Vellacott, 11 Cocker Place Devonport

Q1. As of this date 25th July 2022 has Council made any final decisions at all in regard to the sale of the ratepayers' properties, being the well-established landscaped parkland on the North-West corner of Fenton Way and Oldaker Street, and the very convenient and well used CBD Edward Street carpark and part of the Payne Avenue carpark? What is the situation?

Response

The General Manager responded that as previously advised, the Council had been through an Expression of Interest process for those blocks, which is ongoing, and at this point there are no further updates.

Q2. I refer to the eyesore left in the former library's nature or garden strip situated in Oldaker Street that was left after the removal of the temporary bus shelter a couple of years ago. When will this section be reinstated and other areas around the property are brought back to an acceptable standard expected in a CBD?

Response

The Mayor advised that the question will be taken on notice.

Q3. Prior to the 2018 Council elections important financial information, that it was admitted could have influenced the result, was, it can be argued, purposefully withheld from electors and only exposed after the election.
Will council give an assurance that there will not be a repeat of concealing information before the election this year that would or could influence voters if known at the time of voting?

Response

The Mayor advised that she would not be accepting that question as it casts aspersions on councillors and staff.

Douglas Janney, 23 Watkinson Street Devonport

Q1. Recently I received my rates notice. The amount has increased by 11 % since last year and I guess some others have increased more than that. This is a savage increase. What efficiencies has the Council introduced for the 2022/23. year?

Response

The Mayor advised that Council continues to look for efficiencies, and that it was made clear before the rates were approved that because of the revaluations, most people would have an increase in the value of their property and hence an increase in their rates. However, Council will always be certainly looking for efficiencies.

Mr Janney responded that an increase in the valuation of the property should not increase in rates necessarily.

The General Manager further clarified that Council's rates went up 1.9% over the previous year, and the revaluation impacted on what various ratepayers contributed, depending on movements in the valuations. Some ratepayers may have found their rates have gone up, whilst others they have gone down. But overall, the nett rate increase was 1.9%. In regard to Mr Janney's specific rate notice, the General Manager would be happy to meet with him.

Petra Wilden, 17 Forest Heights Drive, Tugrah

Q1. I came across a planning application on the Council's website that I am very concerned about, which is the Miandetta Greenbelt. I believe this is a feature of the suburb and I am very concerned about what I am seeing in that proposal where there is going to be a lot of housing development. The question is, what can we as the public?

Response

The General Manager responded that the application Ms Wilden was referring to is the scheme amendment for rezoning at Devonfield.

The General Manager advised that this was considered at Council's last meeting and at that meeting Council agreed in principle to the application. The application was then placed on public advertising for a period of 28 days, where representations could be received. Once that period concludes, Council planners will then assess the representations and comments received and the application will be tabled at the next meeting of Council for consideration, and as it is a rezoning, it will then be referred to the Tasmanian Planning Commission who will make the final decision on whether to approve the application.

In summary, there is a formal process in place, with a couple of days left in the public advertising period, and ultimately the Tasmanian Planning Commission will make the final decision.

Ms Wilden sought clarification that the public advertising period concludes on the 2 August, which was confirmed as correct. Ms Wilden asked what else as concerned residents can be done to put their view forward?

The General Manager advised that the application is on Council's website and there are details on there as to how a public comment or representation is made.

Ms Wilden sought clarification that a written submission can be made, to which the General Manager responded that this is correct, and that formal submissions will be tabled in a future report to Council.

The Mayor further advised that planning staff would be able to provide assistance as to how a submission or representation can be made.

3.3 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

At the time of compilation of the agenda, no questions had been received from Councillors.

3.4 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

4 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS

Nil

5 REPORTS

5.1 REGIONAL RECYCLING COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

22/144 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Jarman
SECONDED: Cr Enniss

That Council:

1. Advise Cradle Coast Waste Management Group of its commitment to participate in the regional Kerbside Recycling collection and processing contract, including the collection of bulk cardboard from the Spreyton Waste Transfer Station; and
2. Note that Cradle Coast Waste Management Group requires a commitment to participate in the regional FOGO kerbside collection contract by 1 February 2023, and that this will be the subject of a future report to Council.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

5.2 DEVONPORT OPEN SPACE STRATEGY 2022-2032

22/145 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Enniss

That Council receive and note the report relating to the draft Devonport Open Space Strategy 2022-32 and endorse the release of the Strategy for a 30-day public consultation period.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

5.3 MOBILE VENDING GUIDELINES

22/146 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Hollister

That Council endorse the updated Mobile Vending Guidelines to be effective immediately.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

5.4 SPORTING EVENT SPONSORSHIP

22/147 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Hollister

That Council note the Sporting Event Sponsorship report and:

1. Enter into the following sponsorship agreements:
 - a. Devonport Triathlon – Tri Events Tasmania, 3-year agreement, 2023-25, \$35,000 per year.
 - b. National Skills Acquisition Phase Festival – Football Tasmania, 3-year agreement, 2023-25, year 1 \$15,000, year 2 \$13,000, year 3 \$11,000 plus \$1,000 in-kind support per annum.

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- c. Tasmanian Squash Open – Squash Australia, 3-year agreement, 2023-25, \$12,000 per year.
 - d. Run Devonport – Everyday Lions Events, 3-year agreement, 2023-2025, \$10,000 per year;
- and
2. Underwrite the Australia Cup Round 32 Game – Devonport City Strikers Football Club, up to \$10,000, should the event incur a loss.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

5.5 DEVONPORT YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

22/148 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Jarman

SECONDED: Cr Murphy

That Council endorse the Devonport Youth Advisory Group Terms of Reference.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

5.6 ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD POLICY

22/149 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy

SECONDED: Cr Jarman

That Council adopt the Election Caretaker Period Policy.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

5.7 E-SCOOTER TRIAL

22/150 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Jarman

That Council receive and note the report in relation to the establishment of a commercially operated "hire and ride" E-scooter trial in the Devonport municipality and endorse the commencement of the trial, wholly excluding residential areas of the municipality and restricting the operating area to established recreational trails only.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6 INFORMATION

6.1 WORKSHOPS AND BRIEFING SESSIONS HELD SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

22/151 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Alexiou

That the report advising of Workshop/Briefing Sessions held since the last Council meeting be received and the information noted.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.2 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

22/152 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Laycock
SECONDED: Cr Murphy

That the Mayor's monthly report be received and noted.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.3 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

22/153 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Perry

That the report of the General Manager be received and noted and that Council appoint the General Manager as a proxy delegate for TasWater Owner's Representative meetings.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.4 HIGHFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN 2018-2028 - YEAR FOUR STATUS UPDATE

22/154 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Hollister
SECONDED: Cr Murphy

That Council receive the report of the Infrastructure and Works Manager and note the status of actions listed in the Highfield Park Master Plan 2018-2028.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.5 CEMETERY STRATEGY 2011-2030 - YEAR ELEVEN STATUS

22/155 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Hollister

That Council receive the report of the Infrastructure and Works Manager and note the status of actions listed in the Devonport City Council Cemetery Strategy.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.6 GENERAL MANAGEMENT, PEOPLE & FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT - MAY AND JUNE 2022

22/156 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Jarman
SECONDED: Cr Murphy

That Council receive and note the General Management, People and Finance and Corporate Services report.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.7 CONVENTION AND ARTS REPORT - MAY AND JUNE 2022

22/157 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Jarman
SECONDED: Cr Murphy

That Council receive and note the Convention and Arts report.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.8 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT - MAY AND JUNE 2022

22/158 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Hollister

That Council receive and note the Community Services report.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.9 ELECTED MEMBERS EXPENSE REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2022

22/159 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Alexiou

That the bi-monthly report advising of Councillor allowances and expenses be received and noted.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.10 UNCONFIRMED MINUTES DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL

22/160 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Perry

That Council receive and note the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 6 June 2022.

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

7 SECTION 23 COMMITTEES

Nil

8 CLOSED SESSION

22/161 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy

SECONDED: Cr Laycock

That in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the following be dealt with in Closed Session.

Item No	Matter	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference
3.1	Confirmation of Closed Minutes – Council Meeting – 27 June 2022	15(2)(g)
3.2	Application for Leave of Absence	15(2)(h)
4.1	Confidential Attachments – July 2022	15(2)(g)
5.1	Outstanding Debtors – 90 Days and Over Report	15(2)(j)
5.2	Outstanding Debtors – Three Years and Over	15(2)(j)
5.3	Unconfirmed Minutes – Joint Authorities	15(2)(g)
5.4	General Manager's Performance Review	15(2)(a)

FOR: Cr Alexiou, Cr Enniss, Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Laycock, Cr Murphy, Cr Perry and Cr Rockliff

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:41pm to reconvene in Closed Session at 6:44pm.

The Council moved out Closed Session at 7:07pm.

Council resumed in open session at 7:07pm.

The Closed Session of Council, having met and dealt with its business, resolved to report that it had determined the following:

Item No	Matter	Outcome
3.1	Confirmation of Closed Minutes – Council Meeting – 27 June 2022	Confirmed
3.2	Application for Leave of Absence	Nil
4.1	Confidential Attachments – July 2022	Noted
5.1	Outstanding Debtors – 90 Days and Over Report	Noted
5.2	Outstanding Debtors – Three Years and Over	Noted and to proceed with recommended action
5.3	Unconfirmed Minutes – Joint Authorities	Noted
5.4	General Manager's Performance Review	Noted

9 CLOSURE

There being no further business on the agenda the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:07pm.

Minutes confirmed 22 August 2022 - Min 22/169 Refers

Confirmed



Chairperson