

Special Council Meeting Minutes

19 May 2026

Our Vision

*A City which values its heritage, cultural diversity,
sense of place and natural environment.*

*A progressive City which is prosperous, sustainable
and socially cohesive, with a strong community spirit.*

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Council Members

Mayor Robert Bria
Cr Kester Moorhouse
Cr Rita Excell
Cr Garry Knoblauch
Cr Hugh Holfeld
Cr Kevin Duke
Cr Connie Granozio
Cr Scott Sims
Cr Sandy Wilkinson
Cr John Callisto
Cr Christel Mex

Staff

Mario Barone (Chief Executive Officer)
Jared Barnes (General Manager, Infrastructure & Major Projects)
Andrew Hamilton (General Manager, Community Development)
Jenny McFeat (Manager, Governance)
Marina Fischetti (Governance Officer)

APOLOGIES

Cr Josh Robinson
Cr Grant Piggott
Cr Victoria McFarlane

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 MAY 2026

Cr Sims moved:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 May 2026, be taken as read and confirmed.

Seconded by Cr Granozio and carried unanimously.

2 ELECTED MEMBER DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

3 NOTICES OF MOTION

3.1 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS - PAYNEHAM MEMORIAL SWIMMING CENTRE PROPOSED GYMNASIUM AND CAR PARK

SUBMITTED BY: Mayor Bria
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Pursuant to Regulation 12(1) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, the following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Mayor Bria.

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. *That staff prepare a report regarding the release of Confidential Items relating to the proposed Gymnasium and Carpark Project near the Payneham Memorial Swimming Pool, which forms part of the draft 2026-2027 Annual Business & Budget (ABP), which has been released for community consultation.*
2. *That the report be presented to the Council at its meeting to be held on 2 June 2026.*

REASONS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

As Members are aware, the proposal for a \$5.9 million Gymnasium and Carpark Project is included in the 2026-2027 Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget, which has been released for community consultation.

Up until the Council meeting held on 5 May 2026, the Project has been described as “*New Facilities at the Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre*”. Now that the details of the proposed Project have been released to the community, there is a need for the Council to consider whether the relevant items relating to this Project remain confidential, so as to ensure there is unquestionable transparency regarding the Project itself, the Prudential Report and all resolutions made by the Council’s Audit & Risk Committee and the Council, which provide the background to the Project.

Given that the Project was not contained in the current Long-term Financial Plan (LTFP), I believe it is critical that the Council releases as many confidential documents as appropriate to install confidence in the community about the Council’s decision-making processes.

Above all, the Council needs to explain to ratepayers why it voted to endorse, in principle, taking out additional loan borrowings for a gymnasium and carpark when there has been concerns expressed by the community, ESCOSA and some Elected Members in respect to the Council’s level of debt.

The Council has an obligation to release as many confidential documents about the gymnasium and carpark proposal as possible, without compromising any commercial-in-confidence considerations.

This is a fundamental question of integrity, accountability, and transparency.

STAFF COMMENT

A report as requested can be prepared.

Cr Sims moved:

1. *That staff prepare a report regarding the release of Confidential Items relating to the proposed Gymnasium and Carpark Project near the Payneham Memorial Swimming Pool, which forms part of the draft 2026-2027 Annual Business & Budget (ABP), which has been released for community consultation.*
2. *That the report be presented to the Council at its meeting to be held on 2 June 2026.*

Seconded by Cr Duke.

Amendment

Cr Excell moved:

1. *That staff prepare a report regarding the release of:*
 - *Confidential Items relating to the proposed Gymnasium and Carpark Project near the Payneham Memorial Swimming Pool, which forms part of the draft 2026- 2027 Annual Business & Budget (ABP), which has been released for community consultation; and*
 - *other Confidential Items associated with the Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre which have not yet been released.*
2. *That the report be presented to the Council at its meeting to be held on 2 June 2026.*

Seconded by Cr Knoblauch.

The amendment was put and carried unanimously.

The motion, as amended, was put and carried unanimously.

4 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

4.1 CONFIDENTIAL NOTICE OF MOTION - CITY OF NORWOOD PAYNEHAM & ST PETERS FREEDOM OF THE CITY AWARD

RECOMMENDATION 1

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the public, with the exception of the Council staff present, be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the Council will receive, discuss and consider:

(o) information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award

and the Council is satisfied that, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public, has been outweighed by the need to keep the receipt/discussion/consideration of the information confidential.

Cr Knoblauch moved:

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the public, with the exception of the Council staff present [Chief Executive Officer; General Manager, Infrastructure & Major Projects; General Manager, Community Development; Manager, Governance and Governance Officer], be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the Council will receive, discuss and consider:

(o) information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award

and the Council is satisfied that, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public, has been outweighed by the need to keep the receipt/discussion/consideration of the information confidential.

Seconded by Cr Callisto and carried unanimously.

Cr Holfeld moved:

That under Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the report, discussion and minutes be kept confidential until an announcement has been made.

Seconded by Cr Knoblauch and carried unanimously.

5 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.14pm.

Mayor Robert Bria

Minutes Confirmed on _____
(date)