



MINUTES

of

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 84(1) of the Local Government Act 1999

HELD IN

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PLAYFORD CIVIC CENTRE
10 PLAYFORD BOULEVARD, ELIZABETH**

ON

**TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026
AT 7:00 PM**

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

1 ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Present

MAYOR GLENN DOCHERTY – PRINCIPAL MEMBER

Cr Akram Arifi	Cr Marilyn Baker	Cr Zahra Bayani
Cr Andrew Craig	Cr Shirley Halls	Cr Chantelle Karlsen
Cr Clint Marsh	Cr Misty Norris	Cr Jane Onuzans
Cr Gay Smallwood-Smith	Cr Tanya Smiljanic	Cr Rebecca Vandeppear

Also in attendance for the meeting:

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Sam Green
General Manager, City Services	Ms Tina Hudson
General Manager, City Assets	Mr Dale Welsh
General Manager, Corporate Services	Mr Luke Culhane
Executive Strategic Advisor	Mr Greg Pattinson

Senior Manager Ageing & Inclusion	Ms Erin Findlay
Acting Senior Manager, Community Engagement & Experience	Ms Shannon Siegele
Senior Manager Financial Services	Ms Iolanda Calabrese
Senior Manager City Operations	Mr Glen Carter
Senior Manager Asset Operations	Mr Jonathan Roberts
Senior Manager Development Services	Mr Matt Dineen
Senior Manager City Plans	Mr Vince Rigger
Senior Manager Assets & Delivery	Ms Janey Mitson
Manager Connection & Inclusion	Ms Amy Godfrey
Manager Governance	Mrs Skye Nitschke
Sport & Recreation Planner	Mr Tyson Roling
Sport & Recreation Planning Officer	Mr Angus Whitby
Growth & Infrastructure Co-ordinator	Mr Ben Woodrow
Minute Taker	Ms Joanne Cross
ICT Support Officer	Mr Braden Hanberger
ICT Support Officer	Mr Nick Gehlert

1.2 Apologies

- Cr David Kerrison - Leave of Absence 28/02/2026 until the State Government election results are publicly declared
- Cr Peter Rentoulis - Leave of Absence 28/02/2026 until the State Government election results are publicly declared

1.3 Not Present

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION	6509
Moved: Cr Norris	Seconded: Cr Onuzans
The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 24 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.	
<u>CARRIED</u>	

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name: Mayor Glenn Docherty

Conflict: Material

Item: 15.1 Decision 1 and Decision 4 – Representatives for the 2026 LGA and ALGA

Description: I will declare a material conflict of interest in Item 15.1 Decision 1 and Decision 4. Decision 1 LGA Ordinary General Meeting as if accepted I will receive a benefit.

Was Minister approval granted for the Council Member to participate in the meeting, pursuant to section 74(3) of the Act? No

Has Minister approval been provided to Council?	No
Did the Council Member participate in the discussion of the matter?	No
Did the Council Member remain in the meeting while the matter was being considered?	No

Name: *Cr Marilyn Baker*
Conflict: *General*
Item: *Item 14.4 NAWMA Charter – Amendment*
Description: *I am the a Deputy Board Member of NAWMA*

Addressing the Conflict:

Did the Council Member remain in the meeting?	No
Did the Council Member remain in the meeting in order to maintain quorum?	No

If yes, how did the Council Member deal with the conflict?

N/A

Outline any further steps the Council Member took to ensure transparency and accountability:

N/A

Voting

Did the Council Member vote on the matter?	No
How did the Council Member vote on the matter?	N/A

Name: *Cr Clint Marsh*
Conflict: *General*
Item: *Item 14.4 NAWMA Charter – Amendment*
Description: *I am the NAWMA Board Member for City of Playford.*

Addressing the Conflict:

Did the Council Member remain in the meeting?	No
Did the Council Member remain in the meeting in order to maintain quorum?	No

If yes, how did the Council Member deal with the conflict?

N/A

Outline any further steps the Council Member took to ensure transparency and accountability:

N/A

Voting

Did the Council Member vote on the matter?	No
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How did the Council Member vote on the matter?

N/A

4 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor participated in the following activities:

- Northern Business Breakfast – onsite at Print Lord Sign Makers
- SANFL IFTAR Dinner
- Elizabeth Grove Sports & Soccer Club | 2026 Soccer Season Launch
- Meeting with ASEZ WAO – Youth Volunteer Group
- Meeting with Cottage Homes
- LGA Presidents Webinar with SA Ombudsman
- Northern Sound System @ Adelaide Fringe 2026 - 27/2/2026
- Joes Connected Garden 2026 Plant Sale at Andrews Urban Farm
- Elizabeth Grove Soccer Club vs Western Strikers - Women's State League – Opening Round
- Libraries Board of South Australia Visit to the City of Playford
- Various resident meetings
- LGMC Video shot at the Playford Civic Centre
- Elizabeth Netball Association AGM
- Adelaide United x AMES Iftar Dinner and Celebration
- Riverlea Sportsground Sod Turning Event
- Swallowcliffe P-6 School Governing Council AGM
- Clean Up Australia Day with Playford District Girl Guides
- Northern Sound System @ Adelaide Fringe 2026 - 26/3/2026
- City of Playford's Fringe Friday 2026 in Prince George Plaza
- Ghana 69th Independence Day Celebration
- International Women's Day | Burundian Community of South Australia
- The Playford Women's Shed 6th Birthday
- City of Playford | Policy Review Committee Meeting
- City of Playford | Strategy & Services Committee Meeting
- Northern Sound System @ Adelaide Fringe 13/3/2026
- 5th Anniversary of the Penial Centre and the PFPC 15th Anniversary Celebration
- Playford City & Soccer Community Club | Playford City v Croydon Football Club
- Burundi Women's Community of SA Inc – Women's Day Event
- Elizabeth Downs Soccer Club vs Gawler in for their First State League 2 Match
- Elizabeth East Kindergarten Governing Council AGM
- Meeting with the Yoruba Association of SA
- Riverbanks College | Governing Council Meeting
- Playford Alive Initiatives Fund Board Meeting
- St Patrick's Day Celebration | St Patricks Technical College
- Mark Oliphant College AGM
- Mark Oliphant College Governing Council Meeting
- Meeting with the Burundian Community of South Australia
- One Tree Hill Community Market
- Riverbanks College AGM
- Elizabeth Grove Soccer Club v Adelaide City Women's State League Game at Pecker Park

- City of Playford I Information Session
- SENAMI I Mental Health Conference: Navigating the Crossroads
- Elizabeth Netball Association Senior Grand Final and Presentation
- Northern Sound System @ Adelaide Fringe 13/3/2026
- Elizabeth Netball Association Junior Grand Final and Presentation
- Swallowcliffe P-6 Kids in Council Session
- City of Playford Citizenship Ceremony Afternoon Ceremony 18/3/2026
- City of Playford Citizenship Ceremony Evening Ceremony 18/03/2026
- Northern Sound System @ Adelaide Fringe 2026 20/3/2026
- Elizabeth Netball Association I Junior Grand Final and Presentation
- Central Districts Softball Association Grand Finals
- Harmony Day Celebration at the John McVeity Centre
- Andrews Farm Soccer and Community Club vs Adelaide Dragons Senior Preseason Game
- Scouts SA Annual General Meeting
- Barkuma Future Ready Hub Official Opening
- Meeting with Northern Adelaide Senior College

Summary of Media Engagements

25/02/2026 Monthly Wrap Up filming - Own channels

25/02/2026 Fringe Friday promotional filming - Own channels

04/03/2026 Riverlea Sportsground press conference - Various

13/03/2026 Project & service updates filming - Own channels

18/03/2026 Citizenship Ceremony filming - Own channels

Summary of Media Coverage

04/03/2026 Northern sounds fills the Fringe - The Bunyip

04/03/2026 New citizens call Playford home - The Bunyip

04/03/2026 Tarr bids farewell to Council - The Bunyip

05/03/2026 Riverlea Sportsground construction commencement - 7 News

05/03/2026 Riverlea Sportsground construction commencement - 10 News

12/03/2026 Construction begins on Riverlea District Sportsground - GLAM Adelaide

11/03/2026 Sportsground kicks off in Riverlea - Plains Producer

11/03/2026 Early 2027 the goal for Riverlea sportsground - The Bunyip

11/03/2026 Playford lights up for Fringe - The Bunyip

5 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCIL ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Nil

6 REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS

6.1 INFORMATION SESSION RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Contact Person: Sarah Schutz

Information Session Record of Attendance

- The Information Session Record of Attendance for March 2026 is provided in the Council agenda.

Cr Shirley Halls

- Citizenship Ceremony Session 1
- Citizenship Ceremony Session 2
- City of Playford Fringe event at Prince George Plaza
- Delicia – Variety Show
- Grenville Bus Trip to the Fringe
- Argana Park Netball \$2.5 M commitment presentation
- Cos We Care – Saturday Fremont Park
- Playford Library (Central) Tour
- Playford Libraries meeting with Library Board SA Visit
- International Women’s Day morning tea at Stretton Centre
- Rainbow Committee Meeting via Zoom
- Eagles Football Club meeting

Cr Misty Norris

- City of Playford Citizenship Ceremony #2 at Shedley Theatre 18 March
- Elizabeth Netball Association Senior Grand Finals games at Argana Park
- Elizabeth Football Club visit & game 14 March
- Cos We Care
- Argana Park Grant Funding State Government Announcement
- Delicia Variety Spectacular Fringe show at Shedley Theatre
- City of Playford Fringe Friday Event at Prince George Plaza
- Australian Government Women’s Association - SA International Women’s Day event at Lochend Hall

Cr Jane Onuzans

- Citizenship Ceremony Session 1
- Citizenship Ceremony Session 2
- Argana Park Event – Election Commitment
- Policy Committee
- Meeting with City Operations Staff
- Fringe Friday event at Prince George Plaza
- International Women’s Day event at Stretton Centre
- Metropolitan Libraries Board Tour

Cr Gay Smallwood-Smith

- Northern Business Breakfast
- International Women's Day event at the Stretton Centre
- Fringe Friday event at Prince George Plaza. Very well attended. Well done to the Events Team.
- Strategy and Services Committee meeting
- Fringe variety show at the Shedley
- Information Session
- Emceed City of Playford Australian Citizenship Ceremonies – Sessions at 2.30 pm and 6.30 pm

Cr Tanya Smiljanic

- Fringe Friday event at Prince George Plaza. Very well attended. Well done to the Events Team.

7 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES (CONFERENCES & TRAINING PROGRAMS)

Nil

8 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**Cr Akrim Arifi – CONDITION OF SEATING BENCH ON SMITH CREEK TRAIL, BLAKEVIEW****History**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 February 2026 Cr Arifi asked the below question without notice.

Question

Can staff provide an update on the condition of the bench seating along the Smith Creek Trail in Blakeview?

Answer

City Operations have been actively managing the theft of seating along the Smith Creek Trail and can confirm that replacement works are now scheduled. The damage forms part of a broader pattern of vandalism involving the removal of aluminium seat slats, which we believe are being taken for scrap metal. Across the city, a total of 14 seats were affected, which significantly complicated the insurance claim, including seven (7) seats within the Smith Creek Trail area alone.

Although we first became aware of the issue in March 2025, there have been substantial delays associated with the insurance process. During this time, we also took the opportunity to select a more durable seating design to help minimise future vandalism or theft.

Replacement units were ordered on 18 February, with delivery expected in mid-April and installation scheduled to occur shortly thereafter. Restoring these amenities remains a priority.

A new internal process has now been implemented to enable the procurement and replacement of damaged assets in a more timely manner while insurance matters are being resolved.

9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 DEPUTATION / REPRESENTATIONS**11.1 DEPUTATION - JANE POGAS - ANGLE VALE SPORTS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - SPORTS PRECINCT DETAILED DESIGN**

Contact Person: Skye Burbidge

Mr Anthony Mitchell gave a presentation to Council on behalf of the Angle Vale Sports and Community Association (AVSACA).

Mayor Docherty left the meeting room at 7.34 pm to address his conflict of interest.

Deputy Mayor Cr Karlsen occupied the Chair.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**6519**

Moved: Cr Smallwood-Smith Seconded: Cr Onuzans

Decision 4:

Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly, 23 – 25 June 2026.

- 1. Council appoints the Mayor to attend the ALGA National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 23 – 25 June 2026, and**
 - a. is appointed as the Council Delegate for voting rights; and**
 - b. may appoint another Council member who has been appointed by the Council to attend as proxy Council Delegate in the event that the Mayor is unable to attend.**

CARRIED

Mayor Docherty returned to the meeting room and resumed the Chair at 7.35 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**6520**

Moved: Cr Smallwood-Smith Seconded: Cr Onuzans

Decision 5:

- 1. Council appoints no more than two (2) Councillors as Council Member representatives at the ALGA National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 23 – 25 June 2026.**

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**6521**

Moved: Cr Onuzans Seconded: Cr Smiljanic

Decision 6:

Representatives for the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly, 23 – 25 June 2026.

- 1. The method of appointing no more than two (2) Councillors as Council Member representatives at the ALGA National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 23 – 25 June 2026 will be an election process conducted in accordance with the private ballot process outlined in the Code of Practice for Council and Committee Meetings – Section 16, with the results of the ballot determining the outcome, subject to the following modifications:**
 - 1.1 Paragraph 10 of the Process to Undertake a Private Ballot set out in the Code of Practice for Council and Committee Meetings does not apply.**
 - 1.2 On completion of the election, the Returning Officer be authorised to declare the successful candidates elected to attend the ALGA National General Assembly.**

1.3 If no more than two (2) nominations are received, the Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful Members appointed to attend the ALGA National General Assembly.

1.4 On the declaration of the Returning Officer the Council Members are appointed to attend the ALGA National General Assembly.

CARRIED

*Cr Karlsen nominated Cr Halls, Cr Halls accepted the nomination.
Cr Baker nominated Cr Norris, Cr Norris accepted the nomination.*

Cr Halls and Cr Norris were therefore appointed as Representatives for the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly, 23 – 25 June 2026.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

6522

Moved: Cr Onuzans

Seconded: Cr Bayani

Decision 7:

Local Government Association Annual General Meeting, 19 – 20 November 2026.

- 1. Council notes the timing of the LGA Annual General Meeting coincides with the local government periodic election period and, as a result, does not appoint a representative to attend the meeting at this time.**
- 2. Council resolves that should the LGA Annual General Meeting be scheduled to occur prior to the periodic election, Council will reconsider the appointment of a representative; and that if the meeting occurs following the periodic election, the matter be deferred for determination by the incoming Council.**

CARRIED

15.2 GREATER ADELAIDE REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GAROC) CASUAL VACANCY

Responsible Executive Manager : Tina Hudson

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

6523

Moved: Cr Halls

Seconded: Cr Bayani

Decision 1:

Nomination for Casual Vacancy - GAROC "Group A" Regional Grouping of Members

- 1. The Council nominates a Council Member for consideration by the Local Government Association of South Australia to fill the casual vacancy of the "Group A" Regional Grouping of Members for the remainder of the membership term (i.e. until the Local Government Association of South Australia Annual General Meeting to be held towards the end of 2026).**

2. If required, the private ballot process outlined in the Code of Practice for Council and Committee Meetings – Section 16 will be utilised to elect the Council Member as the nominee to the “Group A” Regional Grouping of Members.

CARRIED

Cr Halls nominated Mayor Docherty, Mayor Docherty respectfully declined the nomination.

No Council Representative was nominated.

Matters for Information

15.3 BUDGET UPDATE REPORT

Responsible Executive Manager : Luke Culhane

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

6524

Moved: Cr Baker

Seconded: Cr Bayani

Council notes the Budget Update Report (Attachment 1) for the period ending 28 February 2026.

CARRIED

16 INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Nil

17 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

17.1 DELEGATION TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS

Responsible Executive Manager : Tina Hudson

A. COUNCIL TO MOVE MOTION TO GO INTO CONFIDENCE FOR ITEM 17.1

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

6525

Moved: Cr Smiljanic

Seconded: Cr Onuzans

Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* an order is made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting, with the exception of:

- Chief Executive Officer;
- General Manager City Assets;
- General Manager City Services;
- General Manager Corporate Services;
- Manager Governance;
- ICT Support;
- Minute Taker;

Council delegates to the person occupying the office of the Chief Executive Officer the power pursuant to Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999* to revoke in whole or in part the orders made by the Council under Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

CARRIED

The meeting re-opened to the public at 7.45 pm.

18 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 7.46 pm.