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HOW MUCH FOOD DO WE THROW AWAY?

- Research shows that up to 40% of the average kerbside garbage bin is food. A lot of this is avoidable food waste and most of it can be composted, put to work in worm farms or put out for collection with the Green Waste.
- Australian households bin \$7.8 billion of food every year. **That's 178 kilos per person every year!**
- When food rots in landfill, it gives off a greenhouse gas called methane. **This methane is 25 times more potent** than the carbon pollution that comes out of your car exhaust.
- **Food waste produces 15.4 million tons of CO2 equivalent emissions every year.**
- When we throw out food, what we see in the bin is not the only waste. We're also throwing away all the resources it took to get that food all the way from the **'paddock to our plate.'** That includes all elements of production, processing, storage, refrigeration, transportation and cooking.
- Wasting food means that the resources used to create food, such as water and energy are also wasted. Tens of millions of kilograms of safe edible fresh food and groceries are discarded every year due to changed labeling regulations, end of season stock, production line changeover items, outdated packaging, discontinued product, as well as slight label or weight inaccuracies.

This information has been taken from the website of "Do Something" at <http://foodwise.com.au/contact.aspx>

Another very informative source is a video produced by the ABC at <http://hungrybeast.abc.net.au/stories/beast-file-food-waste>

BUDGET TIME AGAIN

The Budget and Business Plan for 2012-2013 is now out for public consultation. As usual Council has had to balance competing demands and probably none of us has achieved all that we would have liked. **This budget is strong in its support of our business community and Council fulfilling its roles and obligations as the Capital City.**

Areas where I feel that the budget has fallen short of what I would like to have seen include:

- Not enough being spent on residential street enhancements, landscaping and better lighting.
- Not enough being spent on Park Lands facilities, protection and upgrade of buildings as identified in the CLMP's.
- Not enough being spent on undergrounding of power lines in residential/heritage areas.
- Not enough being spent on social services and work with our youth, aged and disadvantaged people.
- Not enough being spent on city presentation, cleanliness and general maintenance.
- Too much being spent on commercial events, promotion and marketing, tourism and business development, most of which are arguably not core business and should probably be funded by the state.
- A too conservative borrowing programme - about 5% of our rate revenue goes to servicing our long-term debt whereas most growing Councils are committing more than double that! (and we are a growing Council!)

Now Council is inviting all stakeholders to study the documents and give Council their feedback by 21 May.

REWARDING TIMES

- 1) On the 31 January 2012, on the instigation of the Lord Mayor, Council resolved that "In recognition of his personal and professional development and service to the Adelaide community, the Council nominates the Deputy Lord Mayor, David Plumridge AM to the LGA of SA for the John Legoe Award, 2012"

The John Legoe Award honours the late Cr John Legoe, former President of the LGA. It recognises the personal and professional development of serving Councillors and their commitment and service to their communities.

I am honoured to be able to report that my nomination was successful and I am now a proud recipient of the John Legoe Award. Last year I received a Certificate marking my 35 years of service as an elected member of Local Government and I now look forward to continuing to serve the community as an Adelaide City Councillor.

- 2) At the **Local Government Managers' Association (SA) Leadership Excellence Awards** in April, Adelaide City Council won the award for **Excellence in Asset Management**. This award recognises excellence in Asset Management evidenced by the implementation of corporate process improvements, projects or initiatives that demonstrate significant real or potential benefit in asset management AND can be shown to be applicable and transferable to other Councils. Adelaide's winning nomination was for the **Park Lands Property Strategy** which was developed by the Strategic Asset and Property Management Team led by Executive Manager Peter Robson. **Congratulations to CEO Peter Smith, EM Peter Robson and the Asset Management Team!**

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." - John Quincy Adams

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 2 April 2012 (Next Meeting 16 April at 5.30pm)

3. Applications for consideration on Merit

- 3.1 DPC was **granted** for part rear demolition and extensions to **Gilbert St Hotel** 88-90 Gilbert St. (DA/680/2011)
- 3.2 DPC was **granted** for temporary marquee for History Week at **93 East Tce**, annually until 2017 (DA/078/2012)
- 3.3 DPC was **granted** for 8-level office building at **147-151 Flinders St** (DA/1050/2011) >>



8. Confidential Matter

- 8.1 In order to receive and consider legal advice this item, the location of which was **not revealed**, was dealt with *In camera*.

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 16 April 2012 (Next Meeting 7 May at 5.30pm)

2. Non-Complying Application

- 2.1 It was agreed to **Proceed with Assessment** of alterations to dwelling at **427 Carrington St** (DA/137/2012)

3. Application for consideration on Merit

- 3.1 DPC was granted to enclose an outdoor dining area at the rear and extend hours to 11pm at **Amarin Thai Restaurant** at **108 Tynte Street, North Adelaide**. (DA/0670/2011)

8. Confidential Matter

- 8.1 considering ERD Court compromise proposals relevant to development at **173-187 Currie St** was dealt with *in camera*.

COUNCIL MEETING – 24 April 2012 (Next Ordinary Meeting 22 May 2012 at 5.30pm)

5. The Lord Mayor Reported on his very successful trip to Himeji, our sister city of 30 years. A return visit will occur later in the year. Council also agreed to parking on the south Park Lands for the **Black Caviar** event at Morphettville. I opposed this as a wrong use of Park Lands and on the basis that other more suitable options were readily available.

9. The Public Forum was addressed by Damien Kitto of the **Convention Bureau** and by the **City Bible Forum**.

11-13 Questions on Notice: **Cllr Hender** (DPA consultatⁿ), **Henningsen** (Bridge Naming), **Malani** (Customer Service)

14-15 Motions on Notice: **Cllr Llewellyn-Smith** gaining approval to fly **Red Cross** flag at Town Hall on 8 May and

Cllr Henningsen calling for a report on feasibility of **Lord Mayor** setting up an appeal for **Christchurch Cathedral**.

18. Motions w/o Notice **Cllr Malani** on road closure costs as they affect staging of events and **Cllr Henningsen** asking that public submissions be taken into account when considering names for the new bridge behind the zoo.

Items referred by Committees to Council (N.B. Not all items are necessarily reported)

- **19 Recommendations of the City Design and Character Committee – 3 April** (Chair: Cllr Llewellyn-Smith)

-1. Council noted the release by ABS of the **Adelaide City Census of Land Use and Employment 2011** Report.

-2. After a lengthy debate Council agreed to lease portion of Park 25 for **Adelaide HS expansion** for no fee.

-3. Council determined to name the new **ElectrNet bridge** adjacent to Bowden with a dual European/Kaurna name.

Appropriate names will be brought forward after consultation with Kaurna cultural and language groups.

-4. Council agreed to refer the **Bicycle Action Plan 12-13** for inclusion in the draft 12-13 Business Plan and Budget.

It was noted that Council will now apply for up to \$1.197m in **State Government bicycle funding grants**.

- **20. Recommendation of the City Development & Sustainability Committee – 3 April** (Chair: DLM Cllr Plumridge)

-1. Council declined to become a member but will offer support to promote the **Grote ECO Sustainability Centre**.

- **21. Recommendations of the Community Services, Events & Facilities Committee – 10 April** (D/Chair: Cllr Hender)

-1. Council noted stakeholder/community consultation and endorsed **City Community Policy and Strategy 2012-2016**

-2. Administration will prepare a report on **Liquor Licensing Reforms** to support the **Vibrant Adelaide** strategies.

- **22. Recommendations of the Corporate Planning, Governance & Finance Committee – 10 April** (Chair: Cllr Moran)

-1. Council noted there will be a **significant amount of procurement** in the 4th qtr. of 2012 and plans to deal with it.

-2. Council endorsed comments on the LGA Consultation on proposed changes to **Meeting Procedures Regulations**.

-4. Council requested the CEO to consider **changes to the names of the 4 Core Committees** and the GM's positions.

- **23. Advice of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority (APLA)**

Advice in relation to the naming of the new Electra-Net footbridge across the Torrens was adopted at Item 19.3 above.

Items for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

- 24. Mr Hogben has been replaced by Mr Bahr as the SAMFS representative on **Council's Fire Safety Committee**.

■ 25. Council's **Integrated Movement Strategy 2012-22** was adopted for public consultation. This completes a major piece of work and becomes a vital part of the definition of Council's Vision for the future of the city. These include the new **Capital City Plan** and our **Strategic Plan 2012-16** which includes the outcomes of **PICTURE ADELAIDE**.

■ 26. Council agreed to the use of Pinky Flat for car parking (discounted) for the RSPCA's **Million Paws Walk**.

■ 27. Events in the Park Lands approved were **Pedal Prix** in Victoria Park in May and July and the **Scouts Rally** in Edwards Park in July. The licence for **Cirque du Soleil** in Ellis Park was deferred for review of surface treatments.

■ 28. The draft **Business Plan and Budget for 2012-2013** was endorsed for public consultation which will commence on 27 April and continue until 21 May. A special Council Meeting will be held on 29 May to hear verbal submissions. This year the public consultation period will be combined with consultations on the **Strategic Plan 2012-2016** and the **Integrated Movement Strategy**. Refer to Council's website for full details of the numerous ways that you can have your say! Link to website <http://yoursay.adelaidecitycouncil.com/>

■ 29. Council adopted **Audit Committee** revised Terms of Reference providing for better relationships with Council.

■ 30. Council deferred its response to the LGA consultation on its **Improving Governance Discussion Paper**.

■ 31. My attendance at the 2012 **National General Assembly of the ALGA** in Canberra in June was approved.

Confidential Items were (33&34) **Sporting Club Lease/Licence Matter** (35) **Rundle St North Footpath contract**

(36) **Rundle Mall – award of contract to design consultant** (37) **Lot 25 Wingfield Waste and Recycling Centre**

update (34) **Presiding Member Report – Contractual matter for the Chief Executive Officer**

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