

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS / RESOLUTIONS AT
COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL MEETINGS
(Elected Members)**

Name:	Cr June Barton
Date of Meeting:	15 th September 2020
Meeting of the:	Ordinary Meeting of Council
Item No.	CD20/8135
Title of Item	RESPONSE TO PETITION - RETAINING THE MELVILLE CIVIC CENTRE MAIN HALL FOR GENERAL USE

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT OR REJECT AND REPLACE MOTION:

To amend the Officers Recommendation by adding Points 4 to 7 so the motion now reads:

That the Council:

- 1. Notes the current strategy to look at options for the conversion of the Main Hall to a theatre for the Melville Theatre Company including models for other hall users to continue their activities.**
- 2. Directs the CEO to send a response to the petitioners noting their concerns and informing them that research is being done for alternative dance venues, particularly for ball room dancing.**
- 3. Directs that ball room dance operators and other regular users are continued to be involved in the option planning stage to include their future needs where possible.**
- 4. Directs the CEO to expand the strategy to include options other than the Main Hall to accommodate the Melville Theatre Company within the City.**
- 5. Directs the CEO to arrange site inspections by Elected Members of Kardinya Hall for exploring its possible use by the Melville Theatre Company.**
- 6. Directs the CEO to arrange site inspections by Elected Members of Court 3 of Melville Recreation Centre for exploring its possible use by dance groups, and to advise Council of the feasibility and estimated cost of installing a floor-to-ceiling sound-absorbing partition between Court 2 and Court 3 to enable concurrent use of Courts 1 and 2 for basketball and Court 3 for dancing.**
- 7. Directs the CEO to inform Council of costings and progress of investigations into alternative venues both for the Melville Theatre Company and for the current users of the Main Hall, including dance groups.**



REASONS

1. The amendment reflects the need to accommodate all user groups within the City in facilities that match their needs and expectations.
2. The Melville Theatre Company operates for a total of approximately 15 weeks each year in 3 separate periods, and should be accommodated in a space that does not impact other users during these substantial periods.
3. The costs of removing seats and otherwise making the Main Hall fit for use by other users has not been established.
4. Some Main Hall users require short but regular year-round bookings which could not be satisfied if the Hall is unavailable for substantial portions of the year.
5. Dance groups, whether not-for-profit or commercial, are an important part of our community, and the associated health benefits, particularly for the older generation, are well established.
6. The availability of a sprung timber floor is essential for these dance groups but unnecessary for a theatre company, and a sprung timber floor appears incompatible with tiered seating.
7. The initial community consultation with stakeholders was not comprehensive.
8. Uncertainty about the future availability of the Main Hall is already causing concern in community groups within the City.

SIGNATURE: _____

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