

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

14 August 2026

Mayor and Councillors

Here within are the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the City of South Perth Council held Friday 14 August 2026 in the City of South Perth Council Chamber, corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth.



ANITA AMPRIMO
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

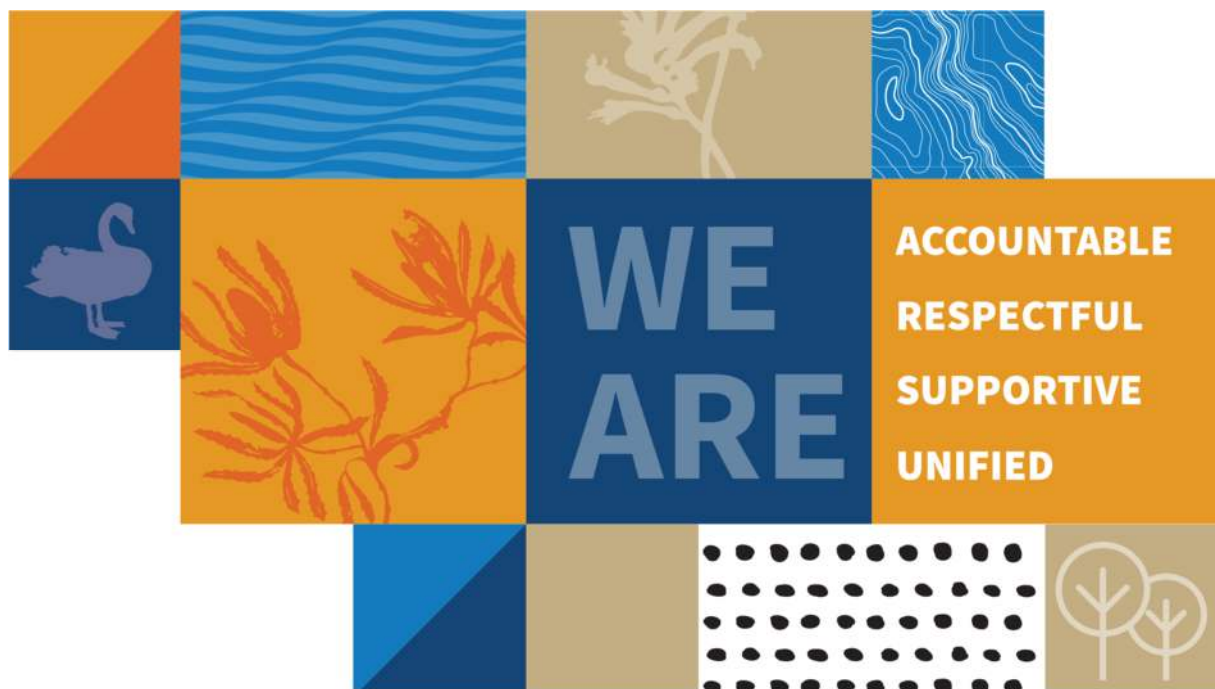
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Acknowledgement of Country

Kaartdjinin Nidja Nyungar Whadjuk Boodjar Koora Nidja Djining Noonakoort kaartdijin wangkiny, maam, gnarnk and boordier Nidja Whadjuk kura kura.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians of this land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and their Elders past and present.

Our Guiding Values



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Special Council Meeting - Minutes

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the City of South Perth Council Chamber, corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth at 6.00PM on Friday 14 August 2026.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 7.21pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil.

3. ATTENDANCE

Mayor Greg Milner (Presiding Member)

Councillors

Como Ward
Manning Ward
Mill Point Ward
Mill Point Ward

Councillor Kathy Lees
Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis
Councillor Gavin Denton
Councillor Bronwyn David

Officers

Acting Director Corporate Services
Manager People and Performance
Governance Officer

Ms Donna Shaw
Ms Pele McDonald
Ms Sarah Gould

Guests

Local Government Monitor

Ms Gail McGowan PSM

Gallery

Nil.

3.1 APOLOGIES

- Councillor Blake D'Souza

3.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Acting Chief Executive Officer Ms Anita Amprimo – Financial Interest in Item 7.1.1 as ‘I am currently the Acting CEO and any decision made by Council relating to the matters considered in this item may impact me.’

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: 14 AUGUST 2026

In accordance with Regulation 7(4)(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 all questions asked at this meeting must relate to the purpose of this meeting.

The Presiding Member opened Public Question Time at 7.23pm

There being no questions, the Presiding Member closed Public Question Time at 7.23pm.

6 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.0 STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4: LEADERSHIP

Local Government Monitor, Ms Gail McGowan PSM, left the meeting at 7.24pm prior to consideration of Item 7.0.1.

7.0.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MONITOR

File Ref: D-26-14600

Reporting Officer(s): Donna Shaw, Acting Director Corporate Services

Summary

This report is in response to a Special Council Meeting called by Mayor Greg Milner to formally request the Local Government Inspector extends the term of the Local Government Monitor.

Moved: Mayor Greg Milner

Seconded: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

That Council Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to write to the Local Government Inspector requesting:

- (a) an extension of the term of appointment of the Local Government Monitor to the City of South Perth to 19 October 2026 inclusive; and
- (b) a modification to the Terms of Appointment for the Monitoring Assignment, to provide a revised date in which the Final Report to the Local Government Inspector is due and advise the City of South Perth accordingly.

Reasons for Change

Amended to revisit the extension of the term of appointment of the Local Government Monitor to the City of South Perth after a period of one month.

During debate on the item, it was suggested that the extension be reduced by one month, from 19 October 2026 to 19 September 2026. With the agreement of the mover and seconder, the extension was amended accordingly.

COUNCIL DECISION

0826/173

Moved: Mayor Greg Milner

Seconded: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

That Council Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to write to the Local Government Inspector requesting:

- (a) an extension of the term of appointment of the Local Government

Monitor to the City of South Perth to 19 September 2026 inclusive; and

- (b) a modification to the Terms of Appointment for the Monitoring Assignment, to provide a revised date in which the Final Report to the Local Government Inspector is due and advise the City of South Perth accordingly.

Reasons for Change

Amended to revisit the extension of the term of appointment of the Local Government Monitor to the City of South Perth after a period of one month.

CARRIED (5/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Bronwyn David, Gavin Denton and Kathy Lees.

Against: Nil

Background

Mayor Greg Milner submitted a Notice of Motion regarding Chief Executive Officer arrangements. The reasons for the Notice of Motion are as follows:

“It is appropriate that Council request the Local Government Inspector to extend the term of the Local Government Monitor, so that the Monitor is able to continue to monitor the City of South Perth’s governance, relationship and decision making processes and practices, with specific regard to (without limitation) the following matters, during what is likely to be a very sensitive and consequential period (particularly for the City of South Perth staff):

- (a) the Council’s practices and processes in the relation to its post-appointment obligations to the Chief Executive Officer, including the development and monitoring of performance criteria (KPIs) as required under section 5.39(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and
- (b) the City’s contemporary processes and practices in relation to monitoring, reviewing and eliminating worker health and safety risks and provision of safe systems, training and consultation in accordance with obligations of a PCBU as provided for under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020*; and
- (c) the efficiency and effectiveness of the Chief Executive Officer’s advice in relation to Council’s decision-making functions at ordinary and special meetings, and the performance of the Council’s functions, in accordance with section 5.41(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.”

Comment

The City will comply with Council’s resolution.

Consultation

Nil.

Policy and Legislative Implications

Local Government Act 1995 “5.4. Calling council meetings An ordinary or a special meeting of a council is to be held — (a) if called for by either — (i) the mayor or president; or (ii) at least 1 /3 of the councillors, in a notice to the CEO setting out the date and purpose of the proposed meeting; or (b) if so decided by the council.” Part 8B — Local Government Inspector, adjudicators and authorised officers provide provisions related to the local government inspector.

Financial Implications

The cost of the local government Monitor is \$900 per day.

Key Risks and Considerations

Risk Event Outcome	Financial Loss An adverse monetary impact on the City as a consequence of a risk event occurring. A grading is assigned to different levels of potential loss relative to the significance of the impact on the City's ongoing operations and its ability to deliver expected services. Reputational Damage Deals with adverse impact upon the professional reputation and integrity of the City and its representatives whether those persons be appointed or elected to represent the City. The outcome can range from a letter of complaint through to a sustained and co-ordinated representation against the City and or sustained adverse comment in the media. Legislative Breach Refers to failure to comply with statutory obligations in the manner in which the City, its officers and Elected Members conduct its business and make its decisions and determinations. This embraces the full gamut of legal, ethical and social obligations and responsibilities across all service areas and decision making bodies within the collective organisation.
Risk rating	Medium
Mitigation and actions	The City will comply with any direction from the Local Government Inspector.

Strategic Implications

This matter relates to the following Strategic Direction identified within Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031](#):

Strategic Direction:	Leadership
Aspiration:	A local government that is receptive and proactive in meeting the needs of our community
Outcome:	4.3 Good governance
Strategy:	4.3.1 Foster effective governance with honesty and integrity and quality decision making to deliver community priorities

Attachments

Nil

8. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

The Chief Executive Officer advises that there is a matter for discussion on the Agenda for which the meeting may be closed to the public, in accordance with section 5.23(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

8.1 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

COUNCIL DECISION

0826/174

Moved: Mayor Greg Milner

Seconded: Councillor Bronwyn David

That the following Agenda Item be considered in closed session, in accordance with s5.23(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995*:

8.1.1 Chief Executive Officer Arrangements

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Bronwyn David, Gavin Denton and Kathy Lees.

Against: Nil.

The meeting was closed to the public at 7.33pm

8.1.1 Chief Executive Officer Arrangements

*This item is considered **confidential** in accordance with section 5.23(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995 as it contains information relating to "a matter relating to the recruitment or employment of the CEO or a senior employee, including the following (i) the termination of employment; (ii) a review of performance under section 5.38"*

File Ref: D-26-14599

Reporting Officer(s): Pele McDonald, Manager People and Performance

Officer Recommendation AND COUNCIL DECISION

0826/175

Moved: Mayor Greg Milner

Seconded: Councillor Gavin Denton

That Council approves the terms contained in **Confidential Attachment (a)** regarding the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED (5/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Bronwyn David, Gavin Denton and Kathy Lees.

Against: Nil.

COUNCIL DECISION

0826/176

Moved: Mayor Greg Milner

Seconded: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

That the meeting be reopened to the Public.

CARRIED (5/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Bronwyn David, Gavin Denton and Kathy Lees.

Against: Nil.

In accordance with section 5.23(8)(f) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the meeting was closed to the public for consideration of Item 8.1.1 only, and after the consideration of Item 7.1.1, the meeting was reopened at 7.37pm.

9. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.37pm.

DISCLAIMER

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These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on: Tuesday 25 August 2026.

Signed _____

Presiding Member at the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed