

# MINUTES.

## Special Council Meeting

8 March 2018

Mayor and Councillors

Here within are the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the City of South Perth Council held Thursday 8 March 2018 in the City of South Perth Council Chamber, Cnr Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth.



GEOFF GLASS  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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# Our Guiding Values

## Trust

Honesty and integrity

## Respect

Acceptance and tolerance

## Understanding

Caring and empathy

## Teamwork

Leadership and commitment

## Disclaimer

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## Further Information

The following information is available on the City's website.

- **Council Meeting Schedule**

Ordinary Council Meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at the South Perth Civic Centre on the fourth Tuesday of every month between February and November. Members of the public are encouraged to attend open meetings.

- **Minutes and Agendas**

As part of our commitment to transparent decision making, the City makes documents relating to meetings of Council and its Committees available to the public.

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The City of South Perth covers an area of around 19.9km<sup>2</sup> divided into four wards. Each ward is represented by two Councillors, presided over by a popularly elected Mayor. Councillor profiles provide contact details for each Elected Member.

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# Special Council Meeting - Minutes

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the City of South Perth Council Chamber, Cnr Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth at 7.00pm on Thursday 8 March 2018.

## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. She then acknowledged we are meeting on the lands of the Noongar/Bibbulmun people and that we honour them as the traditional custodians of this land.

## 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

### 2.1 STANDING ORDERS LOCAL LAW 2007

This meeting is held in accordance with the City's Standing Orders Local Law which provides rules and guidelines that apply to the conduct of meetings.

### 2.2 AUDIO RECORDING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The Presiding Member reported that the meeting is being audio recorded in accordance with Council Policy P673 'Audio Recording of Council Meetings' and Clause 6.15 of the Standing Orders Local Law 'Recording of Proceedings'.

She then gave her permission for the Administration to record proceedings of the Council meeting and requested that all electronic devices be turned off or on to silent.

## 3. ATTENDANCE

Mayor Sue Doherty (Presiding Member)

### Councillors

Councillor Blake D'Souza	Manning Ward
Councillor Colin Cala	Manning Ward
Councillor Greg Milner	Moresby Ward
Councillor Cheryle Irons	Mill Point Ward
Councillor Ken Manolas	Mill Point Ward

### Officers

Mr Geoff Glass	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Colin Cameron	Director Corporate Services
Mr Phil McQue	Manager Governance and Marketing
Ms Sharron Kent	Governance Officer

### Gallery

There was 1 member of the public and no members of the press present.

### **3.1 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Tracie McDougall      Como Ward

### **3.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Councillor Glenn Cridland      Como Ward  
Councillor Travis Burrows      Moresby Ward

## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*Conflicts of Interest are dealt with in the Local Government Act, Rules of Conduct Regulations and the Administration Regulations as well as the City's Code of Conduct. Members must declare to the Presiding Member any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter on the Council Agenda.*

The Presiding Member noted that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

## **5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*Public Question Time is operated in accordance with Local Government Act Regulations and the City's Standing Orders Local Law.*

The Presiding Member advised the meeting that questions are to be in writing and submitted 24 hours prior to the meeting. Forms are available on the City's website and at the City's Reception. Questions can also be submitted electronically via the City's website. Questions received 24 hour prior to the meeting would be dealt with first. Questions received less than 24 hours prior to the meeting would be taken on notice and the response provided in the Agenda of the next month's Council meeting.

The Presiding Member then opened Public Question Time at 7.03pm.

There being no questions, the Presiding Member then closed Public Question Time at 7.03pm.

## **6. DEPUTATIONS**

*A formal process where members of the community may, with prior permission, address Council on Agenda items where they have a direct interest.*

The Presiding Member noted that no Requests for a Deputation to Address Council had been received.

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.4 STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4: LEADERSHIP

#### 7.4.1 Review of the Local Government Act 1995 - Submission

Location:	Not Applicable
Ward:	Not Applicable
Applicant:	City of South Perth
File Ref:	D-18-21811
Meeting Date:	8 March 2018
Author(s):	Phil McQue, Manager Governance and Marketing
Reporting Officer(s):	Geoff Glass, Chief Executive Officer
Strategic Direction:	Leadership: A visionary and influential local government
Council Strategy:	4.3 Good Governance

#### Summary

This report considers the Council's submission to the review of the Local Government Act 1995.

#### Officer Recommendation AND COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved:** Councillor Greg Milner

**Seconded:** Councillor Cheryle Irons

That the Council endorse the submission shown at **Attachment (a)** to the review of the Local Government Act 1995.

**CARRIED (6/0)**

#### Background

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries in late 2017 announced a staged review of the Local Government Act 1995 (Act). Local governments are created by the Act, which sets out the functions, responsibilities and powers of local government. Since 1995, there has been considerable change in community standards and expectations, accountability and governance, and technological advances, with some aspects of the Act now considered outdated.

#### Comment

Phase one of the review seeks to modernise the Act, focusing on the following four key areas:

- Electronic availability of information
- Meeting public expectations for accountability, including gift disclosures
- Meeting community expectations of standards, ethics and performance
- Building capacity

The Council has prepared a draft submission shown at **Attachment (a)**, based primarily on WALGA State Council's response to the phase one review of the Act.

#### Consultation

A Councillor workshop on the review of the Act was held 5 February 2018, with a draft submission considered.

#### **7.4.1 Review of the Local Government Act 1995 - Submission**

##### **Policy and Legislative Implications**

A number of the City's suggested amendments to the Act would increase transparency and accountability, whilst also increasing our efficiencies and effectiveness.

##### **Financial Implications**

There are minimal financial implications associated with this legislative review.

##### **Strategic Implications**

This report is aligned to the Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027](#).

##### **Attachments**

**7.4.1 (a):** Local Government Act 1995 Review - City of South Perth

**8. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

**9. CLOSURE**

The Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.06pm.



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These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 27 March 2018.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Member at the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed