

NOTES

Council Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date & Time: 6.00pm, Tuesday 18 June 2024
Meeting Location Council Chamber

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member opened the Briefing at 6.01pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL

The Presiding Member informed the meeting that Agenda Items 2, 3, 6, 7, 8.1, 8.2, 9, 11, 13 and 14 will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held 25 June 2024.

4. ATTENDANCE

Presiding Member Mayor Greg Milner

Councillors

Como Ward	Councillor Glenn Cridland (Arrived at 6.04pm)
Manning Ward	Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis
Manning Ward	Councillor Blake D'Souza
Mill Point Ward	Councillor Mary Choy
Mill Point Ward	Councillor Nic Coveney
Moresby Ward	Councillor Jennifer Nevard
Moresby Ward	Councillor Hayley Prendiville

Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Mike Bradford
Director Corporate Services	Mr Garry Adams
Director Development and Community Services	Ms Donna Shaw
Director Infrastructure Services	Ms Anita Amprimo
Manager Development Services	Ms Fiona Mullen
Manager Finance	Mr Abrie Lacock
Manager Governance	Ms Toni Fry
Manager People and Performance	Ms Pele McDonald (Retired at 7.19pm)
Communications and Marketing Coordinator	Ms Karys Nella
Governance Coordinator	Mr Morgan Hindle
Senior Governance Officer	Ms Christine Lovett
Governance Officer	Ms Jane Robinson

Gallery

There were approximately 32 members of the public present.

4.1 Apologies

- Councillor Bronwyn Waugh

4.2 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- CEO Mike Bradford – Financial Interest in Item 10.5.1 as ‘this Item relates to my contract of employment.’

Councillor Glenn Cridland arrived at 6.04pm during consideration of Item 8.

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.3 Deputations

1. Ms Daniella Mrdja of Urbanista Planning Perth who spoke **AGAINST** the Officer’s Recommendation. **Item 10.3.1**

10. DRAFT JUNE 2024 REPORTS

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mike Bradford gave a brief summary of the June 2024 Agenda Items to be considered by Council, as follows.

10.3.1 Proposed Scheme Amendment No. 1 to Local Planning Scheme No. 7 - Additional Use (Office) - Lot 3, No.151 Angelo Street, South Perth

This item was the subject of a Deputation.

This report outlines the details of a proposed amendment to Local Planning Scheme No. 7 relating to Lot 3, No. 151 Angelo Street, South Perth to apply an additional use to the site for an ‘Office’ use.

10.4.1 Adoption of the Annual Budget 2024/25 and Long Term Financial Plan

This report presents the Draft Annual Budget 2024/25, as attached, for adoption by Council. It also requests Council to adopt a 10-year long-term financial plan, which will be updated on an annual basis in line with each budget cycle.

The lingering impacts of a high inflationary environment, uncertainty around interest rates and global issues impacting supply chains such as the war in Ukraine and tensions in the Middle East have continued to create economic uncertainty. Despite these challenges, the City is continuing to prudently manage its finances through these challenging times whilst remaining conscious of the need to provide quality services to its community and keep cost increases to a minimum.

This year, in order to fund the services provided to the community, the City is recommending a Rate increase of 3.4%, which is in line with the Perth CPI for March. Last year Council adopted a rates revenue increase of 5% which was below the March CPI figure of 5.8%.

This is the sixth consecutive year, where the City has kept rate rises at or below the Perth CPI figure without impacting significantly on the level of service being provided to its ratepayers.

Over the past four months, Council has had four budget workshops with City officers to discuss and understand the financial position of the City and develop a budget that works towards achieving a net operating surplus. This budget has been aligned to the principles developed and maintained in the past two budgets aimed at enabling the City to return to a surplus position over the course of three years.

This budget achieves an operating surplus of \$0.56m, the first original budgeted surplus in many years. Returning the City to a net operating surplus position is essential for the long-term financial sustainability of the City. It enables funds to be directed into renewing ageing community infrastructure such as drainage, roads, playgrounds, other infrastructure and facilities that allow for the provision of services and amenities to residents. Continued operating deficits would have seen the City unable to undertake all the required asset renewals and upgrades into the future, which in turn inhibits the City's ability to deliver services to its community.

This year's budget has total operating revenue at \$73.66m with total operating expenditure of \$73.10m thus forecasting a net operating surplus of \$0.56m. The City has also prepared a significant capital works plan with expenditure of \$26.60m being earmarked for projects. The majority, 81% of these funds are directed towards renewal and replacement of ageing assets, however some new assets are also planned.

Although this budget proposes to increase the City's waste charge by \$20 to \$395 to cover the increased fuel and labour costs, it remains one of the lowest waste charges in the metropolitan area.

10.4.2 City of South Perth Cats Local Law 2024

This report considers the current provisions of the City of South Perth Cats Local Law 2016, which compliments the provisions of the *Cat Act 2011*, Cat (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 2013 and Cat Regulations 2012.

Following review, significant changes are proposed. It is considered appropriate that the existing Cats Local Law 2016 be repealed and a new Cats Local Law be created.

The **purpose** of the proposed local law is to control the keeping of cats, set a number of cats a person can keep, provide controls for nuisance cats and to prohibit cats in specified areas.

The **effect** of the proposed local law is to encourage responsible cat ownership, that a person must not keep more than the prescribed number of cats provided for by the local law and to create cat prohibited areas.

10.4.3 City of South Perth Fencing Local Law 2024

This report considers the proposed City of South Perth Fencing Local Law 2024 which is proposed to establish the minimum requirements for fences within the district.

The **purpose** of this local law is to prescribe a sufficient fence and the standard for the construction of fences throughout the district.

The **effect** of the proposed local law is to establish the minimum requirements for fencing within the district.

10.4.4 Corporate Business Plan 2024/25 to 2027/28

This report presents the draft Corporate Business Plan 2024/25 – 2027/28 for consideration by Council.

10.4.5 Listing of Payments May 2024

This report presents to Council a list of accounts paid under delegated authority between 1 May 2024 to 31 May 2024 for information. It also includes purchase card transactions between 1 April 2024 to 30 April 2024 in line with new legislative requirements.

10.4.6 Monthly Financial Statements May 2024

The monthly Financial Statements are provided within **Attachments (a)–(i)**, with high level analysis contained in the comments of this report.

CEO Mike Bradford declared a Financial Interest in Item 10.5.1.

10.5.1 CEO Performance Review Process and KPI Setting

This report seeks Council's consideration of the Chief Executive Officer's performance for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, a remuneration review, and the proposed Chief Executive Officer performance review process for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

10.5.2 Internal Audit Report - Asset Management Maturity Review

This report tables the Internal Audit Report – Asset Management Maturity Review in accordance with the City's Strategic Internal Audit Plan 2022/2023 to 2026/2027.

The report contains one detailed audit finding, with a number of notations and observations. The audit includes strengths, weaknesses, rating, issues, risk ratings, recommendations and management comments.

10.5.3 Quarterly Activity Report

This report outlines the activities undertaken or proposed by the City of South Perth relating to Risk Management, Business Continuity and Workplace, Health, and Safety during fourth quarter of the 2023/24 financial year and an overview of the activities planned for the first quarter of the 2024/25 financial year.

10.5.4 Audit Register Progress Report - 3rd Quarter Update

This report provides an update on the progress of actions included in the Audit Register. The Audit Register includes all open audit findings that have previously been accepted by the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee and Council.

10.5.5 Policy Review

The Terms of Reference of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee include responsibility for reviewing the City's policies. A number of policies are now presented for the consideration of the Committee and referral to Council for adoption.

10.5.6 Annual Review of Council Delegations

The City has a statutory obligation under the *Local Government Act 1995* to review its Delegations each financial year. The Terms of Reference of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee include responsibility for reviewing the City's Delegations.

A review of the Council Delegations has been completed and is now presented to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee for consideration and referral to Council for adoption.

12. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

- 12.1 Notice of Motion - Councillor Bronwyn Waugh - Advertising of Short Term Accommodation Local Planning Policy**
- 12.2 Notice of Motion - Councillor Mary Choy - Public Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations**

15. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil.

16. CLOSURE

At 7.24pm the Presiding Member closed the Council Agenda Briefing and thanked everyone for their attendance.

COUNCIL AGENDA BRIEFING

Responses to questions taken on notice

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REPORTS:

ITEM 10.4.1 Adoption of the Annual Budget 2024/25 and Long Term Financial Plan

Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis had a question taken on notice at the Agenda Briefing as follows:

- 1. Still on the reconciliation of cash: the receivables movement was about \$1.75m as well during the year. So that was quite a significant increase in the receivables. Could I please get a bit of an indication as to roughly what the overall receivables increase that was unplanned in the year was in respect to?*

Response provided by Abrie Lacock – Manager Finance:

It is mainly related to the increase in interest earned, not yet received.