# MINUTES

## Special Council Meeting

### 3 November 2026 – 6.15pm

Mayor and Councillors

Here within are the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the City of South Perth Council held Tuesday 3 November 2026 at 6.15pm in the City of South Perth Council Chamber, corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth.



ANITA AMPRIMO
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9 November 2026

City of South Perth

# 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 6.15pm on Tuesday 3 November 2026.

## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 6.24pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Councillor Gavin Denton was authorised to attend the meeting via Electronic Means in accordance with regulation 14C and 14CA of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.*

Councillor Gavin Denton declared that he was able to maintain confidentiality during the meeting in accordance with regulation 14CA(5) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.*

## 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil.

## 3. ATTENDANCE

Mayor Greg Milner (Presiding Member)

Councillors

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| Como Ward | Councillor Kathy Lees |
| Como Ward | Councillor Joanne Ord |
| Manning Ward | Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis |
| Mill Point Ward | Councillor Gavin Denton (via Electronic Means) |
| Mill Point Ward | Councillor Bronwyn David |
| Moresby Ward | Councillor Stephen Russell |

Officers

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| Acting Chief Executive Officer | Ms Anita Amprimo |
| Acting Director Corporate Services | Ms Donna Shaw |
| Manager Governance | Mr Morgan Hindle |
| Governance Officer | Ms Jane Robinson |

Gallery

Nil.

### 3.1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

### 3.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Councillor Blake D'Souza for the period 12 October 2026 to 13 November 2026, inclusive.
- Councillor Christine Robinson for the period 29 October 2026 to 9 November 2026, inclusive.

## 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Mayor Greg Milner – Impartiality Interest in Item 6.0.1. as 'I understand that Cornerstone Legal is acting for former CEO Liz Ledger in at least one legal action against the City of South Perth and other parties. I am a party to three legal actions commenced by former CEO Liz Ledger against the City of South Perth and other parties. The two principals of Cornerstone Legal (Mr Tim Houweling and Ms Bronwyn Waugh) are former City of South Perth Councillors and are known to me.'
- Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis – Impartiality Interest in Item 6.0.1 as 'I know Ms Ledger, the former CEO and Director Waugh and Director Houweling of Cornerstone Legal. This impartiality interest will not impair my decision making, which will be based on merit.'
- Councillor Kathy Lees – Impartiality Interest in Item 6.0.1 as 'both Mr Houweling and Ms Waugh were Councillors while I have been on Council, I will consider the matter on its merits and vote accordingly.'

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

### 5.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: 3 NOVEMBER 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 6.28pm.

There being no questions, the Presiding Member then closed Public Question Time at 6.28pm.

# 6. REPORTS

## 6.0 STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4: LEADERSHIP

### 6.0.1 Legal Representation of Former CEO and Implications for the City

File Ref: D-26-17642
Reporting Officer(s): Anita Amprimo, Acting Chief Executive Officer


**Summary**

Mayor Greg Milner submitted a request for a Special Council Meeting on 2 November 2026. This report has been prepared in response to that request.


**Recommendation AND COUNCIL DECISION**

**1126/262**

**Moved:** Mayor Greg Milner
**Seconded:** Councillor Bronwyn David

That Council:

1. Notes that Counsel who appeared for former CEO Liz Ledger has previously advised that he was instructed by Cornerstone Legal.
2. Instructs the Acting CEO to seek legal advice about the implications of Cornerstone Legal acting for former CEO Liz Ledger including the City's rights and/or options.
3. Instructs the Acting CEO to report back to Council (following the receipt of the legal advice referred to in paragraph 2 above) as soon as practicable.

**CARRIED (6/1)**

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

**Against:** Councillor Stephen Russell.

**Background**

On 2 November 2026, the City received a request from Mayor Greg Milner for a Special Council Meeting to be convened. The request sought for the meeting to be held on 3 November 2026 at 6.15pm to consider the legal representation of the former Chief Executive Officer, Liz Ledger, and seek advice on any implications.

The recommendation has been provided by the Mayor.

The reasons for the motion are as follows:

1. *Former CEO Liz Ledger has commenced three legal actions against the City and other parties.*
2. *Notes that Counsel who appeared for former CEO Liz Ledger in the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission **(WAIRC)** on 7 October 2026 has previously advised that he was instructed by Cornerstone Legal.*

*As at 7 October 2026, Cornerstone Legal had not filed the appropriate forms with the WAIRC to confirm that they act for Ms Ledger.*

3. *The two principals of Cornerstone Legal are both former City of South Perth Councillors, being Mr Tim Houweling and Ms Bronwyn Waugh.*
4. *Both Mr Houweling and Ms Waugh received confidential communications pertaining to former CEO Liz Ledger's employment during their tenure as Councillors, in their capacity as Councillors.*
5. *Mr Houweling and Ms Waugh both resigned as Councillors in June 2026.*
6. *Under the circumstances, the City ought to obtain legal advice about the implications of Cornerstone Legal acting for former CEO Liz Ledger including the City's rights and/or options.*

### Comment

The City will comply with Council's resolution.

### Consultation

Nil.

### Policy and Legislative Implications

*Part 5, Division 4 of the Local Government Act 1995.*

*Part 4, Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.*

### Financial Implications

The City has not sought cost estimates on legal advice.

### Key Risks and Considerations

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| **Risk Event Outcome** | **Financial Loss**<br>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.<br>**Reputational Damage**<br>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. |
| **Risk rating** | Medium |
| **Mitigation and actions** | Seek qualified advice and act in accordance with advice. |

## Strategic Implications

This matter relates to the following Strategic Direction identified within Council's Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031:

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| 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.

## 7. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6.34pm.

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These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on: Tuesday 17 November 2026.

Signed _____

Presiding Member at the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed