

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

16 June 2026

Mayor and Councillors

Here within are the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the City of South Perth Council held Tuesday 16 June 2026 in the City of South Perth Council Chamber, corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth.



ANITA AMPRIMO
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

26 June 2026

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



Disclaimer

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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 Tuesday 16 June 2026.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 6.00pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Councillor Blake D'Souza was authorised to attend the meeting via Electronic Means in accordance with regulation 14C and 14CA of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*. Councillor Blake D'Souza declared that he was able to maintain confidentiality during the meeting in accordance with regulation 14CA(5) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.

The Presiding Member read aloud the City's Disclaimer.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil.

3. ATTENDANCE

Mayor Greg Milner (Presiding Member)

Councillors

Como Ward

Como Ward

Manning Ward

Manning Ward

Mill Point Ward

Mill Point Ward

Moresby Ward

Moresby Ward

Councillor Kathy Lees

Councillor Bronwyn Waugh

Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

Councillor Blake D'Souza (Via Electronic Means)

Councillor Jacqueline Raison

Councillor Tim Houweling

Councillor Stephen Russell

Councillor Hayley Prendiville

Officers

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Acting Director Corporate Services

Acting Director Development and Community Services

Acting Infrastructure Services

Acting Manager Governance

Communications Officer

Governance Officer

Ms Anita Amprimo

Ms Donna Shaw

Ms Fiona Mullen

Ms Olaya Lope

Mr Morgan Hindle

Ms Raquel de Brito

Ms Jane Robinson

Gallery

There was 1 member of the public present.

3.1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

3.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: 16 JUNE 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 6.03pm.

There being no questions, the Presiding Member closed Public Question Time at 6.03pm.

6 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.0 STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4: LEADERSHIP

7.0.1 Local Government Inspector - Request for Extension of the Local Government Monitor

File Ref: D-26-11766

Reporting Officer(s): Anita Amprimo, Acting Chief Executive Officer

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.

Officer Recommendation

Moved: Mayor Greg Milner

Seconded: Councillor Stephen Russell

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

1. An extension of the term of appointment of the Local Government Monitor to the City of South Perth, to 17 August 2026 inclusive.
2. A modification to the Terms of Appointment for the Monitoring Assignment contained as **Attachment (a)**, 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.

Amendment

Moved: Councillor Tim Houweling

Seconded: Councillor Bronwyn Waugh

That a third recommendation is inserted as follows:

3. The terms of reference be developed and amended in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and the Monitor so that they are fit for present purposes.'

Reasons for Change

The terms of reference have either been things that have been done or alternatively haven't been attended to; that might require some attention. For example, I am thinking now in particular of having Council workshops to implement what might be considered to be an Action Plan. While we have the Monitor here and take advantage of what she has done over the last 3 months, it would be of significant benefit to the ratepayers if there were some ways within which we were able to identify these matters with the Monitor that require implementation and action. For example, if one were to consider the Council's understanding of the performance of both the collective and individual roles. As well as the responsibilities of the Mayor, Councillors, administration and Chief

Executive Officer. Those are matters that I would have imagined would have been caught up by the present Monitor; she would have a very clear understanding of how those roles and responsibilities are properly being implemented.

In terms of the relationship between the Council members and the City's employees. This is an area that in my view will have taken a lot of focus and would have received a lot of attention by the Monitor. Identifying how we are able to implement outcomes and ensure that there is at least an ongoing ability to encourage good relationships, which are 'built on trust', as opposed to 'built on a system' by which each member of the Council complains about anything that anybody else has done, in my view would be helpful. The Monitor has made it very clear a number of positions which some Councillors have not necessarily adopted in on all and each occasion. Further, the practices and processes in respect of the obligations to the Chief Executive Officer in my view do not appear to have been at least given very much attention from my perspective. That is how we ensure that the Chief Executive Officer who's presently away on personal leave is given the necessary support to assist her back into the role, as I understand Mr Mayor was one of the reasons for why you had suggested the extension of the period of the Monitor's appointment. There are other matters that in my view at the very least require significant attention, for example: Work Health and Safety provisions and the PCBU. We had some attention given to this a period of time ago and in my view we need to ensure that whatever it is that is necessary, we need to work together with the Monitor. In other words, the way in which we can ensure safety of the staff (by the interactions with staff) is something that Councillors need to put in the forefront of their minds. Additionally, to identify Council members to perform their roles as is included in 1.1(g) is necessary. All of this is properly to be envisaged to be included within an Action Plan, because at 1.2 'assist the City', there is an assumption that the City includes the broader local government, when the word Council is used in any document that is the Elected Members. It's not the Mayor individually, that's why we use the word Council in a contract of employment or any other document. It refers to the Council (all of us individually, and not any one person individually) but in this instance the word purposely has been used the City. As the Acting Chief Executive Officer has stated, and I mean no disrespect, nothing has been done in respect of that, we should be able to expect that an Action Plan is to be developed. Taking into account a number of those matters that I have already mentioned to ensure that there is a better working relationship between the Councillors in undertaking their statutory roles and to ensure that they are able to properly fulfill the statutory function of those roles. For that reason, it's my view that it's necessary to have the Chief Executive Officer, together with the Monitor redevelop these terms of reference to focus really around clause 1.2 to move into the Action Phase. It cannot be that we are still in the investigation phase of what the problems and the issues are, because originally this was intended to be an appointment until 29 April 2026, now we have extended to 17 June and beyond - there is work to be done. We need to really focus on the next phase being the implementation of an Action Plan around a number of the matters that are identified in clause 1.1. We need to ensure that this receives an adopted new set of terms of reference, for the benefit of the ratepayers and the Council as a whole.

COUNCIL DECISION**0626/109**

Moved: Mayor Greg Milner
Seconded: Councillor Hayley Prendiville

In accordance with Clause 8.10 of the City of South Perth Standing Orders Local Law 2007 Councillor Tim Houweling be granted an additional five minutes to speak.

CARRIED (9/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Blake D'Souza, Tim Houweling, Kathy Lees, Hayley Prendiville, Jacqueline Raison, Stephen Russell and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

Amendment

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The amendment was put and declared LOST (4/5)

For: Councillors Blake D'Souza, Tim Houweling, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Kathy Lees, Jacqueline Raison and Stephen Russell.

Officer Recommendation AND COUNCIL DECISION**0626/110**

Moved: Mayor Greg Milner
Seconded: Councillor Stephen Russell

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CARRIED (9/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Blake D'Souza, Tim Houweling, Kathy Lees, Hayley Prendiville, Jacqueline Raison, Stephen Russell and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

Background

Local Government Inspector Tony Brown appointed Gail McGowan PSM as a local government monitor at the City of South Perth, commencing Wednesday 25 February 2026.

Ms McGowan was originally appointed for a term concluding on 29 April 2026, to observe Council and committee meetings including those held in closed session, inspecting documents and reviewing governance practices, in accordance with the Terms of Appointment for the Monitoring Assignment (contained as **Attachment (a)**). The Monitor's appointment was extended by the Local Government Inspector until 17 June 2026.

The following was provided by Mayor Greg Milner as to the purpose of the Special Council Meeting:

"The purpose of the meeting is for Council to formally request the Local Government Inspector Mr Tony Brown to extend the term of Ms Gail McGowan's appointment as Local Government Monitor."

Comment

The City acknowledges the role the Monitor has played in supporting relationships between Elected Members, and between Elected Members and the City.

It is also noted the scope of the Monitor's assignment includes *"e. 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"*.

The City has commissioned a workplace psychosocial risk assessment, which is currently in progress with the final outcome of this assessment anticipated late July / early August. The results of this assessment will be made available to the Monitor and may be used in informing the Final Report, where it relates to the scope of the monitoring assignment.

In respect to the terms of the Monitoring Assignment, 1.3 requires:

"To provide a Final Report to the Local Government Inspector by Wednesday 29 April 2026 with respect to the conduct of the Monitoring Assignment as set out in Part 1 of the Terms of Appointment."

The Local Government Inspector wrote to the Mayor and Acting CEO on 29 April 2026 to advise that the Terms of the Appointment of Local Government Monitor Gail McGowan was being varied to extend the end date of the appointment to 17 June 2026.

It would be appropriate to request an amendment to Part 1, Clause 1.3 of the Monitoring Assignment, to require the Monitor's Final Report to the Local Government Inspector, to reflect the change in end date of the Monitor's term. This would allow any relevant information from the psychosocial risk assessment to be considered as part of that report.

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	<p>Financial Loss</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Reputational Damage</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Legislative Breach</p> <p>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.</p>
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

7.0.1 (a):	Terms of Appointment - Local Government Monitor to The City Of South Perth Under Section 8B.39 of The Local Government Act 1995
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8. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.03pm.

DISCLAIMER

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These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on: Tuesday 30 June 2026.

Signed _____

Presiding Member at the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed