



City of **Perth**

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# Notes

Agenda Briefing Session

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## 1. Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the Agenda Briefing Session for the City of Perth open at 5.00pm.

## 2. Acknowledgement of Country/Prayer

The Presiding Member gave an Acknowledgement of Country:

*I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Whadjuk Nyoongar people of Western Australia, and pay my respects to Elders past and present. It is a privilege to be standing on Whadjuk Nyoongar country.*

The Chief Executive Officer recited a prayer:

*Almighty God, under whose providence we hold responsibility for this City grant us wisdom to understand its present needs, foresight to anticipate its future growth, and grace to serve our fellow citizens with integrity and selfless devotion. And to Thee, be all blessing and glory forever. Amen.*

5:01pm Councillor David Goncalves arrived at the meeting prior to Item 3.

## 3. Attendance

### Members in Attendance

Lord Mayor

Deputy Lord Mayor

Councillors

Basil Zempilas

Clyde Bevan

Brent Fleeton

Liam Gobbert

Catherine Lezer

Raj Doshi

David Goncalves (*arrived at 5.01pm*)

Bruce Reynolds

### Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer

General Manager Commercial Services

General Manager Community Development

General Manager Infrastructure and Operations

General Manager Planning and Economic Development

Acting General Manager Corporate Services

Chief Financial Officer

Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy

Alliance Manager Community Safety and Amenity

Manager Strategic Procurement

Governance Officer

Governance Officer

Michelle Reynolds

Steve Holden

Kylie Johnson

Allan Mason

Dale Page

Peta Mabbs

Michael Kent

Charlie Clarke

Konrad Seidl (*retired at 7.06pm*)

Luke Walkemeyer (*retired at 7.06pm*)

Anne-Marie Bartlett

Melissa Karapetcoff

## Public Gallery

There were approximately 12 members of the public in the gallery.

### 3.1 Apologies

Councillor Viktor Ko

### 3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil.

### 3.3 Applications for Leave of Absence

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 4. Announcements by the Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor made the following announcement:

*“The City of Perth is proud of the contribution it made through its \$4 million investment in the Safe Night Space, run out of the Rod Evans Centre in East Perth.*

*The Safe Night Space was never a long-term solution to homelessness, but it provided a critical interim service for women who required basic shelter and safety... It also demonstrated that this model could work. And it was hoped others in the community might adopt similar approaches.*

*The Safe Night Space was supposed to close in May this year, but at the February Ordinary Council Meeting, Council voted to extend the Safe Night Space operation for a further six months, to the need until the State Government was able to open a new crisis accommodation centre in West Perth and to give more time for other alternative arrangements to be made.*

*It's important to note - 12 months ago I informed the Premier of the day the Safe Night Space two year trial was due to end in May of this year. Homelessness Minister John Carey was also in that meeting.*

*I asked Premier McGowan to consider taking over the funding of the operation. He declined.*

*In February of this year, Council confirmed the Safe Night Space would close on November 30.*

*Everybody was given ample notice this closure was coming and the City intended to return the Rod Evans Centre to community use – as requested by our community.*

*Since October the City has been working with community groups interested in occupying the space. An initial call for registrations of interest resulted in six submissions for a variety of community services, including for education, community, arts and religion. More have been received this week.*

*Despite me first raising the closure of the Safe Night Space with State Government 12 months ago – and that decision being confirmed in February, at 6pm last Friday nine months later – and just two weeks before the closure, I received a letter from Minister Carey saying the state government was now prepared to providing funding to keep the centre operating.*

*That offer came at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Community had long ago been informed that the Rod Evans Centre – as made clear at the outset of the two year trial – would be returning to community use. It’s what our community told us they wanted.*

*Once some minor maintenance has been completed – the Rod Evans Centre will return to community use.”*

## 5. Disclosures of Interests

Name	Councillor Liam Gobbert
Item number and title	12.2 Council Report - Event Sponsorship 2023/24 Round 2
Nature of interest	Impartiality
Interest description	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I attended the opening of the Strange Festival as the City’s representative.</li> <li>2. I attended the Lunar New Year festivities as the City’s representative City.</li> <li>3. I attended the Tarmac West 2023 awards presentation as the City’s representative.</li> <li>4. I attended the Buddha’s Birthday and Multicultural Festival as the City’s representative.</li> </ol>

## 6. Public Participation

### 6.1 Public Questions

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

*5:37pm General Manager Planning and Economic Development left the meeting during Item 6.2.*

*5:40pm General Manager Planning and Economic Development returned to the meeting during Item 6.2.*

*5:43pm Councillor Brent Fleeton left the meeting during Item 6.2.*

*5:46pm Councillor Brent Fleeton returned to the meeting during Item 6.2.*

### 6.2 Deputations

6.2.1 Ross Tapper from Tarmac Events WA P/L who spoke FOR the Officer’s Recommendation in Item 12.2.

6.2.2 Ting Chen and Rosetine Sew from The Chung Wah Association Inc who spoke AGAINST the Officer’s Recommendation in Item 12.2.

6.2.3 Natasha Tang from Buddha's Light International Association of Western Australia and John Waite from Buddhist Council of WA who spoke AGAINST the Officer’s Recommendation in Item 12.2.

- 6.2.4 Glenn Watson from Alice Street Events who spoke FOR the Officer's Recommendation in Item 12.2.
- 6.2.5 Alison Banks from Skal International Perth who spoke FOR the Officer's Recommendation in Item 12.3.

5:59pm *General Manager Community Development left the meeting prior to Item 7.*

## 7. Confirmation of Minutes

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 8. Questions by Members which due Notice has been Given

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 9. Correspondence

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 10. Petitions

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

## Reports

A series of questions were raised by elected members which were responded to prior to the Agenda Briefing Session. A summary of the responses will be included under 'Further Information' located at the end of each report in the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda.

The audio recording of this Agenda Briefing Session is available on the City's website.

6.01pm *General Manager Community Development returned to the meeting during Item 11.1.*

6.19pm *General Manager Commercial Services left the meeting during Item 11.2.*

6.21pm *General Manager Commercial Services returned to the meeting during Item 11.2.*

## 11. Planning and Economic Development Alliance Reports

11.1 Review of City Planning Scheme No.2 Planning Policy 4.6 - Signs

11.2 Perth City Deal - Perth Strategic Plan

11.3 Kerbside Parking Policy Review



- 6.24pm Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas adjourned the meeting prior to Item 12.1.  
6.25pm Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas recommenced the meeting prior to Item 12.1.

## 12. Community Development Alliance Reports

- 12.1 Major Events and Festivals Sponsorship 2023/24 - AusCycling Ltd

*Councillor Gobbert disclosed an Impartiality Interest in Item 12.2 (as detailed in Item 5).*

- 12.2 Council Report - Event Sponsorship 2023/24 Round 2

- 12.3 Council Report - Economic Development Sponsorship 23/24 Program - AOG Energy and Skål International Australia 109th National Assembly

## 13. Infrastructure and Operations Alliance Reports

- 13.1 CP 3.3 Tree Protection - Policy Review

## 14. Commercial Services Alliance Reports

Nil.

## 15. Corporate Services Reports

- 15.1 Monthly Financial Statements - September 2023

- 15.2 Schedule of Accounts Paid - September 2023

- 15.3 Corporate Business Plan Quarterly Progress Report 1 - July-September 2023

- 15.4 Project Re-Prioritisation Budget Review

## 16. Chief Executive Officer Reports

- 16.1 2024 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

- 16.2 City of Perth Inquiry Recommendations - Quarterly Progress Update - Q1 2023/24 (1 July - 30 September 2023)

16.3 Adoption of the City of Perth Parking Amendment Local Law 2023

17. Committee Reports

Nil.

18. Motions of which Previous Notice has been Given

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

19. Matters for which the meeting may be closed

6.50pm The meeting was closed to the public and the live streamed paused.

*In accordance with Section 5.23(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Item and its attachments are confidential.*

19.1 RFT000183 - Citywide Security Services

7.06pm The Alliance Manager Community Safety and Amenity retired from the meeting prior to item 19.2

7.06pm The Manager Strategic Procurement retired from the meeting prior to item 19.2

*In accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Item and its attachments are confidential.*

19.2 CEO Key Performance Indicators update report - Q1 2023/24 (1 July 2023 - 30 September 2023)

*In accordance with Section 5.23(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Item and its attachments are confidential.*

19.3 Cathedral Plaza Defects Rectification

7.07pm The meeting was reopened to the public and the live streamed resumed.

20. Urgent Business

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

21. Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 7.08pm.