



City of **Perth**

Notes

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1. Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the Agenda Briefing Session for the City of Perth open at 5:00 pm.

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.

3. Attendance

Members in Attendance

Lord Mayor

Councillors

Basil Zempilas

Clyde Bevan

Viktor Ko (*arrived at 5:32pm*)

Raj Doshi

Liam Gobbert (*retired at 5:42pm*)

Catherine Lezer

Steven Wellard

Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer

A/General Manager Community Development

A/ General Manager Planning and Economic Development

General Manager Infrastructure and Operations

General Manager Commercial Services

General Manager Corporate Services

Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy

Coordinator Council Governance and Policy

Council Governance and Policy Officer/Note Taker

Michelle Reynolds

Rebecca Taylor

Robert Farley

Allan Mason

Steve Holden

Wendy Attenborough

Charlie Clarke

Ebony Mackey

Juna Latheef

Observers

Nil.

Public Gallery

There were approximately 3 members of the public in the gallery.

3.1 Apologies

Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds

Councillor David Goncalves

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

4.1 Attendance of reciprocal visit to Kagoshima

The Lord Mayor provided an overview of his recent visit to Kagoshima. This was a visit to mark the 50th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between the City of Perth and Kagoshima. During this visit, the Lord Mayor was accompanied by Councillors Liam Gobbert and Clyde Bevan. He noted that it was an honour to make this reciprocal trip following the visit of the delegation from Kagoshima to Perth in July of this year.

He noted that more information about their extensive itinerary would be provided to Elected Members during an Elected Member Engagement Session. The Lord Mayor also thanked the teams that facilitated the visit, which included the Perth Office of the Consul General of Japan.

During the visit, the delegation from the City of Perth had the opportunity to meet with the Mayor of Kagoshima and other Council Members, and to attend the Ohara Festival. The Lord Mayor highlighted the hospitality that was extended to him and the visiting Councillors by the people of Kagoshima, and noted that the reciprocal respect between the Sister Cities was evident. He also noted that they met with officials from Kagoshima University who were keen to attract future students from Kagoshima to Perth while also welcoming students from Perth to Kagoshima, with a focus on STEM studies. During this trip, the University of Kagoshima extended their gratitude to the University of Western Australia's Department of English Teaching.

From Kagoshima, the Lord Mayor and Councillors Gobbert and Bevan travelled to Tokyo, Hitachi City and Yokohama. While in Tokyo, they had the opportunity to visit with some of the City of Perth's most significant trading partners. Furthermore, the delegation visited the Tokyo Gas Research Centre in Yokohama, the Ibaraki University, the Carbon Recycling Energy Research Centre, Mitsubishi Industries, and other companies with a significant presence in Perth such as Impex, which has a staff of 1500 in their Perth office. The Lord Mayor also stated that the delegation was pleased to have been able to meet with the Chair of the Japan-Australia Business Cooperation Committee. He noted that this group would make a significant visit to Perth in October 2025 which will include a delegation of over 400 Japanese business leaders for the 62nd JABCC Conference. Included in this delegation will be the Mayors of Kagoshima, Minato City and Hitachi.

The Lord Mayor emphasized that one of things that was most evident during this visit was the significance of Western Australian resources, particularly gas. He went on to state that 42% of all energy needs of Japan are provided by Australia of which 80% is supplied by Western Australia.

Lord Mayor Zempilas said that this was a very important trip, and highlighted the importance of Sister City relationships.

5. Disclosures of Interests

Name	Councillor Catherine Lezer
Item number and title	Item 11.1
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"For consistency and completeness, I am a Councillor on Heritage Council WA"</i>

Name	Councillor Catherine Lezer
Item number and title	Item 11.2
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"For consistency and completeness, I am a Councillor on Heritage Council WA"</i>

Name	Councillor Catherine Lezer
Item number and title	Item 14.2
Nature of interest	Proximity Interest
Interest description	<i>"A close associated person owns property directly adjacent to Claisebrook Cove".</i>

6. Public Participation

6.1 Public Questions

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

6.2 Deputations

6.2.1 David Lim who spoke FOR the Officer's Recommendation in Item 16.2 - 2025 Council and Committee Dates.

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.

11. Planning and Economic Development Alliance Reports

Councillor Catherine Lezer disclosed an Impartiality Interest in Item 11.1 (as detailed at Item 5).

11.1 Draft Building Heights and Setbacks Local Planning Policy

Councillor Catherine Lezer disclosed an Impartiality Interest in Item 11.2 (as detailed at Item 5).

11.2 Proposed Designation of West End Heritage Area and draft West End Heritage Area Local Planning Policy

12. Community Development Alliance Reports

12.1 Riverfront Market Trial 2024/2025

13. Infrastructure and Operations Alliance Reports

13.1 CP 2.12 Asset Management - Policy Review

14. Commercial Services Alliance Reports

14.1 Review of Council Policy 2.7 - Property Performance, Investment and Disposal

5:35pm Councillor Catherine Lezer disclosed a Proximity Interest in Item 14.2(as detailed at Item 5) and departed the meeting accordingly.

14.2 Review of Council Policy 3.4 - Allocation and Management of the Boat Pens in Claisebrook Cove

5:38pm Councillor Catherine Lezer returned to the meeting

15. Corporate Services Reports

15.1 Monthly Financial Statements - September 2024

15.2 Schedule of Accounts Paid - September 2024

16. Chief Executive Officer Reports

16.1 Appointing a Councillor to Perform the Functions of the Lord Mayor

16.2 2025 Council and Committee Meeting Dates

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

Nil.

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 5:53pm