



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 5:00pm.

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.

3. Attendance

Members in Attendance

Lord Mayor	Basil Zempilas
Deputy Lord Mayor	Bruce Reynolds
Councillor	Clyde Bevan
	Raj Doshi
	Liam Gobbert
	Catherine Lezer
	Steven Wellard

Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer	Michelle Reynolds
General Manager Infrastructure and Operations	Allan Mason
A/General Manager Community Development	Rebecca Taylor
A/General Manager Planning and Economic Development	Robert Farley
General Manager Commercial Services	Steve Holden
General Manager Corporate Services	Wendy Attenborough
Chief Financial Officer	Michael Kent
Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy	Charlie Clarke
Audit and Risk Manager	Natasha Balderston
Council Governance and Policy Coordinator	Ebony Mackey
Council Governance and Policy Officer/Note Taker	Juna Latheef

Observers

Nil.

Public Gallery

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

3.1 Apologies

Councillor David Goncalves

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

4.1 The Launch of Festive Lights and Summer Nights

The Lord Mayor announced the launch of the City's new summer series "Festive Lights and Summer Nights". He stated that between last weekend and Australia Day, the City of Perth will have fireworks every Saturday night. The Lord Mayor thanked the support of his fellow Elected Members, CEO Michelle Reynolds and all the teams at the City of Perth for their sterling work in making this program a reality.

He noted the impressive crowd that had gathered at Elizabeth Quay to watch the Lotterywest Festive Lights show that took place over the weekend. He also commended Cardile Fireworks and Drone Sky Shows Australia for their spectacular efforts.

The Lord Mayor highlighted that the City will host the Alinta Christmas Pageant this weekend, which will also include fireworks. He also detailed the lineup of events for the remainder of the summer season, which includes combined fireworks with the Funfair at Elizabeth Quay and Carols in the City at Supreme Court Gardens, the New Years Eve Show with fireworks at 8:30 pm and midnight, and Australia Day celebrations on January 26 at Langley Park.

5. Disclosures of Interests

Name	Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds
Item number and title	Item 11.2
Nature of interest	Proximity Interest
Interest description	<i>"Own property in the policy area"</i>

Name	Councillor Catherine Lezer
Item number and title	Item 11.2
Nature of interest	Proximity Interest
Interest description	<i>"I have been given different advice regarding disclosures. It seems prudent to adhere to the most conservative of these advise. I will disclose the same interest as Cr Reynolds".</i>

Name	Councillor Catherine Lezer
Item number and title	Item 11.3
Nature of interest	Proximity Interest
Interest description	<i>"A closely associated person to me, owns property in the area contemplated in this item"</i>

Name	Councillor Catherine Lezer
Item number and title	Item 12.1
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"For consistency and completeness, I am a Councillor on Heritage Council WA"</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 12.1 – 2025/26 Sponsorship and Grant Program and Item 16.1 – Adopting the Annual Report and Setting the Date for the 2023/24 Electors General Meeting.

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

11.1 Hay Street – William to Elder Streets – Revitalisation Final Concept

Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds disclosed a proximity Interest in Item 11.2 (as detailed at Item 5). As no questions were asked, Deputy Lord Mayor Reynolds was not required to depart the meeting

Councillor Lezer disclosed a proximity interest in Item 11.2 (as detailed at Item 5). As no questions were asked, Deputy Lord Mayor Reynolds was not required to depart the meeting.

11.2 Draft Mount Street Character Area Local Planning Policy

Councillor Catherine Lezer disclosed a Proximity Interest in Item 11.3 (as detailed at Item 5).

11.3 Modifications to Existing Planning Policies and Design Guidelines for Claisebrook Village and New Northbridge Normalised Redevelopment Areas

12. Community Development Alliance Reports

Councillor Catherine Lezer disclosed an Impartiality Interest in Item 12.1 (as detailed at Item 5).

12.1 2025/26 Sponsorship and Grant Program

13. Infrastructure and Operations Alliance Reports

Nil.

14. Commercial Services Alliance Reports

Nil.

15. Corporate Services Reports

15.1 Monthly Financial Statements - October 2024

15.2 Schedule of Accounts Paid - October 2024

- 15.3 Review of Council Policy 2.13 Payments under Section 5.50 of the Local Government Act 1995 (Additional payments upon termination of employment)
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- 16.3 Proposed City of Perth Dog Local Law

17. Committee Reports

Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 25 November 2024

- 17.1 Review of Council Policy 2.14 Risk Management
- 17.2 Results of the Audit and Risk Committee Self-Assessment

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

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21. Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 5:53pm.