

**NOTES**

**Council Meeting Agenda Forum**

**Tuesday, 14 May 2024**

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**Deputations**

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# Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7.00 pm and acknowledged the Whadjuk Nyoongar people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging. The Presiding Member drew attention to the disclaimer on page 2 and advised that the meeting was livestreamed and recorded.

# Present and Apologies and Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)

**Councillors** Mayor F E M Argyle (Presiding Member)

Councillor B G Hodsdon Hollywood Ward

Councillor L J McManus Hollywood Ward

Councillor B Brackenridge Melvista Ward

Councillor R A Coghlan Melvista Ward

Councillor H Amiry Coastal Ward

Councillor K A Smyth Coastal Ward

Councillor F J O Bennett Dalkeith Ward

Councillor N R Youngman Dalkeith Ward

**Staff** Ms K Shannon Chief Executive Officer

Mr M R Cole Director Corporate Services

Mr M K MacPherson Director Technical Services

Mr T Free Director Planning & Development

Ms E Bock Acting Executive Officer

Ms N Robson Administration Urban Planning & Development

Ms L J Kania Coordinator Governance & Risk

Ms S Cole Governance Officer

**Public** There were 26 members of the public present and 5 online.

**Press** 1 media

**Leave of Absence** Cr McManus

**(Previously Approved)**

**Apologies** Cr Brackenridge

Mayor Argyle

# Public Question Time

Public questions will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

# Deputations

Mr Michael van Drunen made a deputation relating his verge trees on 4 Kings Row in Mount Claremont.

Jane Bennett spoke in support of the recommendation for Agenda Item 16.1.

Mrs Tracy Bence spoke against the recommendation for Item 16.1.

Ms Suzie Pavlovich spoke in support of the recommendation for Item 16.3.

Mr Ben Doyle spoke in support of the recommendation for Item 16.3.

David Read spoke against the recommendation for Item 16.3

Phillip Dobson spoke against the recommendation for Item 16.3.

Mrs Tracy McLaren spoke against the recommendation for Item 16.7 and in support for the recommendation for Item 17.2.

Mrs Veronica Ntoumenopoulos spoke in support of the recommendation for item 16.7.

# Requests for Leave of Absence

Any requests from Council Members for leave of absence will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

# Petitions

Petitions will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

# Disclosures of Financial Interest

There were no disclosures of financial interest.

# Disclosures of Interests Affecting Impartiality

There were no disclosures affecting impartiality.

# Declarations by Members That They Have Not Given Due Consideration to Papers

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

# Confirmation of Minutes

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

# Announcements of the Presiding Member without discussion

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

# Members Announcements without discussion

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

# Matters for Which the Meeting May Be Closed

For the convenience of the public, the following Confidential items are identified to be discussed behind closed doors, as the last items of business at this meeting.

# En Bloc Items

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

# Minutes of Council Committees and Administrative Liaison Working Groups

## Minutes of the following Committee Meetings (in date order) are to be received:

This is an information item only to receive the minutes of the various meetings held by the Council appointed Committees (N.B. This should not be confused with Council resolving to accept the recommendations of a particular Committee. Committee recommendations that require Council’s approval should be presented to Council for resolution via the relevant departmental reports).

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

# Divisional Reports - Planning & Development

## PD31.05.24 Nedlands Village Precinct Structure Plan – Recommendation to the Western Australian Planning Commission

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Cr Hodsdon - Is it possible to have that corner be R80 clarification of the height of the 3 stories to align with the rest of the area?

Cr Hodsdon – Is it possible to clarify the location of the roads and the pedestrian access ways?

Cr Coghlan – Can you comment on the shape of the R160 on the plan how would you anticipate the setbacks and interface?

**Question / Request**

Cr Youngman – Design Review Panel issued orange and red lights and requested to be modifications, when will these matters be addressed?

## PD32.05.24 Consideration of Change of Use from ‘Single House’ to ‘Display Home’ and associated Signage at 53 Stanley Street, Nedlands

**Further Information**

No questions.

## PD33.05.24 Section 31 Reconsideration of Development Application – Additions and Alterations to Single House at 89 Watkins Road, Dalkeith

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Cr Bennett – In regard to the Local Policy – Residential Development LLP 1, clause 4.4.2 refers to “the cumulative bulk and distribution of all buildings on site has a reduced impact on neighbouring properties” in relation to the rear setback for R15 or less properties, how does this proposed development have a reduced impact?

## PD34.05.24 Proposed naming of unnamed laneway north of Haldane Street, Mt Claremont

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Cr Youngman – Why wasn’t “Nameless” included as an option for name of the Laneway?

## PD35.05.24 Consent to Advertise Local Planning Policy 1.1 -Residential Development

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Cr Youngman – Regarding solar access for adjoining sites, how does this work with overshadowing?

**Question / Request**

Cr Youngman – Page 669 clause 6.3.7A4 – statement not quite right? Micro inverters or bypass diodes optimisers can assist operating efficiently on solar panels.

## PD36.05.24 Consent to Advertise draft Local Planning Policy – Precincts

**Further Information**

No questions.

## PD37.05.24 Invitation for Involvement in the Design Process of the Proposed Greenspace Adjacent to WA Bridge Club, Allen Park, Swanbourne

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Cr Amiry –

**Q1:**

Have we progressed to a point for design of that space where it would be misleading or lead to the impression that the design could or could not be changed?

**Q2:**

How much money have we spend and what delays would we expect from any changes?

Could a delay or change in design cost the City a further 20-30k for re design?

Detail cost of change of design with flip of the snake head. How much cost and how much delay would it incur?

**Q3:**

Page 761 refers to a construction licence agreement covering site access and conditions, what does this refer too?

**Question / Request**

Cr Youngman –

**Q1:**

Can the PCHF stop people from walking through the land however it is done up?

**Q2:**

Can we guarantee funding from maintenance? How long fee being paid?

**Q3:**

If we go ahead with the resolution how it is written would we need to revoke the previous resolution?

**Question / Request**

Cr Hodsdon – Can we map out the proposed process?

**Question / Request**

Cr Bennett –

**Q1:**

If we do go through this process is there a possibility for a public park where no lease is required?

**Q2:**

How much of the $140k has already been expended on the Wadjuk Nom Bidi path?

**Question / Request**

Deputy Mayor Smyth –

**Q1:**

What are the City’s responsibilities for ongoing maintenance of this POS vegetation status, (ie cleared)?

Given this Plot 7 Area is subject to ongoing management, as Low threat vegetation. (see references)

1. Bushfire Management Plan (PCHF) states (p13)

Vegetation South of Site associated with WABC includes areas of managed grassland excluded from classification as low threat vegetation.  This vegetation was observed to be very well managed during both site vits.

1. BMP Implementation Responsibilities (p22)

Maintaining fuel loads in existing public roads reserves and public open space (under their management) to appropriate standards to minimize fuel loads (as per current maintenance regimes).

Q2:

What consideration are being given to the City’s obligations under the Bushfire Management Plan in relation to the PCHF greenspace proposal?

Q3:

Is the proposal likely to require an additional lease of 3000m2 of Class A reserve to PCHF for 40 years resulting in no, or limited public access for the Wadjuk Norn Bidi Trail?

Q4:

How much of the current WABC lease will be consumed into a PCHF lease?

Q5:

The area containing the Norn Bibi Trail is only about 1000m2, how has the proposed area accumulated to 3000m2?

**Q6:**

Can you licence the land that is already leased till 2026 by the Bridge Club?

**Q7:** Do you anticipate that toilets may be a dealbreaker and how much they would cost?

**Question / Request**

Cr Coghlan – Can the City establish a Financial Reserve within our accounts to cover the maintenance costs associated with this proposal?

## PD38.05.24 West Waratah Precinct Parking Restrictions Consultation

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Cr Bennett – Just confirming that this is just going out to public comment? Will it cover road markings and parking restrictions?

**Deputy Mayor Smyth declared that the meeting adjourn for 5 minutes for the purposes of a refreshment break.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9.06pm and reconvened at 9:13 pm with the following people in attendance:**

**Councillors**

Councillor B Brackenridge Melvista Ward

Councillor R A Coghlan Melvista Ward

Councillor H Amiry Coastal Districts Ward

Councillor K A Smyth Coastal Districts Ward

Councillor F J O Bennett Dalkeith Ward

Councillor N R Youngman Dalkeith Ward

Vacant Hollywood Ward

Councillor B G Hodsdon Hollywood Ward

**Staff** M Chief Executive Officer

Mr M R Cole Director Corporate Services

Mr T G Free Director Planning & Development

Mr M K MacPherson Director Technical Services

Ms E Bock Acting Executive Officer

Ms L J Kania Coordinator Governance & Risk

**Leave of Absence** Councillor L J McManus Coastal Districts Ward

**(Previously Approved)**

**Apologies** Mayor F E M Argyle (Presiding Member)

Cr Brackenridge

# Divisional Reports - Technical Services

## TS17.05.24 Brockway Roadside Safety Inspection

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Cr Youngman – Could it just be Stop signs?

**Question / Request**

Deputy Mayor – Railway through to Brockway redesign for railway commuters’ removal of some of the Jarrah trees. Does it integrate at all with this?

Would you be able to provide a priority design?

**Question / Request**

Cr Hodsdon – Clarification on process of changing a sign – do we actively pursue Main Roads to make it happen?

Regarding erecting a bollard, are there standards on distance from the curb? Document to read on standards.

**Question / Request**

Cr Bennett – Would it be beneficial to create reserves to deal with funding blackspot areas and projects?

## TS18.05.24 Tree Removal to Facilitate a City Project – WA Bridge Club Car Park

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Cr Bennett – If the trail was moved to the other of the carpark do the trees still need to be removed?

**Question / Request**

Deputy Mayor Smyth – Could we just take out 3 and leave the other 3 trees?

Will the carpark have Semi formalisation of the car bays?

Propose alternate recommendation to only have 3 removed? Remove 1-3 and retain Trees 4-6 diagram figure 1. When would the replacement planting occur?

Have we got any further information on further tree removals along the Odern Trail?

# Divisional Reports – Community Services & Development

## CDS02.05.24 Reclassification of Point Resolution Child Care Centre license

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Cr Youngman – How does the dedicated cook affect the FTE?

Why not contract the meals via a Caterer?

ECT (Early Childhood Teacher) – when employing that position require longer notice period?

What is the logic between removing the 0-2 ratio and replacing with the >8 months.

12 hour day comment on page 4 flags the need for more staff ?

Are we in a position to increase the price to match other premium services?

**Question / Request**

Deputy Mayor – is there a promise of an ECT to the existing parents?

# Divisional Reports - Corporate Services

## CPS23.05.24 Monthly Financial Report – April 2024

This item will be dealt with at the Council Meeting.

## CPS24.05.24 - Monthly Investment Report - April 2024

This item will be dealt with at the Council Meeting.

## CPS25.05.24 - List of Accounts Paid - April 2024

This item will be dealt with at the Council Meeting.

## CPS26.05.24 – Powerlyt Solar Recommendations

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Cr Youngman – There are 8 buildings listed in the report but only 7 are recommended for PV upgrades. Which one are you cutting out?

**Question / Request**

Cr Youngman – The officers report refers to Ancillary costs? What is that?

## CPS27.05.24 Underground Power – Consideration of Results from Consultation and Next Steps

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Deputy Mayor – Could we have an offset deprioritising projects for example Hackett Hall and back lane constructions to ensure the money first goes to underground power and is prioritised? Is a quantification possible?

**Question / Request**

Cr Amiry – If we don’t do underground power and the suggestion is to increase rates by an extra 2% on top of the operating budget increase of 3.5% could this go to other projects?

**Question / Request**

Cr Youngman – If we end up with another disclaimer of opinion what are our options for borrowing money?

**Question / Request**

Cr Bennett – Can you confirm Mt Claremont and Floreat can’t be split and are effectively one project?

**Question / Request**

Is there anything we can do as a compassionate policy for cost of living in terms of landowners making payments?

# Reports by the Chief Executive Officer

# CEO13.05.24 Outstanding Council Resolutions

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Deputy Mayor – Outstanding resolution on council owned properties Thomas Street proponent? 1A Thomas Street. Can it be recirculated 24 May 2022 Item 18.4 policy and explanation against governance report.

# CEO15.05.24 City of Nedlands Dogs Local Law 2023 – Undertaking to Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation

**Further Information**

**Question / Request**

Cr Hodsdon – Are we going to have a Cat Local Law?

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# Council Members Notice of Motions of Which Previous Notice Has Been Given

These items will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

# Urgent Business Approved By the Presiding Member or By Decision

These items will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

# Confidential Items

There were no confidential items at distribution of this agenda.

# Declaration of Closure

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

10.10 pm.