



ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS  
MINUTES

18 DECEMBER 2018

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**CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2018 AT 5.00PM**  
**CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE**

**MINUTES**

**DISCLAIMER:**

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5pm.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamaji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of the Yamaji people.

**3 ATTENDANCE**

Present:

Mayor S Van Styn  
Cr G Bylund  
Cr D J Caudwell  
Cr J Clune  
Cr N Colliver  
Cr J Critch  
Cr S Douglas  
Cr S Elphick  
Cr L Freer  
Cr S Keemink  
Cr N McIlwaine  
Cr V Tanti

Officers:

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer  
P Melling, Director of Development & Community Services  
P Radalj, Manager Treasury & Finance / A/Director of Corporate and Commercial Services  
C Lee, Director of Infrastructure Services  
S Moulds, PA to the Chief Executive Officer  
E Enright, Personal Assistant to Director, Infrastructure Services  
L Pegler, Executive Support Secretary  
T Palmonari, Manager Economic Development  
P Kingdon, Coordinator Communications

Others

Electors: 4  
Press: 2

Apologies:

Cr T Thomas  
Cr B Hall  
B Davis, Director of Corporate and Commercial Services

Absent

Cr M Reymond

**4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*Questions provided in writing prior to the meeting or at the meeting will receive a formal response. Please note that you cannot make statements in Public Question Time and such statements will not be recorded in the Minutes.*

*Our Local Laws and the Local Government Act require questions to be put to the presiding member and answered by the Council. No questions can be put to individual Councillors.*

*Public question time commenced at 5pm*

**Max Correy, 52 Bayview Street, Geraldton**Question

Is it true that a Consultant's Report (Progress Economics) that was commissioned by Council with respect to the Extended Retail Trading hours issue was corrupted by the deletion of whole pages, paragraphs, sentences and key words prior to it being made available to Councillors and in turn to the Minister for a decision and being passed off as though it was the original report, If so who is responsible for altering the report and have they been stood down?

Response

As per Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, please refer to section 5.7(7)a:

- 5.7(7) *The presiding Member may decide that a public question shall not be responded to where –*
- (a) *The same or similar question was asked at a previous meeting, a response was provided and the member of the public is directed to the minutes of the meeting at which the response was provided.*

Therefore, please refer to Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 November 2018 <https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/ordinary-meeting-of-council-27-november-2018/137>

Question

Were Councillors made aware by Council that the report they received was not the original Consultant's report but instead one that had been altered considerably but passed off as the original report?

Response

As per Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, please refer to section 5.7(7)a:

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Question

Has the matter been taken further by Council eg. Reported to the CCC and or Ombudsman for investigation – if not why not?

Response

No. The City's legal advice is that there is no indication of misconduct of any kind warranting investigation by any such body. Mr Correy, if you are not satisfied with the City's response, you are free to report the matter yourself.

*Public question time concluded at 5.04pm.*

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING – as circulated**

RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of the City of Greater Geraldton held on 5 December 2017 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

<https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/annual-meeting-of-electors-5-december-2017/123>

**ELECTORS DECISION**

**MOVED NEIL MCILWAINE, SECONDED VICTOR TANTI**

**RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of the City of Greater Geraldton held on 5 December 2017 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.**

**CARRIED**

**6 REPORT FOR 2017-2018 – CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON****RECOMMENDATION**

That the City of Greater Geraldton Annual Report including Audited Annual General Purpose Financial Statements and Auditors Report for 2017-2018 be received by Electors.

**ELECTORS DECISION**

**MOVED VICTOR TANTI, SECONDED NATASHA COLLIVER**

**That the City of Greater Geraldton Annual Report including Audited Annual General Purpose Financial Statements and Auditors Report for 2017-2018 be received by Electors.**

**CARRIED**

**7 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the Annual Meeting of Electors at 5.05pm.

**APPENDIX 1 – ATTACHMENTS**

Attachments are available on the City of Greater Geraldton website at:  
<https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/annual-meeting-of-electors-18-december-2018/140>