



ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS  
MINUTES

31 JANUARY 2023

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**CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2023 AT 5.00PM**  
**CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE**

**MINUTES**

**DISCLAIMER:**

The Presiding Member advises that the purpose of this Council Meeting is to discuss and, where possible, make resolutions about items appearing on the agenda. Whilst Council has the power to resolve such items and may in fact, appear to have done so at the meeting, no person should rely on or act on the basis of such decision or on any advice or information provided by a Member or Officer, or on the content of any discussion occurring, during the course of the meeting. Persons should be aware that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 (Section 5.25(e)) and Council's Meeting Procedures Local Laws establish procedures for revocation or rescission of a Council decision. No person should rely on the decisions made by Council until formal advice of the Council decision is received by that person. The City of Greater Geraldton expressly disclaims liability for any loss or damage suffered by any person as a result of relying on or acting on the basis of any resolution of Council, or any advice or information provided by a Member or Officer, or the content of any discussion occurring, during the course of the Council meeting.

**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5pm.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. 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 Yamatji people.

**3 ATTENDANCE**

Present:

Mayor S Van Styn

Cr J Clune

Cr S Cooper

Cr J Critch

Cr R D Hall

Cr M Librizzi

Cr S Keemink

Cr K Parker

Cr M Reymond

Cr V Tanti

Officers:

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer

P Melling, Director of Development Services

P Radalj, Director of Corporate Services

C Lee, Director of Infrastructure Services

S Moulds, PA to the Chief Executive Officer  
L Pegler, Executive Support Secretary  
T Gray, Coordinator Communications  
B Pearce, Manager Corporate Compliance and Safety  
C Edwards, Manager Project Delivery and Engineering  
L Macleod, Coordinator Land and Leasing  
A Maple, Senior ICT Support Officer

Other:

*All Electors are asked to register their attendance at the registration table upon arrival.*

Public Electors: 1

Press: 1

Apologies:

Cr T Thomas

Cr N Colliver

F Norling, Director of Community and Culture

Leave of Absence:

Nil

#### **4 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

*Responses to questions taken on notice at the Annual Meeting of Electors held on 25 January 2022 are provided below.*

*The responses have been provided to Mr S Hickey*

**Sean Hickey, PO Box 2966, Geraldton 6531**

Question

Can Council direct me to the document that updates the public to the areas and percentages of public open (space and parkland) that gives a breakdown of the CBD and suburbs, in mapping and print.

Response

Link to relevant document provided below:

[https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/documents/1203/public\\_open\\_space\\_strategy](https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/documents/1203/public_open_space_strategy)

Question

What attention has Council had to give to some of the detail outlined in the consultants / EPA concluding report, prior to its transition of the Olive Street precinct, to include residential property development. Can you reference the document and its analysis please.

Response

While the development and final approved scope of works was based on detailed analysis and consultant reviews over a number of years the following documents relate to the final phase of environmental assessment and review that was undertaken:

- GHD (2016a) Olive Street, Detailed Site Investigation dated 7 September 2016

- GHD (2016b) Olive Street, Remediation Action Plan dated 7 September 2016
- GHD (2016c) Olive Street, Site and Environmental Management Plan dated 7 September 2016

The review was completed by an accredited Contaminated Sites Auditor. The review was undertaken in a manner consistent with guidance provided by the DEC.

#### Question

How will Council transition the city away from its dependence on private vehicle transportation when it relies on city growth in a sprawling suburbia setting, where roads dominate the services a modern community needs, where roads, footpaths and unshaded road verges take precedence of space over safe more functional multi use pathways (shaded with trees) with a reduced slower domestic road network.

#### Response

Link to Transport & Cycling Strategy in relation to sustainable modes of transport

[https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/profiles/cgg/assets/clientdata/document-centre/infrastructure/geraldton\\_its\\_2021.pdf](https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/profiles/cgg/assets/clientdata/document-centre/infrastructure/geraldton_its_2021.pdf)  
<https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/geraldton-2050>

Council at its November 2021 meeting adopted a Corporate Climate Mitigation Plan. Incorporated within the Plan is a mitigation action to undertake a review to ensure appropriate climate change mitigation considerations/determine how well they are applied and recommend any improvements to policies governing areas such as Sustainable Residential Development and Asset Management.

## **5 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.*

*No public questions were received for this meeting.*

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

RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors of the City of Greater Geraldton held on 25 January 2022 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/annual-meeting-of-electors-25-january-2022/183>

**ELECTORS' DECISION**

**MOVED JENNIFER CRITCH, SECONDED MICHAEL REYMOND**

**RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors of the City of Greater Geraldton held on 25 January 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.**

**CARRIED**

**7 CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON - ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021-22****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City of Greater Geraldton Annual Report 2021-22 including Audited General Purpose Financial Statements and the Independent Auditor's Report be received by Electors.

<https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/annual-reports.aspx>

**ELECTORS' DECISION**

**MOVED BOB HALL, SECONDED MICHAEL LIBRIZZI**

**That the City of Greater Geraldton Annual Report 2021-22 including Audited General Purpose Financial Statements and the Independent Auditor's Report be received by Electors.**

**CARRIED**

**8 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the Annual Meeting of Electors meeting at 5.02pm.

**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/annual-meeting-of-electors-31-january-2023/207>

**Public Notice of Meeting was advertised from 6 January 2023**

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Mullewa District Office  
Geraldton Regional Library  
Geraldton Guardian and Midwest Times  
City of Greater Geraldton Website  
City of Greater Geraldton Social Media