



SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

AGENDA

11 JUNE 2018

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING.....3

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY3

3 ATTENDANCE.....3

4 PURPOSE OF THE MEETING3

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME4

6 MOTIONS6

7 CLOSURE7

Meeting Procedures

The procedures for this meeting of electors are governed by the *Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011*.

As such, this meeting is controlled under sole direction of the Mayor.

The following requirements apply:

- Be courteous and respectful – *Section 5.17*.
- Comply with the directions of the Mayor as Presiding Member – *Section 5.17*.
- Do not interrupt or interfere with proceedings – *Section 5.17*.
- The Mayor will determine the order of speaking so wait your turn to speak – *Section 7.5*.
- You need to cease speaking when asked to by the Mayor – *Section 7.5*.
- Do not use offensive language – *Section 7.7*.
- Stick to the question you are asking – *Section 7.7*.
- Don't dominate the discussion – *Section 7.9*.
- Don't interrupt others – let everyone have their say – *Section 7.11*.
- Don't use offensive or objectionable expressions in relation to individuals – *Section 7.14*.
- Limit questions and statements to 5 minutes per person – *Section 7.9*.

If the above requirements are NOT followed, the Mayor may:

- Warn the person to cease making a disturbance and if the behaviour continues the Mayor may order the person to leave the meeting – *Section 5.17*.
- Cause the removal of the person from the room should he/she fail to leave willingly – *Section 5.17*.
- Direct the person who is being offensive or insulting to withdraw the remark and apologise – *Section 7.15*.
- Rule the person out of order and direct him/her to refrain from taking further part in the meeting, other than to vote – *Section 8.6*.
- Adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes – *Section 8.7*.
- Adjourn the meeting to another time and place – *Section 8.7*.

CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON**SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 11 JUNE 2018 AT 5.30PM
QUEENS PARK THEATRE, 75 CATHEDRAL AVENUE, GERALDTON****A G E N D A****1 DECLARATION OF OPENING****2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Wilunyu People and the Yamaji 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 the Wilunyu and Yamaji people.

3 ATTENDANCE

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

4 PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Under Section 5.28 of the Local Government Act 1995 the electors of Geraldton request to discuss the following:

1. Rates to be struck for 2018-19.
2. Discussion of finances related to specific projects.
3. Need for disclosure of transparency of financial detail of major contracts.
4. Availability of information to ratepayers – No restrictions to apply unless suppression is placed specifically by the Mayor.
5. Council finances – the need for resolutions relating to their analysis and propriety over the past 5 years.

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

The following questions were provided prior the deadline of 5pm of 5 June 2018. Responses will be provided at the meeting.

Any questions taken at the meeting may be taken on notice and responded to in writing at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Dr Barry Thompson, e-mail address supplied**Question 1 – Flag Pole**

A number of rate payers believe that we were never told the truth about the flag pole ordered by Tony Brun without council sanction.

In fact he ordered the item and then council rejected the proposed purchase.

It was apparently delivered but we never got to find out the total cost or what happened to the flag pole. We would like a full disclosure. Can you elaborate please?

Question 2 – Stray Dogs

Can you comment on a report that stray dogs from eastern municipalities are being sent to Geraldton please?

Question 3 - Olive Street Project

Can you provide comprehensive details on the **funding** of the Olive Street remediation please and how site works were initiated? It was a very costly exercise I understand. Can you explain **where the remediation funding was from?** IE If any was from outside sources in the way of grants etc. Can you advise when moves were first made to access these please? As a separate matter, **can you provide a copy of the environmental report that was authorised**, when it was authorised and the categorised costings for each major facet of the report as received please?

Question 4 – Medalia Beach Project

A resident near this development wants to know if the lawn and the two mature trees will be re-positioned back in this vicinity as they were quite iconic to this locale?

Question 5 – Council Purchases of CBD Property

A rate payers wants to know how CGG justified paying the price they did for the former Rock's paper shop in Marine Terrace, given recent sales in that locality? Already there is minimal recreational free space in the Marine Terrace CBD precinct. It would be preferable not to reduce that free space by the installation of a toilet block. It would make far more sense to locate any new toilets in the newly acquired premises otherwise it will just be an extremely costly walk way.

Mr Paul Brown, 2 Wavecrest Circle, Drummond Cove**Question 6 – Budget**

Can Council please tell me how many people showed up to your last council meeting to ask questions on the budget? How many over the last 3 months?

Question 7 – Meeting Costs

What is the cost of running this meeting tonight and would it not have been cheaper to have had people simply ask questions at a regular meeting?

Question 8 – Public Submissions

How many public submissions did you receive from the public about the proposed rate rise of 3.5%?

Question 9 – Rate Rise

Has Council made any decisions on what the rate rise (if any) will be this year?

Question 10 – Rate Rise

Can you explain what the level of rates would be this year had you of accepted the motion from the last special electors meeting where CGGRDC called for a 7% rise for residential and a 10% rise for commercial rates, assuming you had stuck to the then LTFFP of rises of 7% per year?

Question 11 - Redundancies

Can you explain approximately how many people you would have to lay off / what services you would have to cut should you not get a rise of say 3.5% and this was replaced with a freeze or a rate cut of 10% as some members of the community have called for?

Question 12 – Cost Cuts

What steps has CGG taken to reduce its costs? Can you give some examples of total expenditure this year compared to projections made in say 2013 or some examples of what has been done recently?

Question 13 - GRV

Can you explain what role the GRV has in calculating the amount of rates needed to run CGG and who makes the decision on what GRV's are?

Question 14 – Project Funding

Is the City aware of any upcoming either short or long term projects that will need funding that are currently unfunded?

Question 15 – State and Federal Government Cuts

Could I get an update on how State and Federal funds are being cut to local government?

Question 16 - State and Federal Government Grants

Could the City give us a few examples of projects run by the City that received grant funding and in particular highlight the various levels of contribution by LG, State and Federal government?

Mr Max Correy, PO Box 202, Geraldton WA 6530

Question 17 – GRV 2018-19

I asked for the current GRV figures for this year through the rates department some weeks ago to be advised to refer the question to you. Do you have the current GRV figures – are they available? Can I have the figures please?

6 MOTIONS

All decisions made at the Special Meeting of Electors will be considered at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council of 26 June 2018.

MOTION 1

That in view of the upcoming deliberations relating to the 2018/19 City of Greater Geraldton budget and in preparation for the Adoption of the Budget that Council implement a “Rate Freeze” on all rateable properties in the City of Greater Geraldton.

That in considering such a move the Council acknowledges and takes into account the following:

- A. The approximately \$31,000,000 extra rate income the Council have charged over and above a 5% compounding rates increases since 2012.
- B. The Valuer General’s current Gross Rental Value (GRV) information (2018 update).
- C. Declining property values.
- D. Declining rental values.
- E. Hardship and prevailing economic conditions.

MOTION 2

That the Council implement a forensic financial and systems audit for at least the 5 years to 30 June 2018 as a matter of urgency.

7 CLOSURE