



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES

27 APRIL 2021

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CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 27 APRIL 2021 AT 5.00PM
CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE

MINUTES

The State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency declared by the State Government on 16 March 2020, remains in force. Please refer to the information on the current restrictions [COVID-19 coronavirus: What you can and can't do \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/what-you-can-and-cant-do)

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 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 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:

Mayor S Van Styn

Cr D J Caudwell

Cr J Clune

Cr N Colliver

Cr J Critch

Cr S Douglas

Cr S Elphick

Cr P Fiorenza

Cr RD Hall* *Noted on leave but attended this meeting via Skype*

Cr S Keemink** *attendance from 5.49pm.*

Cr K Parker
Cr V Tanti
Cr T Thomas

Officers:

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer
B Robartson, A/Director of Development & Community Services
P Radalj, Director of Corporate and Commercial Services
C Lee, Director of Infrastructure Services
N Jane, A/Chief Financial Officer
S Moulds, PA to the Chief Executive Officer
P Melling, Local Recovery Coordinator
T Palmonari, Manager Strategic Planning and Economic Development
N Hope, Manager Organisational Development
F Norling, Manager Community and Cultural Development
K Elder, Coordinator Strategic Planning
F Block, Coordinator Community Development
J Kopplhuber, Communications Officer – Engagement

Others:

Members of Public: 3
Members of Press: 1

Apologies:

*Cr S Keemink** noted as an apology until attendance was noted above.*

Leave of Absence:

Nil.

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

CEO R McKim declared a Financial Direct interest in Item CCS588 City of Greater Geraldton's Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination as the report concerns his employment.

Cr N Colliver declared an indirect Financial Interest in Confidential Item DCS491 CBD Land Investigation, Chair of Pollinators Inc which has a lease over two of the buildings in Lot 151.

5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

There are no questions from previous meetings.

6 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.

There were no questions from the public.

7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Existing Approved Leave

Councillor	From	To (inclusive)	Date Approved
Cr RD Hall*	8 April 2021	2 May 2021	23/03/2021

**Note: If Elected Members' application for leave of absence is for the meeting that the request is submitted, they will be noted as an apology until Council consider the request. The granting of the leave, or refusal to grant the leave and reasons for that refusal, will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting*

If an Elected Member on Approved Leave subsequently attends the meeting, this will be noted in the Minutes.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR CRITCH

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.25 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE Leave of Absence for:**
 - a. **Cr S Douglas for the period 12 May to 21 May 2021 and 18 July to 30 July 2021.**

CARRIED 12/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS

Sheilds, H.E.B (Barbara) OAM

Councillor with Shire of Greenough 1979 - 1988

City of Geraldton 1993-1997, Serving as Deputy Mayor 1996-1997

The Mayor, Councillors and Officers of the City of Greater Geraldton express their deepest sympathy of the passing of Barbara Sheilds.

The City would like to acknowledge the exemplary service she dedicated to the Geraldton and Greenough communities through her work with the former Shire of Greenough, the former City of Geraldton, various Historical Societies in the Mid-West region, member of the Geraldton Cemeteries Board, and the Family Day Care Centre to name a few, receiving the Order of Australia in 2013.

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 March 2021, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR HALL, SECONDED CR COLLIVER

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 March 2021, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 12/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR AND PRESENTATIONS*Events attended by the Mayor or his representative*

DATE	FUNCTION	REPRESENTATIVE
24 March 2021	ABC Radio Interview – CBD Land – Blue Heelers Site	Mayor Shane Van Styn
24 March 2021	Triple M Radio Interview – Outcomes of Council Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
24 March 2021	Development WA / City of Greater Geraldton - General Catch up	Mayor Shane Van Styn
24 March 2021	Batavia Coast Marina Stage 2 (BCM2) Steering Committee Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
24 March 2021	Contemporary Placemaking & Tactical Urbanism Practice - e-meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
24 March 2021	Western Power - Meet and Greet Ambassador for Mining and Industry	Mayor Shane Van Styn
24 March 2021	Triple M Radio Interview – Blue Heelers	Mayor Shane Van Styn
24 March 2021	Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MWCCI) Business After Hours	Mayor Shane Van Styn
25 March 2021	Winn Consulting – Meet & Greet	Mayor Shane Van Styn
25 March 2021	Sculptor Robert Hitchcock - Introduction	Mayor Shane Van Styn
26 March 2021	Mullewa's 125 Celebrations as a Municipality	Mayor Shane Van Styn
26 March 2021	Triple M Radio Interview – Aquarena Outdoor Pool Upgrade	Mayor Shane Van Styn
26 March 2021	Great Northern Football League (GNFL) 2021 Season Launch and 60th Anniversary	Mayor Shane Van Styn
27 March 2021	Beachlands Neighbour Day	Mayor Shane Van Styn
29 March 2021	Wonthella Bowling Club - Official Opening of B Green	Cr Jerry Clune
30 March 2021	Sweet Orange – Relief Concert	Mayor Shane Van Styn
30 March 2021	Regular Catch up – Media Team	Mayor Shane Van Styn
30 March 2021	Triple M Radio Interview - Edith Cowan Statue	Mayor Shane Van Styn
31 March 2021	ABC Radio Interview – April Fool's Day – Leaning Tree's	Mayor Shane Van Styn
31 March 2021	Triple M Radio Interview – April Fool's Day – Silo's	Mayor Shane Van Styn
31 March 2021	Regional Capitals Alliance WA (RCAWA) – Mayors and Presidents Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
31 March 2021	Batavia Coast Foundation - Lighthouse Precinct Plan - Point Moore Zoning	Mayor Shane Van Styn
4 April 2021	Walkaway Markets	Mayor Shane Van Styn
6 April 2021	Australian Vanadium Ltd (AVL) – Meet & Greet	Mayor Shane Van Styn
6 April 2021	Regular Catch up – Mayor / CEO	Mayor Shane Van Styn
6 April 2021	Regular Catch up – Media Team	Mayor Shane Van Styn
6 April 2021	Concept Forum	Mayor Shane Van Styn
7 April 2021	Triple M Radio Interview – Proposed Bypass and Dog Park	Mayor Shane Van Styn
8 April 2021	Filming for Media Release – Rural Roads Conditions	Mayor Shane Van Styn

8 April 2021	ABC Phone Interview – Tropical Cyclone (TC) Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
8 April 2021	Channel 9 Phone Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
8 April 2021	Channel 10 Skype Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
9 April 2021	6PR Phone Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
9 April 2021	Batavia Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
9 April 2021	Phone Briefing with The Hon Melissa Price MP, Minister for Defence Industry – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
9 April 2021	Triple M Radio Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
12 April 2021	Regular Catch up – Mayor / CEO	Mayor Shane Van Styn
12 April 2021	Regular Catch up – Media Team	Mayor Shane Van Styn
12 April 2021	ABC TV News Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
12 April 2021	6PR Radio Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
13 April 2021	Triple M Radio Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
13 April 2021	GWN7 Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
13 April 2021	Sky News Interview – The Kenny Report – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
13 April 2021	ABC Radio Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
14 April 2021	ABC Radio Interview – TC Seroja – Evacuation Centre	Mayor Shane Van Styn
14 April 2021	ABC Radio Interview – TC Seroja – Western Power – Services Re-connected	Mayor Shane Van Styn
15 April 2021	Radio Mama Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
15 April 2021	Triple M Radio Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
15 April 2021	Regional Capitals Alliance Western Australia (RCAWA) – e-meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
17 April 2021	Filming for Sunset 'opening' of the shared path on Chapman Rd, Sunset Beach	Mayor Shane Van Styn
20 April 2021	Triple M Radio Interview – TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
21 April 2021	Mullewa Community Meeting – Post TC Seroja	Mayor Shane Van Styn
25 April 2021	Anzac Day – Dawn Service	Mayor Shane Van Styn
25 April 2021	Anzac Day – Anglican Church – Service and Morning Tea	Mayor Shane Van Styn
27 April 2021	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Mayor Shane Van Styn

11 UNRESOLVED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil.

12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

12.1 REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DCS488 PROPOSED LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT – COMMERCIAL REZONING, STRATHALBYN

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-032542
AUTHOR:	K Elder, Coordinator Strategic Planning
EXECUTIVE:	P Melling, Director Development and Community Services
DATE OF REPORT:	23 March 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	LP/14/0017
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Scheme Amendment Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to initiate a Local Planning Scheme Amendment ('amendment') to rezone Lot 156 (No. 331) Place Road, Strathalbyn, from 'Residential R5' to 'Commercial' and to determine that the rezoning is a 'standard' amendment.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Part A:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Part 5, Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* RESOLVES to:

1. AMEND Local Planning Scheme No. 1 by rezoning Lot 156 (No. 331) Place Road, Strathalbyn, from 'Residential R5' to 'Commercial'.

Part B:

That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Part 5, Division 1, Regulation 35 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* RESOLVES to:

1. DETERMINE that the rezoning is a 'standard' amendment;
2. MAKE the determination on the following grounds:
 - a. The amendment is consistent with the local planning strategy for the scheme that has been endorsed by the Commission; and
 - b. The amendment will have minimal impact on land in the scheme area that is not the subject of the amendment.

PROPOSER:

The proponent is Hex Design Planning on behalf of Forman Holdings Pty Ltd.

BACKGROUND:

The subject land is Lot 156 (No. 331) Place Road, Strathalbyn, which is situated approximately 5km north-east of the Geraldton city centre. Lot 156 is located on the north side of Place Road and directly adjoins Lot 51 which is currently zoned 'Commercial' under the City's Local Planning Scheme No. 1 ('the Scheme') and is identified as a neighbourhood centre in the City's

Commercial Activities Centre Strategy. Both Lot 156 and the abutting Lot 51 are owned by Forman Holdings Pty Ltd.

Location plan for Lot 156 (No. 331) Place Road, Strathalbyn.



Lot 156 is situated to the east of the currently undeveloped commercial zoned lot and is also bound to the north and east by existing residential development which consists of predominantly single houses developed to a Residential R5 (2000m²) density. On the southern side of Place Road is a 'Public Purpose' local scheme reserve for the Geraldton No. 2 Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). Lot 156 is not affected by the general WWTP buffer depicted in the City's Local Planning Strategy.

Lot 156 is currently zoned 'Residential R5' under the Scheme and the amendment proposes to rezone it to 'Commercial' zone. Following the rezoning the intention is to amalgamate Lot 156 with adjacent Lot 51. Lot 156 has an area of 2,036m² and when combined with Lot 51, would make a total landholding being 1.063ha in area which could then facilitate the development of a neighbourhood centre.

A development concept plan has been prepared and included within the scheme amendment report which proposes a 3,000m² supermarket, 500m² medical centre and 460m² tavern for the combined site.

The applicant has advised that the existing commercial site being Lot 51 has an area of 8,596m² which is considered insufficient area to accommodate the proposed 4,000m² of commercial floorspace. A summary retail/commercial assessment has been provided within the scheme amendment report which demonstrates that the current and expected population growth would support the proposed floorspace. Expansion of the site is expected to facilitate a better spatial layout for the proposed development.

There is currently a valid development approval over Lot 51 for a proposed liquor store, tavern, shops and office which is stage 1 of a two stage proposal which also includes a shopping centre. As part of the development approval process, a Local Development Plan was prepared and approved in order to guide commercial development over Lot 51.

Any proposed development on Lot 156 (or a future amalgamated lot) will be subject to an application for development approval and would be assessed in accordance with Local Planning Scheme No. 1. This would also include an update to the Local Development Plan.

The proponent considers that the amendment is appropriate for the following reasons:

- The land is highly accessible given its frontage to Place Road which is a District Distributor road.
- The consolidation of the land with the adjoining Lot 51 will create a corner site at the primary entrance to the Strathalbyn neighbourhood which is suitable for the development of a neighbourhood centre.
- The amendment will facilitate the development of a viable neighbourhood centre to meet the commercial and community needs of the residents.
- The amendment is consistent with the City Local Planning Strategy, Residential Development Strategy and Commercial Activity Centre Strategy.

The scheme amendment report is included as Attachment No. DCS488.

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

Community:

The amendment will facilitate the expansion of the area available for future commercial development in order to provide goods and services to the current and projected community. Any potential traffic and amenity impacts associated with a future development will be assessed at the development stage.

Environment:

As part of the amendment process, and prior to public advertising, the Environmental Protection Authority is required to assess the amendment under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

Economy:

The amendment will create a site that is considered to be large enough to facilitate development of the commercial site along Place Road, Strathalbyn.

Governance:

There are no adverse governance impacts.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

The author is not aware of any other relevant precedents.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Should Council initiate the amendment it is required to be publicly advertised for a period of not less than 42 days in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*.

There has been no Councillor consultation however, at the conclusion of the public advertising period, the matter must be presented back to Council which will include a schedule of submissions if any are received. A resolution must then be passed to either support the amendment (with or without modification) or not support the amendment.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**Planning and Development Act 2005:**

Part 5, Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* provides for a local government to amend a local planning scheme.

Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015:

Part 5, Division 1, Regulation 35 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* requires that the local government resolution must specify whether, in the opinion of the local government the amendment is a basic, standard or complex amendment.

In essence a 'basic' amendment is one that corrects an administrative error in the scheme or rectifies a zoning anomaly.

A 'standard' amendment is one that is consistent with a local planning strategy, would have minimal impact on land in the area and does not result in any significant impacts on the land.

A 'complex' amendment is one that is not consistent with a local planning strategy and is of a scale that will have an impact that is significant relative to the development in the locality.

This amendment is considered to be a 'standard' amendment.

City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Scheme No. 1:

The subject land is currently zoned 'Residential R5' under Local Planning Scheme No. 1 and the amendment proposes to rezone the land to 'Commercial'.

The objectives of the 'Commercial' zone are to:

- (a) *provide for a range of shops, offices, restaurants and other commercial outlets in defined townsites and activity centres;*
- (b) *ensure activity centres provide for appropriate uses that do not undermine the established and/or planned hierarchy of centres; and*
- (c) *provide for efficient, intense and compact centres with a diversity of activity appropriate to the purpose of the centre.*

The amendment is considered to be consistent with these objectives. The subject area directly abuts an identified and appropriately zoned neighbourhood centre. The increase in the commercial zone will not compromise the hierarchy of the centre and will facilitate a lot size that will support a viable and functional centre.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial or resource implications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Governance	4.2 Planning and Policy
Strategy 4.2.2	Responding to community aspirations by providing planning and zoning for future development.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

Local Planning Strategy:

This Strategy represents the land use planning response to the City's strategic community vision. It guides long-term land use planning and provides the rationale for land use and development controls.

The general location of the Strathalbyn activity centre has been identified in the Strategy as a 'Neighbourhood Centre'. The Strategy lists a number of commercial strategies and actions, the most relevant being:

Strategies:

1. Establish a hierarchy of activity centres and areas where priority should be given for more intensification in close proximity to existing and planned services.

Actions:

1. Implement the land use planning recommendations from the Commercial Activity Centres Strategy.
2. Zone land in and around activity centres to ensure they provide for residential, retail, commercial intensification and mixed use development as appropriate.

The amendment is considered to be consistent with the strategies and actions as it proposes to rezone land abutting a commercial centre and will create a lot size that is considered adequate to support a neighbourhood centre.

Commercial Activity Centres Strategy:

This Strategy provides a strategic planning framework for managing future growth in commercial activity by providing performance-based criteria for commercial centres. The Strategy informs the City and proponents of the potential scale for future retail and commercial development in existing and planned activity centres.

The subject area adjoins an activity centre identified in the Strategy as the Strathalbyn neighbourhood centre. Neighbourhood centres have a greater focus on servicing the daily and weekly household shopping needs of residents and providing community facilities and a small range of other convenience services. Their relatively small scale and catchment enables them to have a greater local community focus and provide services, facilities and job opportunities that reflect the particular needs of their catchment.

For neighbourhood centres, the Strategy proposes retail floorspace to be in the range of 4,000m² – 6,000m². The retail floorspace at the site is proposed to be 4,000m² which is consistent with the Strategy. The retail/commercial assessment summary demonstrates that the current and expected population growth would support the proposed floorspace. The applicant has advised that the expansion of the site will facilitate a better spatial layout for the proposed development.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

There are no inherent risks to the City in initiating this amendment.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

It is considered that the proposed amendment is consistent with the local planning framework and direction for commercial activity in Greater Geraldton. The subject lot directly abuts an identified and zoned neighbourhood centre and the expansion of the commercial area will support the creation of the more functional centre layout. The increase in the commercial zone will not compromise the hierarchy of the centre. Given these reasons, the option to refuse is not supported.

The option to defer is not supported as there is considered sufficient information for Council to determine the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED MAYOR, SECONDED CR COLLIVER****Part A:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Part 5, Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* RESOLVES to:

1. AMEND Local Planning Scheme No. 1 by rezoning Lot 156 (No. 331) Place Road, Strathalbyn, from 'Residential R5' to 'Commercial'.

Part B:

That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Part 5, Division 1, Regulation 35 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* RESOLVES to:

1. DETERMINE that the rezoning is a 'standard' amendment;
2. MAKE the determination on the following grounds:
 - a. The amendment is consistent with the local planning strategy for the scheme that has been endorsed by the Commission; and
 - b. The amendment will have minimal impact on land in the scheme area that is not the subject of the amendment.

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 5:16 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Caudwell	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Elphick	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES
Mayor Van Styn	YES

**DCS489 PROPOSED ROAD DEDICATION – LOT 51 ON PLAN 6515
CORNER DEAN STREET AND GEORGE ROAD, BERESFORD**

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-032238
AUTHOR:	K Elder, Coordinator Strategic Planning
EXECUTIVE:	P Melling, Director Development and Community Services
DATE OF REPORT:	24 March 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	RO/11/0023
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Location and Aerial Maps

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to dedicate Lot 51 on Plan 6515, located at the corner of George Road and Dean Street, Beresford, as public road.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, RESOLVES to:

1. REQUEST the Minister for Lands to dedicate Lot 51 on Plan 6515, Beresford as public road; and
2. INDEMNIFY the Minister for Lands against any claims for compensation.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is Landwest on behalf of Celeste and Kent Douglas.

BACKGROUND:

The City has received a request to dedicate Lot 51 on Plan 6515 to public road. Lot 51 is located at the north west corner of the intersection of George Road and Dean Street, Beresford, directly abutting the eastern boundary of Lot 15 (No. 13) Dean Street, Beresford.

Lot 51 was originally created by a subdivision which occurred between 1954 and 1955. At the time, there was no mechanism for the automatic ceding and dedication of land as road. For unknown reasons, Lot 51 was not transferred to the local government as a freehold lot, which was common practice in that era. Instead it was kept in the private ownership of the original subdivider, being Lilian Jane Shaw, who is now deceased.

Lot 51 is 2.7m wide, 48m long and 144m² in total area. There is a power pole located within the lot, it is vegetated with basic landscaping and used as a portion of the road verge along George Road. The size and configuration of Lot 51, along with its reference on various survey plans, indicates a clear intent for the lot to form part of the adjoining road reserve.

The public has had uninterrupted use of Lot 51 for a considerable amount of time. The City's aerial photography shows the lot being used as a road verge dating back to 2002.

Aerial photo of Lot 51 on Plan 6515.



The anomaly has been brought to the City's attention by the landowners of abutting Lot 15 (No. 13) Dean Street, Beresford, as Lot 51 being a private freehold lot restricts further development of their own property.

The request to dedicate the lot as public road not only ensures that the City's road network and any public utilities are appropriately protected within a public road reserve, it will allow the neighbouring lot to be developed to its full potential.

A copy of the location and aerial plan are included as Attachment No. DCS489.

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

Community:

There are no adverse community impacts as the request to dedicate the lot as public road formalises the road reserve for the use by the community.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Governance:

The request to dedicate the lot as public road ensures that the City's road network and service agency infrastructure are appropriately protected.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

The City has a number of previous precedents of road dedications and road widening reports approved by Council in various locations.

Most recently, Council at its meeting held on 3 October 2018 (Item DCS387 Proposed Dedication of Land as Road Reserve – Henry Street and George Road, Beresford) resolved to approve the dedication of a number of City owned and privately owned lots along Henry and George Road, Beresford to public road.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

The proposed road dedication was advertised for a period of 43 days (commencing Friday 18 December 2020 and concluding Friday 29 January 2021) and was referred to the following servicing authorities:

- ATCO Gas;
- Telstra;
- Water Corporation; and
- Western Power.

One submission was received by ATCO Gas which stated they had no objection to the proposed dedication.

The landowners of the abutting Lot 15 (No. 13) Dean Street, Beresford were not consulted with as they have requested the dedication. No consultation was undertaken with surrounding landowners as they are not considered to be affected by the proposed dedication.

Consultation has been undertaken with a known descendant of the registered landowner who advised that they have no objection to the proposed dedication.

Copies of the actual submissions are available to Council upon request.

There has been no Councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* provides for the dedication of public roads and states that:

If in the district of a local government –

- a) land is reserved or acquired for use by the public, as a road under the care, control and management of the local government; or*
- b) in the case of land comprising a private road constructed and maintained to the satisfaction of the local government –*
 - i. the holder of the freehold in that land applies to the local government, requesting it to do so; or*
 - ii. those holders of the freehold in ratable land abutting the private road, apply to the local government, requesting it to do so;**or*
- c) land comprises a private road of which the public have had uninterrupted use for a period of not less than 10 years, and that land is described in a plan of survey, sketch plan or document, the local government may request the Minister to dedicate that land as a road.*

Given that the City can confirm that the public have had uninterrupted use of the land for more than 10 years, the City has the ability to request the Minister to dedicate the land as public road.

Section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* also requires the local government to indemnify the Minister against any claim for compensation for the costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the Minister in considering and granting the request.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The applicant has advised that they are prepared to accept the costs involved with the dedication of the land to public road.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Environment	2.3 Built Environment
Strategy 2.3.1	Promoting a built environment that is well planned and meets the current and future needs of the community.
Strategy 2.3.3	Providing a fit for purpose, safe and efficient infrastructure network.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The dedication would formalise the use of the lot as public road and formally protect public utilities (such as power, water, sewer and telecommunications).

The *Land Administration Act 1997* allows for a local government to request the dedication of a lot that has been used uninterrupted by the public as a road for not less than 10 years. Advice has been received from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage that this provision can be used where the owner of the lot is deceased.

Despite this provision, City Officers have undertaken research on the deceased landowner and contact was made with a family descendent. This descendent has provided written confirmation that they have no objection to the proposed dedication.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

As Lot 51 has had uninterrupted use by the public as a road for no less than 10 years, the option to not support the proposed dedication to public road is not recommended. Furthermore, the dedication will protect and formalise the use of the lot as public road and formally protect public utilities while enabling the development of the abutting property.

The option to defer is not supported as there is considered sufficient information for Council to determine the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR HALL, SECONDED CR COLLIVER

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, RESOLVES to:

- 1. REQUEST the Minister for Lands to dedicate Lot 51 on Plan 6515, Beresford as public road; and**
- 2. INDEMNIFY the Minister for Lands against any claims for compensation.**

CARRIED 12/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

12.2 REPORTS OF CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES**CCS586 REQUEST FOR FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO THE CITY OF GREATER Geraldton – 711 SQUADRON**

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-035921
AUTHOR:	P Bennett, Personal Assistant to Director Corporate and Commercial Services
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	7 April 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/7/0021
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Request for Freedom of Entry – 711 Squadron

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award 711 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC), Freedom of Entry to the City of Greater Geraldton (the City), and present this honour at the 2021 Sunshine Festival or an alternate march format to be determined if the festival does not proceed.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Clause 3.3 of Council Policy 4.3 Civic Ceremonies and Section 5.20 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE the request for Freedom of Entry to the City for the 711 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets; and
2. ACKNOWLEDGE the respective anniversaries of the Australian Air Force Cadets (80 years) and Royal Australian Air Force (100 years), and reaffirm the relationship between the City and the Australian Air Force Cadets through the presentation of a certificate to the 711 Squadron AAFC at the 2021 Sunshine Festival parade anticipated to be held on (or about) 3 October 2021, or an alternate march format if the festival does not proceed.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is Flight Lieutenant (AAFC) David Power, 711 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets.

BACKGROUND:

The City has received an application requesting Freedom of Entry to the City of Greater Geraldton for the 711 Squadron AAFC. The AAFC is a premier youth development organisation for young people aged between 13 and 18 years, with a focus on the development of leadership, confidence and self-discipline set within a military aviation framework.

2021 is a significant year for the Australian Air Force Cadets as it represents the 80th anniversary of the organisation, as well as the 100th anniversary of parent organisation, the Royal Australian Air Force. 711 Squadron AAFC have requested Freedom of Entry to commemorate this occasion and reaffirm the relationship between the City of Greater Geraldton and the Australian Air Force Cadets.

Freedom of Entry to the City is a ceremonial honour, which became popular during the nineteenth century and draws some inspiration from medieval history. A military or civilian unit accorded this privilege is granted the right of entry to the City "with bayonets fixed, colours flying and drums beating".

The request is submitted within the guidelines of Council Policy 4.3 Civic Ceremonies. The award is restricted to Australian military and civilian units that have, through their command, a significant attachment to the City of Greater Geraldton. The award is conferred in recognition of their achievement while on active service or overseas duty or as a mark of respect and gratitude for their efforts in the defence of Australia.

The aim of the AAFC is:

By predominantly voluntary effort, to better equip young people for community life by fostering initiatives, leadership, discipline and loyalty through training programs which are also designed to stimulate an interest in a particular arm of the Defence Force.

The 711 Squadron AAFC (Formerly 11 Flight AIRTC) was established in Geraldton, Western Australia in February of 1993 and over that time has helped a large number of young people reach their true potential. The 711 Squadron also regularly supports the following community events:

- Australia Day;
- ANZAC Day;
- HMAS Sydney II Memorial Services;
- Sunshine Festival; and
- Variety Club Events.

It is proposed that conferring of the award of Freedom of Entry would be held at Edith Cowan Square in conjunction with the 2021 Sunshine Festival opening ceremony, anticipated to be held on or about 3 October 2021, before marching in the Sunshine Festival parade to exercise the Freedom of Entry.

If a decision is made that the 2021 Sunshine Festival will not proceed, 711 Squadron will still proceed with a march in a modified format.

An RAAF Aircraft overfly would also be requested, however this would be subject to Defence operational requirements at the time.

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:**Community:**

The existence and promotion of the 711 Squadron AAFC provides youth with opportunities to develop confidence and leadership skills, and to participate in the community through the provision of services.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Governance:

There are no adverse governance impacts.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Freedom of Entry for the 711 Squadron AAFC was first approved by Council on 28 May 2013 – OP0041, Application for Freedom of Entry to the City of Greater Geraldton.

Applications for Freedom of Entry for the 711 Squadron AAFC have subsequently been approved by Council on 23 August 2016 (Item CCS197) and 22 May 2018 (Item CCS331).

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Council Policy 4.3 Civic Ceremonies governs the conferral of Freedom of Entry to the City of Greater Geraldton.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There will be a minimal cost for the preparation of a certificate to be presented to the 711 Squadron.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Community	1.1 Our Heritage and the Art
Strategy 1.1.4	Fostering and facilitating community and cultural events.
Title: Community	1.5 Recognise, value and support everyone
Strategy 1.5.1	Supporting and strengthening community groups, organisations and volunteer services.
Strategy 1.5.2	Supporting young people to develop the skills to make valuable contributions to their communities.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

If approved, 711 Squadron will work in partnership with the City's Events Team (who will undertake risk management via the City's event management procedures) and the Sunshine Festival Committee while planning the event.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

There were no alternative options considered by Officers.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR HALL, SECONDED CR COLLIVER**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Clause 3.3 of Council Policy 4.3 Civic Ceremonies and Section 5.20 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE** the request for Freedom of Entry to the City for the 711 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets; and
2. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the respective anniversaries of the Australian Air Force Cadets (80 years) and Royal Australian Air Force (100 years), and reaffirm the relationship between the City and the Australian Air Force Cadets through the presentation of a certificate to the 711 Squadron AAFC at the 2021 Sunshine Festival parade anticipated to be held on (or about) 3 October 2021, or an alternate march format if the festival does not proceed.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 12/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

CCS587 RATES EXEMPTION APPLICATION – GERALDTON REGIONAL ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-029428
AUTHOR:	S Russell, Coordinator Rates
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	19 March 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	RV/4/0003-003
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x4) A. GRAMS Statutory Declaration B. GRAMS Australian Charities and Not- for-profits Certificate C. GRAMS Constitution D. GRAMS Floor Plan of Buildings

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to grant a rates exemption to Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service, based on the charitable land use of Rates Assessment Number A17996 being Lot 23 (30) Holland Street, Geraldton.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 6.26(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE a rates exemption for the Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service on Rates Assessment Number A17996, being Lot 23 (30) Holland Street, Geraldton, on the basis that the property is being used exclusively for a charitable purpose; and
2. APPROVE the exemption to take effect from the date of application being 18 March 2021 and to remain in force for the duration of the current use of the property.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service.

BACKGROUND:

Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS) is a registered not for profit Government funded organisation and is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Attachment No. CCS588B). GRAMS provide health services to Aboriginal persons residing in the Murchison/Gascoyne Region.

The property is a freehold title owned by GRAMS, and comprises two main buildings. The applicant has declared (Attachment No. CCS588A) that:

- The buildings are used exclusively for the delivery of health services to Aboriginal persons residing in the Murchison/Gascoyne Region.

- Services include the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and youth health programs.
- The Health Centre provides a place for clients to visit as well as a base for operations in remote regions.
- Services offered include awareness about the scope of NDIS.
- Youth services offered are drug and alcohol abuse programs, STDs, transport and ex offender support.

Council may approve a rates exemption for the land used for charitable purposes as per Section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995.

6.26. Rateable land

- (1) *Except as provided in this section all land within a district is rateable land.*
- (2) *The following land is not rateable land —*
 - (g) *land used exclusively for charitable purposes;*

The City periodically reviews properties previously classified as exempt to ensure that the use of land still qualifies as used for charitable purposes under Section 6.26(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995.

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

Community:

The Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service provides an essential service to the Aboriginal community.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Governance:

The Local Government Act 1995 is currently under review. The issue of rates exemptions, who is eligible and who should determine the eligibility, is an issue highlighted by local governments during the feedback period. No time lines have been provided on when the new legislation will be released.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

This Council and its predecessor Councils have previously approved rate exemptions for property utilised exclusively for charitable purposes, consistent with section 6.26(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995.

Council approved a rates exemption on the basis of charitable purpose at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27 January 2021 – Item CCS561, Rates Exemption Application – Cancer Council Western Australia (Inc).

A rate exemption for the Aboriginal Medical Centre owned by GRAMS located in Rangeway was approved in the past and has been in place for in excess of 20 years.

Note: This is the first time Council has received a rates exemption application for the Holland Street property.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995 provides broad definitions for rateable and non-rateable land. Section 6.26(2)(g) states that land is not rateable if it is “used exclusively for charitable purposes”.

‘Charitable purposes’ is not currently defined in the Local Government Act 1995 or other statutes; rather charity is defined at common law.

The definition of a charitable purpose is largely based on the preamble to the Statute of Elizabeth enacted by the English Parliament in 1601 and the judgment of Lord Macnaghten in *Commissioners for Special Purposes of Income Tax v Pemsel*. Lord Macnaghten classified the categories of charitable as trusts for one of the following:

- *the relief of poverty;*
- *the advancement of education;*
- *the advancement of religion; and*
- *other purposes beneficial to the community;*

The High Court of Australia incorporated the Statute of Elizabeth into Australian law, finding that in order for an institution to be charitable, it must be:

- (a) *within the spirit and intendment of the Preamble to the Statute Elizabeth; and*
- (b) *for the public benefit.*

Western Australian case law (arising from both the Courts and the State Administrative Tribunal) summarise that for a purpose to be charitable:

- (a) *it must fall within the purposes set out in the Statute of Elizabeth, or by Lord Macnaghten (above); and*
- (b) *there must be a public benefit, being a benefit directed to the general community, or to a sufficient section of the community to amount to the public.*

The following are excerpts of findings from case law relevant to this rates exemption application:

- *Aboriginal Australians are recognised in case law as being “notoriously in need of protection and assistance”,¹ and therefore, the provision of assistance to Aboriginal people will be deemed for the relief of poverty.²*

¹*Shire of Ashburton v Bindibindi Community Aboriginal Corporation [1999] WASC 108 AT [20].*

²*E.G. In re Mathew [1951] VLR 226; Toomelah Co-operative Ltd v Moree Plains Shire Council (1996) 90 LGERA 48.*

- *The Courts have recognised that, as a class, Aboriginal people are more likely than non-Aboriginal people to be of a lower socio-economic class, and are generally much more likely to be of ill health and to require special provision to be made for their education.³*

³*Shire of Ashburton v Bindibindi Community Aboriginal Corporation [1999] WASC 108 at [20] and [22].*

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The full rates levied for the 2020-21 financial year was \$6,009.01. The financial implication of the exemption from the date of application 18 March 2021 to 30 June 2021 is estimated to be \$1,728.62.

Exempt properties are still required to pay the Emergency Services Levy and rubbish collection charge.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Community	1.5 Recognise, value and support everyone
Strategy 1.5.1	Supporting and strengthening community groups, organisations and volunteer services.
Title: Governance	4.5 Good Governance & Leadership
Strategy 4.5.2	Ensuring finance and governance policies, procedures and activities align with legislative requirements and best practice.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Council by not approving the application for rate exemption may be required to defend its decision if the matter were to be appealed by the applicant to the State Administrative Tribunal and legal costs may be incurred as a result.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The alternative option is for Council to decline the application for rate exemption on the basis that it considers the Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service is not providing a charitable purpose to the community or that such charitable use relating to the property is not considered an exclusive use.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR DOUGLAS, SECONDED CR COLLIVER**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 6.26(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995 **RESOLVES** to:

1. **APPROVE** a rates exemption for the Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service on Rates Assessment Number A17996, being Lot 23 (30) Holland Street, Geraldton, on the basis that the property is being used exclusively for a charitable purpose; and
2. **APPROVE** the exemption to take effect from the date of application being 18 March 2021 and to remain in force for the duration of the current use of the property.

CARRIED 11/1

Time: 5:26 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 1

Yes Votes: 11

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Caudwell	NO
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Elphick	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES
Mayor Van Styn	YES

CCS588 CITY OF GREATER Geraldton's STANDARDS FOR CEO RECRUITMENT, PERFORMANCE AND TERMINATION
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-034945
AUTHOR:	N Hope, Manager Organisational Development
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	29 March 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0012-007
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x3) A. Draft City of Greater Geraldton's Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination B. CEO Standards Explanatory Notes C. Guidelines from the Department of Local Government for CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the adoption of the City of Greater Geraldton's Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 5.39B of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. ADOPT the City of Greater Geraldton's Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

On 3 February 2021, the *Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2021* (CEO Standards) introduced mandatory minimum standards for the recruitment, performance and termination of employment in relation to local government Chief Executive Officers (CEOs). The aim of the CEO Standards is to provide local government with a consistent and equitable process for CEO recruitment, selection, performance review, and termination across all local governments, in accordance with the principles of merit, equity, and transparency.

Section 5.39B(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) requires that a local government must prepare and adopt CEO standards within three months of the standards coming into operation (by 3 May 2021).

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:**Community:**

The mandatory minimum CEO Standards were developed with an aim to provide a consistent and equitable process for CEO recruitment, performance review, and termination across all local governments, in accordance with the principles of merit, equity and transparency.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Governance:

It is a mandatory legislative requirement that the local government prepare and adopt Standards for the recruitment, performance, and termination of CEOs prior to 3 May 2021.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

There are no relevant precedents.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Council members were consulted by Briefing Note on 17 March 2021 with the consultation period ending on 26 March 2021.

There were no requests for amendments received.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Pursuant to section 5.36(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* a local government is to employ –

- (a) *a person to be the CEO of the local government; and*
- (b) *such other persons as the council believes are necessary to enable the functions of the local government and the functions of the council to be performed.*

Pursuant to section 5.39A of the *Local Government Act 1995* - Model standards for CEO recruitment, performance and termination -

- (1) *Regulations must prescribe model standards for local governments in relation to the following —*
 - (a) *the recruitment of CEOs;*
 - (b) *the review of the performance of CEOs;*
 - (c) *the termination of the employment of CEOs.*

Pursuant to section 5.39B of the *Local Government Act 1995* - Adoption of the CEO standards requires an Absolute Majority of Council.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no current financial or resource implications in the 2021-22 financial year. Financial and resource implications will however, occur in the future either prior to the ten (10) year contract renewal of the incumbent CEO, or at the time of recruiting for a new CEO.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Governance	4.5 Good Governance & Leadership
Strategy 4.5.2	Ensuring finance and governance policies, procedures and activities align with legislative requirements and best practice.
Strategy 4.5.3	Providing leadership for the community in sustainability issues and local government reform matters.
Strategy 4.5.4	Ensuring Human Resource planning, policies and procedures support effective and safe Council service delivery.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Compliance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* within the specified time frame is mandatory and local governments are required to prepare and adopt by absolute majority, standards to be observed by the local government that incorporate the model standards. The adopted standards are to be published on the local government official website.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

CEO R McKim declared a Financial Direct interest in Item CCS588 City of Greater Geraldton's Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination as the report concerns his employment and left Chambers at 5.26pm.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR HALL**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 5.39B of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

- 1. ADOPT the City of Greater Geraldton's Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination.**

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 5:29 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Caudwell	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Elphick	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES
Mayor Van Styn	YES

R McKim returned to Chambers at 5.29pm

CCS589 NEW RESERVE – PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-036522
AUTHOR:	N Jane, Acting Chief Financial Officer
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	8 April 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0012-007
ATTACHMENTS:	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to create a new financial reserve for Money in Lieu of Public Open Space and associated budget amendments to transfer funds from Trust to Reserve.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.8 and 6.11 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE the creation of a new reserve “Money in Lieu of Public Open Space” for the purpose of the requirements of Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 to hold funds for development of public open space; and
2. APPROVE a budget amendment to transfer the funds held (\$1,286,297 plus accrued interest) from Trust to the Money in Lieu of Public Open Space Reserve.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

Previously the *Planning and Development Act 2005* required a local government to hold money received in lieu of public open space in Trust. The Act was amended in 2020, and the requirement now is that the funds are held in Reserve.

The City does not currently have a Reserve for this purpose, therefore this item seeks to establish a reserve for this purpose. Further, a budget amendment is required in order to transfer the funds from Trust to Reserve.

Other requirements in relation to the money held including seeking approval of the Minister to expend the funds and the allocation of interest earnings to the funds have not changed.

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:**Community:**

There are no adverse community impacts.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Governance:

The creation of this new cash reserve is to ensure we continue to meet the legislative requirements of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*. The associated transaction requires a budget amendment authorised by Council.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Cash Backed Reserves currently established are:

- Employee Entitlements Reserve
- Unexpended Capital Works & Restricted Grant Reserve
- Parking Land Reserve
- Major Initiatives Reserve
- Asset Renewal Reserve
- Point Moore Reserve

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 153 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* requires the owner of land to either set aside land for parks, recreation grounds or open spaces generally or make a payment to the local government an amount that represents the value of a specified portion of the land in lieu of the land.

Section 154(1) requires money received by a local government under section 153 to be paid into a separate reserve account established and maintained under section 6.11 of the *Local Government Act 1995* for this purpose.

Section 154(2) provides the process to expend funds received including the requirement for approval of the Minister and interest earned.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The value of the transfer will be \$1,286,297 plus accrued interest.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Governance	4.5 Good Governance & Leadership
Strategy 4.5.2	Ensuring finance and governance policies, procedures and activities align with legislative requirements and best practice.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The outlined actions will ensure that the risk of non-compliance with legislation is mitigated.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

As this is a legislative requirement, no alternatives were considered.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR THOMAS**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.8 and 6.11 of the Local Government Act 1995 **RESOLVES** to:

1. **APPROVE** the creation of a new reserve “Money in Lieu of Public Open Space” for the purpose of the requirements of Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 to hold funds for development of public open space; and
2. **APPROVE** a budget amendment to transfer the funds held (\$1,286,297 plus accrued interest) from Trust to the Money in Lieu of Public Open Space Reserve.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 12/0

Time: 5:33 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Caudwell	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Elphick	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES
Mayor Van Styn	YES

CCS590 DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN – GREATER GERALDTON 2031
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-036405
AUTHOR:	T Palmonari, Manager Economic Development and Strategic Planning
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	8 April 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	ED/7/0005
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Draft Strategic Community Plan – Greater Geraldton 2031

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Draft Strategic Community Plan – Greater Geraldton 2031 (SCP), for public comment.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.56(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. ENDORSE the Strategic Community Plan - Greater Geraldton 2031 as a draft for the purpose of public advertising.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

The SCP represents the highest level of strategic planning undertaken by local governments. It is a legislative requirement as part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework under the Local Government Act 1995. Its purpose is:

- Ensuring the community is involved in the setting of a long term vision;
- Providing Council with a clear understanding of the community's well-being, priorities, aspirations, needs and wants; and
- Guiding the priority setting within the City's Corporate Business Plan.

The Strategic Community Plan - Greater Geraldton 2031 is a shared vision that draws on the wisdom of our community. It outlines our community's vision and aspirations for the next 10 years. It is the result of the Major Review of the Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027.

If endorsed by Council, a public comment period will run from 28 April – 19 May 2021. Once feedback is incorporated, the SCP will go to Council for adoption at the 22 June 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:**Community:**

Through this plan, the City aims to set long-term initiatives to support the sustainable growth and development of the community.

Environmental:

The plan incorporates the City's environmental sustainability practices and the implementation of local environment sustainability projects.

Economic:

The implementation of the plan will have positive effects on the regional economy by supporting key initiatives for the community.

Governance:

The plan is a legislative requirement.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

The last Major Review of the Strategic Community Plan was adopted by Council on 27 June 2017 – Item CCS265, City of Greater Geraldton - Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027 and Corporate Business Plan 2017-2021.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been significant consultation with internal and external stakeholders through the development of this Plan. In addition to providing the opportunity for feedback on the draft strategy, meetings and workshops have been held with the community and internal City team representatives. Presentations and updates were provided to Councillors at the November 2020, February and April 2021 Concept Forums.

As a result of feedback received at the April Concept Forum, a minor amendment has been incorporated in the attached version – Attachment No. CCS590.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The SCP is a legislative requirement as part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework under the Local Government Act 1995.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The Long-Term Financial Plan informs the Corporate Business Plan in the activation of Strategic Community Plan priorities. The Long-Term Financial Plan includes forecasts for the years accompanying the Corporate Business Plan. From these planning processes, annual budgets are aligned and strategic objectives will be developed.

The Workforce Planning Strategy will define workforce initiatives and change interventions integral to the achievement of the outcomes identified in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Governance	Planning and Policy
Strategy 5.2.7	Ensuring efficient and effective delivery of service

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

Delivery of the SCP outcomes will benefit communities and residents of towns across the Mid West. By achieving the outcome, Greater Geraldton will become the home to WA's Regional Capital. A strong regional centre creates a strong region by assisting in retaining and attracting population.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The risk inherent in not approving the recommendation is a failure to comply with legislation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR CAUDWELL, SECONDED CR CLUNE

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.56(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 **RESOLVES** to:

- 1. ENDORSE the Strategic Community Plan - Greater Geraldton 2031 as a draft for the purpose of public advertising.**

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 5:36 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Caudwell	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Elphick	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES
Mayor Van Styn	YES

CCS591 RATES 2021-22 NOTICE OF INTENTION

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-038035
AUTHOR:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	11 April 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	FM/6/0020
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Statement of Objects and Reasons 2021-22

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement to give public notice of its intention to impose proposed differential rates and minimum payments for the 2021-22 financial year that form part of the adopted budget.

This public notice is mandatory under Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act, before imposing any differential general rates or a minimum payment via the Annual Budget.

Such notice is to be published within a period of two (2) months preceding the commencement of the new financial year, inviting public submissions on the proposed rates or minimum payments.

An elector or ratepayer has 21 days from date of public notice to make submissions in respect of the proposed rates and minimum payments and any related matters. Council is required to consider any submissions received before imposing the proposed rate or minimum payment with or without modification.

Council may resolve to impose rates or minimum payments different from those published in the local public notices, and if it does so, is obliged to publish the reasons for doing so, as part of its formally adopted budget.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. ENDORSE the proposed differential rates and minimum payments for the 2021-22 financial year as detailed in Table 2 of this report, for the purpose of giving local public notice of its intention to impose differential general rates and minimum payments for the 2021-22 financial year; and
2. INVITE submissions from electors and ratepayers on the proposed rates and minimum payments and any related matters, as required under section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

The following tables detail the current 2020-21 and the proposed 2021-22 differential 'rates-in-the-dollar' (RID) and minimum payments:

Table 1:**Current Differential General Rates & Minimum Payments (2020-21)**

Differential Rate Types	Rate-in-the-dollar (Cents)	Minimum Payments \$
CGG Residential	14.8529	\$1,010
CGG Non-Residential	12.2934	\$1,010
CGG UV	0.7775	\$1,010

Table 2:**Proposed Differential General Rates & Minimum Payments (2021-22)**

Differential Rate Types	Rate-in-the-dollar (Cents)	Minimum Payments \$
CGG Residential	15.1128	\$1,027
CGG Non-Residential	12.5085	\$1,027
CGG UV	0.7911	\$1,027

Rates Modelling:

The proposed rates model in 2021-22 forms part of a response and recovery strategy to bring the City's budget over an appropriate timeframe back from an operating deficit to surplus position due to the impacts of COVID-19. This model is based on the following:

- 1.75% increase in the rate-in-the-dollar for all differential rating categories along with the same percentage increase being applied to minimum payments; and
- Discontinue discount on rates paid in full by the due date that was introduced in 2020-21 as part of the COVID-19 rates relief initiatives.

The proposed adjustment to rates in 2021-22 is in line with expected increases to power and water in 2021-22 contained in the latest forecasts from Treasury (State Government).

When reviewing the City's revenue requirements and in resetting our 10 year Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), the following principles underpin the City's recovery and forward financial planning:

- Continual positive movements and achievements of all financial health indicators and sustainability ratio benchmarks within a realistic and acceptable timeframe;
- In each financial year work towards achieving and maintaining a positive accounting result from Ordinary Operating Activities (an effective operating surplus in accounting terms);
- Generate sufficient revenue to renew assets when required to maintain capacity of performance and associated levels of services. The new LTFP will continue to set annual renewal expenditure at levels that manage asset renewal demand profiles.

- Gradually and continually improving the City's liquidity position to ensure we are in a position to effectively and financially manage any crisis or event that adversely impacts our business operations and recurrent revenue streams; and
- Strive to contain rates increases within a range of 1.5% to 2% per annum over the life of the plan to ensure that revenue from rates remains fairly smoothed and to avoid revenue-raising shocks to the community.

Note that the proposed rating adjustment represents the initial intent by Council and can be changed during the budget process.

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

Community:

Revenue from rates supports provision of social infrastructure required by the broader community. The annual review of rates and associated forward planning of revenue requirements form a significant part of the LTFP process to assess resourcing requirements to achieve strategic objectives and ensure future financial sustainability of the City.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Economy:

Councils raise revenue from rates to deliver, maintain and renew as necessary, key economic and social infrastructure and services required to support the local economy.

Governance:

Complying with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act in relation to the requirements to give notice on the Council's intention to impose differential general rates and minimum payments for the forthcoming financial year.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Each year, as noted under Legislative Implications below, Councils are required to give local public notice of intent to impose differential general rates and minimum payments. This is an annual statutory obligation.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

City of Greater Geraldton Councillors have been and will continue to be engaged through a series of forums and survey engagement, conducted through February to June of 2021. These forums address the Capital Works Program, 2021-22 Budget Operating Revenue & Expenditure and resetting the LTFP.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Statutory requirements for differential general rates and minimum payments are broadly set out in sections 6.33 through to 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act). As well, particular matters associated with those provisions of the Act are prescribed in the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations.

Section 6.36 of the Act requires all Council's, before imposing any differential general rates or minimum payments, to give local public notice of its intention to do so, and inviting submissions from electors and ratepayers.

Such notice may be published within a period of two (2) months preceding the commencement of the new financial year (that is during May or June), and must provide at least 21 days for submissions.

The Act requires Councils to consider any submission received, before imposing differential general rates and minimum payments. Councils may adopt the rates and minimum payments as published in local public notices, or may modify and adopt differential rates or minimum payments different from those published – in which event the Council must include the reasons for doing so, as part of its formal annual budget, when adopted.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Based on the proposed rates modelling, \$48.40m is the current estimate for the amount of rates to be levied and raised in 2021-22. This estimate includes a growth figure to the City's rate base of around 1% - interim rating. The 2020-21 actual rates revenue received from levied rates excluding the rates discount is expected to be around \$47.10m.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Governance	4.4 Financial Sustainability and Performance.
Strategy 4.4.2	Ensuring the City's long term financial planning delivers the community goals and aspirations in a sustainable and affordable manner.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Associated risk would be a failure to comply with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 in relation to the requirements to give notice on the Council's intention to impose differential general rates and minimum payments for the forthcoming financial year. This report mitigates that risk.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The proposed model of differential general rates and minimum payments gives consideration to both delivering infrastructure and services to the community in a financially sustainable and affordable manner.

Alternative options and/or rate models may be developed and reviewed as part of Council's final budget deliberation process.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR DOUGLAS, SECONDED CR COLLIVER**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the Local Government Act 1995 **RESOLVES** to:

1. **ENDORSE** the proposed differential rates and minimum payments for the 2021-22 financial year as detailed in Table 2 of this report, for the purpose of giving local public notice of its intention to impose differential general rates and minimum payments for the 2021-22 financial year; and
2. **INVITE** submissions from electors and ratepayers on the proposed rates and minimum payments and any related matters, as required under section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995.

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 5:41 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Caudwell	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Elphick	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES
Mayor Van Styn	YES

CCS592 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY TO 31 MARCH 2021

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-037075
AUTHOR:	N Jane, Acting Chief Financial Officer
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	7 April 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	FM/17/0004
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Monthly Management Report for period ended 31 March 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a comprehensive report on the City's finances to 31 March 2021.

There are no matters of variance considered to be of concern for the current budgeted end of year position. There are a number of capital projects budgeted to allow them to be commenced, however it is known these will not be completed before the end of financial year. These projects are listed in the attached report.

The City's investment in solar systems is now being tracked in the attached report to monitor energy production and the resultant reduction in CO2 emissions. A significant increase in energy production is evident since the installation of a 120KW system at the Aquarena in 2020.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the monthly financial statement of activity for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021, as attached.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

The financial position at the end of March 2021 is detailed in the attached report and summarised as follows. The variances are between Year-To-Date (YTD) budgeted forecasts and actuals (including commitments).

Operating Income	\$	82,984	0.1%	over YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operating Expenditure	\$	746,932	1.3%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Net Operating	\$	829,917	11.9%	over YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Expenditure	\$	36,807	0.2%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Revenue	\$	25,813	0.6%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Cash at Bank – Municipal	\$	30,301,300
Cash at Bank – Reserve	\$	23,008,955
 Total Funds Invested	 \$	 53,193,148

Current Rates Collected	92.27%
Current Rates Collected to March 2020	92.33%
 Rates Arrears Collected	 44.06%
Rates Arrears Collected to March 2020	45.14%

The attached report provides explanatory notes for items greater than 10% or \$50,000. This commentary provides Council with an overall understanding of how the finances are progressing in relation to the budget. The financial position presented in the March financials show a YTD positive variance of \$829,917 in the net operating surplus/ (deficit) result (this takes into account commitments).

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

Community:

There are no adverse community impacts.

Environment:

The City has invested in solar systems and energy produced through these systems is now included in the attached report, thereby demonstrating the reduction in CO2 emissions through this investment.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Governance:

The Financial Management Regulations require presentation each month of a Statement of Financial Activity accompanied by other supporting information that is considered relevant. In addition to the compliance requirements, the purpose of regularly reporting on the financial activities of the City is to enable Elected Members to monitor and review the allocation of financial and other resources against the budget. Reporting on a regular basis evidences ongoing financial management and the performance of the accounting systems. The monthly report provides a summary of the organisation's liquidity and going concern status.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council is provided with financial reports each month.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 6.4 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 require the local government to prepare a statement of financial activity each month, reporting on the source and application of funds as set out in the adopted annual budget.

A statement of financial activity and any accompanying documents are to be presented at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council within two months after the end of the month to which the statement relates.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As disclosed in the attached report.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Governance	4.4 Financial Sustainability and Performance
Strategy 4.4.1	Preparing and implementing short to long term financial plans.
Strategy 4.4.3	Delivering and ensuring business systems and services support cost effective Council operations and service delivery.
Title: Governance	4.5 Good Governance & Leadership
Strategy 4.5.2	Ensuring finance and governance policies, procedures and activities align with legislative requirements and best practice.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Provision of monthly financial reports to Council fulfils relevant statutory requirements and is consistent with good financial governance.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

There are no alternative options to consider.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR THOMAS, SECONDED CR HALL**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 RESOLVES to:

- 1. RECEIVE the monthly financial statement of activity for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021, as attached.**

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 5:45 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Caudwell	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Elphick	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES
Mayor Van Styn	YES

12.3 REPORTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**IS232 2021 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-035661
AUTHOR:	M Dufour, Manager Engineering Services
EXECUTIVE:	C Lee, Infrastructure Services
DATE OF REPORT:	6 April 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	PF/000022
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1)
	Draft 2021 Integrated Transport Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Greater Geraldton (City) has undertaken a five-year periodic review of its Integrated Transport Strategy, previously adopted by Council in 2015. The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the updated draft 2021 Integrated Transport Strategy.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. ADOPT the draft 2021 Integrated Transport Strategy to provide strategic direction in transport planning decision making within Council over the next five years, and advertise it for a period of 21 days;
2. ADOPT for final approval the Integrated Transport Strategy should no objections be received during advertising period; and
3. REQUIRE a further report to Council should there be any objections received during the advertising period.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

Transport networks in Geraldton in the past, have generally been established in an *ad-hoc* manner and focussed on individual transport modes. As such, the strategic needs and affordability for the community were not addressed. This primary issue prompted the development of the City's inaugural Integrated Transport Strategy – which was adopted in 2015.

The purpose of the 2015 Strategy was to provide a blueprint for capital and operational prioritised investment into the transport infrastructure needs of the community. With transport assets valued in the order of half a billion dollars and limited access to discretionary capital funds in its long term financial plan, the Strategy was intended to guide expenditure on integrated transport assets and to clearly communicate these priorities to the community and other stakeholders.

The 2015 Strategy recommended a periodic review after five years. City Officers initiated a review and update of the strategy in early 2020. The updated draft 2021 Integrated Transport Strategy reflects current aspirations of the Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 including:

- Promoting a built environment that is well planned and meets the current and future needs of the community.
- Providing a fit for purpose, safe and efficient infrastructure network.
- Developing and maintaining infrastructure that increases the potential for business and investment.
- Supporting the facilitating implementation of the Growing Greater Geraldton plan.
- Preparing and implementing short to long term financial plans.

The 2021 draft Strategy has also been restructured into seven strategic goals to: Create a 'destination' City Centre; Improve connectivity; Encourage sustainable modes of transport; Support access and inclusion; Integrate transport and land use; Plan for the future; and, Improve safety. As a public facing document the strategic goals are outcome driven – in line with the current review and update of the City's Community Strategic Plan.

In addition, Financial Analysis and Implementation and Reporting sections have been added to provide a framework to assist with the implementation of projects arising from the Strategy:

The draft 2021 Strategy will guide the City for the next five years, after which it is anticipated that a major review of the Strategy will be undertaken. The document provides strategic directions that Council can adopt, to make the City a better place and overcome some of the transport network challenges facing the City of Greater Geraldton.

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

Community:

A key focus of the Strategy is to provide an appropriately well-linked infrastructure network that supports the needs of the community and desired growth of the City.

Environment:

A key benefit of the Strategy is the aspiration to minimise greenhouse gas emissions through a well-designed infrastructure network that encourages the use of active transport modes (e.g. public transport, bicycling and walking) and seeks to optimise motorised vehicle transport routes.

Economy:

The Strategy provides information on funding mechanisms for transport infrastructure projects. A well designed integrated transport network will provide economic development opportunities.

Governance:

The Strategy will assist in the preparation of short, medium and long term financial planning.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

The inaugural Integrated Transport Strategy was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council 28 July 2015 – Item IS097 Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS).

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

As a periodic review focussed consultation was undertaken including a presentation and review by Council at the April 2021 Concept Forum.

Comments and feedback from key external stakeholders was directly sought from Main Roads WA and the Public Transport Authority.

The outcomes of public consultation undertaken on transport-related issues are reflected in the 2021 Integrated Transport Strategy including:

- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Review (2019);
- Geraldton 2050 Cycling Strategy – (2018); and
- Geraldton Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Planning Report (2018).

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The 2021 draft Integrated Transport Strategy has been prepared to integrate with the City's planning framework, including the [Local Planning Strategy](#) and [Local Planning Scheme](#)

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

With transport assets valued in the order of half a billion dollars strategic capital and renewal projects of the City's transport networks needs to be carefully planned. The 2021 Integrated Transport Strategy guides prioritised future transport infrastructure investment.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Community	1.2 Recreation and Sport
Strategy 1.2.2	Encouraging informal recreation through well planned and developed public open space, cycle/walk paths and green streetscapes.
Title: Environment	2.2 Sustainability
Strategy 2.2.2	Researching, promoting and providing sustainable infrastructure, services and utilities.
Title: Environment	2.3 Built Environment
Strategy 2.3.1	Promoting a built environment that is well planned and meets the current and future needs of the community.

Title: Economy	3.1 Growth
Strategy 3.1.3	Developing and maintaining infrastructure that increases the potential for business and investment.
Title: Governance	4.4 Financial Sustainability and Performance
Strategy 4.4.1	Preparing and implementing short to long term financial plans.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

Regionally, the 2021 draft Integrated Transport Strategy will guide improvements to the City's transport networks over the mid to long term. The provision of well-planned and implemented infrastructure links have important social and economic outcomes that benefit the City of Greater Geraldton and the Midwest Region.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Ad-hoc transport infrastructure projects that do not take into account other modes of transport and long term growth and community aspirations can have undesirable economic, environmental and social impacts on the local community and Midwest Region. The 2021 Integrated Transport Strategy mitigates this risk through the provision of a blueprint for capital and operational prioritised investment into the transport infrastructure needs of the community

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The following options were considered by City Officers:

Leave the current strategy in place.

Over the past five years the City has implemented various recommendations from the 2015 Integrated Transport Strategy, updated its Community Strategic Plan and updated other transport-related plans and strategies.

The City has also sought to improve the way in which information is presented to the community and this is reflected in the outcomes based strategic drivers in the 2021 Strategy.

Leaving the current strategy in place for another five years is therefore, not recommended.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED MAYOR, SECONDED CR DOUGLAS**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

- 1. ADOPT the draft 2021 Integrated Transport Strategy to provide strategic direction in transport planning decision making within Council over the next five years, and advertise it for a period of 21 days;**
- 2. ADOPT for final approval the Integrated Transport Strategy should no objections be received during advertising period; and**

- 3. REQUIRE a further report to Council should there be any objections received during the advertising period.**

CARRIED 12/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

IS233	COUNCIL POLICY 4.5 ASSET MANAGEMENT
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-036783
AUTHOR:	M Dufour, Manager Engineering Services
EXECUTIVE:	C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services
DATE OF REPORT:	6 April 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/14/0008
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x2)
	A. Draft Council Policy 4.5 Asset Management (v2)
	B. Comparison Table Council Policy 4.5 Asset Management

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of Council Policy 4.5 Asset Management version 2.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Local Government Act 1995

1. APPROVE Council Policy 4.5 Asset Management, version 2.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

Council Policy 4.5 Asset Management was first approved by Council on 1 July 2011. The objective of the policy is to set out a broad framework to ensure a co-ordinated corporate approach to asset management within the organisation. It provides clear direction in the provision and management of all City of Greater Geraldton assets that ensures sustainable outcomes and agreed levels of service, for present and future stakeholders.

City Officers have concentrated on developing asset management plans for its wide range of assets to populate its asset management software – Assetic, both underpinned by its Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy. However, after this phase of work was complete a review of the City's maturity in asset management was required in order to set a new baseline to identify areas for asset management development and improvements over the next five to ten years.

Several key initiatives have been delivered to achieve this. On 24 September 2019 Council endorsed the City's Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP). This Plan updated the information contained in the Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy. The objectives of SAMP are aligned with the Corporate Business Plan and the Strategic Community Plan in delivering services with physical assets that address the City's vision of a prosperous, diverse, vibrant and sustainable community. The SAMP also outlines the

City's response to issues and options including optimising the lifecycle costs of owning and operating assets to deliver the levels of services.

The City completed its Asset Management Maturity Diagnostic and Improvement Plan in November 2020. This document assessed current asset management maturity of the City of Greater Geraldton; reviewed the quality of the City's existing asset data; reviewed current asset management processes; and, provided recommendations for improving asset management practices and frameworks.

The City has established an Asset Management Working Group to implement recommendations from the Asset Management Maturity Diagnostic and Improvement Plan – led by the City's Strategic Infrastructure Officer. The City is working closely with the developers of Assetic to provide technical services to assist with this.

The City has recently engaged a consultant to undertake a comprehensive condition survey of the City's sealed roads, and is currently seeking quotes to update its bridges and culverts asset management plans.

City Officers have reviewed the policy and suggest minor amendments to: reflect a change in the structure of the organisation, grammar, and Councillor feedback.

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

Community:

The policy informs the development of agreed levels of services for the provision and renewal of community infrastructure.

Environment:

The policy informs the development of sustainable outcomes for the provision and renewal of community infrastructure.

Economy:

Timely and strategic provision and renewal of the City's assets will help maintain and drive economic development.

Governance:

The Local Government Act 1995 requires that Council establish good governance principles through the introduction of policies such as that which is included in this item.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council Policy 4.5 Asset Management version 1 was approved by Council on 24 January 2017 – Item CCS231 City of Greater Geraldton Council Policy Manual.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Councillors were consulted via Briefing Note on 23 February 2021. Section 2.2 of the policy has been updated to reflect Councillor feedback.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This policy fulfils, in part, the requirements of the Asset Management Framework and Guidelines for Western Australian Local Governments (Department of Local Government, 2011).

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial or resource implications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Economy	3.1 Growth
Strategy 3.1.3	Developing and maintaining infrastructure that increases the potential for business and investment.
Title: Governance	4.4 Financial Sustainability and Performance
Strategy 4.4.2	Ensuring the City's long term financial planning delivers the community goals and aspirations in a sustainable and affordable manner.
Strategy 4.4.3	Delivering and ensuring business systems and services support cost effective Council operations and service delivery.
Title: Governance	4.5 Good Governance & Leadership
Strategy 4.5.2	Ensuring finance and governance policies, procedures and activities align with legislative requirements and best practice.
Strategy 4.5.3	Providing leadership for the community in sustainability issues and local government reform matters.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

Asset Management is critical in maintaining the City as a regional focal point, and maintaining and attracting business and tourism that benefits the region.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Asset Management policy provides the overarching framework for developing and maintaining City asset registers and asset management planning. Without this framework good governance and long-term financial planning for asset renewal/replacement would not be possible

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternatives were considered by City Officers.

Cr Douglas moved the motion with an amendment to add a new Point 1.

During the debate Cr Keemink entered Chambers at 5.49pm

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR DOUGLAS, SECONDED CR CAUDWELL

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Local Government Act 1995

- 1. REPLACE the word 'requirement' with 'need' in section 2.2 of the Asset Management Policy; and**
- 2. APPROVE Council Policy 4.5 Asset Management, version 2.**

CARRIED 13/0

Time: 5:51 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 13

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Caudwell	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Elphick	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES
Mayor Van Styn	YES

REASON FOR VARIATION TO THE EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
'Need' is a stronger word and makes section 2.2 consistent with section 2.1

12.4 REPORTS OF OFFICE THE CEO

Nil.

12.5 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED**RR24 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED - APRIL**

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-037871
AUTHOR:	R McKim, Chief Executive Officer
EXECUTIVE:	R McKim, Chief Executive Officer
DATE OF REPORT:	16 April 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0012-007
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x3) 1 x Confidential
	A. DCSDD169 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval
	B. CCS593 – Community Grants Committee – Minutes – 23 March 2021
	C. CEO76 - WALGA State Council Agenda – May 2021
	D. CCS594 – Confidential Report – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation March 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to receive the Reports of the City of Greater Geraldton.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**PART A**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to

1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
 - a. Reports – Development and Community Services:
 - i. DCSDD169 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval.
 - b. Reports – Corporate and Commercial Services:
 - i. CCS593 – Community Grants Committee – Minutes – 23 March 2021.
 - c. Reports – Office of the CEO
 - i. CEO76 - WALGA State Council Agenda – May 2021.

PART B

That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
 - a. Reports – Corporate and Commercial Services:
 - i. CCS594 – Confidential Report – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation March 2021.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

Information and items for noting or receiving (i.e. periodic reports, minutes of other meetings) are to be included in an appendix attached to the Council agenda.

Any reports received under this Agenda are considered received only. Any recommendations or proposals contained within the "Reports (including Minutes) to be Received" are not approved or endorsed by Council in any way. Any outcomes or recommendations requiring Council approval must be presented separately to Council as a Report for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:**Community:**

There are no adverse community impacts.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Governance:

There are no adverse governance impacts.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Reports to be received by Council at each Ordinary Meeting of Council

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no legislative or policy implications.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial or resource implications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Governance	4.5 Good Governance & Leadership
Strategy 4.5.2	Ensuring finance and governance policies, procedures and activities align with legislative requirements and best practice.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

There are no risks to be considered.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR HALL, SECONDED CR COLLIVER****PART A**

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- 1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:**
 - a. Reports – Development and Community Services:**
 - i. DCSDD169 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval.**
 - b. Reports – Corporate and Commercial Services:**
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PART B

That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 RESOLVES to:

- 1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:**
 - a. Reports – Corporate and Commercial Services:**
 - i. CCS594 – Confidential Report – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation March 2021.**

CARRIED 13/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

13 MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NM18	REVIEW OF SWIS NORTH OF THREE SPRINGS
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-038678
AUTHOR:	Cr S Douglas
DATE OF REPORT:	20 April 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0008
APPLICANT / PROPONENT:	Council
ATTACHMENTS:	No

COUNCILLOR COMMENT

This motion calls for an urgent review into the region's electricity network.

It follows significant and long-lasting disruption to power supplies across the Mid West following significant damage to the network by Tropical Cyclone Seroja including 3 days for Geraldton.

While the scale of the damage is unprecedented and Western Power has moved quickly to restore supply (many thanks – a great job in difficult times), the event brought into sharp focus the state of the grid in the Northern Country of the SWIS (South West Interconnected System).

Despite some enhancements, the SWIS north of Three Springs through to Geraldton and beyond is based on a 132kV line. It is old, unreliable and close to full capacity. Most was built in the 1930's.

In 2015, the Mid West Energy Project (Southern Section) saw the construction of a new double circuit 330kV line supported by steel lattice towers (not wooden poles) between Neerabup (north of Perth and Three Springs). This was underpinned largely by Karara's operations. Planning, including a new route, was also completed for the MWEP (northern Section) to take the 330 kV line through to Moonyoonooka and on to Oakajee but could not be supported by a business case.

Unfortunately, despite strong calls over the past 10-15 years from the region's key stakeholders for an upgrade, the section between Three Springs and Geraldton remains an ageing, dual circuit 132kV line.

An upgrade to a 330kV line would have numerous benefits including increased reliability, greater power capacity to support major industry development and facilitate more renewable energy projects in the region by providing a viable 'export' network option.

In the past, arguments against this upgrade have been based almost purely on financial factors. The recent extended power outages highlight the importance of reliable power supplies on the health and safety of people, as well as industry and business. The power outage caused significant flow on impacts on telecommunications and sewerage, with the former causing considerable distress to family and friends who could not contact their loved ones.

Thankfully the three gas turbines at Mungarra were available to generate the power Geraldton still utilises. However, questions remain about why this facility was not operational earlier. Since this facility was 'retired' from the electricity market in 2018, its purpose has been as a network control service for Western Power (i.e. backup). That has proven to be a very valuable strategy. However, given its age (around 30 years), it is important that the Mid West community understands the plans for this facility into the future and what other contingencies can come into play if significant disruptions occur.

In addition, there is currently over 300MW* of power generation within 50 kms of Geraldton. Geraldton consumes around 80MW (the 132 kv line has a FIRM capacity of 84 MW). Whilst much of this is renewable, which has its own set of issues including storage, a review needs to consider how that capacity could better be deployed, including in emergency situations. The benefits would accrue to communities throughout the Mid West region.

Certainly a major option (which could understandably postpone the 330 kV upgrade to Geraldton until a major industry can underpin it) would be the establishment of a microgrid for Geraldton as well as other fringe of grid communities in the Mid West including Mullewa, Mingenew, Morawa, Perenjori, Dongara, Northampton and Kalbarri. I believe this aligns with Western Power's strategic vision to move from the current integrated network based on a grid with centralized generation, to a modular network involving microgrids with local generation. This needs to be progressed at a much faster pace.

Lastly, an accelerated roll out of stand-alone power systems of farms most vulnerable to power outages should be undertaken.

Tropical Cyclone Seroja clearly demonstrates the current power shortfalls and it's high time for serious review and investment in the network north of Three Springs.

**Mungarra 112MW, Mumbida Wind Farm 55MW, Walkaway windfarm 90MW, Greenough River Solar Farm 40MW, Geraldton Airport Diesel 10MW)*

EXECUTIVE COMMENT

The City Executive supports the motion put forward by Cr Douglas. The Mid West is growing rapidly with many future employment opportunities requiring a reliable source of power. At the moment, the current arrangement represents a significant risk to potential investors.

It should also be recognised that the Mid West has ideal environmental conditions for the development of large scale solar power arrays and wind turbine generators. The development of these opportunities is currently constrained by the 132kV line. The construction of the 330kV line from Three Springs would facilitate the development of these assets enabling renewable power to be utilised across the State. This would in turn facilitate the achievement of the State government's recently announced Climate Change goals.

It is recognised that the installation of the 330kV line would come at a large cost to the State. However, the opening up of investment opportunities and the improved power reliability should be considered.

COUNCILLOR MOTION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the Local Government Act RESOLVES to:

1. CALL on the State Government to:
 - a. Urgently review the power network (SWIS) north of Three Springs;
 - b. Upgrade the existing 132kV line from Three Springs to Geraldton to 330kV;
 - c. Advise why Mungarra was not operational sooner;
 - d. Advise the future of Mungarra and what other contingency plans can be activated should severe power disruptions re-occur;
 - e. Give stronger consideration to how local, existing and new generational capacity (especially but not only from renewable sources) can better be deployed in times of need;
 - f. Explain what plans it has to facilitate major industry, including the further development of renewable and hydrogen energy in the Mid West, given the 132kV line from Three Springs to Geraldton is effectively at capacity;
 - g. Fast track the establishment of microgrids in Geraldton and fringe of grid communities; and
 - h. Accelerate the installation of stand alone systems on farms most susceptible to power outages.
2. SEEK the support of this Motion by the Northern Country Zone of WALGA; and
3. MAKES the determination on the following grounds:
 - a. Recent prolonged power outages caused by Tropical Cyclone Seroja highlight the inadequacy and fragility of the existing power network.

Cr Douglas moved the Notice of Motion with an amendment to add a new 1.i.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR DOUGLAS, SECONDED CR TANTI**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the Local Government Act RESOLVES to:

1. CALL on the State Government to:
 - a. Urgently review the power network (SWIS) north of Three Springs;
 - b. Upgrade the existing 132kV line from Three Springs to Geraldton to 330kV;
 - c. Advise why Mungarra was not operational sooner;
 - d. Advise the future of Mungarra and what other contingency plans can be activated should severe power disruptions re-occur;

- e. Give stronger consideration to how local, existing and new generational capacity (especially but not only from renewable sources) can better be deployed in times of need;
- f. Explain what plans it has to facilitate major industry, including the further development of renewable and hydrogen energy in the Mid West, given the 132kV line from Three Springs to Geraldton is effectively at capacity;
- g. Fast track the establishment of microgrids in Geraldton and fringe of grid communities;
- h. Accelerate the installation of stand alone systems on farms most susceptible to power outages;
- i. Request Western Power and telecommunications providers to work together to ensure telecommunications are functional (from a power perspective) when the electricity network is significantly disrupted;
2. SEEK the support of this Motion by the Northern Country Zone of WALGA; and
3. MAKES the determination on the following grounds:
 - b. Recent prolonged power outages caused by Tropical Cyclone Seroja highlight the inadequacy and fragility of the existing power network.

CARRIED 9/4

Time: 6:14 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 4

Yes Votes: 9

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	YES
Cr. Parker	NO
Cr. Caudwell	YES
Cr. Colliver	NO
Cr. Clune	NO
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	NO
Cr. Elphick	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES
Mayor Van Styn	YES

REASON FOR VARIATION TO THE NOTICE OF MOTION: Due to the recent cyclone, a key issues was the disruption to telecommunications as they rely on the electricity network, therefore request that the Western Power and telecommunication providers work together on solutions to restore communications when a significant disruption occurs.

14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

15 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

Nil.

16 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Meeting Procedures Local Law February 2011, please note this part of the meeting *may* need to be closed to the public, *if* confidential discussion is required.

Confidential discussion was required.

PROCEDURAL MOTION**MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR KEEMINK**

That Council by Simple Majority **RESOLVES** to **MOVE** behind Closed doors in accordance with section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 and section 5.2(2) of Meeting Procedures Local Law, that the item and attachments for the following reports are confidential as they contain information relating to a contract entered into, or may be entered into by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

CARRIED 13/0

Time: 6:16 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 13

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Caudwell	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Elphick	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES
Mayor Van Styn	YES

The public left Chambers at 6.15pm.

Livestreaming was turned off.

DCS490 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - MERU TIP SHOP OPERATIONS

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-035678
AUTHOR:	F Block, Coordinator Community Development
	F Norling, Manager Community and Cultural Development
EXECUTIVE:	P Melling, Director Development and Community Services
DATE OF REPORT:	6 April 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0013-002
ATTACHMENTS:	No

The full item was been provided to Council under separate cover.

Item DCS490 remains confidential as it contains information relating to a matter that if disclosed would reveal information about a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government [excerpt of Section 5.23(2)(c) of the Local Government Act].

This item was considered and determined behind closed doors and Council's decision is now available for the public record.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR HALL**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.8 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

- 1. APPROVE and AUTHORISE a trading undertaking for the Tip Shop management by the City;**
- 2. APPROVE and AUTHORISE a budget amendment in 2020-21 for a transfer of \$29,000 from operating expenditure to capital renewal to undertake Tip Shop refurbishments, and**
- 3. AUTHORISE the City to operate a retail service for the disposal and sale of second hand goods at the Tip Shop.**

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 13/0

Time: 6:22 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 13

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Caudwell	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Elphick	YES

Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES
Mayor Van Styn	YES

DCS491 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - CBD LAND INVESTIGATION

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-21-037975
AUTHOR:	B Robartson, Manager Land and Regulatory Services
EXECUTIVE:	P Melling, Director Development and Community Services
DATE OF REPORT:	8 April 2021
FILE REFERENCE:	A8470 & A8472
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes x2 (x1) Confidential
	A. Confidential Attachment - Land Valuation Summary
	B. Attachment - UDLA Report – Blue Healers Site – Initial Concept Plan

The full item was provided to Council under separate cover.

Cr N Colliver declared an indirect Financial Interest in Confidential Item DCS491 CBD Land Investigation, Chair of Pollinators Inc which has a lease over two of the buildings in Lot 151 and left Chambers at 6.22pm.

Item DCS491 remains confidential as it contains information relating to a matter that if disclosed would reveal information about a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government [excerpt of Section 5.23(2)(c) of the Local Government Act].

This item was considered and determined behind closed doors and Council's decision is now available for the public record.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR CAUDWELL, SECONDED CR ELPHICK**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 3.59 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 Part 3 8A RESOLVES to:

- 1. APPROVE in principle the purchase of Lot 151 Marine Terrace and Lot 153 Lester Avenue, Geraldton;**
- 2. DELEGATE authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the purchase price to a maximum amount as per Confidential Attachment No. DCS491A;**
- 3. APPROVE and AUTHORISE a new budget expenditure allocation as set out in Confidential Attachment No. DCS491A for the purchase, with the price made public in three (3) months time; and**
- 4. APPROVE the sale of other land parcels to fund this purchase as per Confidential Attachment No. DCS491A.**

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/5

Time: 7:04 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 5

Yes Votes: 7

Name	Vote
Cr. Douglas	NO
Cr. Parker	NO
Cr. Caudwell	NO
Cr. Colliver	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Clune	NO
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Elphick	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	NO
Mayor Van Styn	YES

Cr Colliver returned to Chambers at 7.04pm.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED MAYOR, SECONDED CR DOUGLAS

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority RESOLVES to MOVE from behind closed doors.

CARRIED 13/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the Council meeting at 7.04pm.

APPENDIX 1 – ATTACHMENTS AND REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

Attachments and Reports to be Received are available on the City of Greater Geraldton website at: <https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/>