



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MINUTES

29 AUGUST 2023

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**CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST 2023 AT 5.00PM**  
**CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE**

**MINUTES**

**DISCLAIMER:**

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5pm.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the 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 J Clune  
Cr N Colliver  
Cr S Cooper  
Cr J Critch  
Cr R D Hall  
Cr M Librizzi  
Cr S Keemink  
Cr K Parker  
Cr M Reymond\*  
Cr V Tanti  
Cr T Thomas

Officers:

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer  
P Melling, Director of Development Services

F Norling, Director of Community and Culture  
P Radalj, Director of Corporate Services  
C Lee, Director of Infrastructure Services  
S Moulds, PA to the Chief Executive Officer  
L Pegler, Executive Support Secretary  
M Adams, Manager Sport & Leisure  
M Dufour, Manager Climate, Environment & Waste  
D Luscombe, Manager Land, Facilities and Property Management  
P Kingdon, Coordinator Communication and Tourism  
D Melling, Systems Administrator

Others:

Members of Public: 3  
Members of Press: 1

Apologies:

Leave of Absence:

Cr M Raymond\* *Noted on approved leave but attended this meeting.*

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cr M Librizzi declared a Financial Indirect interest in Item No. CC006 Club Night Lights Program Forward Planning Grant Application, as he is a member and financial sponsor of the Railways Football Club.

**5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

The following question was Taken on Notice at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 July 2023.

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

Summary of verbal questions taken at the meeting - approved by Mayor

Mr Hickey advised he has been coming to these meetings over the years and his coping with the sound/audio and the visuals has become a bit of a trial. What has Council got in mind, if anything, to review the facility and infrastructure so people of his age with difficulties of hearing and seeing; what role can Council play in improving those things for ratepayers and the community.

Response

The City notes your attendance at Council Meetings over the years and thanks you for engagement with Council at these meetings.

The City has a 'hearing loop' in our Function Room/Chambers to assist people who wear telecoil enabled hearing aids. Currently this system is being reviewed and fully tested. The 'hearing loop' system helps people with hearing loss to hear conversations more easily. It works when a person's hearing aid is switched to the hearing loop setting. This loop helps to cut out background noise and enables the person to hear communications as though they were being spoken to up-close. The

audio speakers are also switched on to include the Function Room and its volume is thoroughly tested before each meeting.

The City provides agendas at each meeting, which you are more than welcome to use to assist you in following Council Meetings. Feel free to move to the front of the seating provided to be able to see the screen clearly. Whilst the Council Minutes are shown live on the overhead screen and enlarged, the Motions must display as much text for Council Members to be able follow proceedings efficiently.

All livestreams of meetings are recorded and can be viewed *after* the meeting here: [Live Streaming of Council Meetings » City of Greater Geraldton \(cgg.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au).

*This response has been provided to Mr Hickey.*

## **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.*

*Public question time commenced at 5.01pm*

### **Aaron Horsman, 213 Lester Avenue, Geraldton WA**

#### Question

The Youth Centre the city demolished in Lester avenue has been defunct for many months now, with no work started on the "Rocky's Gym" venue that council purchased at the ratepayer's expense. Considering the venue that was demolished was owned by the ratepayers already, why has the youth centre not been prioritised and completed, while disadvantaged, disabled and indigenous youth still have no facilities? indeed, is the \$100'000 dollars allocated in the budget sufficient to complete the refurbishment?

#### Response

The Lester Avenue property was purchased to increase CBD carparking opportunities. The Youth Team utilised the building on an interim basis rather than have it sit empty leading up to its demolition. The subsequent purchase of "Club Rocky's" was to facilitate the development of the City's first ever Youth Centre. The site is ideal as it allows coordination with the adjacent PCYC activities, the Aquarena and skate park. The acquisition and refurbishment of the building will enhance the City's current broad range of youth activities. The required design and estimate have been undertaken using the funds allocated by the Council. To reduce the

financial impact to ratepayers, Officers have commenced seeking Federal and State Government funding for the project with an EOI lodged with the Federal Government.

Summary of supplementary verbal question from Mr Horsman

Mr Horsman advised he would like to add one small bit, that he has been consulted by, and with, a number of community groups who are concerned that it hasn't gone ahead expediently. There are young people and disabled people that have not got a space that they used to have on Lester Avenue.

Response

The previous site was not a Youth Centre, it was a consulting area for at risk youth and for specialist intervention services. The City is in the business of creating its first ever Youth Centre.

Question

Now that the Nexus flights from Geraldton to Karratha and beyond have commenced, how much has been claimed by passengers under the Cities subsidised fare program, and what proportion of those fares are used by businesses, such as GBSC, or individual ratepayers travelling for tourism or pleasure?

Response

The Inter-Regional Flight Network deed arrangement between the State Government, Local Governments (including City of Greater Geraldton) and Nexus is not based on a subsidised fare program per passenger. You may be referencing the State Government capped fare program that they have in place for fares associated with direct flights from major regional centres to Perth. The City has agreed (Council Item No. CCS697) to commit to a direct contribution over four (4) years along with other parties to deed, to establish and grow a direct linkage to northern destinations. City of Greater Geraldton contribution is expected to be largely offset by airport fees and charges generated from this new service. In addition, via the City's support of the Inter-Regional network the following value adds have been created:

- Nexus establishing a new service between Geraldton and Perth providing the community with additional flight options and the airport with another new revenue stream that hopefully will both continue to grow into the future;
- Creation of a new workforce locally as Nexus has based part of their operations (including flight crews) in Geraldton; and
- Providing new business opportunities for existing local businesses that support Nexus operations.

As you are aware we are in the early stage of this new service and the data currently provided relates primarily to route numbers not demographics at this time. Based on route numbers and general

observations there seems to be a good mix between business and non-business related travel.

#### Question

What with the blowout of expenses during the Aquarena refurbishment, and the \$100 000 wasted on returning the Chapman road RAC project to a functional roadway, as it was preferred by users and ratepayers, who within Council takes responsibility for these poor decisions and substantial losses to the stakeholders of the City of Greater Geraldton?

#### Response

As the CEO, I take responsibility, but would question your statement. The Chapman Road grant funded project, designed by members of the local community was always going to be contentious as it was creative and different. Councils are usually criticised for being boring, staid and bureaucratic. This was an opportunity to see if the local community wanted to try something different and unfortunately, they did not. The current painted arrangement is also a trial and feedback will be sought prior to finalising a design of a permanent solution.

As for the Aquarena, undertaking the renewal of the local community's much loved fifty-year-old outdoor pool is core local government business. If the Council was being reckless with ratepayer's funds, they would have dug the entire pool out and started again which would have come at a much higher price than refurbishing the existing pool which now includes dedicated all ability ramp access. Blaming anyone for the consequences of an extraordinary weather event, for which the vast majority of costs are being recovered through insurance, is in my humble opinion, not appropriate. The costs of this project has also been offset by a significant State Government grant for which we are grateful.

#### **Sean Hickey, PO Box 2966, Geraldton WA**

*The Mayor noted that the questions submitted to Council were received an hour before the meeting, therefore advised Mr Hickey that Officers will try their best to answer them. Mr Hickey was reminded that sending long questions an hour before the meeting was not helpful to Officers who prepare the responses. The Mayor reminded Mr Hickey to send his questions the day before the meeting.*

*Extract from Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011, Section 5.7 (1)(h):*

*(h) where a member of the public seeks a written response to their questions to be tabled at a meeting, the member of the public must submit their questions to Council by no later than 12 noon on the day prior to the meeting date of which the response is to be tabled;*

Question

Would Council please consider the undoubted value of making City business - the likes of Monthly Council Minutes - much more readily available? Recent 'hearsay' and unavailability of recent Minutes would indicate that Council seem to hold a restrictive procedure.

For example: A request sheet requiring name, contact and details is required to search minutes from Council Offices.

Response

Receiving your questions just prior to the Council Meeting makes it very difficult to provide accurate and detailed responses.

The City's past minutes and agendas are freely available for anyone to access and research on the City's website. If you can't navigate these documents or can't find what you are looking for and require Officers to research a particular matter, writing your request down along with your details is not unreasonable.

The City also store recordings of this meeting to watch as well.

*Summary of supplementary verbal question from Mr Hickey*

Mr Hickey advised that he went to the local Library, which is a vehicle for communication to the public, just last week. There were no minutes available for the last three months. He was advised that the Council should be approached with name and contact should he want minutes beyond a year, and that the library only keep them up to a year. Well they didn't even have the first three months. Or the last three months when he went to the Library.

Response

The Mayor recommended that Mr Hickey go to the Library kiosk, on the free internet provided, and visit the City's website for previous Council minutes. A decade worth of minutes are available on the City website. Which can be downloaded to read. <https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/past>.

Question

Would Council explain why they choose to:

At Greys Beach - not to nourish the beach after the Revetment build.

At Point Moore - why there was support for the 'Sandbagging'.

Response

Receiving your questions just prior to the Council Meeting makes it very difficult to provide accurate and detailed responses.

Grey's Beach is being monitored by the City. Heavy duty sand trapping fencing was installed in front of the revetment. This has been successful in this location to date in slowing down erosion.



The City is supportive of the Geraldton Volunteer Marine Rescue Association, as they do a great job looking after local boaties and hence the City was supportive of the sand bagging activities to provide time for them to relocate their equipment.

*Mr Hickey counter questioned the response.*

*The Mayor advised this was public question time and not a forum to counter-question. The Mayor reminded Mr Hickey that if he wants the level of answers expected by Mr Hickey, to submit them in advance, so researched responses can be provided.*

#### Question

Maitland Park is a valued public open space for the Community at large.

It's future potential as 'a go to - treed parkland for the people' is seemingly lost. Or is it? Why has Council taken the line of 'robbing Peter to pay Paul'?

It would seem Council can't think outside the square - or are encouraged not to. And that they are only too ready to have the public loose a significant area adjacent to Geraldton Secondary College to all day parking.

*The Mayor asked Mr Hickey for his question.*

Would Council find better solutions to robbing that land which is public open space tree value for a traffic solution when due to restrictions the Geraldton Senior and Nagle College.....

*The Mayor assisted Mr Hickey by rephrasing his question to:  
'Will Council look at other options'?*

#### Response

Receiving your questions just prior to the Council Meeting makes it very difficult to provide accurate and detailed responses.

The City has undertaken significant consultation over a twelve-month period with those directly impacted and are now consulting with the broader community. Your statement / question will be included as part of this process.

*Public question time concluded at 5.15pm.*

## 7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### Existing Approved Leave

Councillor	From	To (inclusive)	Date Approved
Cr M Reymond*	26 July 2023	30 August 2023	25/07/2023

*\*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 at 'Record of Attendance'.*

#### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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 Keemink for the period 26 September to 4 October 2023; and
  - b. Cr N Colliver for the period 18 September to 19 September 2023.

#### COUNCIL DECISION

**MOVED CR HALL, SECONDED CR THOMAS**

#### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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 Keemink for the period 26 September to 4 October 2023; and**
  - b. **Cr N Colliver for the period 18 September to 19 September 2023.**

#### **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

Nil.

## 9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 July 2023, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**COUNCIL DECISION****MOVED CR COOPER, SECONDED CR COLLIVER****RECOMMENDED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 July 2023, 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*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>
27 July 2023	Official Unveiling Ceremony of Perth's Korean War Memorial	Mayor Shane Van Styn
28 July 2023	APA Group Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pipeline - Official Opening	Mayor Shane Van Styn
28 July 2023	Meeting with Hon David Michael MLA, Minister for Local Government – Local Matters	Mayor Shane Van Styn
29 July 2023	Netball WA - Midwest Gascoyne Regional Championships Opening Ceremony	Mayor Shane Van Styn
30 July 2023	ABC Radio National - Regional Australia Institute (RAI) Report	Mayor Shane Van Styn
31 July 2023	ABC Drive – Regional Australia Institute (RAI) Report	Mayor Shane Van Styn
1 August 2023	ABC Interview - PSG and Hydrogen	Mayor Shane Van Styn
1 August 2023	Concept Forum as Presiding Member <i>Mayor attended online.</i>	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
3 August 2023	Triple M Interview - Electoral Commission Boundary Changes	Mayor Shane Van Styn
4 August 2023	Australian Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Shane Van Styn
4 August 2023	Commission of Naval Association of Australia Western Australia Sailing Club – Geraldton Squadron	Mayor Shane Van Styn
5 August 2023	Radio Mama Interview – Peacocks Gym	Mayor Shane Van Styn
8 August 2023	Mayor / CEO Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
8 August 2023	Marketing and Media Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
8 August 2023	ABC Interview – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act (ACHA) Repeal	Mayor Shane Van Styn
8 August 2023	ABC Interview - Musk versus Zuckerberg (Cage Fight)	Mayor Shane Van Styn
11 August 2023	Photo for Media Release - Backroads Gravel Captains Ride with Mitch Docker	Mayor Shane Van Styn
11 August 2023	Beam Seated e-scooter Launch	Mayor Shane Van Styn
11 August 2023	Backroads - Fields of Gold - Official Welcome Event	Cr Michael Reymond
13 August 2023	Geraldton Combined Equestrian Club Dressage Championships	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
14 August 2023	Mayor / CEO Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
14 August 2023	Marketing and Media Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
16 August 2023	ABC Interview – Point Moore Coastal Erosion or Geraldton Volunteer Marine Recue Building (GVMR)	Mayor Shane Van Styn
16 August 2023	Variety Motoring NSW and ACT Bathurst to Batavia Bash	Mayor Shane Van Styn
17 August 2023	Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
18 August 2023	Vietnam Veterans Day	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
19 August 2023	Pesona Indonesia Geraldton - Indonesian Independence Day Celebration	Mayor Shane Van Styn
20 August 2023	Radio Mama Interview – General Catch Up	Mayor Shane Van Styn
21 August 2023	Mayor / CEO Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
21 August 2023	Marketing and Media Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
21 August 2023	Regular Meeting with Lara Dalton MLA, Member for Geraldton – Local Matters	Mayor Shane Van Styn

21 August 2023	Forget-Me-Not Dementia Support Café – Return to Geraldton	Cr Steve Cooper
21 August 2023	ABC Interview – Cloud 9 Vape Shop	Mayor Shane Van Styn
22 August 2023	Mullewa Railway Station and Buildings Tour	Mayor Shane Van Styn
22 August 2023	Agenda Forum - Mullewa	Mayor Shane Van Styn
23 August 2023	Batavia Local Emergency Management Committee (BLEMC) Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
23 August 2023	Introduction to New Australian Vanadium Limited (AVL) Executive	Mayor Shane Van Styn
23 August 2023	Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MWCCI) Business After Hours – GMA Garnett	Mayor Shane Van Styn
24 August 2023	Official Opening Outback Bloom Wildflower Festival - Mullewa	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
24 August 2023	Triple M Radio Interview – Chapman Road Shared Path	Mayor Shane Van Styn
24 August 2023	Regional Capitals Alliance WA (RCAWA) Meeting - Perth	Mayor Shane Van Styn
25 August 2023	Official Opening of the Chapman Road Shared Path by Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune and the Hon Rita Saffioti MLA, Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport,	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
25 August 2023	Geraldton Regional Art Gallery (GRAG) Exhibition Opening Night - Prize Collection and Single Channel	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
26 August 2023	Mullewa Agricultural Show	Cr Robert Hall
27 August 2023	Moonyoonooka Horse & Pony Club One Day Event - Presentations	Mayor Shane Van Styn
28 August 2023	Geraldton Guardian Interview – Rock Throwing Incidents	Mayor Shane Van Styn
28 August 2023	Potential Investor Meeting	
28 August 2023	Mayor / CEO Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
28 August 2023	Marketing and Media Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
29 August 2023	Geraldton Guardian Interview – Powerline Upgrade Announcement	Mayor Shane Van Styn
29 August 2023	ABC East Coast Interview – Nexus Airlines and Effect on Competition with Qantas	Mayor Shane Van Styn
29 August 2023	Meeting with Rovers Football Club – Building Upgrade	Mayor Shane Van Styn
29 August 2023	Meeting with Senator Susan McDonald, Shadow Minister – Local Matters	Mayor Shane Van Styn
29 August 2023	Ordinary Meeting of Council 2023	Mayor Shane Van Styn

*Note: Whilst it is noted that Council Members may have also been in attendance at the above events, this is a record of attendance by the Mayor, or where a Council Member has been asked to represent the Mayor.*

**11 UNRESOLVED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**  
Nil.

## 12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

### 12.1 REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

DS017	PROPOSED LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT – REZONE DEVELOPED STRUCTURE PLANNED AREAS
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-103499</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>K Elder, Coordinator Strategic Planning</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Melling, Director Development Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>9 August 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Scheme Amendment No. 14 - Basic Amendment Report - Normalisation of Developed Structure Planned Areas</b>

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The City has prepared a Local Planning Scheme Amendment (the 'Amendment') to rezone numerous lots which have been developed in accordance with endorsed structure plans. *The Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015* provides opportunities for local governments to update schemes and mapping on an as needs basis to reflect on ground development for areas that have already undertaken significant rezoning and structure planning processes. Updated scheme mapping has an additional benefit of simplifying the planning process for landowners when proposing development on-site.

This report recommends that Council initiate the amendment and determine that the rezoning is a 'basic' amendment.

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

#### PART A:

1. AMEND Local Planning Scheme No. 1 as per Local Planning Scheme Amendment No. 14.

#### 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 'basic' amendment; and
2. MAKE the determination that the amendment is consistent with a structure plan that has been approved under the scheme for the land to which the amendment related and that the scheme currently includes zones of all types that are outlined in the structure plans.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

Local Planning Scheme No. 1 (the 'Scheme') was gazetted on 11 December 2015 and since that time subdivision of land has incrementally occurred. This amendment proposes to update the scheme maps to include the recent development of a number of structure planned areas.

As part of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* structure plans need to have the statutory force and effectiveness of a scheme and the approved structure plan is to be incorporated, or 'normalised', into a scheme.

This simply involves rezoning the developed lots to reflect what they were shown as in the structure plan. This is proposed for a number of structure planned areas listed below.

Glenfield Beach Structure Plan

The Glenfield Beach Structure Plan was endorsed on 17 February 2016 and the subsequent subdivision and development has occurred in accordance with the approved structure plan.

The amendment proposes to rezone the newly created residential lots to 'Residential R25' in accordance with the structure plan.

Glenfield Structure Plan

The Glenfield Structure Plan was endorsed on 21 February 2011 and several 2,000m<sup>2</sup> lots along Alexander Drive have been subdivided in accordance with the approved structure plan.

The amendment proposes to rezone several lots fronting Alexander Drive to 'Residential R5'.

Karlooloo – Department of Housing Structure Plan

The Karlooloo – Department of Housing Structure Plan was endorsed on 28 July 2015 and several lots to the east of Wandina adjacent to the Verita Road alignment have been subdivided in accordance with the approved structure plan.

The amendment proposes to rezone these lots to 'Residential R20'.

Lot 200 Greenough River Road Structure Plan

The Lot 200 Greenough River Road Structure Plan was endorsed on 1 May 2013 and the subsequent green title subdivision of Gaskin Drive has occurred in accordance with the approved structure plan.

The amendment proposes to rezone the lots along Gaskin Drive to 'Residential R60' and Reserve 53774 & 53775 to 'Public Open Space' and 'Foreshore' local scheme reserve.



### Waggrakine – Moresby Heights Structure Plan

The Waggrakine – Moresby Heights Structure Plan was endorsed on 25 February 2015 and the subsequent subdivision and development has occurred in accordance with the approved structure plan.

The amendment proposes to rezone four newly created lots along Trefusis Place to 'Rural Residential' zone.

A copy of the scheme amendment report is attached.

### **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

#### **Community:**

There are no community issues, the amendment is reflecting actual changes that have taken place 'on the ground'.

#### **Economy:**

There are no adverse economic impacts.

#### **Environment:**

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

#### **Leadership:**

There are no adverse leadership impacts.

#### *Disclosure of Interest:*

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

### **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

There are no relevant precedents.

### **COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

In accordance with the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* there is no requirement to publicly advertise a basic amendment.

There has been no Councillor consultation.

### **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.

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## **Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015:**

### ***Normalising a Structure Plan:***

Under the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* and in order for a structure plan to have the statutory force and effect of a scheme, it is to be incorporated, or 'normalised', into a scheme via a scheme amendment or as part of a scheme review.

Normalising a structure plan into a planning scheme simply involves rezoning the lots created to reflect what they were shown as in the structure plan.

Given the above, the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* clearly outlines a general administrative requirement for structure plans to be normalised into a local planning scheme following development.

### ***Basic Amendment:***

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 therefore considered to be a 'basic' amendment according to the above criteria.

## **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial or resource implications.

## **INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Environment</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.</b>
Outcome 3.4	A desirable and sustainable built and natural environment responsive to community aspirations.

## **REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

By not initiating this amendment the City's statutory planning framework will not be up to date which is essential in order to guide the City in its decision making process.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

It is considered that the proposed amendment is consistent with the local planning framework as it will ensure that the scheme maps are updated to reflect current developments. The option to not support the initiation of the amendment is therefore not supported.

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

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

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

**PART A:**

1. **AMEND** Local Planning Scheme No. 1 as per Local Planning Scheme Amendment No. 14.

**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 'basic' amendment; and
2. **MAKE** the determination that the amendment is consistent with a structure plan that has been approved under the scheme for the land to which the amendment related and that the scheme currently includes zones of all types that are outlined in the structure plans.

**CARRIED 12/0**

Time: 5:24 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Mayor Van Styn</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Clune</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Colliver</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Cooper</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Critch</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Hall</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Keemink</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Librizzi</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Parker</b>	<b>YES</b>

<b>Cr. Reymond</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Tanti</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Thomas</b>	<b>YES</b>

**12.2 REPORTS OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE****CC006 CLUB NIGHT LIGHTS PROGRAM (CNLP) FORWARD PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-089111</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>M Adams, Manager Sport and Leisure</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>F Norling, Director Community and Culture</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>18 August 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0012-008</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x3) 2 x Confidential</b>
	<b>A. CNLP Forward Planning Grant Application</b>
	<b>B. Confidential – Letters of Support</b>
	<b>C. Confidential – Opinion of Probable Cost</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this item is to seek Council consideration for the City of Greater Geraldton (the City) Club Night Lights Program (CNLP) Forward Planning Grant application to upgrade the sports lighting and towers at the Recreation Ground.

Following consultation with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC), Officers determined that the project potentially met the criteria for the development bonus for which previous Forward Planning Grant applications had been considered ineligible. By meeting the criteria for the development bonus, the City may attract an increased grant allocation, which would result in a lesser contribution by the City. Should the City's grant application be successful, the City's required contribution will be either 50% or 66% of the total project cost, subject to determination by the funding body.

The total cost of the project to install new sports lighting at the Recreation Ground is \$623,540 (excluding GST). The City is seeking a grant totalling 50% financial contribution of \$311,770 (excluding GST) or 33% financial contribution of \$207,846 (excluding GST).

The City received one (1) application for this round of CNLP Forward Planning Grants.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. SUPPORT the City of Greater Geraldton Club Night Lights Program (CNLP) Forward Planning Grant application, seeking either a 50% total contribution of \$311,770 (excluding GST); or a 33% total contribution of \$207,846 (excluding GST) from the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) towards the total project cost of \$623,540 to upgrade sports lighting at the Recreation Ground.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 February 2023 Council considered Item No. IS280 RFT 2023 07 Recreation Ground Sports Lighting Renewal. Council resolved the following:

1. *REJECT the tender for RFT 2223 Recreation Ground Sports Lighting Renewal based on value for money;*
2. *APPROVE the FY2022-23 \$500,000 Recreation Ground Sports Lighting Renewal to be carried over to FY2023-24; and*
3. *DIRECT the CEO to apply for a 2023-24 CSRFF Annual and Forward Planning grant for work to commence in the FY2023-24 if successful.*

**Club Night Lights Program (CNLP)**

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC), on behalf of the State Government, offers CNLP funding that focuses on floodlighting projects, both upgrades and new installations that improve the usability of facilities for participants. Forward Planning Grants must have a total project cost of over \$500,000.

It should be noted that DLGSC notionally allocates \$2.5 million for the CNLP of the \$22.5 million annually allocated to Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund grants.

CNLP grants are usually offered based on a one-third funding contribution from the applicant sporting body, one-third CNLP and one-third Local Government. The CNLP Forward Planning Grants are opened annually in June and close 30 September with funds available from 01 July the following year, although projects can commence following the announcement of approval. The DLGSC also provides a development bonus where an applicant may receive more than one-third funding (up to a maximum of 50%). Applicants must be able to demonstrate they are eligible for the up to 50% funding by satisfying at least four (4) key areas:

1. Location – regional, remote or growth areas;
2. Co-location of sports and/or sporting facilities;
3. Sustainability initiatives – e.g. water saving, energy reduction; and
4. Increase participation – new participants, increase participation of existing users, special interest groups participation.

The DLGSC does not guarantee applicants will receive the full amount of financial assistance requested. The level of financial assistance offered will be based on the overall significance of the proposed project, including the benefits provided to the community.

**Application Summary**

The City identified a need to upgrade the existing sports lighting at the Recreation Ground as part of the 2017 Sports Lighting Audit. The project involves significant upgrades to the current sports lighting in place. The present lighting is outdated and does not cater for the ever-growing and expanding football community. The upgrades will provide additional and improved sports lighting towers to cater for the increased need for adequate lighting for football training and games. The upgraded sports lighting will also enable other user groups to utilise the facilities during the winter months.

The City is seeking financial support for contribution for the following:

- Decommissioning, removal and disposal of existing poles and lighting infrastructure;
- Installation of cabling and conduit, including trenching and backfilling from the switch boards to the lighting poles;
- Installation of circuit protection and switch gear;
- Excavation of existing footings, installation of rag bolt cage and concreting;
- Installation of four (4) poles with LED luminaires on each pole; and
- Commissioning and alignment with luminaire lux compliance as per design.

The need for these upgrades is that the current sports lighting towers do not adequately cater for training or games to be conducted at night, limiting the availability of the venue to be utilised to its full capacity. The upgrades will encourage and enable increased participation for female and junior players, as well as providing an additional venue for use by other sporting clubs and organisations.

**Railway Football Club Inc.**

The Railway Football Club Inc. (RFC) was formed in 1904 as part of the Geraldton Football Association (GFA). In 1961 the Great Northern Football League was formed establishing a broader-based competition and RFC were the inaugural premiers. The Club has a successful history with 12 premierships as well as representation at the WAFL and AFL level.

The Club currently has 12 junior teams (including one (1) youth girls' team) and four (4) senior teams, including a women's team. The Club proudly boasts a diverse membership demographic with over 347 registered members.

RFC is located at Recreation Ground, 167 Augustus Street, Beachlands, Geraldton. This land is owned by the City of Greater Geraldton and the clubrooms are leased to RFC on a 21-year term. The current lease expires on 31 March 2041.

**Geraldton Women's Football**

Women's football has been very popular in Geraldton in recent years following the 2018 inaugural season and is increasing with participants and interest every year. In 2018 there were four (4) teams with 140 registered players. The 2023 season has seven (7) teams and 194 registered players. The trend of increasing popularity of the sport for women's participation, whilst very pleasing, has placed further strain on venues to accommodate additional needs, which will be supported through the proposed lighting upgrade at the Recreation Ground.

There is also a youth girls junior football competition in Geraldton that started in 2020. In 2023 there are six (6) teams with 129 players registered.

There are currently two (2) women from the GNFL playing in the AFLW competition and at least 12 others playing in the WAFLW competition.

**Inclusive Sporting Community**

The project will support the sporting community and sporting enthusiasts by providing sports lighting facilities that will address shortcomings of the facilities and encourage greater participation in sporting activities.

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

The Recreation Ground has existing sports lighting that currently has limited functionality. The benefits to the community include new sports lighting that provide appropriate facilities for multiple user groups for night training and matches. This will assist in managing the impacts on players from UV and heat and provide more opportunities for the sporting community at a safe and inclusive environment for all players using the facility.

**Economy:**

There are no adverse economic impacts. A successful CNLP will reduce the overall cost of the project to the City. The Recreation Ground Sports Lighting Renewal will enable night-time sporting events to be held at an additional venue.

**Environment:**

LED lighting is the most energy-efficient and environmentally friendly lighting technology available. By converting to LED lighting there will be a reduction in energy use ultimately reducing the City's carbon footprint.

**Leadership:**

The assessment and prioritisation of applications by Local Government is an essential element of the CNLP Forward Planning Grant Application process. Following endorsement by Council, this application will be forwarded to the DLGSC for formal assessment. The outcome of CNLP Forward Planning Grants Applications is expected to be announced in January 2024.



The proposed sports lighting towers project demonstrates commitment to significant improvements in gender and cultural equality and inclusiveness. This project will encourage other clubs and associations to utilise the Recreation Ground at times and days previously unavailable.

The application was assessed by a minimum of two (2) City Officers and a member of the Mid-West Sports Federation with relevant experience in projects, finance and sport.

### SCORING DETAILS

FORM TYPE	AVERAGE SCORE
Application Evaluation Form	86.25
Selection Criteria	86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172.25</b>

### OVERALL PROJECT RATING

A	Supported – Well planned and needed by the municipality Proceed to council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 200 – 150
B	Project has merit – More planning or justification required Progress with City Officers	<input type="checkbox"/> 149 – 100
C	Not Recommended – Project is not eligible Recommend further work before being considered in the next round	<input type="checkbox"/> 100 & Below

#### *Disclosure of Interest:*

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

#### RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

The City is actively focused on renewals, preventative maintenance, and asset management with an emphasis on safety and compliance. The City has supported the following successful CNLP Annual Forward Planning Grants:

- 2014 Wonthella Oval – Flood Lighting - \$500,000 (excluding GST);
- 2014 Upgrade of Wonthella Skate Park - \$600,000 (excluding GST);
- 2020 Upgrade to Woorree Park BMX Floodlighting – \$20,973 (excluding GST);
- 2021 Upgrade to Utakarra Ball Park Lighting - \$29,419 (excluding GST);  
and
- 2021 Upgrade Floodlighting Geraldton Bowling Club – \$42,750 (excluding GST).

#### COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Consultation has been conducted as per the Recreation Ground Sports Lighting Renewal Project Stakeholder – Community Engagement Strategy.

Further consultation has been undertaken at a Concept Forum on 07 February 2023, providing opportunity for further discussion in relation to the Executive Recommendation.

Club delegates have met and discussed the project with Officers from the City and the DLGSC Midwest Regional Manager. The State Sporting Association has also been consulted.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

City Officers can confirm that the City's application meets the CNLP guidelines.

Council Policy 1.8 – Community Funding Programs provides the following guidelines (extract 6):

- *CSRFF Funding: The City will accept applications as part of the CSRFF program and process applications in line with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries guidelines. Each eligible application will be assessed by the City administration. Recommendations and priority listings will be presented to Council for consideration.*

City Officers confirm that the project is consistent with the Operational Policy – 058 – Sports Tower Lighting Infrastructure – City Managed Sportsgrounds.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Based on the Executive recommendation, The City's total contribution to the project will be either \$311,770 (excluding GST) or \$415,694 (excluding GST) subject to a successful State Government funding outcome of this application towards a total project cost of \$623,540. The City is seeking a grant totalling 50% financial contribution of \$311,770 (excluding GST) or 33% financial contribution of \$207,846 (excluding GST).

In addition, the City will be required to meet the annual maintenance and replacement cost of the lighting. The City's asset management plan considers the whole of life cost of the asset and includes annual allocation of budget funds as required to maintain the asset.

To assist the annual budget allocation process, the City conducts an annual sports lighting audit for the 24 locations within the City, including the Recreation Ground, with a detailed observation sheet, site comments and recommendations recorded to inform planning for maintenance requirements.

The City is currently trialling a mobile phone app user management system at another local sports ground to identify the total hours of lights used by each user group and more accurately apportion costs, which are recovered from the users at a rate based on kilowatt usage per hour (KWh) usage. Whilst it is too early to estimate actual costs based on future usage, the design of the Recreation Ground lighting project incorporates the technology to apply this system should the trial be successful.

Each year as part of the budget process, Council allocates funds based on the amounts negotiated during the CSRFF application process and subsequent acknowledgement by the DLGSC of the successful applicants. As this would impact the next financial year's budget, \$500,000 (excluding GST) has been added as capital expenditure as a carry-over from the unsuccessful tender RFT 2223 07 Recreation Ground Sports Lighting Renewal. Currently, Council has approved \$234,588 (excluding GST) for the Rover Football Club Inc, \$18,590 (excluding GST) Geraldton Little Athletics Club Inc and \$79,523 (excluding GST) for the Wonthella Bowling Club as a CSRFF contribution in the 2023-24 annual budget.

The below projects have been approved in the previous 2023-2024 funding rounds:

Applicant	Project	City Contribution
Geraldton Little Athletics Club Inc.	Install new runway.	\$18,590 (excl. GST)
Wonthella Bowling Club Inc.	Replacement of a third existing turf green with synthetic grass.	\$79,523 (excl. GST)
Rover Football Club Inc.	Changeroom / kiosk facility upgrade.	\$243,588 (excl. GST)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$341,701 (excl. GST)</b>

The below project is being submitted for the 2023-2024 funding rounds:

Applicant	Project	City Contribution
City of Greater Geraldton	Recreation Ground Sports Lighting Renewal.	50% contribution \$311,770 (excl. GST) Or 33% contribution \$207,846 (excl. GST)

#### **INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Community</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.</b>
Outcome 1.1	Enhanced lifestyle through spaces, places, programs and services that foster connection and inclusion.
Outcome 1.5	The opportunity for all to reach their potential exists.
Outcome 1.8	Active living and recreation are encouraged.
Outcome 1.9	A strong sports culture exists through well-planned facilities.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

As the regional capital for the Mid-West region, many of the City's facilities play a role in delivering regional amenities. Strong local facilities allow country residents to participate in sporting events and activities without having to travel outside the region.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Whilst there is no direct risk to the City for the CNLP application, a successful project outcome will alleviate the ongoing maintenance costs the City currently faces maintaining existing lighting infrastructure.

City Officers have undertaken a thorough review of sports lighting infrastructure and the Recreation Ground was identified as a facility that would greatly benefit from the installation of new sports lighting.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

The following options were considered by City Officers:

- NOT SUPPORT the City of Greater Geraldton's CNLP Forward Planning Grant application for \$311,770 (excluding GST) or for \$207,846 (excluding GST). Officers do not support this option as it is contrary to Council's Decision with regard to IS280 on 28 February 2023 and it would also greatly impact the City's capacity to carry out the construction of the project. For noting, delay in applying for grant funding for this project would also extend the time to complete the project and potentially result in cost increases due to inflation.
- SUPPORT the City of Greater Geraldton's CNLP Forward Planning Grant application with financial contribution from the Railway Football Club. Officers do not support this option as the Club would not be in a position financially to carry out this project.
- NOT SUPPORT the project and make no CNLP Forward Planning Grant Application. Not considered by Officers due to previous resolution by Council on the matter 28 February 2023 with regards to Item No. IS280 RFT 2023 07 Recreation Ground Sports Lighting Renewal 28 February 2023.

*Cr M Librizzi declared a Financial Indirect interest in Item No. CC006 Club Night Lights Program Forward Planning Grant Application, as he is a member and financial sponsor of the Railways Football Club and left Council Chambers at 5.24pm.*

### **COUNCIL DECISION**

#### **MOVED CR HALL, SECONDED CR COOPER**

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

- SUPPORT the City of Greater Geraldton Club Night Lights Program (CNLP) Forward Planning Grant application, seeking either a 50% total contribution of \$311,770 (excluding GST); or a 33% total contribution of \$207,846 (excluding GST) from the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) towards the total project cost of \$623,540 to upgrade sports lighting at the Recreation Ground.**

#### **CARRIED 11/0**

Time: 5:30 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 11

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Mayor Van Styn</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Clune</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Colliver</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Cooper</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Critch</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Hall</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Keemink</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Librizzi</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>
<b>Cr. Parker</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Reymond</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Tanti</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Thomas</b>	<b>YES</b>

*Cr M Librizzi returned to Council Chambers at 5.30pm.*

### 12.3 REPORTS OF CORPORATE SERVICES

CS059	COUNCIL POLICY 4.9 PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-104027</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>B Pearce, Manager Corporate Compliance and Safety</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>7 August 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/19/0008</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x2)</b>
	<b>A. Draft Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services (v5)</b>
	<b>B. Comparison Table - Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services</b>

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the proposed amendment to Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services. Amendments proposed in the revised policy arose from the recommendations of an external audit of the City's procurement framework.

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. APPROVE Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services, version 5.

#### **PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In April of this year the City engaged the services of an external consultant (Procurement Plus) to complete an audit of the City's procurement framework.

This audit provided recommendations relating to possible improvements to Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services summarised as follows.

- All references to GST in the policy be updated to Exclusive GST.
- The procurement thresholds be updated to enable direct sourcing with one written quote to \$10,000.

The City in review confirmed these recommendations were suitable as they both are compliant with relevant legislation and had the further benefit of improve procurement efficiency for both City Officers and the contractors whom the City works with.

The proposed update to this policy will be the first phase of updating the City's procurement framework (policy, authorisations, and procedures).

As detailed within Attachment No. CS059B – Comparison Table - Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services, amendments to the policy primarily relate to the above advised points. Additional recommended amendments were also included in this policy review to provide clarity relating to the proposed amendments.

The only proposed amendment not arising from the audit was the inclusion of a clause relating to a caretaker period. While not yet legislated, the wording contained in the proposed policy will enable the City to comply with this requirement when it becomes mandatory for local governments.

### **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

#### **Community:**

The updated policy seeks to ensure that the City supports locally sourced goods and services, with a firm commitment to social corporate responsibility in all procurement activities.

#### **Economy:**

The updated policy detail the City's position in relation to supporting local businesses when procuring goods and services, which will have the effect of supporting the Mid West's regional economy.

#### **Environment:**

Council Policy 4.9 includes requirements for ensuring that social and environmental factors are considered as part of the City's procurement activities.

#### **Leadership:**

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires that Councils establish good governance principles through the introduction of policies and guidelines. The procurement policy establishes the Council's standards for ensuring the effective and ethical management of the City's procurement activities.

#### *Disclosure of Interest:*

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

### **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council Policy 4.9 has been previously adopted by Council as follows:

- Item No. CCS231 - City of Greater Geraldton Council Policy Manual - 24 January 2017.
- Item No. CCS365 - Procurement Policy Framework - 23 October 2018.
- Item No. CCS522 - Procurement Policy Suite – 25 August 2020.
- Item No. CCS715 - Procurement Policy Suite – 30 August 2022.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

There has been no community consultation.

Councillors were consulted via Briefing Note on 18 July 2023. Councillor feedback was supportive of the review, with additional comments regarding exempt procurement and Corporate Social Responsibility criteria included in Attachment No. CS059B – Comparison Table - Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services.

Internal consultation was completed which identified minor amendments to wording for clarity. An additional improvement was identified by Officers to reduce duplication across the document relating to document recording. The draft policy now links to section 4. Record Management instead of duplicating wording relating to recording in multiple locations across the policy.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Pursuant to section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the role of Council includes determination of Council Policies:

**2.7. Role of council**

(1) *The council —*

(a) *governs the local government's affairs; and*

(b) *is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.*

(2) *Without limiting subsection (1), the council is to —*

(a) *oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and*

(b) *determine the local government's policies.*

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial or resource implications.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Economy</b>	<b>Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.</b>
Outcome 2.1	Local business is empowered and supported.
<b>Strategic Direction: Leadership</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

The updated policy provides direction and commitment to sourcing local goods or services where possible.



**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The procurement policy is designed to ensure the City maintains its procurement compliance and probity responsibilities. As such, this policy and its supporting procedures provide a mechanism for mitigating risks relating to procurement and probity matters.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

No alternatives were considered in the review this policy, the City review made use of the WALGA model policy, and the recommendations provided by the external auditor.

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

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

- 1. APPROVE Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services, version 5.**

**CARRIED 12/0**

Time: 5:32 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Mayor Van Styn</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Clune</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Colliver</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Cooper</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Critch</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Hall</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Keemink</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Librizzi</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Parker</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Reymond</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Tanti</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Thomas</b>	<b>YES</b>

**CS060 BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2023-24**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-104768</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>J McLean, Senior Management Accountant/Analyst</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>11 August 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>FM/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>No</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of proposed amendments to the 2023-24 Budget.

Council around August/September each year review and endorse amendments to the Budget that bring into account any unspent grant funds as at 30<sup>th</sup> June and funded expenditure items (commenced and in-progress projects not completed at year end carried over from the previous financial year).

Final year-end accounting information for 2022-23 was not available at the time of formulation an adoption of the 2023-24 Budget, hence the requirement (as is the case every financial year) to integrate brought forward funds and expenditure items into the Budget as early as is practicable after adoption of the budget and commencement of the financial year.

This annual process also enables Council, if required, to make amendments to its Budget to correct any minor adjustments or omissions in budget detail discovered after the budget process, any emergent works and adjustments to budget allocations based on information received post budget adoption.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. APPROVE the proposed budget amendments and AUTHORISE any unauthorised expenditure and revenue details in Tables 1, 2, 3 and 5 of this Council Item; and
2. APPROVE and AUTHORISE the following additional Reserves transfer from Reserve 280 – Unexpended Capital Works & Restricted Grants - \$9,002,766, Reserve 120 – Asset Renewal Cash Reserve - \$248,000, Reserve 300 - Money in Lieu of Public Open Space - \$250,000, and Reserve 270 – Major Initiatives - \$1,890,000.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

The following tables separately list new (Table 1) and renewal (Table 2) capital projects that were not completed and/or invoiced in 2022-23 and the unspent portion and/or the required budgeted expenditure allocation has been carried over into 2023-24. Table 3 lists the associated non-operating grants not recognised in 2022-23 required to be carried over into 2023-24. Table 4 summarises the Capital Revenue and Expenditure to be carried over to 2023-24 and the required transfer from Reserves as a result.

**Table 1**

<b>Project Title – New Capital</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Budget carried over to 2023-24</b>
Fleet	Emergency Services Vehicle	\$42,587
Mullewa House	Mullewa house rebuild as result of fire. Insurance funded.	\$275,000
QPT Building	QPT Master Plan Stage 1	\$36,184
Greenough RPT Terminal Safety & Security Upgrades	Airport administration office modifications for staff security	\$25,000
Pioneer Museum	Unisex universal & ambulant ablutions	91,263
Youth Centre	Internal fit-out of building to reconfigure layout space to suit development of a Youth Centre	\$32,520
Depot Safety & Security Upgrades	Install boom gate at Depot entry and reposition stores office to ensure greater control of vehicle access	\$20,000
Spalding Regional Renewal Project – Bogle Way	Construction of road connection between Bogle Way and Mitchell Street – Funded by Department of Communities	\$1,331,169
Spalding Regional Renewal Project – Bogle Way Footpath	Construction of new footpaths – Funded by Department of Communities	\$113,087
Spalding Regional Renewal Project – AMC Park	Landscaping/park upgrade – Funded by Department of Communities and Lotterywest	\$2,596,242
Bootenal Cemetery Access	Formalise access to Bootenal Cemetery for visitors.	\$35,000
John Willcock Link Medians	Upgrade central median islands	\$96,350
Cathedral Avenue/Maitland Street Roundabout Improvements	Widening of central turning island (annulus)	\$20,000

<b>Project Title – New Capital</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Budget carried over to 2023-24</b>
Chapman Road Cycle Path - Sunset Beach to Drummond Cove	Construction of off-road cycle infrastructure connecting Sunset Beach to Drummond Cove – Funded by WA Bike Network Grant	\$1,227,007
Brand Highway Shared Path – Tarcoola Beach to Cape Burney	Investigate pathway link between Tarcoola Beach and Cape Burney - Funded by WA Bike Network Grant	\$225,147
GRAG Park	Art Gallery/Visitor Centre precinct development	\$140,000
Stormwater Harvesting	Stormwater harvesting for irrigation of Eadon Clarke Sporting Complex	\$123,225
Muir Park Upgrade	Install new paths and infrastructure as per Parks Master Plan – \$250,000 from Reserves (Developer Funds)	\$264,070
Pirrotina Park Mullewa	Encroachment resolution and park infrastructure relocation	\$5,685
Olive Street Reticulation	Olive Street reticulation and establishing a dog park for the southern suburbs	\$6,279
Mullewa Recreation Ground Water Supply Upgrade	Water supply upgrade to Mullewa Recreation Ground	\$128,710
Cell 1-4 Capping	Planning and design for Cell 1-4 Capping	\$18,399
Meru Waste Facility Transfer Station	Construction of new transfer station – Partly funded by Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) and reserve transfers	\$6,379,072
Cell 5 Pump System	Supply and installation of pump system for Cell 5 drainage system	\$25,000
Airport Carparking Facilities	Geraldton Airport traffic circulation upgrades – Stage 1 Design	\$29,000
Airport Microgrid	Design/RFT renewable energy system at the Geraldton Airport with uninterrupted power supply functionality	\$120,000
Airport Self Contained Fuel Facility	Installation of fences and power supply	\$20,000
Whitworth Drive Path	Construction of new path – LRCIP Phase 2 Variation	\$73,509
<b>Total New Capital Carryover:</b>		<b>\$13,499,505</b>

**Table 2**

<b>Project Title – Renewal Capital</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Budget carried over to 2023-24</b>
Fleet	Delayed Fleet renewal ordered during 2022-23 to be received 2023-24	\$1,077,278
Art Gallery Ceiling	Replace portion of the Art Gallery ceiling	\$10,000
Art Gallery Windows	Window replacement	\$10,000
Giles Park Ablutions	Replacement of ablutions at Giles Park	\$3,625
Library Airconditioning	Renewal of airconditioning system	\$408,939
Mullewa Masonic Lodge	Renewal of the Mullewa Masonic Lodge building	\$17,000
Walkaway Buildings	Renewals of the Railway Building, Walkaway Hall and Recreation Centre	\$40,115
Greenough Museum – Former Maley Homestead	Renewal of walls (heritage listed) - \$300,000 from Maley bequest	\$300,000
Greenough Terminal Airconditioning	Replace the airconditioning system in the administration area	\$7,740
Tip Shop Shed	Replace rusting structure of the lean-to-shed	\$75,000
Mullewa Swimming Pool Storage Room	Asbestos removal	\$20,000
Walkaway Recreation Centre	Roof section renewal	\$48,000
Airport Mower	Replace airport mower	\$15,000
Carnarvon-Mullewa Road Cattle Grid	Replacement of cattle grid	\$121,000
Levett Road Bus Shelters	Replacement of bus shelter on Levett Road in Walkaway	\$40,000
Philips Road	Gravel resheet 2km	\$20,844
Pavement Testing	Program to determine composition of pavement	\$250,000
Design of road renewals	2022-23 road renewal designs carryover	\$40,577
Chapman Valley Road Major Culvert	Culvert replacement	\$40,000

<b>Project Title – Renewal Capital</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Budget carried over to 2023-24</b>
Walkaway-Nangetty Road Bridge	Design of Walkaway-Nangetty Bridge Replacement (Funded by Main Roads Strategic Infrastructure Fund (SIF) and Bridges Renewal Program (BRP))	\$688,962
Marine Terrace Brickpaved Paths	Renew brickpaved paths	\$25,000
Sandford Street	Street geometry and drainage design – Forrest Street to Durlacher Street	\$66,600
Spalding Regional Renewal Project – AMC Park	Landscaping/park upgrade – Funded by Department of Communities	\$710,400
Spalding Regional Renewal Project – Spalding Infant Health Centre Carpark	Replacement of the carpark at the Spalding Infant Health Centre – funded by Department of Communities	\$399,447
Chapman River Regional Park	Implementation of Chapman Estuary Reserve Action Plan – trail rehabilitation, fence and gate renewal.	\$7,700
Tarcoola Park	Renew Tarcoola Park as per Parks Master Plan – Tarcoola Park turf reduction	\$102,390
Town Foreshore	Dune revegetation, foreshore play systems and footpaths.	\$70,000
Town Foreshore Water Park	Renewal of concrete pit lid on water holding tanks	\$8,000
Aquarena Outdoor Pool	Replacement of the outdoor pool at the Aquarena	\$402,510
Shade Sails	Various parks shade sail renewal	\$77,595
Meru Liquid Waste Pond A&B	Renew hydraulic infrastructure to prevent blockages	\$32,431
Meru Power Distribution	Renew power distribution to support improvements to the Meru Landfill Facility - Partly funded by Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) and reserve transfers	\$584,160
Mullewa Airport	Staged replacement of airport lighting components	\$4,080
Fitzgerald Street Drainage	Investigate and reline patch existing pipe system (South of Lester Avenue)	\$50,000
Urch Street Drainage	Reline pipe	\$5,000

<b>Project Title – Renewal Capital</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Budget carried over to 2023-24</b>
Weir Road Culvert Renewal	Replace culvert on Weir Road, Tenindewa	\$80,000
Cape Burney Bush Fire Brigade	Training/Meeting Room – DFES Capital Grant (project under review)	\$39,130
Cape Burney Bush Fire Brigade	Raise roof to fit appliance and replace roller doors – DFES Capital Grant (project under review)	\$91,012
Geraldton-Greenough SES	Replace roller doors x 5 – DFES Capital Grant	\$43,625
Geraldton-Greenough SES	Telephone system – DFES Capital Grant	\$9,650
<b>Total Renewal Capital Carryover</b>		<b>\$6,042,810</b>

**Table 3**

<b>Capital Revenue - Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies &amp; Contributions</b>	<b>Carried over to 2023-24</b>
Maley Bequest - Contribution towards Greenough Museum Renewal Works	<b>\$300,000</b>
Spalding Precinct Renewal Project – Department of Communities	<b>\$3,371,915</b>
Spalding Precinct Renewal Project – Lotterywest	<b>\$1,248,027</b>
Bridges - Walkaway-Nangetty Road Bridge – Strategic Infrastructure Fund (SIF) and Bridge Replacement Program (BRP)	<b>\$688,962</b>
Cycle Paths – Chapman Road	<b>\$1,182,472</b>
Cycle Paths – Brand Highway	<b>\$212,485</b>
Meru Transfer Station & Power Distribution – Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)	<b>\$890,762</b>
Cape Burney Bush Fire Brigade – Training/Meeting Room – DFES Capital Grant	<b>\$39,130</b>
Cape Burney Bush Fire Brigade – Raise roof to fit appliance & replace roller doors – DFES Capital Grant	<b>\$91,012</b>
Geraldton-Greenough SES – Replace roller doors x 5 – DFES Capital Grant	<b>\$43,625</b>
Geraldton-Greenough SES – Telephone system – DFES Capital Grant	<b>\$9,650</b>
Whitworth Drive Path – Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Phase 2	<b>\$73,509</b>
<b>Total Non-Operating Income to Carryover:</b>	<b>\$8,151,549</b>

All the expenditure items detailed in Tables 1 and 2 are supported by cash backed reserve funds held by the City as at 30 June 2023 and secured grant funding. The following details the reserve transfers that fund and match the total carryover amounts for new and renewal capital as shown in Table 4:

**Table 4**

Carryovers New	\$13,499,505
Carryovers Renewal	\$6,042,810
<i>Less Non-Operating Grants Secured</i>	<i>- \$8,151,549</i>
<b>Transfer from Reserve 280 – Unexpended Capital Works &amp; Restricted Grants</b>	<b>\$9,002,766</b>
<b>Transfer from Reserve 120 - Asset Renewal Cash Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 248,000</b>
<b>Transfer from Reserve 270 – Major Initiatives</b>	<b>\$1,890,000</b>
<b>Transfer from Reserve 300 – Money in Lieu of Public Open Space</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>

The following amendments to the 2023-24 Budget are also proposed in Table 5:

**Table 5**

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>New Budget Allocation</b>
<b><i>Operating Expenditure:</i></b>	
La Fiamma Sporting Club Building Repairs (2022-23 Carryover)	\$139,871
Inclusive Participation Program – Funded by DLGSC	\$ 50,000
Geotechnical Studies at Geraldton Airport – 50% Funded by Regional Airports Development Scheme (RADS)	\$ 62,530
Wonthella Bushland Reserve – Queen’s Jubilee Tree Planting	\$ 4,389
Tomorrow Starts Today Youth Camps – Criminal Property Confiscation Grant	<u>\$ 46,862</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$303,652</u></b>
<b><i>Operating Revenue:</i></b>	
Operating Grant – Inclusive Participation Program	- \$ 50,000
Operating Grant – Regional Airport Development Scheme (RADS)	- \$ 31,265
Operating Grant – Queen’s Jubilee	- \$ 4,389
Operating Grant – Criminal Property Confiscation Grant	- <u>\$ 46,862</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>-\$132,516</u></b>
<b><i>Movement in Operating Deficit (increase)</i></b>	<b>\$171,136</b>
<b><i>Profit on Asset Disposals (Non-Cash):</i></b>	
Profit on Disposal of Fleet Vehicles	-\$ 4,000
<b><i>Capital Revenue:</i></b>	
Proceeds on Disposal of Fleet Adjustment	-\$ 24,000



The additional net operating cost to Council is \$171,136 bringing the budgeted operating deficit to \$638,402.

## **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

### **Community:**

Various initiatives included in the budget will create and improve social outcomes in the community, including new infrastructure to be developed in 2023-24 as part of the Spalding Precinct Plan and revitalisation.

### **Economy:**

The proposed Capital Program provides local businesses and contractors with a diverse range of works opportunities and is also aimed at supporting and boosting the local economy.

### **Environment:**

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

### **Leadership:**

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires that Councils establish good governance and control principles through established processes.

### *Disclosure of Interest:*

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

## **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Post financial-year-end adjustments to succeeding year Council budgets are necessary every financial year. Annual timing of the budget process, before the end of each preceding financial year, means that year-end accruals have not been transacted and final end-of-year accounting figures are not available at the time of framing and adopting the next budget. Therefore, the determination of any unspent grant monies or project carry-overs cannot be accurately stated in the budget process for the succeeding year. As well, amendments to budget details may be necessary to recognise any recent changes that impact on proposed revenue streams and/or expenditure levels.

Precedent practice is to identify unspent grant funds and funded project carryovers, and any minor budget amendment requirements, as early as is practicable after commencement of the new financial year, to enable Council to integrate them into its adopted Budget.

Last financial year Council considered the following budget amendments:

- Item No. CCS718 Budget Amendments 2022-23 - 30 August 2022.

## **COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

## **LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Section 6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires any expenditure not included in the annual budget to be authorised by Absolute Majority.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

At the end of the 2022-23 financial year, the actual (unaudited) capital expenditure was around \$22.2million under the capex program budget. \$19.54million is the proposed capex carryover, consisting of \$11.53million or around 60% of the carryover amount relating to the Meru Waste Facility Upgrades and the Spalding Regional Renewal Project that commenced towards the end of 2022-23.

Based on adjustments to both operating revenue and expenditure, the budgeted operating deficit will increase from \$467,266 to \$638,402.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Leadership</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.4	Healthy financial sustainability that provides capacity to respond to change in economic conditions and community priorities.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

Delivery of programs and projects continue to provide benefits for the region through capital expenditure, business support, employment opportunities and encouraging tourism.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Undertaking regular assessments of budgets and approving budget amendments addresses the risk of unauthorised transactions. Adjustments and actions can be formulated in response, reducing the risk to the City's financial sustainability.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

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

1. APPROVE the proposed budget amendments detailed in Tables 1, 2, 3 and 5 of this Council Item and AUTHORISE any unauthorised expenditure and revenue but with the following changes:
  - a. To be determined by Council;
2. APPROVE and AUTHORISE the following additional transfers from Reserve but with the following changes:
  - a. To be determined by Council; and
3. MAKE the determination based on the following reason/s:
  - a. To be determined by Council.

**COUNCIL DECISION****MOVED CR CLUNE, SECONDED CR COOPER**

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

1. **APPROVE** the proposed budget amendments and **AUTHORISE** any unauthorised expenditure and revenue details in Tables 1, 2, 3 and 5 of this Council Item; and
2. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORISE** the following additional Reserves transfer from Reserve 280 – Unexpended Capital Works & Restricted Grants - \$9,002,766, Reserve 120 – Asset Renewal Cash Reserve - \$248,000, Reserve 300 - Money in Lieu of Public Open Space - \$250,000, and Reserve 270 – Major Initiatives - \$1,890,000.

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 12/0**

Time: 5:34 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Mayor Van Styn</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Clune</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Colliver</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Cooper</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Critch</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Hall</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Keemink</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Librizzi</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Parker</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Reymond</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Tanti</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Thomas</b>	<b>YES</b>

**CS061 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-105025</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>J McLean, Senior Management Accountant/Analyst</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>11 August 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>FM/17/0013</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Monthly Management Report for period ended 31 July 2023</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a comprehensive report on the City’s finances to 31 July 2023.

The statements in this report include no matters of variance considered to be of concern for the current budgeted end of year position.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 34 and 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the monthly statement of financial activity for the period ending 31 July 2023, as attached; and
2. RECEIVE the monthly statement of financial position as at 31 July 2023, as attached.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

The financial performance and position at the end of July 2023 is detailed in the attached report and summarised as follows, the variances between Year-to-Date (YTD) budgeted forecasts and actuals (including commitments):

Operating Income	\$	19,304	0.0%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operating Expenditure	\$	98,645	1.5%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Net Operating	\$	79,341	0.1%	over YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Expenditure	\$	14,614	5.7%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Revenue	\$	783	0.4%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cash at Bank – Municipal	\$	23,855,937			
Cash at Bank – Reserve	\$	38,853,245			
Total Funds Invested	\$	59,723,022			
Current Rates Collected to July 2024		12.41%			

Current Rates Collected to July 2023	12.83%
Rates Arrears Collected to July 2024	5.45%
Rates Arrears Collected to July 2023	5.64%

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 performance presented in the July financials show a YTD positive variance of \$79,341 in the net operating surplus/(deficit) result.

### **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

#### **Community:**

There are no adverse community impacts.

#### **Economy:**

There are no adverse economic impacts.

#### **Environment:**

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

#### **Leadership:**

The Financial Management Regulations now require presentation each month of a Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position 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 Council 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, reporting on the revenue and expenditure as set out in the adopted annual budget.

Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* now also require the local government to prepare a statement of financial position as at the last day of the previous month.

A statement of financial activity, statement of financial position 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 statements relate.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

As disclosed in the attached report.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Leadership</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.3	Accountable leadership supported by a skilled and professional workforce.
Outcome 4.4	Healthy financial sustainability that provides capacity to respond to change in economic conditions and community priorities.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The 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 LIBRIZZI, SECONDED CR COLLIVER**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 34 and 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* **RESOLVES** to:

1. **RECEIVE** the monthly statement of financial activity for the period ending 31 July 2023, as attached; and
2. **RECEIVE** the monthly statement of financial position as at 31 July 2023, as attached.

**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.*

## 12.4 REPORTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### IS290 MARINE RESCUE GERALDTON BUILDING

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-104754</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>M Dufour, Manager Climate, Environment and Waste</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>14 August 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Building Lease Survey Area 2015</b>

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In accordance with State Planning Policy 2.6 Coastal Planning, the City has a Council endorsed Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) which identifies long term coastal adaptation pathways to manage the future of coastal infrastructure assets. The CHRMAP long term adaptation pathway for infrastructure management in the Point Moore Coastal Management Unit is for that of a “managed retreat” approach.

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current situation and seek Council support of the recommended managed retreat action plan outlined in this report for the Marine Rescue Geraldton (MRG) building.

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. NOTE the actions undertaken to date;
2. ENDORSE the proposed managed retreat action plan; and
3. AUTHORISE the direct engagement of a contractor to remove the building should the 4m trigger point be met as per Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services (Section 3.5 Emergency Purchases).

#### **PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The MRG building sits within a lease area at Point Moore on portion of Crown Reserve 2562 with a Management Order to the City of Greater Geraldton. The building, except for the ground-floor public toilet block, is owned by MRG.

The Geraldton CHRMAP adopted by Council in October 2018 identifies a managed retreat long-term adaptation pathway for Point Moore. The retreat trigger for the MRG building is to allow the continued use of the asset, until it is no longer safe or structurally sound. The agreed trigger for action is the point that water has reached within 4 meters of the building.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 30 August 2022 Council considered Item No. IS264 Geraldton Volunteer Marine Rescue Building. Council resolved the following:

1. *DIRECT the Chief Executive Officer to:*
  - a. *INITIATE a managed retreat process for the Geraldton Volunteer Marine Rescue in accordance with the Council endorsed Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP);*
  - b. *UNDERTAKE consultation, planning and investigation of options for the relocation of the marine rescue service, if ultimately required;*
  - c. *SEEK opportunities for State or Federal contribution to funding for the provision of a new, permanent building in an appropriate location; and*
  - d. *REPORT back to Council on the outcomes of the above.*

Since that time City Officers have been working closely with MRG and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) with discussions focused on two main topics:

- *Mitigation:* Development and implementation of temporary protection measures that can be put in place whilst relocation options are considered.
- *Relocation:* Alternative short and long-term locations are investigated for the ongoing provision of marine rescue services.

Details of the liaison and works that have occurred over the last twelve months are outlined in the Community/Councillor consultation section. In summary, temporary protection works have been undertaken three times. This has allowed the progression of:

- A short-term relocation option to the Geraldton Multipurpose Centre.
- The removal of the MRG communications tower from the site.
- Arrangements to relocate the communication services from the MRG building.

#### Communication Services

DFES has advised that it has been implementing a phased rollout of its Radio Over Internet Protocol (ROIP) program to all marine rescue groups since 2022. Phase 2 of the ROIP (to allow marine rescue groups to work remotely using external internet connections) was rolled out in June 2023. To meet DFES ICT security measures, Virtual Private Network (VPN) software has been installed on all marine rescue group devices. This has caused several stability issues which are currently being resolved by DFES. Until the VPN issue is resolved, MRG will need to continue to use their existing Phase 1 ROIP system, which is installed at the group base.

Business continuity planning is in place for the MRG, whereby if ROIP services cannot be provided for whatever reason, alternative marine rescue groups in Perth can temporarily provide the service.



At the latest meeting between City Officers, DFES and MRG, it was agreed that a formal managed retreat plan would be articulated to Council for endorsement.

Agreed Action Plan

1. Set the trigger point for demolition of the MRG building, by a City contractor, at 4m.
2. Note that the appetite to undertake further temporary protection works is incredibly low.
3. DFES/MRG to:
  - Enter a memorandum of understanding with the City to use a portion of the Geraldton Multipurpose Centre whilst the City obtains Ministerial consent for the new lease.
  - Execute a twelve-month lease with the City for the use of a section of Geraldton Multipurpose Centre, commencing 1 September 2023.
4. MRG to:
  - Remove all non-critical assets from the building.
  - Remove all ROIP communication equipment once VPN issues have been resolved by DFES.
  - Close and secure the MRG building for a twelve-month mothballing period.
  - Monitor the closed MRG building on a regular basis.
5. DFES to:
  - Consider removal of high value chattels (elevator, air-conditioning units, etc) from the MRG building during the twelve-month period.
  - Progress long-term relocation options for MRG.
6. City to:
  - Close and secure Point Moore ablutions for a twelve-month mothballing period.
  - Close the 24-hour recreational vehicle (RV) free camping location at Point Moore for a twelve-month period.
  - Install signage guiding campers to alternative RV free camping sites in Geraldton.
  - Monitor closed ablutions on a regular basis.
  - Arrange demolition of MRG building and ablutions if the 4m trigger point is reached and recover allocated costs from DFES.
7. Continue regular meetings between City/DFES/MRG over the next twelve months.

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

**Community:**

MRG provide an important safety service to the community. Measures have been put in place over the last twelve months for the MRG to relocate their communication services through other communications relay towers, and remotely (from home or other locations such as the Geraldton Multipurpose Centre). The balance of the communications service still needs to be undertaken from the current location with the reason detailed in the Background section.

**Economy:**

Without relocation, the loss of a marine rescue service may have an impact on the number of recreational boat owners visiting the region. The loss of the public amenities may also impact the number of recreational vehicles visiting and staying in the area.

**Environment:**

The implementation of a managed retreat action plan will provide for timely demolition of the MRG Building (if required). The environmental impact from the release of building materials into the ocean from unplanned loss of the building will be avoided.

**Leadership:**

City Officers developed managed retreat triggers for the Point Moore Beach Cottages lease arrangements. By applying a similar trigger to the MRG building, the Executive Recommendation provides a consistent managed retreat approach to all community infrastructure assets at Point Moore.

***Disclosure of Interest:***

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

On 30 August 2022, Council endorsed Item No. IS264 Geraldton Volunteer Marine Rescue Building and resolved to initiate a managed retreat process for the MRG Building.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

Since Council resolved Item No. IS264 Geraldton Volunteer Marine Rescue Building, City Officers have been in regular discussions with DFES and MRG. Councillors have been updated as required and a summary of actions to date is provided below:

**August 2022**

*Mitigation:* City Officers work with DFES/MRG and agree on temporary mitigation works directly in front of the building which were completed by MRG that month.

*Council:* Item No. IS264 Geraldton Volunteer Marine Rescue Building determined by Council.

**September 2022**

*Relocation:* DFES/MRG informed of Council decision. Meeting held with DFES/MRG to start investigating short and long-term relocation options and relocation of MRG communications.

**October 2022**

*Relocation:* Various short-term lease option identified and investigated. Geraldton Multipurpose Centre the preferred short-term options.

November 2022

*Relocation:* Negotiation to lease a portion of the Geraldton Multipurpose Centre for operations. MRG has moved communications equipment to an alternative communications tower and is preparing to remove mast at Point Moore if required.

December 2022

*Relocation:* Draft lease prepared by the City's Land and Regulatory Services Team.

January 2023

*Council:* Trigger point lease, Item No. DC009 - Lease – Marine Rescue Geraldton Incorporated, endorsed by Council.

February 2023

*Mitigation:* City Officers met with DFES and MRG to discuss further temporary mitigation works given the continuing La Nina conditions.

March 2023

*Mitigation:* Temporary mitigation works proposed by DFES/MRG endorsed by the City's Executive Management Team.

April 2023

*Mitigation:* Temporary mitigation works to the northern flank of the building completed as per the endorsed plan. A review of the temporary works will take place after the winter months.

June 2023

*Mitigation:* Temporary mitigation works are holding up from the first substantial storm/swell event of 2023.

July 2023

*Mitigation:* Maintenance undertaken on temporary mitigation works by MRG.  
*Relocation:* DFES/MRG in discussions with Department of Transport for a long-term location at the Batavia Coast Marina.

August 2023

*Mitigation:* Temporary mitigation works to the southern flank of the building completed by DFES/MRG as per a site discussion on 1 August 2023. Held up from storm/swell event of 2 August 2023.

*Relocation:* MRG communications tower removed.

Current Status

*Mitigation:* Temporary mitigation works still holding up.

*Relocation:* MRG will be removing assets from the building in August. The City is preparing a formal lease and memorandum of understanding for accommodation at the Geraldton Multipurpose Centre.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Executive Recommendation is consistent with the Council endorsed CHRMAP based on the requirements of State Planning Policy 2.6 – Coastal Planning.

Clause 4.8 of the current MRG lease on the building at Point Moore states the City (Lessor) takes no responsibility for the loss or damage to the Lessee's property. Pursuant to the lease, the City and the Minister for Lands are indemnified against all actions, claims, costs, proceedings, suits and demands whatsoever.

Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services (Section 3.5 Emergency Purchases), Emergency Purchases are defined as the supply of goods and services associated with:

- a. *A local emergency and the expenditure is required (within existing budget allocations) to respond to an imminent risk to public safety, or to protect or make safe property or infrastructure assets; OR*
- b. *A local emergency and the expenditure is required (with no relevant available budget allocation) to respond to an imminent risk to public safety, or to protect or make safe property or infrastructure assets in accordance with s.6.8 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Functions and General Regulation 11(2)(a); OR*
- c. *A State of Emergency declared under the Emergency Management Act 2005 and therefore, Functions and General Regulations 11(2)(aa), (ja) and (3) apply to vary the application of this policy.*

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Finance and resource implications include staff time and costs associated with working with MRG to plan for relocation to an alternative site, and to close and monitor the Point Moore ablution block.

An opinion of probable cost has been provided by a local contractor for the demolition of the MRG building and ablution block. The price provided is within the Council-endorsed budget of \$100,000. It should be noted that if demolition is required, the City would seek to recover costs from DFES/MRG commensurate to their proportion of the infrastructure.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Community</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.</b>
Outcome 1.4	Community safety, health and well-being is paramount.
<b>Strategic Direction: Environment</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.</b>
Outcome 3.2	Regional leader in adapting to climate change.
Outcome 3.4	A desirable and sustainable built and natural environment responsive to community aspirations.

Outcome 3.6	The natural environment is valued, protected, and celebrated.
<b>Strategic Direction: Leadership</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership, and well-informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.7	Council understands its roles and responsibilities and leads by example.

### **REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

Council has endorsed both a CHRMAP and an Achieving Net Zero Corporate Climate Change Mitigation Plan. Implementing the recommendations and actions from these strategic plans show that the City is committed to being a regional leader in adapting to climate change.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The City's CHRMAP is a risk management framework with identified risk treatments for the long-term management of coastal assets and infrastructure. The Executive Recommendation is consistent with the identified risk treatments for the Point Moore Coastal Management Unit and the MRG building.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

City Officers considered the following option:

Implement a 'Protect' adaptation pathway. This option could provide medium to long-term protection by the construction of either rock revetment around the building, or the installation of Geo Synthetic Groynes such as those recently constructed at Drummond Cove. A high-level concept design has been produced with a corresponding cost estimate of \$1 million. This information has been provided to DFES/MRG for consideration for their long-term planning of continuation of marine rescue services in Geraldton.

The site is a dynamic environment subject to many variables, and it is considered unlikely that any protection measures would achieve the desired protection without downstream erosion effects. A protect pathway does not align the with Council endorsed CHRMAP managed retreat pathway. As such, and given that other long-term relocation options are being actively explored, this option is not recommended.

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

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

1. **NOTE** the actions undertaken to date;
2. **ENDORSE** the proposed managed retreat action plan; and
3. **AUTHORISE** the direct engagement of a contractor to remove the building should the 4m trigger point be met as per Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services (Section 3.5 Emergency Purchases).

**CARRIED 12/0**

Time: 5:37 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Mayor Van Styn</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Clune</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Colliver</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Cooper</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Critch</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Hall</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Keemink</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Librizzi</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Parker</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Reymond</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Tanti</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr. Thomas</b>	<b>YES</b>

**12.5 REPORTS OF OFFICE THE CEO**

Nil.

**12.6 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED****RR51 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED - AUGUST**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-106856</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>R McKim, Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>R McKim, Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>18 August 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x4) 1 x Confidential</b>
	<b>A. DSDD010 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval</b>
	<b>B. CS062 - 2022-23 Corporate Business Plan – Fourth Quarter Report</b>
	<b>C. CEO108 - WALGA State Council Agenda – 13 September 2023</b>
	<b>D. Confidential – CS063 - List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation - July 2023</b>

**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 Services:
    - i. DSDD010 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval.
  - b. Reports – Corporate Services:
    - i. CS062 - 2022-23 Corporate Business Plan – Fourth Quarter Report;
  - c. Reports – Office of the CEO:
    - i. CEO108 - WALGA State Council Agenda – 13 September 2023.

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 Services:
    - i. CS063 – Confidential Report – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation - July 2023.



**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, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:****Community:**

There are no adverse community impacts.

**Economy:**

There are no adverse economic impacts.

**Environment:**

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

**Leadership:**

There are no adverse leadership 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:**

<b>Strategic Leadership</b>	<b>Direction:</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.3		Accountable leadership supported by a skilled and professional workforce

**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 COLLIVER, SECONDED CR REYMOND****PART A**

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

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**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.*

**13 MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil.

**14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

*Cr J Clune, Deputy Mayor, has given notice of the following questions:*

1. Why didn't the Mayor consult his fellow Councillors prior to accepting this invitation from China?
2. Does this visit align with the City's current position on international sister city relationships?
3. Will the Council receive the proposed presentation prior to the Mayor's departure?
4. Will the City be expected to reciprocate this offer?

*Responses from Mayor S Van Styn:*

**Question**

Why didn't the Mayor consult his fellow councillors prior to accepting this invitation from China?

**Response**

The total trip is 11 days. It is comprised of two (2) days attending a conference, as a guest speaker at and two (2) days visiting an old friend and his new electric arc furnace steel mill that takes and processes Karara's Iron Ore and the town's Mayor in which the mill is located.

It is worth noting the electric arc furnace viewing is prudent as the Midwest Development Commission, as you'd be aware, have been pushing for a well known global steel magnate to locate such a facility in Narngulu or possibly in the Oakajee LIA. Such massive facilities need understanding as to how they could impact our City from a social, economic and environmental perspective and I am happily taking the time, at my own cost, on my holiday to visit this facility as well as speak with other people on this.

The remaining seven (7) days are entirely of a personal nature with no formalities at all. It is a personal holiday with my fiancé in Xian Beijing and Shanghai, again, at my own cost.

I don't feel I have to ask permission to take annual leave, but I do acknowledge that I am presenting at a conference.

*Cr Clune advised that he wasn't questioning the Mayor's personal visit, but questioning his visit to China as Mayor.*

Question

Does this visit align with the City's current position on international sister city relationships?

Response

I am not visiting our sister city. The conference is also not in a sister city or otherwise, indeed where I am holidaying is not in a sister city or otherwise either. It is not being funded in any way by the City of Greater Geraldton. I am presenting at my own cost and indeed the visa cost to me was \$405 and airfares to get down there. I don't feel that the Sister City Policies apply while I am doing this off my own back, but I did take the time to write to you all (Council Members) 10 days ago to disclose that I was going there and presenting at a conference in that time. This is the first line of questioning that I have had since I sent that e-mail.

Question

Will the Council receive the proposed presentation prior to the Mayor's departure?

Response

More than happy to provide it and can make it public if you wish. It is a slight reworking of the same presentation I give right across WA and often nationally when talking about the Geraldton economy and status of play. Indeed, my most recent presentation of this was given in Geraldton to Korean, Japanese, English and Australian large corporations, who are also looking to develop heavy industry right on our door step, right here in Geraldton where I am a regularly invited as a guest speaker of both the Mid West Development Commission (MWDC) and Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MWCCI). Every conference I go to I am happy to speak, as I do attend conferences/forums where I speak every other month.

Question

Will the City be expected to reciprocate this offer?

Response

Not at all. Noting again we currently have lots of people attending speaking events, here in Geraldton already, and touring our region from around the world, already being facilitated by the MWCCI and MWDC.

*Cr Thomas thanked the Mayor for answering the questions in the flow of being open and transparent. Cr Thomas asked if the Mayor would be willing to take additional questions.*

*The Mayor advised that he would like due notice, but allowed the questions.*

**Supplementary questions asked at the meeting without notice:**Question from Cr T Thomas

Who is paying for the flights and accommodation while you are away, is that by you?

Response

It is a blend. I am paying for some, yes, and some will be met by the conference organisers. These will be declared on the Gift Registers, that get disclosed as a matter of course. That is the usual practice for speaking at conferences.

*Cr Librizzi reminded the Mayor that he did respond to the Mayor's e-mail, which the Mayor did note, and he had also received a response from Cr Reymond.*

Question from Cr M Reymond

The places you are going to is not our Sister City, is that right?

Response

Correct. The Sister City is Zhanjiang and located in the southern district of China.

Question from Cr Reymond

Do we tell our Sister City Mayor that you are going to see other Mayor's in other parts of China. As a protocol issue do we let them know you are in the area and visiting other Mayors. Is that appropriate, or have you done this?

Response

No, our Sister City would not know I am going. We (Council) retired the Policy, and we agree to allow it to remain dormant. That is exactly what is happening. I am attending a conference for two days. I speak at lots of conferences. I am using an old friend that I have known for many years, who is tied up with Geraldton and deals with our Iron Ore. This is a personal relationship. But I thought in the interest of transparency I would e-mail and communicate it to all of you that I am going, to ensure you are aware and to note that I am not doing something at ratepayers' expense.

Question from Cr M Reymond

If a politician comes into our electorate, it is normal protocol for them to let the Local Member know. I was wondering if we need to let our dormant Sister City Mayor that you are doing some business elsewhere.

Response

I don't think I am that big a deal. Noting also the policy has been retired.

Question from Cr RD Hall

On your return is it possible that you give us a resume on what actually transpired in the interest of community liaison irrespective of the Sister Cities, on what you saw. Would that be asking too much?

Response

Not at all. Yes happy to, that is why it is in the public realm.

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

Nil.

**16 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

Pursuant to Section 5.2 (i) 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 not required.*

**17 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the Council meeting at 5.47pm.

**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/>