



City of Perth

**Special Council Meeting
Minutes**

**23 July 2019
5:30pm**

**Council Chamber
Level 9
Council House**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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Present

Chair Commissioner Eric Lumsden
Commissioner Gaye McMath
Commissioner Andrew Hammond

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council meeting.

**THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY CERTIFIED AS
CONFIRMED**

PRESIDING MEMBER'S SIGNATURE

DATE:-----

Minutes of the Special Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth held in the Council Chamber, Ninth Floor, Council House, 27 St Georges Terrace, Perth, on Tuesday, 23 July 2019.

Presiding: **Chair Commissioner, Eric Lumsden**

Commissioners in Attendance:

Commissioner Gaye McMath
Commissioner Andrew Hammond

Officers in Attendance:

Mr Jorgensen	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Ridgwell	Acting Director Corporate Services
Mr Farley	Acting Director Planning and Development
Mr High	Acting Director Economic Development and Activation
Mr Ahern	Acting Director Construction and Maintenance
Ms Landers	Acting Director Community and Commercial Services
Mr Corke	Acting Manager Governance
Ms Rippington	Governance Coordinator
Mr Anastas	Personal Aide
Ms Stefani	Governance Officer

Observers:

One member of the public
Three members of staff
One member of the media

1. Prayer / Acknowledgment of Country

The Chief Executive Officer read the prayer.

The Chair Commissioner read the Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Declaration of Opening

5:30pm The Chair Commissioner declared the meeting open.

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Question Time for the Public

Nil

5. Disclosures of Members' Interests

Nil

6. Matters for which the Meeting may be Closed

Nil

Item 7.1 Adoption of the City of Perth Annual Budget 2019/20¹

Moved Commissioner Hammond, seconded Commissioner McMath

That Council APPROVES:

- 1. *The City of Perth 2019/20 Statutory Annual Budget as detailed in Attachment 7.1A inclusive of the following:***
 - (a) Statement of Comprehensive Income;***
 - (b) Statement of Cash Flows;***
 - (c) Rate Setting Statement;***
 - (d) Capital Expenditure Program;***
 - (e) Transfers to and from Cash Backed Reserves; and***
 - (f) Notes to and forming part of the Statutory Budget.***

- 2. *The following rates in the dollar of GRV based upon the predominant purpose for which the rated land is held:***
 - (a) Commercial - 5.63576 cents in the dollar;***
 - (b) Hotel - 5.63576 cents in the dollar;***
 - (c) Office - 4.68096 cents in the dollar;***
 - (d) Residential - 5.90393 cents in the dollar;***
 - (e) Retail - 5.63576 cents in the dollar; and***
 - (f) Vacant Land - 6.43702 cents in the dollar.***

¹ Following the publication of the Special Council Meeting Agenda, an amendment was made to attachment 7.1 on page 91. The narrative 'Fee waived for 2019/20 as per Council Approval 15 January 2019' was added in relation to Outdoor Dining Application Fees.

3. Minimum Rate Payment

A minimum rate payment of \$726 per annum be imposed pursuant to Section 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995 in respect of any rateable land within the city;

4. Rate Payment Options

In accordance with Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995, provide the options of one, two or four instalments for the payment of rates, with interest (subject to legislative change) and administration fees applicable as follows:

- (a) An amount of 5.5% per annum interest to be charged if either a two or four instalment option is selected;*
- (b) An administration charge of \$49 is to be applied to the two and four instalment options if selected; and*
- (c) The following dates be set for payment of rates by instalments*
 - 13 September 2019*
 - 11 November 2019*
 - 10 January 2020*
 - 20 March 2020*

5. Late Payment Interest

In accordance with Section 6.51(1) and subject to Section 6.51(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1996, adopts an interest rate of 11% for rates and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remain unpaid after becoming due and payable;

6. Heritage Rates Concession

In accordance with Section 6.47 of the Local Government Act 1995, continue the Heritage Rate Concession Scheme (Council Policy 9.2 refers), introduced to support the retention of the City's heritage, for the 2019/20 financial year;

7. Schedule of Fees & Charges

The Schedule of Fees and Charges to be applied during the 2019/20 financial year as attached to this report.

8. Creation of Reserve Funds

The creation of the following Cash Backed Reserves (purpose of Reserve as stated

below) in accordance with Section 6.11(1) of the Local Government Act 1995

(a) Organisational Reform Reserve

This reserve is established to fund the anticipated costs of the City of Perth Inquiry and to provide funding towards critical initiatives associated with corporate recovery, organisational development and future capacity building.

(b) Technology Upgrade Reserve

This reserve is established to provide funding to enhance the City's core technology systems to facilitate service based resource allocation models and more transparent reporting of financial performance.

(c) Provisional Capital Program Reserve

This reserve is established to match organisational delivery capacity with the proposed Capital Program. As projects are completed, this reserve can be drawn down to fund capital initiatives expected to occur later in the year.

(d) Major Infrastructure Projects Reserve

This reserve is established to provide funding flexibility to allow the accelerated delivery of large multi-year infrastructure projects where delivery synergies and cost savings can be gained through aggregation of project stages.

(e) Council House Refurbishment Reserve

This reserve is established to fund future refurbishment to Council House to optimise use of the available floor space.

The motion was put and carried

The votes were recorded as follows:

For: Commissioners Lumsden, McMath and Hammond

Against: Nil

MOTION FROM THE CHAIR

Moved Commissioner Lumsden, seconded Commissioner McMath

That Council ACKNOWLEDGES all the efforts of the staff specially the Finance Team for working through some extremely complex and difficult issues whilst at the same time trying to keep rate increases to a minimum.

The motion was put and carried

The votes were recorded as follows:

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Against: Nil

8. Closure

5:38pm The Chair Commissioner declared the meeting closed.