



City of **Perth**

Notes

Agenda Briefing Session

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1. Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the Agenda Briefing Session for the City of Perth open at 5:00pm.

2. Acknowledgement of Country/Prayer

The Presiding Member gave an Acknowledgement of Country:

I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Whadjuk Nyoongar people of Western Australia, and pay my respects to Elders past and present. It is a privilege to be standing on Whadjuk Nyoongar country.

The Chief Executive Officer recited a prayer:

Almighty God, under whose providence we hold responsibility for this City grant us wisdom to understand its present needs, foresight to anticipate its future growth, and grace to serve our fellow citizens with integrity and selfless devotion. And to Thee, be all blessing and glory forever. Amen.

3. Attendance

Members in Attendance

Lord Mayor	Basil Zempilas
Deputy Lord Mayor	Liam Gobbert
Councillors	Di Bain
	Clyde Bevan
	Viktor Ko (<i>arrived at 6:05pm</i>)
	Catherine Lezer

Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer	Michelle Reynolds
General Manager Commercial Services	Steve Holden
General Manager Community Development	Kylie Johnson
General Manager Infrastructure and Operations	Allan Mason
General Manager Planning and Economic Development	Dale Page
General Manager Corporate Services	Melissa Murphy
Chief Financial Officer	Michael Kent
Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy	Charlie Clarke
Governance Officer	Ebony Mackey

Public Gallery

There were approximately 13 members of the public in the gallery.

3.1 Apologies

Councillor Rebecca Gordon

Councillor Sandy Anghie

Councillor Brent Fleeton

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil.

3.3 Applications for Leave of Absence

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

4. Announcements by the Lord Mayor

4.1 Budget Adoption 2023/24

The Lord Mayor highlighted aspects of the City's 300 million dollar 2023/24 Budget. He stated that the Budget included:

- The lowest rate rise of all major Metropolitan Councils two years in a row;
- A 6.7 million dollar commitment to free parking in every City of Perth Parking bay in the City after 6pm and at selected car parks on weekends and public holidays;
- 3 million dollars to market the City; and
- A 17 million dollar commitment for safer streets and community services.

The Lord Mayor proudly stated that the budget, which was passed unanimously by Council, was a commitment to deliver for today and invest in tomorrow.

5. Disclosures of Interests

Name	Councillor Di Bain
Item number and title	15.2 Schedule of Accounts Paid – May 2023
Nature of interest	Impartiality
Interest description	<i>These are fees invoiced by the City's acting legal counsel. She is the cousin of my husband's son in law. The City has advised me to declare this as an impartiality interest.</i>

Name	Deputy Lord Mayor Liam Gobbert
Item number and title	12.1 Business Improvement Grant Program 2023/24
Nature of interest	Impartiality
Interest description	<i>I attended the RISE Business Awards as the City's representative.</i>

Name	Councillor Di Bain
Item number and title	12.1 Business Improvement Grant Program 2023/24 (Deputation 6.2.4)
Nature of interest	Indirect Financial
Interest description	<i>Jeff Leach owns the building and laneway next to Bras and Things (66 Hay Street) Mr Agnello wants to use Mr Leach's laneway. Mr Leach donated to my election campaign.</i>

Name	Councillor Clyde Bevan
Item number and title	12.1 Business Improvement Grant Program 2023/24
Nature of interest	Proximity
Interest description	<i>I, with my Wife, own an Apartment at 360 (2616) Murray Street, Perth.</i>

6. Public Participation

6.1 Public Questions

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

6.2 Deputations

- 6.2.1 Nick Mondia and Nunzio Mondia representing Centrestage Promotions Pty Ltd and N Mondia who spoke AGAINST the Officers Recommendation in item 12.1 Business Improvement Grant Program 2023/24.
- 6.2.2 George Kakulas and John Parker representing The Standard who spoke FOR the Officers Recommendation in item 12.1 Business Improvement Grant Program 2023/24.
- 6.2.3 Christopher Patton representing Alibi and Butterfly 73 who spoke FOR the Officers Recommendation in item 12.1 Business Improvement Grant Program 2023/24.
- 6.2.4 Frank Agnello representing Espresso and Prosecco who spoke AGAINST the Officers Recommendation in item 12.1 Business Improvement Grant Program 2023/24.
- 6.2.5 Ed Neilan and Carolyn Lawler representing UVPURE and PrimePrivate who spoke AGAINST the Officers Recommendation in item 12.1 Business Improvement Grant Program 2023/24.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

8. Questions by Members which due Notice has been Given

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

9. Correspondence

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

10. Petitions

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Reports

A series of questions were raised by elected members which were responded to prior to the Agenda Briefing Session. A summary of the responses will be included under 'Further Information' located at the end of each report in the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda.

The audio recording of this Agenda Briefing Session is available on the City's website.

11. Planning and Economic Development Alliance Reports

Nil.

12. Community Development Alliance Reports

Deputy Lord Mayor Liam Gobbert disclosed an Impartiality Interest in Item 12.1 as detailed in Item 5.

Councillor Di Bain disclosed an Indirect Financial Interest in Item 12.1 as detailed in Item 5.

Councillor Clyde Bevan disclosed a Proximity Interest in Item 12.1 as detailed in Item 5.

6:05pm Cr Viktor Ko arrived at the meeting during Item 12.1.

12.1 Business Improvement Grant Program 2023/24

13. Infrastructure and Operations Alliance Reports

Nil.

14. Commercial Services Alliance Reports

Nil.

15. Corporate Services Reports

15.1 Monthly Financial Statements - May 2023

Councillor Di Bain disclosed an Impartiality Interest in Item 15.2 as detailed in Item 5.

15.2 Schedule of Accounts Paid - May 2023

15.3 Corporate Business Plan Quarterly Progress Report 4

16. Chief Executive Officer Reports

16.1 City of Perth Inquiry Recommendations - Quarterly Progress Update - Q4 (1 April - 30 June 2023)

17. Committee Reports

Nil.

18. Motions of which Previous Notice has been Given

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

19. Matters for which the meeting may be closed

Nil.

20. Urgent Business

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

21. Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6:07pm.