



City of **Perth**

Reports Under Separate Cover

Ordinary Council Meeting

25 June 2024

Notice of Meeting

To the Lord Mayor and Councillors

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25 June 2024 in the Council Chamber, Level 9, 27 St Georges Terrace, Perth commencing at 5:00pm.

Michelle Reynolds

Chief Executive Officer

24 June 2024

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The following Notice of Motion was submitted in accordance with clause 4.12 of the *Standing Orders Local Law 2009*.

Councillor	Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas
Date Received	17 June 2024
Motion	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>ALLOCATES</u> \$250,000 from the Municipal Surplus of the 2023/24 annual budget for the acquisition and installation of the public artwork 'The Spaceman' by Brendan Murphy to be included into the City's Cultural Collection on a permanent basis. 2. <u>REQUESTS</u> the CEO to progress the acquisition and installation within the allocated budget and seek further Council approval for costs in excess of this budget.
Reasons Provided	<p>The purpose of this motion is to seek Council support to accept a gift of a large-scale public artwork into the City's Cultural Collections. The gift from US artist Brendan Murphy is a sculpture known as 'The Spaceman'. The sculpture is a public artwork which is 7m tall and weighs approximately 1,365kg. The sculpture is one of only five Spaceman Sculptures (carbon fibre and steel core) created by Brendan Murphy. It will be personalised for Perth and our "City of Light" brand. The others Spaceman Sculptures are in London, Antigua, Oslo and Dubai. The offer to gift the artwork to the City is conditional on the City funding transport, installation and other associated costs. Council requests the administration determine an appropriate funding source to enable the City to accept and maintain the gift into the future.</p>

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Responsible Officer	Kylie Johnson – General Manager Community Development
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Attachments	Nil.

Discussion

1. An exhibition of works by US artist Brendan Murphy will be presented by Gullotti Galleries, Cottesloe from 22 August 2024. Brendan Murphy's works include paintings and small and large-scale sculptures.
2. Gullotti Galleries has indicated that the offer of the gift, 'The Spaceman' large-scale sculpture is conditional upon the City paying for costs associated international air freight to Perth and installation of the sculpture.
3. Gullotti Galleries have requested the sculpture to be in place is by August 2024 in line with the exhibition noted above.
4. Council Policy 4.7 – Cultural Collections and Council Policy 4.8 – Public Art define the parameters and priorities in which the City's artworks and other cultural items, including public art are managed and developed.
5. Under Council Policy 4.7, items recommended for acquisition are considered with regard to the following factors:
 - (a) Physical integrity, durability, quality of fabrication and maintenance or conservation requirements.
 - (b) Authenticity and ethical provenance.
 - (c) Must be an outright purchase, commission or unconditional transfer of ownership.
 - (d) Enhance at least one of the existing Collections as defined by Collection scope and/or priorities, avoiding duplication.
 - (e) Capacity to be placed on display without hindrance to public access or safety, and where relevant, without breaching the creator's moral rights.
 - (f) Immediate and future cost considerations.
6. A quote associated with the transport and installation of the sculpture have been received from Gullotti Galleries totalling \$171,580. The quote includes international air freight, artists' engineer costs (sculpture preparation and travel and accommodation), installation costs, insurance and an unveiling event for an official handover to City of Perth, requested by the artist.
7. The quote from Gullotti Galleries does not include legal costs associated with the Deed of Transfer/Donation, site preparation and foundation works, traffic/pedestrian management, sculpture cleaning on arrival, lighting and small-scale signage. These costs will be additional to the quote and be incurred by City of Perth.
8. Based on the quote from Gullotti Galleries and City of Perth associated costs, the total budget associated with the donation and installation is \$250,000. This does not include ongoing costs for annual cleaning, maintenance and insurance as part of the City's Public Art Collection, or relocation costs should the sculpture be moved to another location in the future.

Decision Implications

9. If Council supports the recommendation the CEO will be authorised to progress the acquisition and installation of The Spaceman sculpture within the Council determined budget.
10. If Council does not support the recommendation the proponent will be advised that the City is declining the offer of The Spaceman sculpture.
11. Gullotti Galleries has been advised that an Agreement signed by the CEO is required before there is any formal commitment to accepting the donation or incurring any costs to the City.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Strategic Community Plan	
Strategic Pillar (Objective)	Liveable
Related Documents (Issue Specific Strategies and Plans):	Public Art Strategy Public art will showcase Perth’s unique identity, diverse community and cultural heritage, and encourage residents and visitors alike to explore and realise new ideas in our exciting urban landscape.

Legislation, Delegation of Authority and Policy	
Legislation:	City of Perth <i>Standing Orders Local Law 2009</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clause 4.12 – Motions of which previous notice has been given
Authority of Council/CEO:	Council
Policy:	Council Policy 4.7 – Cultural Collections Council Policy 4.8 – Public Art

Financial Implications

12. If Council support the recommendation \$250,000 will be allocated from the Municipal Surplus of the 2023/24 annual budget for the acquisition and installation of The Spaceman sculpture. Additional costs associated with the acquisition and installation will be referred to Council if this budget is exceeded.
13. If Council support the recommendation, maintenance and cleaning costs will be determined and included in the Public Art Maintenance budget for future years.

Further Information

Nil.