



City of **Perth**

Minutes

Electors General Meeting
27 January 2026

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Chief Executive Officer
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Electors' General Meeting Procedure

In accordance with clause 5.30 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Lord Mayor is to preside at an Electors' General Meeting

Regulation 18 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* states that the procedure to be followed at an Electors' General Meeting is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting.

The following procedure is provided for guidance only and the final procedure will be determined by the Lord Mayor at the meeting.

1. All present are required to sign the attendance register upon entry to the Meeting, including name and address.
2. Speakers must be electors of the City of Perth.
3. The proceedings will be recorded for the purpose of production of minutes, and speakers are requested to use the microphone when speaking.
4. No other audio-visual recordings are to be undertaken without permission from the Lord Mayor.
5. The order of proceedings will firstly be reference to these rules by the Lord Mayor followed by:
 - a. Declaration of opening and welcome
 - b. Acknowledgement of Elected Members in Attendance
 - c. Lord Mayor's message
 - d. 2024-25 Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
 - e. General business
 - f. Closure
6. During general business, questions and motions may only relate to the matters that affect the local government and will be accepted at the discretion of the Lord Mayor.
7. Deputations or statements will not be permitted.

Electors proposing motions or questions to the meeting

8. Proposed motions and questions must be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting. Forms are available on the City's website <https://perth.wa.gov.au/council/council-meetings>
9. Only motions and questions for which the City has received 24 hours' notice will be addressed at the meeting.
10. The Lord Mayor will call for a mover and seconder for a motion.
11. No motion is open to debate until it has been seconded. Only one motion will be received at a time.
12. Upon a motion being proposed, the Lord Mayor may call for speakers to address the meeting.
13. When addressing the meeting, a speaker is to:
 - a. Move to the lectern (unless otherwise instructed, or unable to do so due to sickness or a disability)
 - b. State their name and suburb
 - c. Address the meeting through the Lord Mayor
 - d. Limit any questions to fact, not opinion or supposition
14. The mover of a motion has the right of reply and closes the debate.

Voting at the meeting

15. Once a motion has been moved and seconded, the Lord Mayor will ask for a vote on the motion from the electors.
16. Each elector has one vote. An elector is not required to vote.
17. Voting is determined by a show of hands.
18. A simple majority carries the vote.

Decisions made at the meeting

19. The decisions of this meeting are not binding on the City of Perth Council. All decisions made at the meeting will be presented to Council for its consideration at its next practicable meeting.
20. Minutes of this meeting will be available on the City's website as soon as practicable after the meeting and before the next Ordinary Council meeting.

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1. Declaration of Opening, Acknowledgement of Country/Prayer and Welcome

The Presiding Member declared the Electors General Meeting for the City of Perth open at 5.06pm.

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.

2. Attendance

Elected Members in Attendance

Lord Mayor
Councillors

Bruce Reynolds
Liam Gobbert
Viktor Ko
Catherine Lezer
Raj Doshi
David Goncalves
Chris Patton
Lisa Ma

Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer
General Manager Infrastructure and Operations
General Manager Commercial Services
A/General Manager Community Development
General Manager Engagement and Activation
General Manager Planning and Sustainability
A/Executive Director Governance and Strategy
Executive Director
A/ Council Governance and Policy Coordinator
Council Governance and Policy Officer
Council Governance and Policy Officer

Michelle Reynolds
Allan Mason
Steve Holden
Tracey Hirst
Kelly Townson
Maria Cooke
Charlie Clarke
Wendy Attenborough
Tanya Toon-Poynton
Kristian Seidl
Ali Tehsin

Public Gallery

There were approximately 103 members of the public in the gallery.

2.1 Apologies

Councillor Adam Pacan.

2.2 Leave of Absence

Nil.

3. Lord Mayor's Message

So again, good afternoon everyone and thank you for joining us tonight. It's always a privilege to come together with our community to reflect on the year that has passed and look ahead to the future that we're all shaping together. Before we move on, obviously there's an elephant in the room. So I will quickly address that. There has been commentary obviously in recent weeks amongst other things around media leaks, background briefings, selective commentary attributed to members and I want to speak to that in the first instance directly.

Regards to media leaks, naturally over the last couple of months I've been personally approached by multiple media outlets for comment on governance matters, internal process and internal reports. And of course I have access to that information but what I would like to sort of say is that I've made a deliberate decision because that is part of our role not to do that. I don't believe in leaking information background against our city or colleagues or running issues through the media or social media. I don't believe it's responsible behaviour and it's certainly not how I, as a Lord Mayor, will operate. My role is to follow process and focus on the job of running this city.

Turning specifically to the psychosocial risk assessment, we discussed this in detail last week at our Audit and Risk (Committee) and it was made very clear to us that this is a confidential report that was not crafted for media release. It was not an inquiry. It is not an investigation into anyone's conduct.

There are no findings, determinations or complaints upheld in that report.

So we discussed in detail with everyone who voluntarily participated and we're advised clearly that the assessment has its limitations as the independent consultant explained to us. The purpose of the review was not to determine whether something did or did not take place but it was to record how people felt in certain situations and make recommendations accordingly. And that distinction does matter.

As the report makes clear, the assessment focuses on identifying and evaluating work systems rather than cataloguing or making findings regarding individual behaviours or interactions. The question asked is, not who is behaving badly, but what feature of work design allow or create these hazards. Ideally, it's an opportunity to improve. This is why the focus now must be on implementing the report recommendations, strengthening systems, safeguards and support rather than misusing its language for speculation, blame or selective interpretation. The report is a risk identification and mitigation tool. It categorises perceived risk into headings.

For example, a heading could be bullying, harassment, and violence. But those headings do not mean that all of those behaviours may have occurred. If someone reported feeling harassed by questions for instance, that response is recorded under that category, if that makes sense. And of course the lady who did this report sat down with all of us and explained that, and you don't get that in a media leak, does not establish violence occurred nor does it mean wrong wrongdoing has been established.

So that I want to make very clear, that point. We do need to make very clear what I have seen is the occasional email that could be drafted better. We all know that we can improve our tone from time to time in electronic conversations, but based on my direct observations, I've not seen elected members behave in a way that some of the report language might suggest. I have not observed intimidation of staff or threatening behaviour of a physical nature at all. I have seen debate on a couple occasions, robust debate between elected members, but that is not the same thing and that has not been an ongoing issue.

While I raised concerns directly with the facilitator about how the report was written, I was again reminded that this review is about recording perceptions, not making findings. So that does not mean feelings should be dismissed, feelings should always be taken seriously. But where behaviour is alleged and evidenced, the proper course is clear process, formal reporting and due process, not leaks, not insinuation, not trial by media. That protects people and it also ensures fairness for all.

What this report does reinforce is something important. The need for ongoing workplace cultural reviews, clear processes, and continued improvement.

We are a capital city.

We operate at capital city standard.

Leaking to the press is not capital city standard. Running governance issues through social media is not capital city standards. We are better than that and I expect better. And I want to be clear on one more thing. Despite the noise, despite the commentary, despite the headlines, the city is moving forward.

Let it not be lost that Perth has had a very strong year, a year of delivery, a year of momentum, and a year where confidence in our capital city has continued to grow.

So, let's return our focus to what this meeting is really about, our city, our progress, and our future. And when I look back to 24/25, what stands out most is a sense of confidence and momentum that has taken hold across our capital city. Perth has continued to grow, evolve, and strengthen. And you can feel that energy in the streets, in the cafes, in the families exploring our riverfront, the students moving through the city, and the steady hum of activity that signals the city is on the move. Are we there yet? No, we're not there yet. But we're all working hard, and we're all working in the same direction. And this is where our whole team from the CEO, executive team and 700 staff deserve real applause.

Across the year, Perth experienced record visitations and economic activity alongside a pace of development in the city centre that we haven't seen for decades. These outcomes don't happen by chance. They're a product of sustained effort, strong partnerships, and a shared commitment to Perth's future. And partnership has been a defining theme of the year.

Through the Perth City Deal, the \$1.75 billion collaboration between the Australian government, the West Australian government and the City of Perth, we're seeing transformational change take shape. And of course, one of the most exciting milestones ahead is the opening this year of the ECU city campus.

That project will bring education, creativity, and opportunity right into the heart of the city, reshaping daily life and adding new vibrancy to our streets. We also mark significant progress on projects that speak to Perth's identity and liveability. The revitalisation of the WACA Ground, including a new aquatic centre supported by \$25 million of our capital city funding, of your funding. And that is well and truly underway and due, as we know, to open shortly.

The Perth Concert Hall redevelopment has commenced, ensuring the iconic venue continues to serve our community for generations to come. And these are investments in our cultural, sporting, and civic life. The things that make Perth not just functional, but ongoingly truly special. These city-shaping projects are already renewing private investment across the CBD. From the purpose-built student accommodations that are already in planning, and in development, and in build, to major mixed use developments such as the proposed \$400

million redevelopment of the Carillon City. This is a pivotal moment for our City. A City confidently stepping into the next chapter and alongside these major initiatives the City continues to deliver the services and experiences that keep Perth alive, welcoming and well-maintained. Over the past year, we have delivered 646 events and activities, which you know, those numbers are amazing. In 12 months, 646 events and activations, helping ensure Perth remains the events heart of WA.

Our community facilities hosted 750 hours of programming, supporting connection, learning, and well-being and our operational teams have worked tirelessly behind the scenes cleaning almost 27,000 km of streets and foot paths, removing over 20,000 square metres of graffiti and completing more than 31,000 community safety and well-being tasks. And these efforts obviously go to a large part unseen in a well-run city. They are essential to the experience of living in, working in, and visiting our city.

Major events continue to draw strong crowds, including 115,000 people on New Year's Eve celebrations across Elizabeth Quay and Northbridge. 130,000 attendees at the Boorloo Heritage Festival. The Perth Library had 295,000 visits and the city provided more than \$600,000 in support costs for homelessness and outreach services. That is a reflection of commitment to supporting those who need it most.

We also delivered upgrades to the Langley Park pavilion event spaces, improving a key community asset and supporting our growing events calendar.

On the financial front, the City remains in a very strong and stable position.

Our financial health indicator of 92 reflects discipline, management and long-term planning. We also received an unqualified audit report for 24-25, with no matter of non-compliance or improvement opportunities raised.

We continue to maintain exceptionally low levels of collectible rates outstanding which is less than 1%, which is a clear sign to both community and confidence in effective administration. As we enter the 25-26 financial year, Perth did so with one of the lowest rate increases of any metro local government, demonstrating that a strategic reposition of the City financials is working.

Our sustainable financial model, ongoing service reviews, and rigorous assessment of project proposals ensure that every dollar is directed where it needs it most and with the greatest value. I'm nearly there, but it is important to outline where we are as a City and where we're going. So bear with me. And an independent review confirms that our rating methodology remains fully aligned with the best practice principles.

Not long ago, I delivered a record budget. But let's be clear, the finance team led by Mike with the oversight of our admin team are the ones that rightly deserve the appreciation from this community in keeping a large everchanging organisation like the City of Perth financially on track with all the moving parts, with the rising delivery costs that we're all aware of, and complex pressures. They have kept rates, rate rises incredibly low. In a moment, you will hear from Mike and you'll see why he's held in such high regard. So, as we look ahead, our focus is firm. It is firmly set on the long term development of the new Capital City Plan coming out, which will set us up to 2036.

Perth is on the move. It has clear sense of direction, strong partnership, engaged community and we are building a capital city that is vibrant and inclusive.

And lastly, yesterday I presided over almost 100 new Australians at our citizenship ceremony. The excitement in those newly minted Australians, "Perthians", choosing to live here in our city is further evidence that we're a capital city full of growth and opportunity.

Thank you for being here tonight and thank you for your ongoing commitment to our City. Thank you.

Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Thank you very much, Lord Mayor. So, welcome everyone. This is your meeting. So, thank you for participating in your City. Our annual report is your story. And your story is magnificent. And for that, we thank you because

we believe working together as an entire community, we can achieve and have achieved great things for our City. So on behalf of the City of Perth, thank you all for being here today. We so appreciate you leaning in to what makes a big difference and for your meeting.

But as the Lord Mayor just said, it's all about the money. And so we thought an opportunity to hear from our CFO would give you some confidence that we are financially managing this City within a dollar of its life, but also that you can be confident that we are spending every one of your ratepayer dollars on meaningful work and services to make sure your story is well understood and heard by all. So on behalf of the administration, thank you all very much for coming.

And if I could invite Mr. Michael Kent to step up to the microphone. And he has great pictures as well. So this will be fun, I guarantee.

4. Annual Report, Financial Statement and Auditor's Report

4.1 2024/25 Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditors Report

Michael Kent – Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer spoke to the City's financial performance in 2024/25. The presentation is available on the City's website [here](#).

Resolution

Mover: Charlie Hopkins

Seconded: Steve Wellard

That the 2024/25 Annual Report, inclusive of Financial Statements and Auditors Report, for the City of Perth be ACCEPTED.

CARRIED

5. General Business

5.1 Proposed Motions.

Motion

Mover: Jason (Naijiao) Bo

Seconded: David Lee

EPCG Requests the Council to investigate and present a report on engineering and infrastructure options to upgrade the Ozone Reserve Precinct.

The report should identify costed solutions to achieve "Year-Round Usability" and "Smart City Safety Standards," specifically addressing:

- **Drainage & Soil Integrity:** An investigation into the root causes of persistent ground saturation and waterlogging, specifically assessing:
 - o The integrity of the Lake Vasto retention and pumping network.
 - o The impact of heavy vehicle compaction on soil drainage versus natural water table levels.
- **Adaptive Safety Lighting:** An assessment of modern, motion-activated and fauna-friendly (warm spectrum) lighting technologies for the internal footpaths to resolve pedestrian blind spots while mitigating environmental impact.
- **Event Infrastructure Capacity:** A feasibility study on installing permanent 3-Phase Power outlets to support community activation and eliminate pollution and cost of temporary diesel generators.

CARRIED

Motion

Mover: Amberlea Henriques

Seconded: David Lee

That the City of Perth:

Investigate and report to Council on establishing a "Fair Rates & Active City Framework" to promote fairness, safety, and community activation by:

Introducing a Vacant Building Differential Rate under Section 6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA), applying a higher rate to **residential and commercial properties** left intentionally unoccupied for 12 months or more without evidence of active use, redevelopment, or genuine attempts to lease or sell the property.

Allocating additional revenue generated through this differential rate to **initiatives that improve community safety and activation**, including increased ranger patrols, CCTV coverage, community safety programs, and local activation grants.

Establishing a Vacant Property Transparency Register requiring property owners to declare unoccupied buildings exceeding 12 months of inactivity, verified through owner declaration or utility-use data.

Defining clear exemptions for property owners facing legitimate barriers such as heritage restrictions, structural repairs, approved redevelopment works, or demonstrable and ongoing efforts to lease, sell, or activate their property - ensuring the framework distinguishes **intentional vacancy** from **good-faith circumstances**.

CARRIED

Motion

Mover: Steve Wellard

Seconder: Amberlea Henriques

Request the CEO to undertake a review of the City of Perth's fixed & mobile CCTV camera network across all neighbourhoods.

The review is to report on:

- The performance & effectiveness of the fixed decibel monitors installed at Wellington Square in 2025.
- The performance & effectiveness of the mobile CCTV Camera Stations installed in 2025.
- Fixed CCTV Camera network coverage gaps across the city with particular focus on West Perth, Nedlands & Crawley
- Areas of known temporary/seasonal antisocial behaviour that is best monitored using the Mobile CCTV Camera Stations.
- Recommendations for additional fixed CCTV Cameras & fixed Decibel Monitors in locations to rectify coverage gaps identified in the report.
- Recommendations for additional mobile CCTV Camera Stations to be situated in known short term anti-social hotspots
- Budget cost & timeframe to purchase & install the additional equipment identified in the report recommendations.
- The report & equipment purchase recommendations are to be presented at the earliest available Ordinary Council Meeting that would allow funding to be included in the 2027/28 Budget setting process.

The following amendments to the motion were agreed to by the mover and the seconder:

- That the City work with main roads, as part of the two-way strategy for Hay Street, to put in the electrical assets now so that in the future when we need cameras or lights, the electricity is already in place.
- That the report include promoting the service to the community as a positive service they can use to make themselves safer and feel safer in the City.

CARRIED (AS AMENDED)

Motion

Mover: Steve Wellard

Seconded: Amberlea Henriques

That Council REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer to:

Produce a report into the process required to introduce wards into the City of Perth Council at the 2027 Local Government Election in accordance with;

- The reforms announced by the WA Minister for Local Government,
- The Local Government Act &
- The City of Perth Act.

The report is to consider dividing the City of Perth Electorate into three (3) wards determined by the City of Perth's published neighbourhood boundaries & population data.

- **East Ward** (East Perth & Claisebrook) currently 40% of the city's population
- **Central Ward** (Perth & Northbridge) currently 33% of the city's population
- **West Ward** (West Perth, Nedlands & Crawley) currently 27% of the city's population

LOST

Motion

Mover: Vicki Raniszewski

Seconded: Kevin McIsaac

That the Electors' Meeting:

1. Notes community concern regarding the frequent use of the procedural motion commonly referred to as "put the motion", which has the effect of closing debate on substantive matters; and
2. Affirms that robust debate between elected members is a fundamental element of good governance, transparency, and informed decision-making; and
3. Requests Council to consider initiating a review of the frequency, circumstances, and governance impact of the use of "put the motion" at Council meetings since October 2025; and
4. Requests that Council consider whether any amendments to standing procedures, meeting practices, or governance frameworks are warranted to ensure debate is not unreasonably curtailed while maintaining orderly meetings.

The following amendment to the motion was agreed to by the mover and the seconder:

5. Request Council to undertake a review of the City's Standing Orders.

CARRIED (WITH AMENDMENT)

Motion

Mover: Vicki Raniszewski

Seconded: Phil Higgs

That the Electors' Meeting:

1. Notes that effective local government relies on informed, prepared, and engaged elected members; and
2. Affirms that the role of councillors and presiding members includes participation in governance processes beyond Ordinary Council Meetings; and
3. Requests Council to consider the preparation of a governance guidance paper outlining best practice expectations for councillors and presiding members, including:
 - participation in Agenda Briefing Meetings and committee meetings;
 - engagement in governance, conduct, and professional development training; and
 - principles for presiding members in managing debate impartially and applying standing orders consistently; and
4. Requests that any such guidance, if prepared, be reported to Council and made publicly available.

CARRIED

Motion

Mover: Vicki Raniszewski

Seconded: Loretta Boni

That the Electors' Meeting:

1. Notes that Public Question Time is a fundamental mechanism for community engagement, transparency, and accountability; and
2. Affirms that members of the public are entitled to ask questions in a respectful environment; and
3. Requests Council to consider a review of the current arrangements for Public Question Time, including:
 - time allocation;
 - procedural limits; and
 - the role of the presiding member in facilitating questions impartially; and
4. Requests that any outcomes of such a review be reported to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

Motion

Mover: Vicki Raniszewski

Seconded: Loretta Boni

That the Electors Meeting:

Notes that any public question or deputation submitted for an Annual Electors Meeting, Agenda Briefing Meeting, Special Council Meeting, or Ordinary Council Meeting that has been rejected, refused inclusion, or deemed inadmissible, must be accompanied by written reasons, provided to the submitter within a reasonable timeframe, and that such reasons clearly identify:

1. The specific Standing Order, policy, or legislative provision relied upon;
2. The position or role responsible for making the decision; and
3. Whether the decision was made independently by Governance or following consultation with any Elected Member.

CARRIED

Motion

Mover: Vicki Raniszewski

Seconded: David Lee

That the Electors' Meeting:

1. Notes the importance of transparency and open decision-making; and
2. Notes community interest in understanding the use of confidential agenda items; and
3. Requests Council to consider a governance review into:
 - the frequency and categories of confidential items;
 - the legislative basis for confidentiality determinations; and
 - opportunities to maximise disclosure while remaining compliant with legislation; and
4. Requests that the findings of any such review be reported to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

Motion

Mover: Mark Hales

Seconded: Jason (Naijiao) Bo

That the City of Perth:

1. Supports the formal naming and signposting of the public open space/park located north of Wellington Square (Moort-ak Waadiny) between 139 Royal Street and 94 Wittenoom Street, East Perth (the Park).
2. Undertakes a park/reserve naming process for the Park in accordance with Landgate's Policies and Standards for the Geographical Naming of Western Australia, including consultation with Whadjuk Noongar Traditional Owners and relevant local stakeholders/residents, and consideration of dual naming where appropriate.
3. Following consultation, endorses a preferred name (and at least one alternative) and advocates to Landgate for the City's proposal to be progressed, including submission of a park/reserve name application and supporting documentation/plan, for consideration and recommendation by the Geographic Names Committee.
4. Reports the outcome of the process (including consultation undertaken and the status of the submission) to Council within six months, and upon approval updates City mapping/wayfinding information and installs signage reflecting the official name.

CARRIED

Motion

Mover: Jazmin Lacey

Seconded: Steve Wellard

The AGM of electors supports that Council reinstates the Birak Concert for 26th of January 2027, delivering the program through co-design with the Elders Advisory Group, in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and in line with City of Perth's continued commitment to reconciliation and truth-telling.

CARRIED

Motion

Mover: Jazmin Lacey

Seconded: Phil Higgs

The AGM of electors supports the re-establishment of the City of Perth's Reconciliation Action Plan and the establishment of a RAP Working Group. The Reconciliation Action Plan will ensure accountability from the City, and also ensure the City is able to reach commitments listed in the Cultural Development Plan 2019-2029, the Working Group will also support the Aboriginal Elders Advisory Group and ensure sustainable facilitation of the Birak Concert and other cultural initiatives taken by the City.

CARRIED

5.2 Public Questions

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| | <p>John Morrison –East Perth (confirmed elector)</p> |
| <p>Q1</p> | <p>My question is for the Lord Mayor. My reference data is: A. Bruce Reynolds MEDIA RELEASE of 22nd September 2025. B. Radio interview on 6PR with Oliver Peterson on 23rd September 2025. Both articles specifically detail how you promised to employ 10 new Safety Officers as Power Rangers to make Perth Australia’s Safest Capital City. Now that you have been Lord Mayor for nearly four months please respond to the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have these positions been budgeted for or approved by CEO? 2. Have these new positions been advertised in all media outlets? 3. How many new Safety Officers (Power Rangers) have been interviewed or spoken to? 4. How many new Safety Officers (Power Rangers) have been appointed yet? |
| <p>A1</p> | <p>Provided by Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds</p> <p>Safety was a central part of my campaign and I was very clear with the community about my ambition to make Perth the safest capital city in Australia. Something I stand by and it's certainly a cornerstone of that campaign. It's fair to say the administration is also very well aware of how strongly I feel about safety in our city and it is something that we share as a goal. One of the solutions I spoke about during the campaign was the potential for expanded 24/7 ranger services. Power rangers was a term that I used kind of off the cuff but I understand what you're saying and so to be clear any permanent change to service levels or resources require formal decision of council and as you know we've not actually sat this year at an ordinary council meeting. One of those will be coming up shortly and that's the space where a motion for additional expenditure etc would find its place. However, in the meantime as many of you in this room are aware, in December I launched the City's One City Together for Summer campaign and that's a key component. A key component of that campaign has been the extended patrols and a stronger on ground presence across key parks and hotspots, including overnight coverage during the busiest of summer months before proposing any permanent changes. I believe it's both responsible and appropriate to allow this summer initiative to run its course and to use the data observations and outcomes from that period to inform any future decision in Council. That ensures we're making evidence-based decisions. A couple of weekends ago around midnight or after midnight on a Saturday night, I personally walked through the Wellington Square and Victoria Avenue parks to see how we're performing in those spaces and without a doubt, and I think that everyone in the area, certainly from that part of town compared to this time last year the difference is very stark. It's very different. It's chalk and cheese. That doesn't mean everything in the city is perfect, but it does indicate that the combined efforts currently in place are having a real positive impact and our administration and council need to be commended for that effort. Some of the additional information on the One City Together for Summer (campaign) because some people here this afternoon might not be aware of the work put into that campaign. But for completeness, I'd like to briefly outline some of the work already done or underway since the last election by administration and the One City Together for Summer initiative.</p> |

The City installed six sound level monitoring devices in Wellington Square and over the summer period, these have been fine-tuned so emergency service sirens and helicopters do not trigger the alerts.

The City commissioned independent research through the University of Western Australia Centre for Social Impact to better understand seasonal visitors across the public parks. This research includes analysing visitation numbers and complaint data, engaging with neighbourhood local governments and relevant state government agencies and examining what other jurisdictions do nationally and internationally to manage antisocial behaviour. As a result, the city is facilitating a proactive multi-agency approach, including advocating for place based state resources, such as advocating for a mobile police base currently located in Wellington Square. And this approach is also consistent with the advice from the Gehl report commissioned by the City which reinforces that safer public spaces are created by attracting people in and through initiatives like lighting activity and diverse events that create a focus that isn't just relying solely on exclusion.

The City commissioned independent market research into the See It Say It community safety and reporting program. That research confirmed the campaign is effective in encouraging reporting and has a strong clarity and relevance while identifying opportunities for further tailoring tailored messaging in particularly for businesses. Informed by that research, the City commenced the One City Together for Summer education campaign encouraging people to connect and look out for one another and to appreciate the diverse use of public spaces during the busiest months of the year.

This remains an ongoing theme across our City communications. Operationally, between November and March, the city is trialling extended patrols across key parks and hotspot areas, including overnight coverage, City Watch CCTV operators, monitoring key locations hourly. What happens is every hour our rangers will key in to show that they're actually going through those spaces throughout the evening. The City has increased CCTV capability through the addition of two mobile CCTV towers complimenting this fleet of eight mobile CCTV trailers. The City has also increased positive activations of parks through regular events and community coffee catch-ups as many of you are aware engaging directly with residents and park users. Since the election three coffee catch-ups have already taken place with larger community showcase planned for Wellington Square later in March.

All this work, including the outcomes of the current research and summer trials, will inform the next iteration of the City's Safe City Plan and guide future decisions through the proper council process. I do want to thank our council and administration for the significant work underway and look forward to the outcomes of the current initiatives to guide the appropriate next steps through the council process if required.

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| | Kevin McIsaac Perth WA 6000 (confirmed elector) |
| Q1 | My questions all refer to the psychosocial risk assessment report tabled at the most recent Audit and Risk Improvement committee meeting. Has legal advice been provided on releasing the report. |
| A1 | Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer Yes it has. |
| Q2 | Is there any legal impediment to having the report released from that legal advise |
| A2 | Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer No. |
| Q3 | Can the report be released administratively and immediately. |
| A3 | Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer The report was provided through the Lord Mayor to the Audit and Risk Committee to enable that committee to be fully briefed on the content of the report and also for an opportunity for elected members to consider and discuss the report's contents. I can add that the report is also going to be referred to the February ordinary council meeting for further consideration by full council. |
| Q4 | But if there's no legal impediment to his release, that means it will be released now |
| A4 | Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer I believe the Lord Mayor has made a media release today which has explained the background to the report and his statement is clear I think on the report's content. |
| Q5 | Can the report be released administratively and immediately, yes or no |
| A5 | Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer For the moment, the report will be referred to the ordinary council meeting in February at which time council can consider that particular request. |
| Q6 | When you say it's being tabled, does that mean it will be published in the agenda? |
| A6 | Response provided by the Lord Mayor It will still be considered in a confidential manner in the agenda, but it will be tabled at Council for consideration. |
| | Vicki Raniszewski – East Perth WA 6004 (confirmed elector) |
| Q1 | At the Special Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 21 January, Agenda Item 6.1 referred to the commissioning of independent psychosocial risk assessment reports. Can the CEO confirm: (a) the authority under which the assessment was commissioned; (b) the date on which the CEO first made the decision or intention to commission the assessment; and (c) the governance rationale for initiating the assessment. |
| A1 | Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer (a) The CEO holds relevant responsibilities under the <i>Work, Health and Safety Act 2020 (WA)</i> and the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> . (b) On the 12 November 2025 the CEO confirmed with the Lord Mayor her intention to commission a psychosocial risk assessment. (c) The City commissioned the work in response to multiple concerns raised by individuals from within Council and Administration regarding psychosocial safety, and a request by |

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| | <p>an elected member for a psychosocial risk assessment to be conducted. The assessment focussed on the interface between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected members within Council • Elected members and administration leadership, including the CEO and senior executives; and Elected members and council support employees |
| Q2 | <p>CEO - For the entire calendar year 1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025, how many formal complaints were made against Elected Council Members including the presiding member, and can the City provide a breakdown of those complaints by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaint type / pathway, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct or behavioural complaints managed internally by the City • Minor breach complaints under the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations • Serious breach complaints referred to the State regulator • Any other formal complaint category recorded by the City 2. The date each complaint was lodged or received (or, if exact dates cannot be released, the month received); and 3. The status or outcome of each complaint (for example: assessed, closed, referred, investigated, or finding made). 4. Provide external legal costs for the entire year in relation to elected council member complaint matters. <p>This question does not seek the names of complainants or any confidential personal information, only anonymised, aggregated data for transparency purposes.</p> |
| A2 | <p>Response provided by the Acting Executive Director Governance and Strategy</p> <p>I can only comment on behavioural breach complaints and there were 10 Elected Member behavioural breach complaints made in the 2025 calendar year under the Elected Members Code of Conduct Division 3.</p> <p>I'm unable to comment on point two and three.</p> <p>I can say that the cost of just the behavioural complaints only was \$33,573.</p> |
| Q3 | <p>Who can comment on question two and three</p> |
| A3 | <p>Response provided by the Acting Executive Director Governance and Strategy</p> <p>Those matters are deemed confidential and are also outside of the City of Perth, the behavioural complaints as described.</p> <p>So we don't always have awareness about what other complaints into other jurisdictions or in other circumstances may have been made.</p> |
| Q4 | <p>Through the Chair, on what basis may a public question or deputation submitted for an Electors Annual Meeting, Agenda Briefing Meeting, Special Council Meeting, or Ordinary Council Meeting be rejected or refused inclusion, and which position or authority has the power to make that determination?</p> |
| A4 | <p>Response provided by the Acting Executive Director Governance and Strategy</p> <p>For ordinary council meetings Section 5.24(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> prescribes that the person presiding at the meeting determines the procedure for public question time provided that the minimum time outlined in the <i>Local Government Administration Regulations 1996</i> Regulation 7 is observed.</p> <p>In relation to elector's general meetings, section 5.30 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> prescribes that the Lord Mayor is to preside an elector's meeting and section 5.31 states the procedure for this meeting is to be in accordance with regulations.</p> |

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| | The <i>Local Government Administration Regulations 1996</i> , Regulation 18 states that subject to the annual report being the first item of business and each elector having the opportunity to vote if they wish to, that the procedure to be followed at an elector's general meeting is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting. |
| Q5 | During responses to questions at Council meetings or “taken on notice” for future response in the minutes of a meeting, what governance guidance, protocols, or expectations apply to elected members regarding the public disclosure of identifying information about residents or businesses, particularly where that information is not directly relevant to the substance of the question being addressed? |
| A5 | Response provided by the Acting Executive Director Governance and Strategy When a member of the public is speaking at a public meeting, it should be expected that publicly available information about them might be shared in the course of any discussion. |
| Q6 | What procedural training, governance training, and workshops were made available by the City of Perth to all elected members during the 2024 and 2025 calendar year, and can the City please provide an attendance and non-attendance summary for those activities made available to each elected member, including the type of training or workshop provided. |
| A6 | Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer All Elected Members have access to a wide range of City of Perth induction and essential training, mandatory Western Australian Local Government Association training, and additional professional development training and opportunities. The full record of professional development undertaken by Elected Members is available in the Register of Professional Development for Council Members. An extract has also been compiled for the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 detailing training undertaken by each Councillor. The extract is available here |
| Q7 | Given that the State Government appointed inspector, Mr Tony Brown, appointed Ms Carol Adams as monitor of the City of Perth to report to him, can the CEO clarify whether the costs associated with the Inspector’s and Monitor’s appointment and time, are being borne by the State Government or by the City of Perth, and if by the City, on what statutory or contractual basis those costs are being charged to ratepayers? |
| A7 | Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer The <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> provides that the cost of the monitor will be borne by the City. A paper will be coming to the February council to ensure the budget allocation is supported by Council. |
| Q8 | In relation to the committee meeting held on Wednesday 21 January 2026, can the CEO advise whether a decision was made regarding the public release of information relating to the independent psychosocial risk assessment reports, and if so, which elected members voted against the public release of the findings outlined in the reports? |
| A8 | Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) is not a decision-making body of Council. The report was provided to the ARIC on a confidential basis to ensure Elected Members were fully briefed and had the opportunity to discuss its content. |

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| | Jack Richardson Nedlands WA 6009 (confirmed elector) |
| Q1 | <p>My question relates to Matilda Bay.</p> <p>What social media avenue in addition to the city's newsletter can the city use to demonstrate its continued support for ratepayers by promoting the save Matilda Bay rally to be held outside Parliament House on Tuesday the 19th of February from 1 to 2 p.m.</p> <p>Is the city willing to support its concerned ratepayers by promoting this event? Again by both social media and its newsletter.</p> |
| A1 | <p>Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>The city's social media and newsletter platforms are not available for the promotion of organized rallies or protests for reasons that we might understand, with some of what occurred over the weekend.</p> <p>The city's channels are really required to remain neutral and provide impartial unbiased information to community members. But I am aware that elected members do their own social media and other promotion and decisions of council that have been taken to support the community position. So it might be a matter for individual Councillors to consider into the future.</p> |
| Q2 | Is there any other way that the city can support the group opposing the development of Matilda Bay and the ferry terminal? |
| A2 | <p>Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>The City's social media and newsletter platforms are not available for the promotion of organised rallies, or protests.</p> <p>The City's channels remain neutral and provide impartial, unbiased information to community members.</p> <p>However, a social media tile promoting the rally was created and shared with the City of Perth's Elected Members to use through their personal social media channels.</p> |
| | Judith Nash - Nedlands WA 6009 (confirmed elector) |
| Q1 | <p>Our neighbourhood in Hollywood East is adjacent to Kings Park and this makes the protection of our wildlife particularly important. Many residents are unaware of the impact a roaming domestic cat can have on biodiversity. Studies estimate that free roaming domestic cats in Australia kill over 300 million native animals a year. That's sort of a big number to get your head around.</p> <p>So its equivalent to 186 native animals per annum for each roaming domestic cat which is a I mean I think it's a lot and I think you know with loss of habitat and the stresses on our native animals this is something that we can have an effect on.</p> <p>So my question to the council is in the interest of preserving wildlife in our neighbourhood, would the city be prepared to highlight the issue by inviting cat owners to register with the city for a \$200 rebate when installing a catio? (a cat enclosure)?</p> |
| A1 | <p>Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>We do work very closely with Kings Park and we have been working with them around any issues presenting from cats that might be coming into the park from our district.</p> <p>At the moment they haven't reported anything of major concern, no significant issues. However, we do appreciate that there are amendments happening to the Cat Act.</p> <p>The possibility of some of the initiatives you've just discussed one could be something then that we are able to absorb.</p> <p>We are waiting for the cat related initiatives that will come out of that review and that legislation.</p> |

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| | Tom Wilson - Crawley WA 6009 (confirmed elector) |
| Q1 | <p>Following the recent election, there has been noticeable public commentary from certain current and former councillors, directed toward the newly elected Lord Mayor.</p> <p>Some of this commentary, including the posting or re-posting of articles, appears to lack constructive purpose and may not align with the behavioural expectations set out in the Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates, particularly the requirements relating to: Personal Integrity; acting honestly, ethically, and in accordance with the law, Relationships with Others; treating all individuals with respect, fairness, and courtesy, Personal Conduct; avoiding any action that may bring the City into disrepute.</p> <p>In light of these matters, we respectfully request clarification on whether the recent public commentary directed at the Lord Mayor is considered potentially inconsistent with the behavioural standards set out in the Code of Conduct, and what processes exist to assess such conduct.</p> |
| A1 | <p>Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>The Local Government Act actually has Regulations which provides a very clear pathway for complaints particularly as they relate to management of code of conduct breaches. The city website has a very comprehensive complaints process outlined and we would invite any person who has any concern to explore that or to give our Governance team a call.</p> |
| | Anna Vanderbom - Nedlands WA 6009 (confirmed elector) |
| Q1 | <p>The City of Perth Western Residents, as well as the Matilda Bay River User and Sailability Clubs, have appreciated the stance the City has taken to preserve the A-class reserve of Matilda Bay.</p> <p>Last October, Council passed a motion advising the Western Australian Planning Commission to defer approval of the Matilda Bay ferry terminal development application until the City's recommendations and concerns had been addressed.</p> <p>And of course, that hasn't happened.</p> <p>As a token of its stance in support of preserving Matilda Bay and in the interests of transparency and proper process, we request that before the 15th of February, 2026, the city publicly advocate for the full disclosure of the business case and feasibility study for basing this development at Matilda Bay, which as you know is a beautiful, beautiful, unique recreation amenity for all West Australian families and the community.</p> <p>Is the city willing to support its concerned ratepayers by advocating for us in this manner?</p> |
| A1 | <p>Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Council resolved on the 30th of September 2025 to seek further consultation from state government on the Matilda Bay Metronet planning proposal and to defer its determination of the application until the city's concerns were addressed.</p> <p>The City wrote to the Premier on 15 of October 2025 seeking engagement.</p> <p>The West Australian Planning Commission determined to approve the development application on 11 December subject to a number of conditions and which includes actually consulting with the city.</p> <p>A social media tile promoting the rally was created and shared with the City of Perth's Elected Members to use through their personal social media channels.</p> |

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| | Elham Hashemi - East Perth 6004 (confirmed elector) |
| Q1 | <p>Recent months have been a challenging period for the City of Perth, with increased public attention and several significant matters receiving considerable media coverage, including the disclosure of confidential information.</p> <p>In this context, and with reference to the principles and obligations set out in Division 4, Clause 21 of the City of Perth Code of Conduct and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, we, the City of Perth ratepayers, seek your advice on how compliance with these standards is being ensured, particularly in light of in light of recent media reports that appears to contain confidential information relating to the City of Perth.</p> <p>As confidentiality is a clear and mandatory obligation under both the City of Perth Code of Conduct and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations, we would appreciate your advice on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether the City of Perth is aware of a possible breach of confidentiality; if so, what processes exist to identify the source of such a leak, given that confidential information should only be accessible to a limited number of individuals. 2. What accountability measures apply under the Code of Conduct or relevant legislation if a councillor, employee, or associated party is found to have improperly disclosed confidential information. 3. What actions will the City of Perth take to prevent similar breaches in the future, and whether there are any plans to improve its confidentiality and accountability measures; if so, what specific actions are being considered. |
| A1 | <p>Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>You are correct that we have all been very concerned with regards to confidential information that has found its way into the public domain. And yes, our most recent advice is that there was an amended version, there is a redacted version, and now we understand there might also be a full report.</p> <p>So in truth, we're not really certain exactly what is in the public domain. I can tell you that our understanding from discussions with the journalist who had a redacted version was that it was not provided by a city of Perth staff member.</p> |
| Q2 | What you mean that it wasn't from the City of Perth. |
| A2 | <p>Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>It was actually distributed to a very limited number of people it was not, according to the journalist who had a redacted version, from a City of Perth staff member.</p> <p>This is the second unauthorised distribution of confidential City documents in the last six weeks and it is of deep concern to the city. In response to your second question, the Local Government Act, State Records Act, and the Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act all set out clear obligations in relation to the management of public records, including maintaining confidentiality. All public officers, which includes elected officials, are bound by codes of conduct regarding, amongst other things, confidentiality provisions.</p> <p>The systems and processes to ensure that all staff and elected members are aware of their obligations under the code of conduct is sound and training is provided to both elected members and staff. So in closing, I would say the City takes breaches of the code of conduct, including unauthorised release of documents very seriously and has exercised its responsibility under relevant integrity legislation.</p> |

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| A2 | <p>Response provided by the Lord Mayor</p> <p>I spoke quite fully on the subject. But there there's punishments that include imprisonment for releasing material that is confidential to the media, and fines up to \$50,000. Obviously this would be referred to the CCC. We are capital city standard and we debate and deal with capital city issues in chamber and in council not via the media.</p> |
| | <p>Jane Boxall - Nedlands 6009 (confirmed elector)</p> |
| Q1 | <p>Residents appreciate that the public are fully entitled to park on residential roads around QE2. There's a very friendly interaction between residents and staff coming and going on shifts 24 hours a day, as you would recognize. However, there's regular violation of parking signs around local streets. The common practice of parking outside parking signs has become really dangerous. And this is particularly after hours when, you know, it's all pretty quiet. At T-junctions and crossroads, the illegally parked cars mean that a person has to take a chance, cross their fingers, and just pull across an intersection hoping that there's nothing coming the other way. It's a very busy precinct in the late evening right up to the shift starting, you know, after 9:00 and in the early morning. Can we have parking inspectors in Kanimbla, Hardy and Monash precinct outside of 9 to 5 hours?</p> |
| A1 | <p>Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>I have before me some of the hours that are covered over week nights and Saturdays and on Sundays and I've decided not to say because then you'll know exactly when we're around. But I would like to say that we really appreciate feedback from community and if there are particular hotspots which are of concern so we will now look at some targeted after hours inspections in Kanimbla Hardy and the Monash precinct to see if we can rectify any non-compliance which you have identified and particularly the safety concerns.</p> |

5.3 Public Questions taken on notice

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| | David Lee (confirmed elector) |
| Q1 | In relation to Motion 2 I'd just like to add that if the city has spare funds that the city consider purchasing some of these properties for future activation. |
| A1 | Response provided by the General Manager Commercial Services The City does not have surplus or unallocated funds available to purchase vacant premises. |
| | Amberlea Henriques (confirmed elector) |
| Q1 | In relation to motion 2 I actually believe that there is a differential rate for land banking already. So, I think that that is already in place, but perhaps if you could add that just to confirm. |
| A1 | Response provided by the General Manager Corporate Services The City of Perth applies a differential rating approach to levying rates. That is, it distinguishes between different classifications of properties based upon the predominant use of the land - and then uses that differentiation to influence the level of rating contribution from that property classification. Currently, the City uses six (6) differential rate classifications to distribute required contributions to the rates pool as detailed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Retail • Hotel • Office • Residential • Vacant Land The Vacant Land classification relates to the limited stock of vacant land in the City. A higher rate in the dollar is set with the intention of discouraging land-banking. By encouraging development of vacant land, the City supports economic growth. The use of the higher differential rate to discourage the holding of vacant land also minimizes opportunities for problems such as littering, graffiti and anti-social behaviour which may occur on long held vacant land parcels. Further information is available on the City's website: Council Rates & Payments City of Perth |
| | Jason Bo (confirmed elector) |
| Q1 | How many times have we lost quorum due to having six apparently East Perth Councillors? |
| A1 | Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer None, noting there has only been one council meeting so far with six councillors with registered East Perth address on the Council. |
| | Phil Higgs (confirmed elector) |
| Q1 | In relation to motion 12 Why was the Birak Concert cancelled? |
| A1 | Response provided by the General Manager Activation and Engagement The Birak Concert was cancelled not in isolation, but repositioned, following a comprehensive review of the City's annual events program. This review included consultation with key City stakeholders and the City's Elders Advisory Group, with Council subsequently unanimously supporting the 2025/26 Events Plan. The adopted Events Plan included repurposing the Birak Concert from 26 January into alternative cultural |

programming. The March 2025 Council report also noted that consideration would continue to be given to delivering Aboriginal cultural outcomes through alternative programming, formats or dates.

This decision was informed by several factors, including declining attendance, increasing safety and operational challenges, difficulties securing sponsorship funding, and mixed views within the community regarding events delivered on 26 January. The intent was to continue supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural programming in a way that is safe, sustainable and broadly inclusive.

As part of this repositioning, the City delivered the inaugural Perth Multicultural Festival in November 2025 at Elizabeth Quay, which incorporated strong First Nations programming. The organiser of the Birak Concert played a key role in planning and programming this event. Alternative programming delivered included:

Perth Multicultural Festival (November 2025)

The inaugural Perth Multicultural Festival was delivered at Elizabeth Quay on 15 and 16 November 2025 and was highly successful, attracting more than 27,000 attendees across the two-day program. The floating stage event showcased performances from 10 nations and featured a diverse program of storytelling, music, dance, children’s workshops, roving entertainment and international food experiences. Stage programming was delivered by Walley-Stack International, with the event culminating in a fireworks finale accompanied by an original soundtrack composed by Noongar artist Phil Walley-Stack.

Multicultural Zone (26 January 2026)

The inaugural Multicultural Zone was delivered as part of the Australia Day event on 26 January 2026 at Langley Park, attracting strong attendance and contributing to a culturally connected event space. Programming included a diverse stage schedule featuring performances from Aboriginal, Māori, Vietnamese, Indian Ocean Islander, Brazilian and African community groups.

6. Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 7.43pm.