



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES

29 OCTOBER 2024

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CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2024 AT 5.00PM
CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE

MINUTES

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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 J Clune
Cr N Colliver
Cr J Critch
Cr S Cooper
Cr J Denton
Cr P Fiorenza
Cr A Horsman
Cr S Keemink
Cr K Parker
Cr V Tanti

Officers:

C Lee, A/Chief Executive Officer
 R Hall, Director of Development Services
 F Norling, Director of Community and Culture
 P Radalj, Director of Corporate Services
 K Smith, A/Director of Infrastructure Services
 S Moulds, PA to the Chief Executive Officer – Minute Secretary
 L Pegler, Executive Support Secretary
 N Jane, Chief Financial Officer
 C Edwards, Manager Project Delivery & Engineering
 J Kopplhuber, Communications Officer - Engagement
 D Melling, Acting Senior ICT Support Officer

Others:

Members of Public: 5
 Members of Press: 1

Apologies:

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer

Leave of Absence:

Cr M Librizzi

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There is none

5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

There are no questions from previous meetings.

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

Chantal Bachere-Crinquand, Zuytdorp Court, Mahomets FlatsQuestion

Would the City of Greater Geraldton consider leasing the small café area behind the old visitor's centre, opposite the youth precinct.

My husband, Remi from Remi French Street Food, and I are interested in a 5-year lease for this vacant space, which we envision transforming into a vibrant French-themed café.

Remi French Street Food has been operating successfully in Geraldton for over five years as a mobile food business, during which we've cultivated a strong client base. We are excited about the opportunity to establish a permanent location and bring a unique dining experience to the community.

Response

Thank you for your question and congratulations on your 5 years of operating your business locally. The City loves local businesses and supporting local businesses and activating that space is a great idea.

I met with Regional Sounds and had a good look around the site you're talking about. It is a great opportunity there.

We do have a team that works through leasing matters as there is a fair bit of complexity, so once we work through that process, we will then present a proposal to Council to consider.

For Council Members: this is similar to last month's item to Council (Item No. DS046) on the Geraldton Surf Lifesaving Club with a café requesting to lease space at that site.

City Officers need to sort out those arrangements and this process has commenced already, but there are a lot of steps to go through. The City's Property team will work closely with you on that.

But I do want to give you that assurance that activating that space is a great idea. We love supporting local businesses and we just need to work with you through those steps together.

Sean Hickey, Eascott Way, Tarcoola Beach

Mr Hickey was asked to read out his questions, but they would be Taken on Notice as they were received after 12 noon the day prior to the meeting.

And I was quite aware of very recent times that proposals are to rejig the front foreshore area. And also I've read in the newspaper about the purchase of, building for a youth centre. So at the back of my mind, I had this thought that recreation in Geraldton seems to be centred around not so much individuals, but children, let's meet their needs, youth, let's meet their needs, and then families let's meet their needs through clubs. And so that's why on my reckoning that what Council seems to be doing is focusing on each of these areas in select areas of town. Namely one of the better options for the council to deliver this sort of stuff is in the CDB area and have done some really good work. Not everybody can access that.

Question

Will Council publish a Suburban recreation allocation map plan (2024) that shows the location and size and linking of the recreational space - applicable to each suburb - and its planned 'usage', the accessibility of the amenity by public transport / timetable (Youth accessible).

Question

On the same map show the allocation of 'Recreation' space, that for all essential purposes would normally be considered 'Coastal Conservation' - coastal zoned areas - the defining - Zone allocation.

Question

Provide information on the area/size allocation of land to Sporting Clubs & Grounds - Racing, Golf, Ball Sports (Bowls, Football, Tennis etc.) compared to public parkland (a shaded map perhaps).

This information package could of course consider and include a map coverage of the allocated / tolerated beach and dune coastal land used activities by 4wd enthusiasts, fishers, Surfers, Walkers.

10% land, I believe is allocated for recreation in each of the suburbs. And as we have picked up of late in the last decade especially, and the Council have had community workshops that links between suburbs are best attained through recreation space and walkability type area. And so that 10% allocation is quite important.

Responses will be provided to Mr Hickey and published in the November Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes.

Public question time concluded at 5.10pm

7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There are none.

Existing Approved Leave

Councillor	From	To (inclusive)	Date Approved
Cr M Librizzi	29 October 2024	1 November 2024	27/8/2024
Cr N Colliver	12 November 2024	29 November 2024	30/7/2024

**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'.

8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS

There is none.

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 September 2024, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR COOPER

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 September 2024, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 10/0

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 designated representative*

DATE	FUNCTION	REPRESENTATIVE
25 September 2024	Filming for Council Update Videos - Coffee with a Councillor	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 September 2024	Geraldton Yacht Club Meeting with Commodore	Mayor Jerry Clune
26 September 2024	Regional Development Assessments Panels (RDAP) - Lot 2965 (No.194) North West Coastal Highway & Lot 2968 (No.207) Place Road, Webberton	Mayor Jerry Clune
26 September 2024	Triple M Interview - Outcomes of Council Meeting 2024	Mayor Jerry Clune
27 September 2024	Triple M Interview - City's Verge Mowing Program and Chapman Road Reduced Speed Limit	Mayor Jerry Clune
27 September 2024	Police Remembrance Day	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
29 September 2024	Sunshine Festival Opening	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 September 2024	Sunshine Festival Judging of Float Parade	Mayor Jerry Clune
30 September 2024	Mayor/Deputy Mayor/CEO Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
30 September 2024	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
30 September 2024	7NEWS Interview – Chapman Road Speed Limit Variation	Mayor Jerry Clune
30 September 2024	Geraldton Open Studios & Surrounds (GOSS) - Event Closing Celebration	Mayor Jerry Clune
1 October 2024	Concept Forum	Mayor Jerry Clune
2 October 2024	7NEWS Interview - Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) Cafe	Mayor Jerry Clune
2 October 2024	City of Greater Geraldton Quarterly catch up with Local Media	Mayor Jerry Clune
2 October 2024	ABC Interview - Homemaker Centre Expansion - Bulky Goods, Fast Food and Car Sales	Mayor Jerry Clune
2 October 2024	Triple M Interview - Homemaker Centre Expansion - Bulky Goods, Fast Food and Car Sales	Mayor Jerry Clune
2 October 2024	Yamaji Yanajingmanha Barna/Uthudu - Yamaji Coming Together on Country Exhibition Opening	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 October 2024	Photo for Media Release - Geraldton SLSC Cafe	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 October 2024	National Australia Bank (NAB) Geraldton Opening Event	Mayor Jerry Clune
4 October 2024	Australian Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
6 October 2024	Geraldton Yacht Club Season Opening	Mayor Jerry Clune
6 October 2024	Midwest Indian Cultural Society - Annual GARBA Event	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 October 2024	Mayor/Deputy Mayor/CEO Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 October 2024	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 October 2024	ABC Radio Interview – Prospective Tenderers for Walkaway-Nangetty Bridge	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 October 2024	Introductory Meeting with Shadow Minister for Treasury the Hon Neil Thomson MLC – Local Priorities	Mayor Jerry Clune
8 October 2024	Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Local Government Conference (LGC) Mayors and Presidents Forum - Perth	Mayor Jerry Clune
9 October 2024	WALGA LGC Heads of Agency Breakfast - Perth	Mayor Jerry Clune
9 October 2024	WALGA LGC and Annual General Meeting - Perth	Mayor Jerry Clune
9 October 2024	WALGA LGC Photo Opportunity and Media Interview with Layne Beachley Surfing Australia Patron, Karen Chappel WALGA President and Julia Meldrum Shire of August Margaret River President – Coastal Erosion	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver

9 October 2024	ABC Interview - Cat and Dog Registrations	Mayor Jerry Clune
10 October 2024	Safe Routes Waggrakine Primary School – Painting and Stencils on Footpaths	Mayor Jerry Clune
10 October 2024	GWN7 Interview - Firebreaks and Block Slashing	Mayor Jerry Clune
10 October 2024	Big Sky Readers and Writers Festival 2024 - Opening Night	Mayor Jerry Clune
11 October 2024	Safe Routes Waggrakine Primary School – Safe Route Walk to Breakfast	Mayor Jerry Clune
11 October 2024	Mid West Development Commission (MWDC) Board Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
11 October 2024	ABC Statewide Drive Program Interview – Local Government Elections – Compulsory Voting	Mayor Jerry Clune
12 October 2024	Big Sky Festival 2024 – Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Mayor Jerry Clune
13 October 2024	ABC Radio Interview – Yellow Submarine Installation	Mayor Jerry Clune
14 October 2024	Photo for Media Release - Yellow Submarine Installation	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
14 October 2024	Geraldton Guardian Interview - Yellow Submarine Installation	Mayor Jerry Clune
14 October 2024	7NEWS Interview - Yellow Submarine Installation	Mayor Jerry Clune
14 October 2024	Clean Energy Skills Roadmap Consultation Workshop - Geraldton, Mid West	Mayor Jerry Clune
14 October 2024	Photo's for Media Release - Community Grants Round 31	Mayor Jerry Clune
15 October 2024	Breast Cancer Morning Tea	Mayor Jerry Clune
15 October 2024	Meeting with Nexus Airlines Chief Executive Officer – Update on Operations	Mayor Jerry Clune
16 October 2024	Bike Month Your Move Mullewa Kids	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 October 2024	Meeting with Resident – Footpaths and Maintenance	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 October 2024	Regional Capital Alliance WA (RCAWA) Meeting – via electronic means	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 October 2024	Geraldton Guardian Interview - Bank of Queensland Closure and RCAWA	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 October 2024	Photo's for Media Release - Community Grants Round 31	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 October 2024	Meet and Greet/Photo Opportunity with Mayor of Mandurah, Rhys Williams	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 October 2024	Central Regional TAFE 2024 Scholarship Celebration Evening	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 October 2024	Champion Bay Senior High School Valedictory Evening	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
18 October 2024	Photo's for Media Release - Community Grants Round 31	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 October 2024	Mayor/Deputy Mayor/CEO Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 October 2024	Marketing & Media Regular Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 October 2024	Meeting with Mission Australia	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 October 2024	KidSport Regional Pools Program – Funding Announcement by Hon David Templeman MLA, Minister for Sport and Recreation	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 October 2024	Active Bystander Training for Council Members	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 October 2024	Geraldton Senior High School Valedictory Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
22 October 2024	Proposed Set Up of a Geraldton "Women's Shed" - Update	Mayor Jerry Clune
22 October 2024	Agenda Forum	Mayor Jerry Clune
22 October 2024	Introductory Meeting - Mayoral Discretionary Fund Expression of Interest - Walkaway Community Group	Mayor Jerry Clune
23 October 2024	Geraldton Guardian Interview - Christmas Gift Guide	Mayor Jerry Clune
23 October 2024	Vocational Education and Training Delivered to School Students (VETDSS) Awards	Mayor Jerry Clune

25 October 2024	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Family Fun Day	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
26 October 2024	Screening of 'Night Calling' - City of Greater Geraldton Owl Friendly Council Launch Event	Mayor Jerry Clune
27 October 2024	Radio Mama – Local Matters	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
28 October 2024	Mayor/Deputy Mayor/CEO Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
28 October 2024	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
28 October 2024	Australian Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
28 October 2024	Meeting with WA Liberal Members – State Candidate Kathryn Jackson and Candidate for Geraldton Tim Milnes – Local Priorities	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 October 2024	Funding Announcement by the Hon John Carey MLA, Minister for Planning, Lands and Housing – Olive Street	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 October 2024	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Executive Team – Introduction and Presentation	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 October 2024	DLGSC Executive Team – Tour of Geraldton	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 October 2024	ABC Afternoons Interview – Road Conditions	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 October 2024	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Mayor Jerry Clune

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

There is none.

12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

12.1 REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

DS048	PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF HERITAGE LISTED BUILDING – LOT 202 (20) JOSE STREET, MULLEWA
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-132445
AUTHOR:	H Martin, Manager City Growth
EXECUTIVE:	R Hall, Director Development Services
DATE OF REPORT:	26 September 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0029
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x2)
	A. Municipal Inventory Place Record
	B. Archival Record of Heritage Place

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a development application under the City's Local Planning Scheme No.1 for the demolition of a local heritage place at Lot 202 (20) Jose Street, Mullewa, being the former Mullewa Infant Health Clinic.

It is recommended that Council approve the development application.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

PART A

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Schedule 2, Part 9, Clause 77 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, RESOLVES to:

1. GRANT development approval for the demolition of the building at Lot 202 (20) Jose Street, Mullewa;
2. MAKE the determination subject to the following conditions and advice notes:
 - a. The site must be remediated in accordance with the Guidelines for the Assessment, Remediation and Management of Asbestos-Contaminated Sites in Western Australia to appropriately manage any asbestos present on site;
 - b. Any disused septic systems are to be decommissioned or removed in accordance with the Health (Treatment of Sewerage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1974. Septic tanks are to be pumped out by an approved operator. Septic tanks are to be removed or collapsed and back filled and compacted with clean sand; and
 - c. The demolition and removal of all non – recyclable material on the subject site is to be disposed of at an approved landfill facility.

Advice Notes:

- a. Any significant built fabric from the heritage building approved for demolition and removal should be salvaged and reused where feasible.
- b. Demolition of premises that contain asbestos are to have asbestos removed in accordance with *Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1992*.
- c. A suitable interpretive outcome for the site is to be incorporated into its redevelopment.

Notes:

- i. If the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of one year after the date of determination, the approval shall lapse and be of no further effect.
- ii. Where an approval has so lapsed, no development shall be carried out without the further approval of the local government having first been sought and obtained.
- iii. If an applicant is aggrieved by this determination there is a right (pursuant to the *Planning and Development Act 2005*) to have the decision reviewed by the State Administrative Tribunal. Such application must be lodged within 28 days from the date of determination.
- iv. Any additions to or change of use of any part of the building or land (not the subject of this approval) requires further application and development approval.

PART B

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Part 8, Section 103 of the *Heritage Act 2018* RESOLVES to:

1. AMEND the City of Greater Geraldton local heritage survey, known as the Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places, by changing the Management Category for Mullewa Place Number 27 from Category 4 to Category 6 once the place has been demolished.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

The City of Greater Geraldton is the owner of Lot 202 (20) Jose Street, which is located on the south-east corner of Jose and Molster Streets in Mullewa. The land is occupied by a single storey building of brick construction. The building was constructed in 1955 by the local community to meet the need for an infant welfare centre within Mullewa.

A development application has been made to demolish the existing building on the subject land. Development approval is required as the site is a local heritage place. The building is identified as being within management category No.4, which is described as:

SOME SIGNIFICANCE: Contributes to the heritage and/or historical development of the locality.

The statement of significance within the Municipal Inventory Place Record (see Attachment No. DS048A) states:

The Mullewa Infant Health Centre has undergone numerous modifications over the years however still has some historic and social value to the local community for its important role in the delivery of health services.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

The July 2023 issue of the *Mullewa Mail* newsletter, published by the City of Greater Geraldton, identified the City's proposal to demolish the subject building. The City's Mullewa District Office has advised that there has been no negative community response to the proposal.

Economy:

A structural assessment has been undertaken on the building by Flow Consulting Engineers. The report identified that the building is in fair to poor condition, noting the following issues:

- Rising damp;
- Minor cracking to interior and exterior walls;
- Asbestos;
- Leak in the roof;
- Degrading of doors and windows; and
- Stormwater management.

The report identifies that given the extensive work required to address the above issues, it is not viable to return the building to a serviceable condition.

Environment:

Site Environmental and Remediation Services (SER) have previously completed an asbestos survey on the building in May 2021. Their report identifies that asbestos exists in parts of the building. These areas have been labelled with stickers. The site will need to be remediated in line with the relevant guidelines to ensure that the asbestos is appropriately managed.

The septic tanks on site will need to be decommissioned and removed in accordance with the relevant regulations.

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:

Development approval has been issued for the demolition of local heritage places previously where approval has been determined to be consistent with the relevant requirements of the planning framework.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no formal community/councillor consultation in the consideration of this development application. As noted above, the City has informed the Mullewa community of its intention to demolish the subject building and no concerns have been expressed.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**Heritage Act 2018**

Section 103 of the *Heritage Act 2018* requires the local government prepare a local heritage survey of places within its district which in its opinion are, or may become, of cultural heritage significance. Should Council approve the development application, the Management Category for the place should be amended to Category 6, which is defined as: "Place was previously included in the Municipal Inventory but has been removed due to demolition or diminished heritage significance. The place does not form part of the relevant Local Planning Scheme Heritage List."

Heritage Conservation and Development Local Planning Policy

The City's Local Planning Policy – Heritage Conservation and Development is relevant to the consideration of this application.

The objectives of the policy are:

- To conserve and protect places of cultural heritage significance.
- To ensure development does not adversely affect the significance of heritage places.
- To ensure that sufficient information is provided to enable the local government to make informed decisions.
- To ensure that heritage significance is given due weight in local planning decision making.

Clause 4.1 of the policy identifies that in assessing a development application for a heritage place, consideration should be given to the structural condition of the place, and whether a place is reasonably capable of conservation. As noted above, a structural engineer has inspected the building, identifying multiple defects that make it financially unviable for the building to be returned to a state in which it would be suitable for reuse.

The City's Heritage Adviser has reviewed the application and advised that they support the demolition of the building, subject to the following conditions:

1. The current social values of the place to be determined by community consultation which should inform the final decision with regards to proposed demolition;

2. The preparation of an Archive Record as per Section 4.4 of the Heritage Conservation and Development Local Planning Policy;
3. A suitable interpretive outcome for the site being agreed to; and
4. Following the demolition of the building, the relevant Place Record from the Mullewa Volume of the Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places (No. 27) will need to be amended to reflect the changes.

In relation to item 1 above, the City has advised the Mullewa community of its proposal to demolish the building. The community has raised no objection.

In relation to item 2, an archive record has been prepared for the building (see Attachment No. DS048B).

It is considered appropriate that should a development approval be issued, that it include an advice note in relation to item 3.

Given the evidence provided in the structural engineer's report and the advice received from the City's Heritage Adviser, the application to demolish the building is considered consistent with the objectives of this policy and can be supported.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

This matter relates to the consideration of a Development Application under the City's Local Planning Scheme, for which there are no resource implications. The 2024-25 Budget makes provision for demolition related costs.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.4	Community safety, health and well-being is paramount.
Outcome 1.10	A place where people have access to, engage in and celebrate arts, culture, education and heritage.
Strategic Direction: Environment	Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community well being.
Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

There are no risks associated with the consideration of the development application.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

Refusal of the application is an alternative option that has been considered. Whilst it is noted that the Management Category afforded to the place states that “conservation of the place is desirable” and there is an underlying intention to retain heritage buildings, it is considered that the particulars of this application warrant exercise of discretion in this instance. The subject building is of low-range heritage value, being a Management Category 4. Its values are derived from the role it has played in the history of Mullewa and the role of the community in its construction. The values are therefore social and not architectural. Those values are able to be recognised in an ongoing manner through documentation of its history and fabric. In light of these factors the option to refuse is not supported.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR CRITCH, SECONDED CR COLLIVER****PART A**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Schedule 2, Part 9, Clause 77 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, RESOLVES to:

- 1. GRANT development approval for the demolition of the building at Lot 202 (20) Jose Street, Mullewa;**
- 2. MAKE the determination subject to the following conditions and advice notes:**
 - a. The site must be remediated in accordance with the Guidelines for the Assessment, Remediation and Management of Asbestos-Contaminated Sites in Western Australia to appropriately manage any asbestos present on site;**
 - b. Any disused septic systems are to be decommissioned or removed in accordance with the Health (Treatment of Sewerage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1974. Septic tanks are to be pumped out by an approved operator. Septic tanks are to be removed or collapsed and back filled and compacted with clean sand; and**
 - c. The demolition and removal of all non – recyclable material on the subject site is to be disposed of at an approved landfill facility.**

Advice Notes:

- a. Any significant built fabric from the heritage building approved for demolition and removal should be salvaged and reused where feasible.**
- b. Demolition of premises that contain asbestos are to have asbestos removed in accordance with *Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1992*.**
- c. A suitable interpretive outcome for the site is to be incorporated into its redevelopment.**

Notes:

- i. If the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of one year after the date of determination, the approval shall lapse and be of no further effect.
- ii. Where an approval has so lapsed, no development shall be carried out without the further approval of the local government having first been sought and obtained.
- iii. If an applicant is aggrieved by this determination there is a right (pursuant to the *Planning and Development Act 2005*) to have the decision reviewed by the State Administrative Tribunal. Such application must be lodged within 28 days from the date of determination.
- iv. Any additions to or change of use of any part of the building or land (not the subject of this approval) requires further application and development approval.

PART B

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Part 8, Section 103 of the *Heritage Act 2018* RESOLVES to:

1. AMEND the City of Greater Geraldton local heritage survey, known as the Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places, by changing the Management Category for Mullewa Place Number 27 from Category 4 to Category 6 once the place has been demolished.

CARRIED 10/0

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.

DS049	LEASE – APA NORTHERN GOLDFIELDS INTERCONNECT PTY LTD
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-132475
AUTHOR:	S Pratt-King, Coordinator Land and Leasing
EXECUTIVE:	R Hall, Director Development Services
DATE OF REPORT:	9 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0029
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x2)
	A. Environmental Offset Strategy
	B. Lease Diagram

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a proposed lease agreement between APA Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pty Ltd and the City of Greater Geraldton for a 1.98 hectare portion of Reserve 46355, for the purpose of revegetation maintenance and protection as demonstrated in Attachment No. DS049B.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

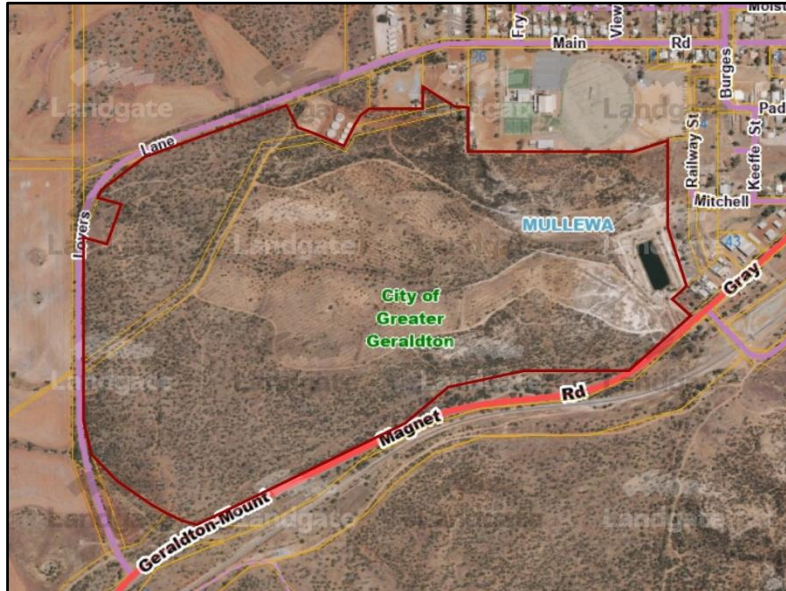
1. APPROVE a lease agreement between the City of Greater Geraldton and APA Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pty Ltd for a 1.98 hectare portion of Crown Reserve 46355, Lot 277 on Deposited Plan 221041;
2. SET the proposed conditions as:
 - a. Term of twenty (20) years, commencing on the date of execution;
 - b. Set the commencing lease fee based on the unimproved ground market rent as confirmed by an independent valuation;
 - c. Adjust the lease fee annually based on the Perth Consumer Price Index (CPI);
 - d. Adjust the lease fee on the tenth anniversary of the commencement date based on a market rent assessment;
3. MAKE the determination subject to:
 - a. An advertising notice period of fourteen (14) days, inviting public submissions;
 - b. Consent from the Minister for Lands;
 - c. All development approvals being obtained;
4. ADVISE APA Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pty Ltd they are responsible for paying:
 - a. All legal expenses associated with the preparation, execution, and registration of the lease;
 - b. All advertising, valuation, survey, and lease administration charges;
 - c. Land rates; and
5. REFER the matter back to Council for final consideration should any objecting submissions be received.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is APA Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pty Ltd (APA).

BACKGROUND:

Crown Reserve 46355, which comprises Lot 277 on Deposited Plan 221041, is managed by the City of Greater Geraldton under Management Order I239246. The reserve is designated for water and landscape protection, excluding the power to lease.



Crown Reserve 46355

Reserve 46355 features a 2.3km scenic loop trail known as the Mullewa Bush Trail, which begins and ends at the Mullewa Scenic Lookout. The trail passes through the reserve's perimeter and is a well-frequented attraction, especially during wildflower season.

In April 2022, APA commenced construction of the Northern Goldfields Interconnect (NGI) Pipeline, a 580km buried pipeline connected to the existing Goldfields Gas Pipeline located south of Leinster. The project received approval from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in February 2022 and involved vegetation clearing that affected approximately 0.25 hectares of Carnaby's Cockatoo foraging habitat.

In October 2023, APA approached the City with a proposal to revegetate approximately one hectare of Reserve 46355 to offset the clearing of 0.25 hectares of foraging habitat. The proposed offset strategy is outlined in Attachment No. DS049A.

APA's proposal includes:

- A 20-year lease term to ensure the long-term maintenance and protection of the revegetation site;
- Engaging a local revegetation company and incorporating native wildflower species indigenous to the area. This approach aims to provide both ecological benefits by enhancing the foraging habitat and aesthetic value of the reserve;

- Site preparation, which is limited to an initial weed control event before revegetation, as ripping the offset area risks damaging existing native vegetation;
- Revegetation, which is recommended to occur in May, after the first significant rainfall event, with timing flexible based on weather conditions;
- Maintenance events in Spring and Autumn, proposed for a 5-year period, will include weed control, pest control, waste management, and infill planting as required;
- Access for monitoring based on a light vehicle parking nearby, and a walk through the area; and
- Conditions to ensure ongoing public access to the reserve, allowing for the continued enjoyment of the Bush Walk Trail.

APA have identified two locations for revegetation as outlined in Attachment No. DS049B. Due to the nature of the terrain, including surface rocks, rehabilitation may be limited to portions of these areas, up to a total of one hectare. Subject to Council approval, APA will select the specific locations within the lease area in consultation with a local revegetation specialist and the City, ensuring the preservation of the existing trail and other recreational areas.

Should Council endorse the proposed lease, an application will be submitted to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) to amend Management Order I239246, to allow the power to lease. City Officers do not anticipate any objections from DPLH as the proposed lease aligns with the reserve's purpose.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

Restoring native vegetation and enhancing the landscape will improve the visual appeal of the area and create recreational spaces, fostering a deeper connection between people and nature.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Environment:

Replanting native species will restore wildlife habitats strengthen local ecosystems and enhance species diversity; creating a healthier and more resilient environment.

Leadership:

Active lease management is essential for demonstrating good governance. By setting new conservation standards, we empower our community and reinforce our commitment to sustainable land management.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Leases on Crown Reserves specifically focused on protecting revegetation and ensuring ongoing maintenance have no established precedents. This provides the City with an opportunity to promote sustainable land management and sets a new benchmark for future conservation efforts.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Should Council approve the proposed lease, a public notice will be advertised for fourteen (14) days, inviting public submissions under Section 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995* details the process for disposing of property (in this case, leasing).

Section 18 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* details the requirement to seek consent from the Minister for Lands for all Crown land transactions.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

In accordance with section 3.58(a)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the City will conduct a ground market rent valuation to determine the rent payable under the lease.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.1	Enhanced lifestyle through spaces, places, programs, and services that foster connection and inclusion.
Outcome 1.3	Pride in place and a sense of belonging is commonplace.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit
Strategic Direction: Environment	Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community well being.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no adverse impacts on regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Prior to executing the proposed lease agreement, the Proponent must provide evidence of appropriate public liability insurance.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The following options were considered by City Officers:

1. Not support the proposed lease. This option would forgo the environmental, social, and recreational benefits of the project, limiting opportunities for sustainable land management and community engagement. Therefore, City Officers do not recommend this option.

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

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE** a lease agreement between the City of Greater Geraldton and APA Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pty Ltd for a 1.98 hectare portion of Crown Reserve 46355, Lot 277 on Deposited Plan 221041;
2. **SET** the proposed conditions as:
 - a. Term of twenty (20) years, commencing on the date of execution;
 - b. Set the commencing lease fee based on the unimproved ground market rent as confirmed by an independent valuation;
 - c. Adjust the lease fee annually based on the Perth Consumer Price Index (CPI);
 - d. Adjust the lease fee on the tenth anniversary of the commencement date based on a market rent assessment;
3. **MAKE** the determination subject to:
 - a. An advertising notice period of fourteen (14) days, inviting public submissions;
 - b. Consent from the Minister for Lands;
 - c. All development approvals being obtained;
4. **ADVISE** APA Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pty Ltd they are responsible for paying:
 - a. All legal expenses associated with the preparation, execution, and registration of the lease;
 - b. All advertising, valuation, survey, and lease administration charges;
 - c. Land rates; and
5. **REFER** the matter back to Council for final consideration should any objecting submissions be received.

CARRIED 10/0

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.

12.2 REPORTS OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

CC024	COUNCIL POLICY 1.3 HERITAGE
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-122346
AUTHOR:	T Cornish, Manager Libraries, Heritage and Gallery
EXECUTIVE:	F Norling, Director Community and Culture
DATE OF REPORT:	14 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0029
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Draft Council Policy 1.3 Heritage (v5)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of Council Policy 1.3 Heritage, version 5. The policy has undergone the biennial review, with no significant changes made.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. APPROVE Council Policy 1.3 Heritage, version 5.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

In 2014 the City of Greater Geraldton was awarded as the winner of the State Heritage Awards in the category of “Outstanding Heritage Practices by a Local Government”. This award recognised the City’s development of a heritage strategy and was the predecessor of Council Policy 1.3 Heritage (Council Policy 023 Heritage). This award also celebrated groundbreaking work that had been undertaken by Council at the time, being the establishment of a new Committee to Council, the Heritage Advisory Committee.

The overall aim of this policy is to highlight the importance of heritage in terms of how it shapes the identity and character of the City, whilst providing guidance for the protection, conservation and enhancement of the City’s identified places of cultural heritage significance.

Council Policy 1.3 Heritage has been reviewed to align with its biennial review cycle. The amendments made were not of a significant nature and primarily involved the updating of references to the most current versions of the following documents – the City of Greater Geraldton Heritage Strategy 2023-2028, the Heritage Council of WA Strategic Plan 2023-2026 and the National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries (Version 2.0, 2023). In addition, the Directorate was updated to the current Community and Culture.

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

The built and social heritage of the Midwest region is highly regarded by the local community. People are drawn to communities with a strong sense of historical identity, material heritage and culture. As the intent of this Policy is to guide best practice and strategic direction with regard to the recognition, conservation and promotion of local heritage, failure to do so may reflect adversely on the community's view of the Council.

Economy:

Cultural heritage is a demonstrated economic asset and is regarded as one of the most significant and fastest growing components of the global tourism industry, attracting tourists to the region and providing a broad range of visitor experiences which may encourage tourists to stay longer. Cultural heritage tourism provides opportunities for the diversification of local business, the creation of new business ventures, City activation and placemaking.

Environment:

This Policy recognises the importance of protecting our natural areas, particularly where they may relate to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Leadership:

Council Policy 1.3 Heritage aligns with the City's Heritage Strategy which provides several prioritised actions, based around the themes of *knowing, protecting, supporting and communicating*. The City's Heritage Advisory Committee bases its recommendations to Council on those prioritised actions as outlined by the Heritage Strategy.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council policies are reviewed and endorsed by Council on a regular basis. Council Policy 1.3 Heritage was last approved by Council on 27 October 2022 (Item No. DCS535).

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Councillor Consultation for council policy reviews is not required prior to the Agenda Forum or Ordinary Meetings of Council unless there are significant changes to the policy. There are no significant changes proposed to the draft policy, therefore Council consideration is sought via this item.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This Policy recognises the role that the *Heritage Act 2018* and associated Regulations, and the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, play in providing clear policies and guidelines which provide the legislative framework for the City's statutory obligations. In addition, this Policy recognises that the Local Heritage Survey (LHS) (formerly known as the Municipal Inventory) as adopted by

Council on 15 December 2015 (Item No. DRS241) as the Heritage List, or any subsequent updated version, will guide the identification and recording of places that are, or that might become, of cultural heritage significance. The LHS is a starting resource for local heritage planning and in itself has no statutory role.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial or resource implications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.3	Pride in place and a sense of belonging is commonplace.
Outcome 1.7	Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities is supported.
Outcome 1.10	A place where people have access to, engage in and celebrate arts, culture, education and heritage.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

The broader Midwest region encompasses a rich heritage comprising stories from the land, sea and of the people who have resided in the area for tens of thousands of years. From Yamaji history and culture to the marine environment and archaeological riches, the settler history and consequent built heritage and stories of the growth of the region, up until the modern day, the City plays an important role in the protection and celebration of heritage in the Midwest region.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Ensuring that the Council Policy Register is current and comprehensive supports the role of Council in the good government of the City of Greater Geraldton.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The Council may choose to consider alternative amendments to the policy, this is a matter for the Council.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR KEEMINK

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

- 1. APPROVE Council Policy 1.3 Heritage, version 5.**

CARRIED 10/0

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.

12.3 REPORTS OF CORPORATE SERVICES

CS162	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION ADVOCACY POSITIONS
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-133864
AUTHOR:	N Hope, A/Director Corporate Services
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, A/Chief Executive Officer
DATE OF REPORT:	7 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/8/0007-004
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Survey Results

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

An Elections Analysis Review and Report was presented to State Council on 4 September 2024, with State Council supporting a review of WALGA's Local Government Elections Advocacy Positions.

WALGA is now requesting Councils consider the current and alternative Elections Advocacy Positions and provide a response back to WALGA for the December 2024 State Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to SUPPORT the following Local Government Election Advocacy Positions:

1. PARTICIPATION – The City continues to support voluntary voting at Local Government elections;
2. TERMS OF OFFICE – The City continues to support four-year terms with a two-year spill;
3. VOTING METHODS - The City supports First Past the Post (FPTP) as the preferred voting method for general elections. If Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) remains as the primary method of voting, the sector supports the removal of the 'proportional' part of the voting method for general elections;
4. INTERNAL ELECTIONS - The City supports First Past the Post (FPTP) as the preferred voting method for all internal elections;
5. VOTING ACCESSIBILITY – The City in order of preference supports to hold elections through the following methods:
 - a. Postal Voting;
 - b. In-Person Voting;
 - c. Electronic Voting; and
6. METHOD OF ELECTION OF MAYOR - As per the current legislation with no change – Class 1 and 2 local governments directly elect the Mayor or President (election by electors method), with regulations preventing a change in this method.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is WALGA in its role in representing the Local Government Sector.

BACKGROUND:

The *Local Government Amendment Act 2023* introduced a range of electoral reforms that came into effect prior to the 2023 Local Government ordinary elections:

- The introduction of Optional Preferential Voting (OPV);
- Extending the election period to account for delays in postal services;
- Changes to the publication of information about candidates;
- Backfilling provisions for extraordinary vacancies after the 2023 election;
- Public election of the Mayor or President for larger Local Governments;
- Abolishing wards for smaller Local Governments; and
- Aligning the size of councils with the size of populations of each Local Government (change to representation).

Following requests from several Zone's, WALGA undertook a comprehensive review and analysis of five (5) ordinary election cycles up to and including the 2023 Local Government election against the backdrop of these legislative reforms. The review and report focused on postal elections conducted exclusively by the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC), with the analysis finding evidence of the rising cost and a reduction in service of conducting Local Government elections in Western Australia.

The following is a summary of WALGA's current Advocacy Positions in relation to Local Government Elections:

ELECTIONS

Position Statement	<p>The Local Government sector supports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Four year terms with a two year spill 2. Greater participation in Local Government elections 3. The option to hold elections through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online voting • Postal voting, and • In-person voting 4. Voting at Local Government elections to be voluntary 5. The first past the post method of counting votes <p>The Local Government sector opposes the introduction of preferential voting, however if 'first past the post' voting is not retained then optional preferential voting is preferred.</p>
Background	<p>The first past the post (FPTP) method is simple, allows an expression of the electorate's wishes and does not encourage tickets and alliances to be formed to allocate preferences.</p>

METHOD OF ELECTION OF MAYOR

Position Statement Local Governments should determine whether their Mayor or President will be elected by the Council or elected by the community.

CONDUCT OF POSTAL ELECTIONS

Position Statement The *Local Government Act 1995* should be amended to allow the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) and any other third party provider including Local Governments to conduct postal elections.

Background Currently, the WAEC has a legislatively enshrined monopoly on the conduct of postal elections that has not been tested by the market.

WALGA has requested the following advocacy positions be considered by Councils:

PARTICIPATION

(a) The sector continues to support voluntary voting at Local Government elections.

OR

(b) The sector supports compulsory voting at Local Governments elections.

TERMS OF OFFICE

(a) The sector continues to support four-year terms with a two-year spill;

OR

(b) The sector supports four-year terms on an all in/all out basis.

VOTING METHODS

(a) The sector supports First Past the Post (FPTP) as the preferred voting method for general elections. If Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) remains as the primary method of voting, the sector supports the removal of the 'proportional' part of the voting method for general elections.

OR

(b) The sector supports Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) as the preferred voting method for general elections.

INTERNAL ELECTIONS

(a) The sector supports First Past the Post (FPTP) as the preferred voting method for all internal elections.

OR

(b) The sector supports Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) as the preferred voting method for all internal elections.

VOTING ACCESSIBILITY

The sector supports the option to hold general elections through:

- (a) Electronic voting; and/or
- (b) Postal voting; and/or
- (c) In-Person voting.

METHOD OF ELECTION OF MAYOR

The sector supports:

- (a) As per the current legislation with no change – Class 1 and 2 local governments directly elect the Mayor or President (election by electors method), with regulations preventing a change in this method.

OR

- (b) Return to previous legislated provisions – all classes of local governments can decide, by absolute majority, the method for electing their Mayor or President.

OR

- (c) Apply current provisions to all Bands of Local Governments – apply the election by electors method to all classes of local governments.

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

The City trusts that the full implementation of the proposed Local Government Act reforms will enable local governments to deliver more effective outcomes for the community through a modern legislative framework inclusive of greater transparency and accountability, stronger local democracy and community engagement.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

The advocacy positions endorsed by Council will ensure that the City's view and position on local government elections aligns and reaffirms with those of WALGA.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

On the matter of local government reforms, Council has endorsed previous submissions to either WALGA and/or the Department on the following dates:

- 25 January 2022 (Item No. CCS668) Local Government Reform Submission;
- 27 October 2020 (Item No. CCS545) on the Local Government Act 1995 Review, Final Panel Report;

- 26 March 2019 (Item No. CCS407) Local Government Act 1995 – Review Phase Two; and
- 22 January 2019 (Item No. CCS392) Review of Local Government Act.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Councillors were consulted via a Briefing Note on 17 September 2024 and a survey questionnaire for completion by the 29 September 2024.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This item affirms Council advocacy positions on local government elections.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Any financial or resource implications will be determined every two years per the cycle of local government elections.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.6	A community that is genuinely engaged and informed in a timely and appropriate manner.
Outcome 4.7	Council understands its roles and responsibilities and leads by example.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Local Government regulatory framework detailed within the *Local Government Act 1995* governs the strategic and operational activities and outcomes of local government. In determining advocacy positions consideration should be given to existing and potential risk issues within current and proposed legislative provisions.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR CRITCH

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to SUPPORT the following Local Government Election Advocacy Positions:

1. **PARTICIPATION** – The City continues to support voluntary voting at Local Government elections;
2. **TERMS OF OFFICE** – The City continues to support four-year terms with a two-year spill;

3. **VOTING METHODS** - The City supports First Past the Post (FPTP) as the preferred voting method for general elections. If Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) remains as the primary method of voting, the sector supports the removal of the 'proportional' part of the voting method for general elections;
4. **INTERNAL ELECTIONS** - The City supports First Past the Post (FPTP) as the preferred voting method for all internal elections;
5. **VOTING ACCESSIBILITY** – The City in order of preference supports to hold elections through the following methods:
 - d. Postal Voting;
 - e. In-Person Voting;
 - f. Electronic Voting; and
6. **METHOD OF ELECTION OF MAYOR** - As per the current legislation with no change – Class 1 and 2 local governments directly elect the Mayor or President (election by electors method), with regulations preventing a change in this method.

CARRIED 9/1

Time: 5:18 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 1

Yes Votes: 9

Name	Vote
Mayor Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Denton	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Horsman	NO
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES

CS163 RATES EXEMPTION APPLICATION – HOPE COMMUNITY SERVICES LTD
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-133807
AUTHOR:	L Farrell, Coordinator Rates
EXECUTIVE:	N Hope, A/Director Corporate Services
DATE OF REPORT:	10 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	RV/4/0003-004
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x2)
	A. Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Certificate
	B. Statutory Declaration

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to grant a rates exemption to Hope Community Services Ltd, based on the charitable land use of Rates Assessment A14400 being Lot 14 (11) Reilly Road, Wonthella. Hope Community Services Ltd are currently leasing this property for the purpose of youth bail accommodation for young people between 12 and 18 years of age who are going through the justice system and are in their care during this period. As per the terms of the lease the tenant is responsible for the rates and charges.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 6.26(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE a rates exemption to Hope Community Services Ltd on the lease property Lot 14 (11) Reilly Road, Wonthella on the basis that the property is being used exclusively for a charitable purpose; and
2. APPROVE the exemption to take effect from the date the application was received being 19 August 2024, and to remain in force for the duration of the current use of the property.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is Hope Community Services Ltd.

BACKGROUND:

Hope Community Services Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation and is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Attachment No. CS163A). The objects of the organisation listed in their Constitution is to provide support services and assistance to relieve poverty, suffering, distress, misfortune and helplessness in people regardless of age, race, sex, ethnic background, religion, political beliefs or marital status without limitation. They work across four key areas being alcohol and other drug, mental health, youth justice, family and domestic violence.

Hope Community Services Ltd commenced a two (2) year lease for the property Lot 14 (11) Reilly Road, Wonthella on 31 December 2023. The expiry date of the lease is 30 December 2025 with an option to renew for a further 12 months.

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

Hope Community Services Ltd provides essential services to the community and through comprehensive alcohol and other drug programs provides counselling, cultural healing, advocacy and court diversion. These services offer much needed support to members of the community to increase their education and awareness.

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:

This Council and its predecessor Councils have approved rate exemptions for property utilised exclusively for charitable purposes, consistent with section 6.26(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Council approved on 25 June 2024 (Item No. CS132) a rate exemption for Hope Community Services Ltd on Lot 73 (76-80) Forrest St, Geraldton.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 6.26 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides broad definition for rateable and non-rateable land. Section 6.26(2)(g) states land is not rateable if it is "used exclusively for charitable purposes".

'Charitable purposes' is not currently defined in the *Local Government Act 1995* or other statutes; rather charity is defined at common law.

The definition of a charitable purpose is largely based on the preamble to the Statute of Elizabeth enacted by the English Parliament in 1601 and the judgment of Lord Macnaghten in *Commissioners for Special Purposes of Income Tax v Pemsel*. Lord Macnaghten classified the categories of charitable as trusts for one of the following:

- the relief of poverty;
- the advancement of education;
- the advancement of religion; and
- other purposes beneficial to the community;

The High Court of Australia incorporated the Statue of Elizabeth into Australian law, finding that in order for an institution to be charitable, it must be:

- (a) within the spirit and intendment of the Preamble to the Statue of Elizabeth; and
- (b) for the public benefit.

The Western Australian case law (arising from both Courts and the State Administrative Tribunal) summarise that for a purpose to be charitable:

- (a) it must fall within the purposes set out in the Statute of Elizabeth, or by Lord Macnaghten (above); and
- (b) there must be a public benefit, being a benefit directed to the general community, or to a sufficient section of the community to amount to the public.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The annual rates for A14400 being Lot 14 (11) Reilly Road, Wonthella for the 2024-2025 financial year is \$1,982.14. The amount for the exempt period from 19 August 2024 to 30 June 2025 to be refunded would be \$1,716.04.

Exempt properties are still required to pay the Emergency Services Levy and rubbish collection charge.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
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.
Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Council by not approving the application for rate exemption may be required to defend its decision if the matter were to be appealed by the applicant to the State Administrative Tribunal and legal costs may be incurred as a result.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The alternative option is for Council to decline the application for a rate exemption on the basis that it considers Hope Community Services Ltd is not providing a charitable purpose to the community or that such charitable use relating to the property is not considered an exclusive use.

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

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 6.26(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE** a rates exemption to Hope Community Services Ltd on the lease property Lot 14 (11) Reilly Road, Wonthella on the basis that the property is being used exclusively for a charitable purpose; and
2. **APPROVE** the exemption to take effect from the date the application was received being 19 August 2024, and to remain in force for the duration of the current use of the property.

CARRIED 10/0

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.

CS164	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-133876
AUTHOR:	J McLean, Senior Management Accountant, Analyst
EXECUTIVE:	N Hope, A/Director Corporate Services
DATE OF REPORT:	7 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	FM/17/0015
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Monthly Management Report for period ended 30 September 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a comprehensive report on the City's finances to 30 September 2024.

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 ended 30 September 2024, as attached; and
2. RECEIVE the monthly Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2024, as attached.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

The financial performance and position at the end of September 2024 is detailed in the attached report.

Summarised below are the variances between Year-to-Date (YTD) budgets and actuals:

Operating Income	\$	313,767	0.4%	over YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operating Expenditure	\$	567,678	2.4%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Net Operating	\$	881,445	1.9%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Expenditure	\$	2,261,936	40.5%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Revenue	\$	53,708	19.5%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Cash at Bank – Municipal	\$14,466,376
Cash at Bank – Reserve	\$ 22,754
Current Investments	\$75,515,815

Current Rates Collected to September 2024	63.06%
Current Rates Collected to September 2023	64.22%
Rates Arrears Collected to September 2024	23.31%
Rates Arrears Collected to September 2023	21.34%

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 September financials show a YTD positive variance of \$881,445 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 require presentation each month of a statement of financial activity accompanied by other supporting information that is considered relevant and a statement of financial position. 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 the ongoing financial management and 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* also requires 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:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
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 the 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 COLLIVER, SECONDED CR COOPER**

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 ended 30 September 2024, as attached; and
2. **RECEIVE** the monthly Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2024, as attached.

CARRIED 10/0

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

IS312	COUNCIL POLICY 1.6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-129324
AUTHOR:	C Edwards, Manager Project Delivery and Engineering
EXECUTIVE:	C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services
DATE OF REPORT:	14 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0029
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Draft Council 1.6 Policy Community Engagement (v4)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for Council Policy 1.6 Community Engagement, version 4. The policy has undergone its biennial review with no changes proposed.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. APPROVE Council Policy 1.6 Community Engagement, version 4.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

Council Policy 1.6 Community Engagement was last reviewed by Council on 26 October 2021, Item No. IS247. This policy aims to outline the Council's commitment to engaging with the community and stakeholders, while also providing guidance for the implementation of the engagement process throughout the organisation. The goal is to enhance decision-making, build relations and trust and also improving community outcomes.

The review of the Community Engagement Policy, originally scheduled for October 2023, had been postponed due to ongoing reforms to the Local Government Act that affect community engagement. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) now estimates these reforms, which include a requirement for a Community Engagement Charter and Community Satisfaction Surveys every four years, will likely not take effect until late 2025.

No changes to the intent of the policy are proposed. Once the Local Government Act reforms are in place, then the policy will undergo a thorough review to ensure compliance is met.

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

The policy outlines when community engagement can occur and when it may not be feasible for the City. It addresses the community's desire for participation in decision-making through a consistent approach, ensuring expectations are managed and engagement outcomes are documented and used to inform decisions.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires that Council establish good governance principles through the introduction of governance policies.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council policies are reviewed and endorsed by Council on a regular basis. Council Policy 1.6 Community Engagement was last approved by Council on 26 October 2021, Item No. IS247

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Councillor consultation for council policy reviews is not required prior to the Agenda Forum or Ordinary Meetings of Council unless there are significant changes to a policy. There are no changes to the intent of the policy proposed, therefore Council consideration is sought through this item.

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:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well-informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.6	A community that is genuinely engaged and informed in a timely and appropriate manner.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Ensuring that the Council Policy Register is current and comprehensive supports the role of Council in the good government of the City of Greater Geraldton.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The Council may choose to consider alternative amendments to the policy, this is a matter for the Council.

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

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

- 1. APPROVE Council Policy 1.6 Community Engagement, version 4.**

CARRIED 10/0

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.

IS313 FORESHORE YOUTH PRECINCT CONCEPT MASTERPLAN	
AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-130618
AUTHOR:	C Edwards, Manager Project Delivery and Engineering
EXECUTIVE:	C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services
DATE OF REPORT:	14 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0029
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Youth Precinct Masterplan Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Foreshore Youth Precinct Concept Masterplan.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. RECEIVE the Youth Precinct Masterplan Report;
2. ENDORSE proceeding to detailed design and delivery of the Site 1 Masterplan within the allocated budget;
3. DIRECT the CEO to seek a Lotterywest funding contribution toward delivery of the Site 1 project; and
4. ENDORSE the Site 2 Masterplan design and development of a new capital nomination for Council consideration in future years budgets.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

Since the Youth Precinct at Stow Gardens opened in 2016, the sun, salt, sand and wind have taken their toll on the equipment and nearly half has been removed, with more equipment soon to reach its end of life.

Instead of replacing the equipment, an opportunity was identified to consult with community and stakeholders to understand their needs and preferences and incorporate them into the renewal of the precinct. The goal was to create a modern hub that featured exciting opportunities and activities for young people. Council allocated \$4 Million in the 2024-25 budget to deliver the project.

To gain a better understanding of how well the remaining equipment in the precinct is used and to gather ideas on what could be included in the space, the City undertook an extensive three-stage community engagement process from March 2024. In the first stage, the City conducted a community survey to ascertain who uses the existing equipment and what other activities or equipment users would like to see included. Please refer to the Stage 1 Community Survey Report enclosed within the Youth Precinct Masterplan Report, Attachment No. IS313.

In the second stage of the engagement process, youth service providers and approximately 70 student leaders from local high schools confirmed the findings of the Stage 1 community survey and then utilised the results of the survey to collaboratively develop the concept masterplan for the precinct in a series of workshops.

During the initial stages of the engagement process, interest in expanding recreational facilities to other areas along the Foreshore was sparked, which prompted an investigation into the possibility. Following reviews of existing strategies, including the City Centre Revitalisation Plan, the area between the Dome Café and Cathedral Avenue was identified as a potential site. Although the potential development of this site was not part of the Youth Precinct Upgrade, Council expressed interest in hearing what the community thought about the opportunity.

Concept designs for the Youth Precinct at the existing Stow Gardens Site 1 location and Site 2 adjacent to Dome Cafe were developed from the input received at the stakeholder workshops. These concept designs are included in the Stage 2 Concept Masterplan section of the Youth Precinct Master Plan Report, Attachment No. IS313.

Once the concept designs were completed, feedback was sought in Stage 3 of the engagement process from all the project stakeholders as well as the broader community. The Stage 3 Concept Masterplan Community and Stakeholder Feedback Report section of the Masterplan Report contains the findings of the survey. The overwhelming majority of the respondents were in support of the masterplans for both Site 1 and Site 2.

Officers are therefore seeking Council endorsement of the Site 1 Masterplan to be able to proceed with the detailed design of the facility, enable the removal of the aging Skywalk equipment and to proceed with construction of the new facility within the current financial year. Endorsement of the Site 2 masterplan is also being sought to enable the redevelopment of the area in future years.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

Revitalising the Youth Precinct will enable the City to provide young people with updated, modern facilities that meet current wants, needs and aspirations consistently expressed by this age group and their families throughout the engagement process.

Economy:

An updated Youth Precinct will reinvigorate this area of the Foreshore by attracting more residents and tourists for longer periods of time to the precinct. The increase in visitation will have a positive flow-on effect for businesses and traders located in the area.

Environment:

Feedback received consistently referenced that shelter from the sun and wind is a priority. The Concept Masterplan will need to provide a mix of shelter options, including trees and hard shade infrastructure, in accordance with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles balanced with sustainability considerations. Adequate lighting and CCTV considerations will also be incorporated to provide a safe and welcoming environment.

Leadership:

Council has made a commitment to the community to ensure meaningful community engagement is integrated with the City's planning activities to inform decision-making processes. Good leadership is demonstrated by incorporating contributions from those who will be impacted by, or benefit from, the design and delivery of a project in the decision-making process.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

In September 2023, in Item No. IS294 Maitland Park School Precinct Transport Hub, Council endorsed a masterplan for the precinct which had been developed with extensive input and direction from relevant stakeholders.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Councillors were informed of community engagement activities and stakeholder workshops through Briefing Notes and Concept Forum presentations.

Feedback on the Youth Precinct Draft Concept Masterplan and Site 2 was sought in the Stage 3 community survey from 9 September to 23 September 2024. The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted in a media release, a social media campaign and newspaper advertisements. A dedicated website page with links to the online feedback form and information on the location of paper forms, which were available at the City Civic Centre. The City received 344 responses all of which were submitted online.

Additionally, nine (9) workshops and meetings were held with project stakeholders (approx. 70 persons) including high school student leaders (years 7-12), youth service providers, organisations located in the vicinity of the Youth Precinct and City Officers from a variety of areas including parks and gardens, sports and recreation, project design and delivery, events and community safety. The outcome of the survey feedback is summarised below:

Youth Precinct Concept Design Feedback Summary:

All project stakeholders and most community respondents (83%) support the concept design. Two thirds of those who commented stated it provided a good variety of activities for all ages yet was still designed with teens in mind.

Site 2 Concept Design Feedback Summary:

All project stakeholders and most community respondents (70%) said they support the concept design. More than half of those who commented stated the design would provide a great space for young people and their families to hang out, relax and enjoy.

Expansion of Recreational Facilities to Site 2 Summary:

All project stakeholders and most community respondents (85%) support the expansion of recreational facilities to Site 2. Two thirds of those who commented stated the opportunity would enhance an underutilised area on the Foreshore.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The renewal of this facility complies with the City's Council Policy 1.2 Youth which states that we will provide facilities and infrastructure for young people. The community engagement process that has been followed complies with Council Policy 1.6 Community Engagement.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The 2024-25 budget has allocated \$4 Million to undertake works to renew the Youth Precinct. City Officers will work with the consultants that are engaged to undertake the detailed design to deliver the project within the available budget.

The project will be managed by City Officers, but the design and construction of the facility will be outsourced. City Officers have the capacity to deliver the project.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.8	Active living and recreation is encouraged.
Outcome 1.9	A strong sports culture exists through well-planned facilities.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit
Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well-informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.6	A community that is genuinely engaged and informed in a timely and appropriate manner.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

The provision of recreation facilities for youth contributes to the liveability of the City and region while attracting more visitors to the area. Growth in population and regional tourism has positive economic flow on effects and improves the social fabric of regional communities.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Undertaking community engagement during the development of the masterplan has ensured that a robust and transparent process was implemented that

captured feedback and input from all stakeholders and the broader community for consideration in inclusion in the final concept design.

By proceeding with the project, the risk of reputational damage to the City due to failing and unusable playground equipment will be mitigated.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers. Council can propose an alternative course of action if desired.

Cr Horsman moved a motion different from the Executive Recommendation to defer Item No. IS313 Foreshore Youth Precinct Concept Masterplan, to allow for further consideration/consultation of Site 1 and 2.

During the debate, the Mayor foreshadowed the Executive Recommendation should the motion be lost.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR HORSMAN, SECONDED CR PARKER

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

1. DEFER consideration of Item No. IS313 Foreshore Youth Precinct Concept Masterplan;
2. MAKE this determination based on the following:
 - a. To allow Council to further consider Site 1 in regard to community consultation and inclusivity of all user groups; and
 - b. To allow Council to further consider Site 2 in regard to parking considerations and public consultation.

LOST 2/8

Time: 5:42 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 8

Yes Votes: 2

Name	Vote
Mayor Clune	NO
Cr. Colliver	NO
Cr. Cooper	NO
Cr. Critch	NO
Cr. Denton	NO
Cr. Fiorenza	NO
Cr. Horsman	YES
Cr. Keemink	NO
Cr. Librizzi	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Tanti	NO

As the motion was lost, the Mayor's foreshadowed motion became the substantive motion.

During the debate, Cr Denton requested an amendment to add to Point 2 ‘consultation for...’ The Mayor accepted the amendment to the motion.

- 2. **ENDORSE** proceeding to detailed design and seek further **consultation for** delivery of the Site 1 Masterplan within the allocated budget;

Further discussion was held regarding the amendment, with advice from the A/CEO to assist with the wording. Cr Denton approved of the updated wording to Point 2 to add ‘Endorse completion of the concept design and seek further consultation prior to proceeding to...’

The amendment to the motion was accepted by the Mover and Seconder.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED MAYOR, SECONDED CR FIORENZA

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

- 1. **RECEIVE** the Youth Precinct Masterplan Report;
- 2. **ENDORSE** completion of the concept design and seek further consultation prior to proceeding to detailed design and delivery of the Site 1 Masterplan within the allocated budget;
- 3. **DIRECT** the CEO to seek a Lotterywest funding contribution toward delivery of the Site 1 project; and
- 4. **ENDORSE** the Site 2 Masterplan design and development of a new capital nomination for Council consideration in future years budgets.

CARRIED 9/1

Time: 5:54 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 1

Yes Votes: 9

Name	Vote
Mayor Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Denton	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Horsman	NO
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES

REASON FOR VARIATION TO THE EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
 Council requested confirmation that further consultation will go ahead prior to proceeding to detailed design, therefore adding this detail to Point 2 in the Motion.

12.5 REPORTS OF OFFICE THE CEO**CEO127 COUNCIL POLICY 4.15 AFFIXATION OF COMMON SEAL**

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-132283
AUTHOR:	S Moulds, PA to Chief Executive Officer
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, A/Chief Executive Officer
DATE OF REPORT:	8 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0030
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Draft Council Policy 4.15 Affixation of the Common Seal (v5)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for Council Policy 4.15 Affixation of Common Seal, version 5. The policy has undergone its biennial review with no significant changes proposed.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. APPROVE Council Policy 4.15 Affixation of Common Seal, version 5.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

Council Policy 4.15 Affixation of Common Seal was last reviewed by the Council on 25 October 2022 - Item No. CEO101. The purpose of this policy is to establish the circumstances under which the official Council Common Seal may be affixed to documents.

There are no significant amendments recommended for this review.

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 *Local Government Act 1995* requires that Council establish good governance principles through the introduction of policies and guidelines.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council policies are reviewed and endorsed by Council on a regular basis. Council Policy 4.15 Affixation of Common Seal was last approved by Council on 25 October 2022 (Item No. CEO101).

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Councillor consultation for council policy reviews is not required prior to the Agenda Forum or Ordinary Meetings of Council unless there are significant changes to a policy.

There are no significant changes to the intent of the policy proposed and any amendments are administrative in nature, therefore Council consideration is sought via this item.

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.*

Affixation of the Common Seal is pursuant to section 9.49A of the *Local Government Act 1995*:

9.49A. Execution of documents

- (1) *A document is duly executed by a local government if —*
 - (a) *the common seal of the local government is affixed to it in accordance with subsections (2) and (3); or*
 - (b) *it is signed on behalf of the local government by a person or persons authorised under subsection (4) to do so.*

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial or resource implications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.7	Council understands its roles and responsibilities and leads by example.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Ensuring that the Council Policy Register is current and comprehensive supports the role of Council in the good government of the City of Greater Geraldton.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The Council may choose to consider alternative amendments to the policy, this is a matter for the Council.

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

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

- 1. APPROVE Council Policy 4.15 Affixation of Common Seal, version 5.**

CARRIED 10/0

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.

12.6 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED**RR64 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED - OCTOBER**

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-137705
AUTHOR:	P Radalj, A/Chief Executive Officer
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, A/Chief Executive Officer
DATE OF REPORT:	18 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0029
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x3)
	A. DSDD024 – Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval
	B. CS165 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – September 2024
	C. CS166 – List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – September 2024

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. DSDD024 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval.

PART B

That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Regulation 13 and 13A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
 - a. Reports – Corporate Services:
 - i. CS165 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – September 2024; and
 - ii. CS166 - List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – September 2024.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

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:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
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 KEEMINK****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. **DSDD024 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval.**

PART B

That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Regulation 13 and 13A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. **RECEIVE** the following appended reports:
 - a. **Reports – Corporate Services:**
 - i. **CS165 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – September 2024; and**
 - ii. **CS166 - List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – September 2024.**

CARRIED 10/0

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

There are none

14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

There are none

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

There are none

16 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011, please note this part of the meeting *may* need to be closed to the public, *if* confidential discussion is required.

No confidential discussion was required.

CS167 RFT 2425 04 ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES	
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-133785
AUTHOR:	C Bryant, Coordinator Procurement, B Pearce, Manager Corporate Compliance and Safety
EXECUTIVE:	N Hope, A/Director Corporate Services
DATE OF REPORT:	14 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	FM/25/0300
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Confidential Confidential – RFT 2425 04 Evaluation Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award tender RFT 2425 04 Electrical Maintenance Services separable portions to the recommended tenderer.

The contracts are to run for a period of two years for the delivery of budgeted electrical maintenance services works.

The initial contracts will be in place from 10 December 2024 to 9 December 2026 with the option for a one-year extension exercisable at the discretion of the Principal.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. AWARD the contract RFT 2425 04 Electrical Maintenance Services separable portions to the recommended tenderer; and
2. RECORD the estimated annual contract values in the minutes.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

Tender RFT 2425 04 Electrical Maintenance Services (RFT) was advertised in the Geraldton Guardian on 9 August 2024, in the West Australian on 10 August 2024, and the City's TenderLink e-Tendering Portal. The RFT closed on 6 September 2024.

Fifteen interested parties registered to receive copies of the tender and one tender submission was received. The tender assessment was undertaken by a panel of six Officers with four voting and two non-voting.

The RFT has a two-year duration commencing from 10 December 2024 and has a one-year extension option at the absolute discretion of the City. The City has adopted a two-year supply contract period for a variety of goods and services used in the maintenance programs.

There has previously been a two-year contract for Electrical Maintenance Services RFT 2122 01 which included the same four separable portions as this tender RFT 2425 04. All four portions were awarded to one tenderer.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

Well managed electrical maintenance services for City owned buildings, airports, street and carpark lighting, open space lighting, compliance testing, inspections and minor installations reduces the likelihood of accidents or injury caused to members of the public and property.

Economy:

Awarding this tender will result in City funds flowing into the local economy through the employment of local contractors.

Environment:

All proposed electrical maintenance service works will be undertaken with care for the environment in mind. Environmental controls are implemented as part of the individual maintenance programs. Tenderers were asked to provide evidence of environmentally sustainable practices in their tender submission.

Leadership:

Successful tenderers are required to provide a comprehensive Safety Management Plan with works monitored by the City through Key Performance Indicator (KPI) checklists and safety management audits.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council awarded a two-year supply contract RFT 2122 01 Electrical Maintenance Services which included the same four separable portions as this tender RFT 2425 04. All four portions were awarded to one tenderer (Item No. CCS659, 23 November 2021). The initial contract was in place from 10 December 2021 to 9 December 2023, with an extension to contract approved until 9 December 2024.

Council also awarded a two-year supply contract RFT 01 1819 Supply of Electrical Maintenance Services, Compliance Testing and Minor Installations that included two separable portions – Portion A (General Electrical Maintenance to Buildings, Compliance Testing and Minor Installations) and Portion B (Infrastructure Lighting Maintenance, Repair and Compliance Testing, Repairs and Testing of Pumps). Both portions were awarded to one tenderer (Item No. IS183 and IS184, 27 November 2018). A variation to this contract to include the Airport was issued 19 June 2019.

The initial contract was in place from 10 December 2018 to 9 December 2020, with an extension approved until 9 December 2021.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Community and Councillor consultation does not occur with the award of the two-year supply contracts for essential services. Consultation relating to these activities takes place when Council confirms the annual budget for such essential services.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The *Local Government Act 1995* and Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services were observed when preparing and recommending the award of this tender. Safe work methods and environmental management in line with legislative requirements will be observed as part of the delivery of the contract.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The approximate expenditure on Electrical Maintenance Services for all four separable portions is \$872,210 (excluding GST) per annum (excluding traffic management for Portions A, B and C). Assuming all extension periods are exercised, the estimated total contract value over three years is \$2,616,629 (excluding GST). These funds are sourced primarily from the Maintenance Operations, Building Maintenance, and Airport Operations operational and capital budgets and any cost movement will be accounted for, and adjustments will be made in both Annual Budgets and the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.4	Community safety, health and well-being is paramount.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.1	Local business is empowered and supported.
Strategic Direction: Environment	Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community well being.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The works carried out under this contract will ensure well managed electrical maintenance services for the City, reducing the likelihood of accidents or injury to members of the public and property. In addition, the successful tenderer shall have documented management plans in place to ensure the safety and protection of workers and the community in relation to this service.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

This RFT was called to ensure compliance with the legislative procurement requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*. The following alternatives were considered in the procurement planning phase prior to calling this tender:

1. Call for individual quotations and tenders for specific electrical maintenance services. This option is not supported and was discounted due to the volume of administrative effort required, and the potential to have higher costs through multiple small purchases.

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. **AWARD** the contract RFT 2425 04 Electrical Maintenance Services separable portions to the recommended tenderer being:
 - a. **Separable Portion A – General Electrical Maintenance to Buildings, Compliance Testing and Minor Installations – Elite Electrical Contracting Pty Ltd;**
 - b. **Separable Portion B – Infrastructure Lighting Maintenance, Repair and Compliance Testing – Elite Electrical Contracting Pty Ltd;**
 - c. **Separable Portion C – Supply and Installation of Streetlights, Car Park Lights and Public Open Space Lights – Elite Electrical Contracting Pty Ltd;**
 - d. **Separable Portion D – Electrical Maintenance Services Geraldton Airport – Elite Electrical Contracting Pty Ltd;**
2. **RECORD** the estimated annual contract values in the minutes being:
 - a. **Separable Portion A – General Electrical Maintenance to Buildings, Compliance Testing and Minor Installations - \$204,900 excluding GST;**
 - b. **Separable Portion B – Infrastructure Lighting Maintenance, Repair and Compliance Testing - \$204,457.10 excluding GST;**
 - c. **Separable Portion C – Supply and Installation of Streetlights, Car Park Lights and Public Open Space Lights - \$334,550 excluding GST; and**
 - d. **Separable Portion D – Electrical Maintenance Services Geraldton Airport - \$128,302.50.**

CARRIED 10/0

Time: 5:58 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 10

Name	Vote
Mayor Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES

Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Denton	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Horsman	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES

IS314	RFT 2425 06 GERALDTON YOUTH CENTRE
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-126319
AUTHOR:	C Edwards, Manager Project Delivery and Engineering
EXECUTIVE:	C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services
DATE OF REPORT:	14 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0029
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Confidential Confidential - RFT 2425 06 Tender Evaluation Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award RFT 2425 06 Geraldton Youth Centre to the preferred tenderer.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. AWARD the contract RFT 2425 06 Geraldton Youth Centre to the preferred tenderer; and
2. RECORD the contract price in the minutes.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

In April 2022, Confidential Item No. DCS522 was approved by Council for the submission of an offer to purchase Lot 1 (103) Pass Street, Wonthella (formerly Club Rockys Gym). The purpose is to establish a City-run Youth Centre to provide ongoing diversionary and mainstream youth programs aimed at reducing social issues and juvenile offending within Geraldton. The City's offer to purchase the building was accepted and the property was successfully acquired.

The City subsequently engaged architects TRCB to lead a multi-disciplinary design team to develop a plan for the refurbishment and refit of the building into a fit-for-purpose Youth Centre. The design includes a multi-use sports court with a spectator area in the eastern half of the building, a universal access toilet, store rooms and a multi-functional space to the west which can be utilised for numerous, less active, activities such as arts and crafts, audio visual presentations and meetings.

The City applied to Lotterywest for funding to support the project and was successful.

The City advertised a RFT to engage a suitably qualified contractor to undertake the reconfiguration, refurbishment and refitting of the building to create the new Youth Centre. The RFT was advertised in The West Australian

on 10 August 2024 and in the Geraldton Guardian on 9 August 2024. The RFT was also advertised on the City's Tender Link e-Tendering Portal.

18 suppliers registered to receive copies of the tender and two (2) submissions were received. The tender assessment was undertaken by a panel of four (4) officers, consisting of three (3) with voting rights and the mandatory compliance representation without.

As both of the tenderers were local suppliers, it was unnecessary to apply Council Policy 4.11 Regional Price Preference to their submissions.

The submissions were deemed compliant and both were progressed for assessment against the following qualitative and price criteria:

- a) Relevant Experience and Key Resources – 25%
- b) Methodology and programme – 25%
- c) Price – 50%

The above selection criteria were adopted to ensure the most advantageous tenderer was selected.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

The Geraldton Youth Centre will provide a safe environment for young members of the local community to engage in a variety of sports, recreation activities and training. The aim of the programs being offered will be to develop good community relationships and keep youth off the streets and engaged in healthy diversionary activities, which will have a positive impact on the community.

Economy:

Awarding the tender to a local contractor will result in a large proportion of the City funding flowing into the local economy through local subcontractors and suppliers being used for the project.

Environment:

The project will provide a desirable and safe environment for younger members of the community to be engaged.

Leadership:

Council approval of the Executive Recommendation will demonstrate leadership through the delivery of youth-focused infrastructure that the community has indicated is a high priority.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

In Item No. IS304, RFT 2324 27 Recreation Ground Sports Lighting Renewal, Council resolved to approve the Executive Recommendation and award the contract to the preferred tenderer.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

The Community Voice Survey that was carried out in 2020 found that the majority of the community believed that youth development was significantly important. In a further youth strategy survey conducted in November 2023, the community was asked specifically what activities they would like to see catered for in the Youth Centre. Their responses and preferences have guided the design of the facility.

Council was consulted at Concept Forum on 1 August 2023 when initial concept designs for the facility was presented for review.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Local Government Act 1995 and Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services were observed when preparing and recommending the award of this tender. Safe work methods and environmental management in line with legislative requirements will be observed as part of the delivery of the contract.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications associated with the Executive Recommendation as the City has allocated sufficient budget for the project. Lotterywest Grant Funding will be used to undertake the works.

Officers from the City's Project Delivery Team, with the appropriate skills and experience, will oversee the delivery of the project in accordance with the designs and specifications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.1	Enhanced lifestyle through spaces, places, programs and services that foster connection and inclusion.
Outcome 1.8	Active living and recreation is encouraged.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit
Strategic Direction: Environment	Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community well-being.
Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well-informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

The delivery of a fit-for-purpose Youth Centre will help deliver initiatives which have been proven to engage youth, reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. This will have a positive impact on the community and the region.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The City has engaged a competent design team to ensure that the completed facility will be fit-for-purpose and compliant with the relevant codes and standards. The successful tenderer will be engaged under an amended form of the AS4000 General Conditions of Contract which provides industry standard mechanisms for managing risk during construction. Appropriate due diligence has been undertaken to ensure that the preferred tenderer has the necessary capability to undertake the project successfully.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

City Officers have not considered any alternative options as the full scope of the design can be delivered within the available budget.

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

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

1. **AWARD** the contract RFT 2425 06 Geraldton Youth Centre to the preferred tenderer being Geraldton Building Services & Cabinets Pty Ltd (GBSC); and
2. **RECORD** the contract price in the minutes being \$1,149,790.63 excluding GST.

CARRIED 10/0

Time: 6:01 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 10

Name	Vote
Mayor Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Denton	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Horsman	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES

IS315	RFT 2425 14 REGIONAL ROADS GROUP (RRG) FUNDED PROJECTS
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-130150
AUTHOR:	C Edwards, Manager Project Delivery and Engineering
EXECUTIVE:	C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services
DATE OF REPORT:	14 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0029
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Confidential Confidential - RFT 2425 14 Tender Evaluation Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award RFT 2425 14 RRG Funded Projects to the preferred tenderer.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. AWARD the contract RFT 2425 14 RRG Funded Projects to the preferred tenderer; and
2. RECORD the contract price in the minutes.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

The RRG assists in funding local road projects identified in the Roads 2030 Regional Strategies for significant local government roads. Over the past seven (7) financial years, this funding has assisted in multiple projects, including:

- Pavement rehabilitating and resurfacing of Goulds Road;
- Resealing and shoulder widening of over 6.3km of Nangetty-Walkaway Road;
- Flores Road rehabilitation works; and
- Place Road rehabilitation works.

The City has again successfully obtained RRG funds for the 2024/25 financial year to continue these works on four (4) separate roads, which will assist in maintaining the roads to a high standard.

The works on each of the four (4) individual roads have separate funding and will be treated as individual projects procured under an AS4000 Main Head Contractor Contract with Separable Portions for each site. Combining the four (4) projects into one (1) tender increases the overall contract price to attract more mid to high-tiered road construction companies within the market. The procurement approach also allows the City to take possession of each package of work once it is completed.

The separable portions will be allocated as follows:

- Separable Portion 1 (SP1) – Place Road Reconstruction SLK 0.02 to 0.19;
- Separable Portion 2 (SP2) – Flores Road Renewal SLK 0.27 to 0.57;
- Separable Portion 3 (SP3) – Goulds Road - Reconstruction SLK 0.60 to SLK 0.82; and
- Separable Portion 4 (SP4)- Nangetty-Walkaway Road Renewal SLK 1.55 to 1.95.

Note that the above SLKs are approximate. The Project Team will endeavour to maximise the length of road repairs to closely match the approved budgets with the pricing received in submissions. The works have been tendered under a Schedule of Rates contract, allowing the City to scale the works according to the available budget.

Consultation with Main Roads Western Australia as the primary funding source will be required to proceed with the project with the adjustments to the project scopes.

The RFT was advertised in The West Australian on 31 August 2024 and the Geraldton Guardian on 30 August 2024. The RFT was also advertised on the City's Tender Link e-Tendering Portal with the closing date of 27 September 2024.

24 suppliers registered to receive the tender, and four submissions were received.

The tender assessment was undertaken by a panel of four (4) Officers, consisting of three (3) with voting rights and the mandatory compliance representation without.

Three (3) of the four (4) tenderers qualified as local suppliers and Council Policy 4.11 Regional Price Preference was applied to their submissions.

All four (4) submissions were deemed compliant and progressed for assessment against the following qualitative and price criteria:

- (a) Price (50%);
- (b) Key resources and experience, including personnel, plant and their availability (25%); and
- (c) Demonstrated understanding, including the ability to undertake and complete the works within the specified time (25%).

The above selection criteria were adopted to select the most advantageous tenderer.

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

Providing a well-maintained road network reduces the likelihood of accidents or damage to vehicles, minimising impact on general road users and businesses that rely on them and contributes to safer roads for commuters. Sustained road networks contribute significantly to the community's social well-being, allowing community members to undertake commercial and social activities.

Economy:

Awarding the tender to a local contractor will result in a large proportion of the City funding flowing into the local economy through local subcontractors and suppliers being used for the project. Well-maintained road networks also reduce tyre and vehicle wear and tear costs.

Environment:

All works within the scope of the RFT 2425 14 RRG Funded Projects will be undertaken with environmental controls implemented as part of the contract.

Leadership:

Council approval of the Executive Recommendation will ensure that works align with the objectives of Council Policy 4.5 Asset Management.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

The City has tendered, procured and constructed similar RRG funded projects over the past seven (7) financial years as per the City's Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

The RRG funded projects form part of the annual road renewals and is identified from the Roads 2030 Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads. All four (4) projects contained within this RFT are included in the City's adopted budget for 2024/25 financial year. Councillors were consulted as part of the process for the approval of the adopted 2024/25 financial year budget.

Community consultation has yet to be undertaken for this project; however, consultation will be carried out before the commencement of construction activities on each site.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Local Government Act 1995 and Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services were observed when preparing and recommending the award of this tender. Council Policy 4.11 Regional Price Preference was applied to the submissions from local tenderers.

Safe work methods and environmental management in line with legislative requirements will be observed as part of the delivery of the contract.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications as the contract values of the recommended tenderers are less than the available budget. The City has the project management resources available to administer and manage the contract.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.4	Community safety, health and well-being is paramount.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.2	Efficient and accessible intrastate and interstate connectivity.
Strategic Direction: Environment	Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community well being.
Title: Environment	2.3 Built Environment
Strategy 2.3.3	Providing a fit for purpose, safe and efficient infrastructure network.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

Facilitation of the development and maintenance of a functional and safe road network through the City of Greater Geraldton enhances the comfort and safety of the community and road users.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The successful tenderer will be engaged under an amended form of the AS4000 General Conditions of Contract which provides industry standard mechanisms for managing risk during construction. Appropriate due diligence has been undertaken to ensure that the preferred tenderer has the necessary capability to undertake the project successfully. The Schedule of Rates basis of the RFT provides the mechanism to reduce or increase the scope of the contract works to ensure that the available budget is fully expended.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR CRITCH, SECONDED CR KEEMINK**

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

1. **AWARD** the contract RFT 2425 14 RRG Funded Projects to the preferred tenderer being Red Dust Holdings Pty Ltd; and
2. **RECORD** the contract price in the minutes being \$1,430,869.67 excluding GST.

CARRIED 10/0

Time: 6:02 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 10

Name	Vote
Mayor Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Denton	YES
Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Horsman	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES

IS316	RFT 2425 09 CHAPMAN ROAD, BOSLEY STREET AND CHAPMAN VALLEY ROAD ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-24-130471
AUTHOR:	C Edwards, Manager Project Delivery and Engineering
EXECUTIVE:	C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services
DATE OF REPORT:	14 October 2024
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0029
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Confidential Confidential - RFT 2425 09 Tender Evaluation Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award RFT 2425 09 Chapman Road, Bosley Street and Chapman Valley Road Roundabout Construction to the preferred tenderer.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. AWARD the contract RFT 2425 09 Chapman Road, Bosley Street and Chapman Valley Road Roundabout Construction to the preferred tenderer;
2. RECORD the contract price in the minutes; and
3. APPROVE the following 2024-25 budget amendment for reallocation of \$80,000 surplus funds from Maitland Park Transport Hub Detailed Design Project.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

The existing conditions at the Chapman Road, Bosley Street and Chapman Valley Road Roundabout were identified by the City as an area which could be improved in terms of safety. Following the identification of this area as potentially hazardous, Stantec were engaged to conduct a road safety inspection. It was found that the roundabout geometry could be improved to reduce vehicle speeds and enhance road safety.

The City applied for, and was successful in obtaining, State Blackspot Grant Funding to partially fund the detailed design and construction of the roundabout and associated works.

Detailed design was completed in the 2023/24 financial year, with the funding for 2024/25 financial year allocated to modify and reconstruct the roundabout along with associated path, pram ramps, kerbing, drainage and wearing course upgrades as per the specified design drawings to improve safety. Works are being procured under an amended AS4000 Lump Sum Contract.

The RFT was advertised in The West Australian on 24 August 2024 and the Geraldton Guardian on 23 August 2024. The RFT was also advertised on the City's Tender Link e-Tendering Portal with the closing date of 20 September 2024. A request for extension by tenderers was approved with revised closing date of 27 September 2024.

Eighteen suppliers registered to receive the tender and two (2) submissions were received.

The tender assessment was undertaken by a panel of four (4) Officers, consisting of three (3) with voting rights and the mandatory compliance representation without.

With both tenderers qualifying as local suppliers, there was no need to apply Council Policy 4.11 Regional Price Preference to the submissions.

Both submissions were deemed compliant and progressed for assessment against the following qualitative and price criteria:

- (a) Price (50%);
- (b) Key resources and experience, including personnel, plant and their availability (25%); and
- (c) Demonstrated understanding, including the ability to undertake and complete the works within the specified time (25%).

The above selection criteria was adopted to select the most advantageous tenderer.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

Modification and reconstruction of the roundabout along with path, pram ramps, kerbing and drainage associated works will increase community safety by providing improved protection for both vehicles and pedestrians. Additionally, construction of a good footpath network, designed with suitable materials provides continuous pedestrian connections which are critical to facilitate walking by children, parents, seniors and others with limited mobility.

Economy:

Awarding the tender to a local contractor will result in a large proportion of the City funding flowing into the local economy through local subcontractors and suppliers being used for the project.

Environment:

All works within the scope of the RFT 2425 09 Chapman Road, Bosley Street and Chapman Valley Road Roundabout Construction will be undertaken with environmental controls implemented as part of the contract. Additional vegetation within the inner annulus has been included within the scope of works.

Leadership:

Council approval of the Executive Recommendation will ensure that works align with the objectives of Council Policy 4.5 Asset Management and will deliver another road safety upgrade.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

The City has successfully completed substantial works under previous State Blackspot Funding projects for road dedications, road widenings and road safety upgrade projects.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Councillors were consulted as part of the process for the approval of the adopted 2024-25 financial year budget.

Community consultation has yet to be undertaken for this project; however, consultation will be carried out before the commencement of construction activities on site.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Local Government Act 1995 and Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services were observed when preparing and recommending the award of this tender.

Safe work methods and environmental management in line with legislative requirements will be observed as part of the delivery of the contract.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications associated with the Executive Recommendation as the City has surplus funds within the Maitland Park Transit Hub Detailed Design project that can be utilised to cover the required budget amendment.

The City has the project management and supervision resources available to administer and manage the contract.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.4	Community safety, health and well-being is paramount.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.2	Efficient and accessible intrastate and interstate connectivity.

Strategic Direction: Environment	Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community well-being.
Title: Environment	2.3 Built Environment.
Strategy 2.3.3	Providing a fit for purpose, safe and efficient infrastructure network.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

Facilitation of the development and maintenance of a functional and safe road and path connectivity network through the City of Greater Geraldton enhances the comfort and safety of the community, road users and pedestrians.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The successful tenderer will be engaged under an amended form of the AS4000 General Conditions of Contract which provides industry standard mechanisms for managing risk during construction. Appropriate due diligence has been undertaken to ensure that the preferred tenderer has the necessary capability to undertake the project successfully.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR CRITCH, SECONDED CR COLLIVER

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

1. **AWARD** the contract RFT 2425 09 Chapman Road, Bosley Street and Chapman Valley Road Roundabout Construction to the preferred tenderer being Hawthorn Group Holdings Pty Ltd;
2. **RECORD** the contract price in the minutes being \$617,876.97 excluding GST; and
3. **APPROVE** the following 2024-25 budget amendment for reallocation of \$80,000 surplus funds from Maitland Park Transport Hub Detailed Design Project.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 10/0

Time: 6:04 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 10

Name	Vote
Mayor Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Denton	YES

Cr. Fiorenza	YES
Cr. Horsman	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the Council meeting at 6.04pm.

APPENDIX 1 – ATTACHMENTS AND REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

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