



CITY OF VINCENT

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

8 April 2025

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF VINCENT
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AS E-MEETING AND AT THE ADMINISTRATION AND CIVIC CENTRE,
244 VINCENT STREET, LEEDERVILLE
ON TUESDAY, 8 APRIL 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

PRESENT:	Mayor Alison Xamon	Presiding Member
	Cr Alex Castle	North Ward
	Cr Suzanne Worner	North Ward
	Cr Nicole Woolf	North Ward
	Cr Jonathan Hallett	South Ward
	Cr Ashley Wallace	South Ward
	Cr Ashlee La Fontaine	South Ward
IN ATTENDANCE:	David MacLennan	Chief Executive Officer
	Peter Varris	Executive Director Infrastructure & Environment (arrived at 6.01pm)
	Rhys Taylor	Executive Director Community & Business Services
	Jay Naidoo	Executive Director Strategy & Development
	Karsen Reynolds	A/Manager Development & Design
	Mitchell Hoad	A/Manager Strategic Planning
	Emma Simmons	A/Executive Manager Corporate Strategy & Governance
	Wendy Barnard	Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council Support
Public:	Approximately five members of the public.	

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Presiding Member, Mayor Alison Xamon declared the meeting open at 6.00pm and read the following Acknowledgement of Country statement:

“The City of Vincent would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pay our respects to Elders past and present, and acknowledging that as the City of Vincent we have a role to play in working towards reconciliation and justice for First Nations people.”

2 APOLOGIES / MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Sophie Greer is an apology for this meeting.
Cr Ron Alexander is an apology for this meeting.

3 (A) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND RECEIVING OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS

The following questions and statements were received at the meeting. This is not a verbatim record of questions and statements made at the meeting.

3.1 Lesley Florey of Mt Hawthorn

In relation to the Menzies Park drainage project:

- What was the total cost of the installed system, including the storage, installation ground works, and turf replacement?
- Are there any assessments or planning documents that informed the design and scope of the system?
- Why, as a key stakeholder, was I not consulted or engaged on the Menzies Park project?
- What was the breakdown of the total cost of the drainage system, recently installed at Menzies Park.
- What formal qualifications do the City of Vincent Executives hold in relation to public health.
- What are the details of the City of Vincent's most recent and current drainage truck?

Full statement can be heard [here](#).

3.2 Lauren Oostrik of North Perth – Item 5.1

Full statement can be heard [here](#).

3.3 Loretta Tolnai of Perth

Ms Tolnai submitted a statement in writing (below), and spoke to it

Full statement can be heard [here](#).

I am writing to request a discussion at the meeting on Tuesday, 8th April, regarding how the Council can better manage vandalism and enhance the safety of its residents who use the laneway running parallel to Lord Street and Gladstone Street, behind our apartment in block 224-226 Lord Street. This laneway provides car access for those of us with garages that are only accessible via this laneway, as well as foot traffic for those of us who use the laneway to reach the local cafes and Gladstone Street Reserve.

I want to discuss:

1. Safety Concern:

How can the council facilitate the installation of a gate or door on the adjoining property (228 Lord Street)? The alcove is frequently used as a toilet, a hideout, and a rubbish storage area. It is continually tagged and vandalised. (FYI, the property remains primarily unoccupied for much of the year.) I've walked past this alcove several times on my own, only to be surprised by someone inside it. In winter, the alcove will undoubtedly be used more frequently, which presents a safety risk to those living in the area and those who have no choice but to use the laneway.

I recently disposed of rubbish in the alcove, and the shopping trolley there for weeks has also recently been removed. However, as you can see from the photograph, this alcove hideout poses a serious health and safety risk to residents.

2. Clean up

When is the Council scheduling its next regular graffiti clean-up? A fellow ratepayer from the City of Vincent mentioned that the Council cleared all the graffiti a few years back, and I'd like to know when the next clean-up is set to occur.

3. Graffiti treatment kits

Why aren't other ratepayers and residents informed about the availability of graffiti removal kits? I recently received a kit from the Council, along with two solar lights for our property, which was terrific. However, when I mentioned the kit to a local business owner, she said she didn't know these were available. Her business often gets tagged, including an artwork she funded.

4. Solar lights

Why aren't other ratepayers being informed about the solar lights meant to deter vandalism? A few weeks ago, when our garage entrance wall was vandalised, the solar light on a nearby building was wrenched from its hinges. It's likely the vandals removed the light to avoid being seen while they vandalised our garage entrance and several external walls in the lane. This light provided a sense of safety in what is otherwise a dark, narrow lane. More lighting in the laneway isn't just a 'nice to have'; it's something the Council must address.

5. Surveillance cameras

Does the City of Vincent Council subsidise residents for installing cameras? We have paid for our own Eufy cameras to monitor the entrance to our garage. If these vandals are captured on camera and this footage is provided to the police, it could lead to possible charges being laid and, in turn, serve as a deterrent to other vandals. I think more cameras on the laneway will help to keep the vandalism down. I look forward to hearing from you.

Attachments

Photo of alcove in laneway and just one example of the most recent graffiti - this tagging is on Gladstone Street.



The Presiding Member, Alison Xamon advised that another resident could finish Ms Tolnai's statement, as her 3 minute time allocation had finished. Mr Messham then spoke to the written statement that Ms Tolnai had submitted.

3.4 Christian David Messham of Perth

His full statement can be heard [here](#).

Mayor Xamon confirmed that she lives in the same precinct and other residents share their experience. It is hoped, as we move on the concrete batching plants, long term we may be able to have better density there and realise the vision of the North Claisebrook precinct.

The following statements were submitted prior to the Meeting.

Ben Hodsdon of West Perth

Please pass on my thanks to the Mayor, CRS and administration for the bollard on the corner on Newcastle and Fitzgerald St. Their size and colour are effective and will not distracting the heritage listed building. Natt and myself are very appreciative.

Dudley Maier of Highgate

1. What is the status of the Leederville Structure Plan?
2. Responses to questions I have previously asked state that DAs for single houses and grouped dwellings are governed by the local housing objectives of the Built Form Policy that cover environmentally sustainable design outcomes. Clause P1.8.6 of the Built Form Policy (page 34) states that the applicant must demonstrate one of the performance standards listed.

The policy also states that a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) would be one way of demonstrating compliance with these requirements, and that recognised equivalents would be accepted although none are listed. An answer I received on 11 February 2025 states that the WAPC is required to approve local housing objectives of Section 1.8 of the Built Form Policy and that the WAPC has not made a determination [see page 11, minutes 11 February 2025]. Yet an answer I received on 11 March 2025 states that “the WAPC’s approval is not required for local housing objectives” (such as Clause 1.8).

Another answer I received states that LCAs are only required if an applicant opts in to the GreenTrack pathway.

Recent ‘press releases’ from the City indicate that only 21% of all single house and grouped dwelling applications have gone through the GreenTrack assessment service. A possible scenario being that only 21% of single and grouped dwelling applications had submitted a LCA, and conversely that 79% of applications have not submitted a LCA.

So the questions are:

- Do clauses 1.8 and 1.9 of the Built Form Policy require WAPC approval or not?
 - are all development applications for single houses and grouped dwellings required to comply with clause P1.8.6 and demonstrate that they are capable of meeting the stated performance requirements?
 - If not, how do applicants know that they are not required to comply with the clause?
 - Similarly, are all development applications for single houses and grouped dwellings required to submit an Urban Design Study in accordance with clause 1.9 of the Built Form Policy?
 - If development applications are being assessed and approved without an LCA or submitting an Urban Design Study, and given that the Built Form Policy does not explicitly state that these elements are optional, is the City bluffing applicants into submitting these documents when they are not in fact mandatory?
3. In late 2024 the City advertised the position of Executive Director Strategy and Development. The Position Description for this position shows that one of the positions under direct supervision is the Executive Assistant – Strategy and Development. The City has also recently advertised the positions of Manager Development and Design, and Manager Strategic Planning and Sustainability. Both of these positions show that each position has an Administration Officer under direct supervision. What is the aggregated Full Time Equivalent of these three supporting roles (i.e. Executive Assistant + Administration Officer + Administration Officer)?

Administrations’ responses will be provided in the Agenda for the 13 May 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

There being no further speakers, Public Question Time closed at approximately 6.13pm.

(B) RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**Christopher Hilton of Perth**

I am asking for the following to be tabled at tonight's council meeting. This is in response to your reply to my questions from the council meeting on 11 February 2025. As the City has indicated in its response to my questions that the City of Vincent has no safety measures in place and is relying on the contractor to ensure it manages its own safety measures. I have attached photos of your contractors at work with no safety measures in place.

I have video evidence that I am happy to provide the council for your next council meeting if you would like more information. Please advise me if you would like me to provide that video evidence, approximately 15 minutes long. If not, why do you not want it?

Can you please inform me if the council is going to investigate this matter and if the council is going to recommend changes to its safety policies regarding this matter?

Regarding the issue of working over the top of parked vehicles, what safety measures do you have in place? In your response to my questions, you have stated that the contractors do not undertake pruning of trees with a car park underneath unless the pruning is minor with small leafy vegetation. I would say that's a lie and I have photos and video evidence to prove it.

Can the City of Vincent inform me what safety measures your contractor has in place before it conducts work above parked vehicles? I would think that your contractor does not have any safety measures in place, including their SWMS, JSA, or any other safety measures.

Will the City of Vincent council be investigating what safety measures the contractor has in place when working above parked vehicles? Who is responsible for determining what you call soft foliage? What law allows the City of Vincent to employ contractors to touch, clean, or use commercial blowers on the general public's personal property, such as a vehicle?

As responded to previously to these questions – see below:

The City of Vincent contracts out all street tree pruning which is carried out on an annual basis predominantly to clear vegetation from Western Power assets and ensure safe access for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

The City's tree pruning contractor are required to provide the City with detailed information specific to the works they are conducting including traffic management plans, Safe Work Method Statements, Job Safety Analysis, site-specific risk assessments, and any other necessary documentation to ensure the job is completed safely.

The City conduct regular site audits and hold meetings with our contractors to address any issues that may arise. The safety documentation provided by the contractor to the City is reviewed to ensure it is compliant and relates specifically to the works they are completing. These documents are the property of the contractor and are considered confidential.

Undertaking the annual street tree pruning program is a complex process owing to the traffic management requirements and ongoing issues of parked cars on road and verges. Contractors do not undertake pruning of a tree with a car parked underneath unless the pruning is minor with only small leafy vegetation being removed. In these instances, and instances where matter is wind borne onto nearby vehicles, contractors will endeavour to remove leaf litter by hand or using a leaf blower.

The City endeavours to notify residents of the pruning program via the City's website and social media. In problematic locations where there are ongoing issues with parked cars, letter drops (to effected residents) and no parking signage may also be employed.

Dudley Maier of Highgate

1. Under LPS2 Woodville Reserve is shown as “Restricted Public Open Space”. Most other ‘parks’ are simply shown as ‘public open space’ without the ‘restricted’ refinement. What are the ‘restricted’ uses that can be contemplated on Woodville Reserve?

There are a number of reserves across the City that have been designated in LPS2 as ‘Public Open Space – Restricted’. This is reflective of the land tenure which often has limitations on the use of public open space.

2. Can you confirm that the Public Open Space Strategy 2018 shows one of the tasks for Woodville Reserve to be ‘maximising the potential for additional green space’ and that was given a ‘short’ timeframe?

Yes.

3. Why has the Public Open Space Strategy 2018 been removed from the City’s web site given that the strategy has not been replaced.

The Strategy can be found on the City website [here](#) under Publications - Plans & Strategies – Enhanced Environment.

4. The prop to move the city’s depot from Osbourne Park to Mount Claremont has with it some quantifiable costs, in particular the loss of productivity due to employees having to travel further to get from the depot to work sites in Vincent. When asked about this in April 2024, and mentioning the possibility of a ‘virtual depot’ for employees to start work from, the administration stated that ‘these [costs] are unknown at this stage’. Has the administration subsequently identified the possible annual cost due to lost productivity? If so, what numbers were used for: the number of employees affected, the daily lost hours per employee, the hourly cost per employee, and the total annual cost?

No, this assessment has not been carried out but would occur if the relocation of the Depot to Mount Claremont was to be considered by Council.

5. Council recently approved a change to the Greentrack Program to allow a \$200 reduction in Development Application fees for retaining ‘significant trees’. However, this change did not define what is meant by ‘retain’.

- If I have a ‘significant tree’ at the front of my block and am only proposing changes at the back of my block, will I receive the \$200 reduction for retaining the tree?

Applications that meet the definition of a Significant Tree and can demonstrate how a new development would directly result in the tree’s retention would be eligible for the Greentrack incentive program.

- If I have a ‘significant tree’ near the rear boundary of my block and am proposing development close to the house, say 10metre from the tree, will I receive a \$200 reduction for retaining the tree?

See response above.

- If I have a ‘significant tree’ close to the existing building, in a place that clashes with a proposed addition, do the staff think that a \$200 incentive will be sufficient to outweigh re-design or extra development costs?

The Greentrack incentive program includes free design advice from a member of the City’s Design Review Panel to help a homeowner design around significant trees. The program supports making sustainable design choices, acknowledging that redesign costs and practical costs of development can vary depending on the complexity of the situation.

- If a person receives a fee reduction, will it be contingent upon them agreeing to add the tree to the 'significant tree list', thereby locking them into the provisions of LPS2?

The Greentrack incentive does not require a tree to be listed on the City's Significant Tree register to receive the discounted fee.

- What penalties, if any, will a person receive if they receive a fee reduction but subsequently remove the tree?

The fee reduction would occur at the time of lodgement of a planning application.

The retention of significant trees would be secured through a condition of planning approval where the tree proposed for retention is tied to the acceptability of certain departures under the planning framework or where the applicant agrees to a condition.

Non-compliance with a condition would be subject to enforcement in accordance with the Development Compliance Enforcement Policy.

6. In developing the Beaufort Street Town Centre Planning Framework (BSTCPF) the City intended to hold a 'Character and streetscape walkshop' on 8 June 2024. Why was this walkshop cancelled and not subsequently held?

Four registrations were received to attend the walkshop. Due to the low registrations Administration offered an opportunity to meet and discuss directly with each resident, and cancelled the walkshop. Administration did not receive a response to this from any of the four residents.

7. The list of 'Closed Tenders' on the City's web site generally shows estimated expenditure over a time period if the tender is a rates based tender (e.g. \$3,000,000 over three years for IE318/2024 – pruning street trees; or \$1,000,000 over 5 years for IE269/2023 – plumbing and gas maintenance). However, no such amount or time period is shown for Tender IE216/2022 – Traffic Management Services. Why is the amount and time period not shown for this tender, and what are the amount and time period?

The total budgeted amount was initially being confirmed and due to an oversight, was not updated in the register once finalised. This has now been corrected. The estimated total budgeted amount over the life of the contract is \$4,800,000. The period of the contract (07/02/2024 – 06/02/2024) has always been included under the Term column.

8. The administration previously recommended selling the Monmouth Street Reserve but this was rejected by council, and at the OMC of 8 February 2022 (over three years ago!) the council approved the implementation of eco-zoning at the reserve with \$10,000 already on the 2021/22 budget. \$9,916 was carried forward to the 2022/23 budget. \$8,136 was carried forward to the 2023/24 budget. And \$8,136 was carried forward to the 2024/25 budget.

This item has been on four consecutive capital budgets, yet the Council's approval has not been implemented, and locals have not seen even the most basic of improvements implemented (i.e. two seats).

The current capital works plan shows that the administration, once again, is trying to sell the reserve. One interpretation could be that the administration has simply stalled implementing council's decision in the hope that a new council will go back on the previous decision, and that the administration has used issues to do with an adjoining fence as a stalling technique.

Why didn't the administration implement council's decision of February 2022 given that the money has been on the budget for four years?

Works initially commenced in April 2022, however this identified issues with the boundary fencing which posed a risk of falling. The costs to repair the fencing were significant and the City is not bound by the Dividing Fences Act to undertake this work and did not have budget allocated for this purpose. The City has had ongoing discussions with the adjoining property owners regarding the required fence repairs. No further works have been completed. How the City proceeds with this site, given the fencing issues will need to be revisited at a future council meeting. At this stage there is no timing for when a report would be presented to Council to consider how to proceed with the site.

Dudley Maier requested additional clarification on the above answers, as below:

- In question 1 I asked what the 'restricted uses' can be contemplated for Woodville Reserve. The response simply says that there are often limitations on the use. I know that, that's why I asked what the specific ones were for Woodville Reserve.

Uses can be contemplated on Woodville Reserve where it can be demonstrated that the following objectives of LPS2 are met, relevant to POS:

- *To set aside areas for public open space, particularly those established under the Planning and Development Act 2005 s. 152.*
- *To provide for a range of active and passive recreation uses such as recreation buildings and courts and associated car parking and drainage.*
- *To allow for auxiliary development that is consistent with, and does not interfere with, the intended purpose of the reserve for passive and active recreation, and that does not detract from the amenity of neighbouring residents.*

Woodville Reserve is identified as Restricted POS because there are a number of tenants with existing leases. These include Vincent Men's Shed, North Perth Community Garden, North Perth Tennis Club, and North Perth Bowling Club.

- In Question 5 I gave a couple of specific examples of a tree not being in conflict with a proposed development, and I asked if the applicant would get the \$200 fee reduction (even though the development was not going to impact the tree). The response is a vague statement about the applicant demonstrating how a development would directly result in the tree's retention. This is an open-ended answer to a very specific question, and is still open to interpretation. The questions are quite specific, so can I have a specific answer – yes or no.
In both of the suggested scenarios the answer is yes, applications would receive the discounted application fee.

This is because there is no requirement for a proposed development to be within a set distance or a certain location relative to the retained tree.

- I also asked if receiving the fee reduction was contingent upon the applicant agreeing to add the tree to the significant tree list. The response mis-interpreted the question: it was based on the assumption that the tree was not already the list – that's why I asked if it would be added. Given that the fee reduction is not governed by any policy, and is simply governed by a statement in the Schedule of fees and charges which does not define what a significant tree is, I would like to know if the administration is contemplating requiring applicants to agree to add the tree to the list as a prerequisite to receiving a fee reduction.

Where an applicant participates in the Green Track program and retains a tree which meets the Significant Tree definition, there is no requirement for this tree to be added to the Significant Tree Inventory.

The City would encourage landowners to nominate their tree in these instances by providing information to make them aware of the financial support and other benefits that are available for owners of trees that are listed on the Inventory.

Lesley Florey of Mt Hawthorn

I would like to query the City of Vincent expenditure on legal services in the 2023/24 financial year:

1. The total amount spent engaging legal advice from Denis McLeod and other legal professionals or firms on a general retainer used by the City, and

The total spend for legal firms with a retainer arrangement in place for 2023/24 was \$445,347.

2. Number of lawyers currently sitting on legal panels with retainer agreements with the City of Vincent

The City does not have panel arrangements in place for Legal Services. There were 3 legal firms used by the City in 2023/24 with retainer arrangements in place.

Lesley Florey additional questions from the Council Meeting 11 February 2025:

Has the COV approached any state or federal bodies for urgent funding for the COV's failing storm water pipes and drainage system?

The priority here is an essential service of hundreds of kilometres of pipes and extensive drainage system.

The City refutes that the drainage system is failing.

The City's focus is to understand the resilience and capacity of its stormwater drainage infrastructure in a climate change environment so that it can be future proofed and remain fit for purpose.

The drainage system has multiple stakeholders at both state and local government level and the City has been advocating for a collaborative approach in respect to both understanding and responding to climate change risk. Key to informing this risk is a current study being undertaken by the state government through the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions. In effect this will be providing base-line information to inform a Swan Canning estuarine hazard risk management and adaptation planning approach for local government and other agencies. This study is anticipated to be completed late 2025.

In the meantime, the City's approach is to escalate maintenance and servicing of the drainage system with a dedicated drainage truck and team, preserve infrastructure through relining or replacement, and to preserve capacity through water sensitive urban design.

4 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Hallett, Seconded: Cr Woolf

That Cr Sophie Greer's request for leave of absence from 9 April to 4 May 2025 inclusive be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Castle, Seconded: Cr Hallett

That Cr Ron Alexander request for leave of absence from 9 April 2025 to 15 April 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

5 THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 DEPUTATION – Leake Alma Road Reserve

Shaun Oostryk of North Perth

Mr Oostryk made a deputation on the Leake Alma Road Reserve, which is the subject of a petition at Item 5.2 on this agenda.

His full deputation can be heard [here](#).

5.2 PETITION**COUNCIL DECISION****Moved: Cr Castle, Seconded: Cr Hallett**

That the petition with 16 signatures, with an additional 93 signatures by survey, received from Lauren Oostryck of North Perth be received and a report be prepared.

Details of the petition are below:

The petition requests that Council, in relation to the Leake Alma Road Reserve, instructs Administration that:

- No further eco-zoning take place as it will further reduce accessible green space (noting that there are no other parks in the area).
- The City broadens its assessment and plan for future works by considering how the park is used, what best contributes to a connected and healthy community, and what will improve its overall amenity. Its current plan only addresses water saving measures.
- The City prioritise its spend on new play equipment (currently old and sometimes unsafe) and an improved maintenance regime (as its in relatively poor condition).
- This matter is taken seriously as the somewhat unusual and limited consultation performed to date unfortunately seems tokenistic.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

5.3 PETITION

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Woolf, Seconded: Cr Worner

That the petition with 45 signatures received from Dan Loden of Mt Hawthorn be received and a report be prepared.

Details of the petition are below:

The petition requests that Council give consideration to the upcoming closure of Green Street and the impacts of increased traffic on Ellesmere St Residents and surrounds. As part of the Scarborough beach and Main street intersection upgrade Green street will be closed between Tyler St and Merridan St.

To manage traffic, flow all traffic will be diverted down Ellesmere St and London St. In reviewing the proposed routes Ellesmere St will be the most utilized diversion as it is easier and also the only pathway that does not include *traffic* calming. Further Ellesmere St is the only street north of ANZAC Rd that does not have a 40 km/hr speed limit within the City of Vincent.

The diversion is proposed from early February for 2 months but recognize that the diversion is at risk of taking longer than expected. Whilst Ellesmere St is a local distributor road in the city it is not designed for this volume of traffic. It is a local street with residents reversing out of their driveways (rather than in forward gear as would be a requirement on main street) and has numerous kids walking to and from school or the bus that will need to cross a road with much higher volume of vehicles. Both of these present a safety risk to the residents.

As noted Ellesmere St is the only street north of ANZAC (excluding Scarborough Beach rd.) that does not have a 40 km/hr speed limit. Whilst it is understood that this cannot be introduced due to Ellesmere st being a local distributor road, more can be done to address traffic volume and speed.

The section of Ellesmere st already experiences larger volumes of traffic with parents going to Mt Hawthorn driving up the road to circle back on Killarney, Green street drivers using it as a rat run as well as the larger volume of traffic from residents east using Ellesmere St to access Scarborough Beach Rd and the freeway. Ellesmere St residents are seeking council to address traffic speed. Any interventions during the diversion period represent a good opportunity to trial these approaches.

We the resident of Ellesmere St respectfully request:

1. That Council accept this petition and refer the petition to city staff for action.
2. City staff to introduce temporary traffic calming measures to slow traffic such as bollards and restrictions
3. At the end of the diversion period consult with residents on more permanent traffic calming options

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Worner, Seconded: Cr Castle

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 March 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED (7-0)

For: Mayor Xamon, Cr Castle, Cr Worner, Cr Woolf, Cr Hallett, Cr Wallace and Cr La Fontaine

Against: Nil

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

The Presiding Member Alison Xamon made the following announcement:

7.1 IMPACT 2025 CONFERENCE

I spoke at the above conference last week, and one of the concerns I raised was the impact of a change to the Local Government Act requiring the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) to undertake audits of the local government sector.

The OAG is a highly reputable body, known for its diligence and the quality of its work. Having a single set of eyes across the sector, with the ability to compare councils on key performance areas, is incredibly valuable. However, the frustration lies in the cost. Having a single provider has resulted in audit costs for local governments being more than double what they would be if the service were put to market. In fact, the cost has increased fivefold compared to previous arrangements.

That's an enormous impost on local councils and ultimately, on our ratepayers. I will continue to advocate in this space and will be raising this matter with the Minister for Local Government, the Honourable Hannah Beazley.

Her full statement can be found [here](#).

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

8.1 Cr Ashley Wallace disclosed an financial interest in Item 13.1 Laneway Upgrade Program. The extent of his interest is that there is a City managed Right of Way next to his house. He is not seeking approval to participate in the debate or to remain in Chambers or vote on the matter.

8.2 Cr. Suzanne Worner disclosed an financial interest in Item 11.1 Financial Statements as at 28 February 2025. The extent of her interest is that her son is employed by the North Perth Bowling Club. She is not seeking approval to participate in the debate or to remain in Chambers or vote on the matter.

8.2 Cr. Nicole Woolf declared an impartiality interest in Item 11.1 Financial Statements as at 28 February 2025. The extent of her interest is that she is a social member of the North Perth Bowling Club.

REPORT

The Presiding Member, Mayor Alison Xamon, advised the meeting of:

- (a) **Items which are the subject of a question, comment or deputation from Members of the Public, being:**
Nil
- (b) **Items which require an Absolute Majority decision which have not already been the subject of a public question/comment, being:**
Items 11.1.
- (c) **Items which Council Members/Officers have declared a financial or proximity interest, being:**
Items 11.1.

The Presiding Member, Mayor Alison Xamon, requested Council Members to indicate:

- (d) **Items which Council Members wish to discuss which have not already been the subject of a public question/comment or require an absolute majority decision and the following was advised:**

COUNCIL MEMBER	ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED
Cr Castle	9.1
Cr Worner	9.3
Cr Woolf	9.2
Cr Hallett	13.1

The Presiding Member, Mayor Alison Xamon advise the meeting of:

- (e) **Unopposed items which will be moved “En Bloc”, being:**
Items 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3
- (f) **Confidential Reports which will be considered behind closed doors, being:**
Nil

ITEMS APPROVED “EN BLOC”:

The following Items were adopted unopposed and without discussion “*En Bloc*”, as recommended:

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Worner, Seconded: Cr Castle

**That the following unopposed items be adopted “En Bloc”, as recommended:
Items 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3**

CARRIED (7-0)





For: Mayor Xamon, Cr Castle, Cr Worner, Cr Woolf, Cr Hallett, Cr Wallace and Cr La Fontaine

Against: Nil

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

11.2 AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 01 FEBRUARY 2025 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2025

- Attachments:
1. February 2025 - Payments by EFT and Payroll 
 2. February 2025 - Payments by Direct Debit 
 3. February 2025 - Payment by Cheques 
 4. February 2025- Payments by Fuel Cards 

Recommendation:

That Council RECEIVES the list of accounts paid under delegated authority for the period 01 February 2025 to 28 February 2025 as detailed in Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4 as summarised below:

EFT payments, including payroll	\$4,903,223.30
Cheques	\$570.65
Direct debits, including credit cards	\$590,864.46
Total payments for February 2025	\$5,494,658.41

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 11.2

Moved: Cr Worner, **Seconded:** Cr Castle

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY “EN BLOC” (7-0)

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

11.3 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Attachments: 1. Investment Report as at 28 February 25 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council NOTES the Investment Statistics for the month ended 28 February 2025 as detailed in Attachment 1.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 11.3

Moved: Cr Worner, **Seconded:** Cr Castle

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY “EN BLOC” (7-0)

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

11.4 OUTCOME OF ADVERTISING AND ADOPTION OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY

- Attachments:
1. Policy 4.1.4 Freedom of Information Requests July 2022 
 2. Policy 4.1.4 Freedom of Information Requests 

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **ADOPTS** the Freedom of Information Policy 4.1.4 at Attachment 1; and
2. **REPEALS** Freedom of Information Policy 4.1.4 at Attachment 2.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 11.4

Moved: Cr Worner, **Seconded:** Cr Castle

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY “EN BLOC” (7-0)

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

12.1 OUTCOME OF ADVERTISING AND ADOPTION OF AMENDED POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW POLICY

- Attachments:
1. Corporate Document Development Policy 
 2. Policy Development and Review Policy (marked up) 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council **ADOPTS** the amended Policy Development and Review Policy, renamed as Corporate Document Development Policy, at Attachment 1.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 12.1

Moved: Cr Worner, **Seconded:** Cr Castle

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY “EN BLOC” (7-0)

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

12.2 ADVERTISING OF AMENDED FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION POLICY

- Attachments:
1. Updated Fraud and Corruption Policy - Draft 
 2. Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy - Current 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council APPROVES the draft Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy, at Attachment 1, for the purpose of community consultation, which is proposed to replace the Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy, at Attachment 2.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 12.2

Moved: Cr Worner, Seconded: Cr Castle

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY “EN BLOC” (7-0)

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

12.3 INFORMATION BULLETIN

- Attachments:
1. Catalina Regional Council Special Council Meeting Minutes - 19 December 2024 
 2. Unconfirmed Minutes of the Catalina Regional Council Meeting held on 20 February 2025 
 3. Unconfirmed Minutes of the Mindarie Regional Council Meeting held on 27 February 2025 
 4. Public Open Space Strategy Implementation Annual Update 
 5. Statistics for Development Services Applications as at the end of March 2025 
 6. Register of Legal Action and Prosecutions Monthly - Confidential
 7. Register of State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) Appeals - Progress Report as at 20 March 2025 
 8. Register of Applications Referred to the Metro Inner-North Joint Development Assessment Panel - Current 
 9. Register of Applications Referred to the Design Review Panel - Current 
 10. Quarterly Update - Unrecoverable Parking Infringements Write-Off 
 11. Register of Petitions - Progress Report April 2025 
 12. Register of Notices of Motion - Progress Report - April 2025 
 13. Register of Reports to be Actioned - Progress Report - April 2025 
 14. Council Workshop Items since 12 February 2025 
 15. Council Briefing Notes - 4 March 2025 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council RECEIVES the Information Bulletin dated April 2025.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 12.3

Moved: Cr Worner, Seconded: Cr Castle

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY “EN BLOC” (7-0)

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

REPORTS WITH DISCUSSION

9.1 NOS. 452-460 (LOT: 1; D/P: 613) WILLIAM STREET, PERTH - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO SHOP

- Attachments:
1. Consultation and Location Plan 
 2. Development Plans 
 3. Heritage Impact Statement 
 4. Determination Advice Notes 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Vincent Local Planning Scheme No. 2 and the Metropolitan Region Scheme, APPROVES the application for Alterations and Additions to Shop at Nos. 452-460 (Lot: 1; D/P: 613) William Street, Perth, in accordance with the plans shown in Attachment 2, subject to the following conditions, with the associated determination advice notes in Attachment 4:

1. Development Plans

This approval is for Alterations and Additions to Shop as shown on the approved plans dated 7 November 2024 and 2 April 2025. No other development forms part of this approval;

2. External Fixtures

All external fixtures, such as television antennas (of a non-standard type), radio and other antennae, satellite dishes, solar panels, external hot water heaters, air conditioners, and the like, shall not be visible from the street(s), are designed integrally with the building, and be located so as not to be visually obtrusive to the satisfaction of the City;

3. Colours and Materials

3.1 Prior to the issue of a building permit, a detailed schedule of materials, colours, and finishes must be submitted to and approved by the City. This schedule shall align with the materials, colours, and finishes annotated on the approved plans and must include the proposed colour of window framing, to the satisfaction of the City; and

3.2 The development shall be constructed using the approved materials, colours, and finishes in accordance with the approved schedule, to the satisfaction of the City;

4. Stormwater

Stormwater from all roofed and paved areas shall be collected and contained on site. Stormwater must not affect or be allowed to flow onto or into any other property or road reserve; and

5. Reconstruction of Verandah Balustrade

Prior to occupancy, the upper floor verandah balustrade shall be reconstructed in accordance with the colours, materials and dimensions indicated on the approved plans, to the satisfaction of the City.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9.1

Moved: Cr Castle, Seconded: Cr Woolf

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED (7-0)

For: Mayor Xamon, Cr Castle, Cr Worner, Cr Woolf, Cr Hallett, Cr Wallace and Cr La Fontaine

Against: Nil

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

9.2 ADVERTISING OF DRAFT AMENDED LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY

- Attachments:
1. Local Planning Strategy Review Table 
 2. Draft Amended Local Planning Strategy 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **SUBMITS** a copy of the Draft Amended Local Planning Strategy, as included in Attachment 2, to the Western Australian Planning Commission for certification in accordance with Part 3, Regulation 12 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*;
2. Subject to the Draft Amended Local Planning Strategy being certified by the Western Australian Planning Commission **PROCEEDS** to advertising in accordance with Part 3, Regulation 13(1) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*; and
3. **NOTES** that:
 - Approval would be sought from the Western Australian Planning Commission to extend the community consultation period for a period of 42 days in accordance with Part 3, Regulation 13(2)(b) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*; and
 - Any submissions received during the advertising period for the Draft Amended Local Planning Strategy would be presented to Council for consideration.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9.2

Moved: Cr Woolf, **Seconded:** Cr Hallett

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED (7-0)






For: Mayor Xamon, Cr Castle, Cr Worner, Cr Woolf, Cr Hallett, Cr Wallace and Cr La Fontaine

Against: Nil

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

9.3 ADVERTISING OF DRAFT AMENDED ART COLLECTION POLICY

- Attachments:
1. Draft Amended Art Collection Policy 
 2. Local Policy No. 3.10.7 - Art Collection 
 3. Local Policy No. 3.10.8 - Public Art 
 4. Local Policy No. 3.10.9 - Public Murals 
 5. Proposed Changes to Local Policy Nos. 3.10.7 - Art Collection; 3.10.8 - Public Art; and 3.10.9 - Public Murals 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. APPROVES the proposed:
 - 1.1 amendments to Policy No. 3.10.7 - Art Collection, as included in Attachment 1, pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* for the purposes of community consultation; and
 - 1.2 proposed revocation of Policy Nos. 3.10.8 – Public Art and 3.10.9 – Public Murals, as included in Attachment 3 and Attachment 4, pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* for the purposes of community consultation; and
2. NOTES that any submissions received during the advertising period would be presented to Council for consideration.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9.3

Moved: Cr Worner, **Seconded:** Cr Woolf

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED (7-0)

For: Mayor Xamon, Cr Castle, Cr Worner, Cr Woolf, Cr Hallett, Cr Wallace and Cr La Fontaine

Against: Nil

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

At 6:43 pm, Cr Suzanne Worner left the meeting due to a previously declared financial interest.

11.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Attachments: 1. Financial Statements as at 28 February 2025 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- RECEIVES the Financial Statements for the month ended 28 February 2025 as shown in Attachment 1; and
- BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY APPROVES the transfer of \$40,000 from the Beatty Park Pool Changerooms Project to the North Perth Bowling Club Conversion of Bowling Green Project.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 11.1

Moved: Cr Wallace, Seconded: Cr Woolf

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (6-0)

For: Mayor Xamon, Cr Castle, Cr Woolf, Cr Hallett, Cr Wallace and Cr La Fontaine

Against: Nil

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Worner was absent from the Council Chamber and did not vote.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

At 6:45 pm, Cr Suzanne Worner returned to the meeting.

At 6:46 pm, Cr Ashley Wallace left the meeting due to a previously declared financial interest.

13 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - MAYOR ALISON XAMON - LANEWAY UPGRADE PROGRAM

That Council REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the establishment of a program to beautify and activate laneways throughout the City as part of the preparation of the 2025/26 Annual Budget. This includes the possibility of a small grants program to support its implementation.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 13.1

Moved: Mayor Xamon, Seconded: Cr Castle

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED (6-0)

For: Mayor Xamon, Cr Castle, Cr Worner, Cr Woolf, Cr Hallett and Cr La Fontaine

Against: Nil

(Cr Alexander was an apology for the Meeting.)

(Cr Wallace was absent from the Council Chamber and did not vote.)

(Cr Greer was an apology for the Meeting.)

At 6:54 pm, Cr Ashley Wallace returned to the meeting.

14 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

Nil

15 REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES AND PUBLIC BODIES

Nil

16 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

17 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS/MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Nil

18 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member, Mayor Alison Xamon, declared the meeting closed at 6.54pm with the following persons present:

PRESENT:	Mayor Alison Xamon Cr Alex Castle Cr Suzanne Worner Cr Nicole Woolf Cr Jonathan Hallett Cr Ashley Wallace Cr Ashlee La Fontaine	Presiding Member North Ward North Ward North Ward South Ward South Ward South Ward
IN ATTENDANCE:	David MacLennan Peter Varris Rhys Taylor Jay Naidoo Karsen Reynolds Mitchell Hoad Emma Simmons Wendy Barnard	Chief Executive Officer Executive Director Infrastructure & Environment Executive Director Community & Business Services Executive Director Strategy & Development A/Manager Development & Design A/Manager Strategic Planning A/Executive Manager Corporate Strategy & Governance Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council Support

Public: No members of the public.

These Minutes were confirmed at the 13 May 2025 meeting of Council as a true and accurate record of the Council Meeting held on 8 April 2025.

Signed: Mayor Alison Xamon

Dated