



City of **Perth**

Minutes

Annual General Meeting of Electors

31 January 2023

Approved for release

Michelle Reynolds

Chief Executive Officer

7 February 2023

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Electors General Meeting

These minutes are hereby certified as confirmed.

Presiding member's signature _____

Date _____

Electors' General Meeting Procedure

Regulation 18 states that the procedure to be followed at a general meeting of electors' is to be determined by the Presiding Person at the meeting. In accordance with clause 5.30 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Lord Mayor is to preside at the electors' meetings, and has determined the procedure to be followed as below:

1. All present are required to sign the attendance register upon entry to the Council Chamber, including name and address.
2. Speakers must be electors of the City of Perth.
3. The proceedings will be recorded for the purpose of production of minutes, and speakers are requested to use the lectern microphone when speaking.
4. No other audio-visual recordings are to be undertaken without permission from the Lord Mayor.
5. The order of proceedings will firstly be reference to these rules by the Lord Mayor followed by:
 - a. Declaration of opening and welcome
 - b. Acknowledgement of Elected Members in attendance
 - c. Lord Mayor's message
 - d. 2021-22 Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
 - e. General business
 - f. Closure
6. During general business, questions, motions or statements may only relate to the matters that affect the local government and will be accepted at the discretion of the Lord Mayor.

Electors proposing motions to the meeting

7. Proposed motions must be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting. Forms are available on the City's website www.cityofperth.wa.gov.au
8. Motions from the floor may be ruled out of order at the discretion of the Lord Mayor.
9. The Lord Mayor will call for a mover and seconder for a motion.
10. No motion is open to debate until it has been seconded. Only one motion shall be received at a time.
11. Upon a motion being proposed, the Lord Mayor will call for speakers to address the meeting.
12. When addressing the meeting, a speaker is to:
 - a. Move to the lectern (unless able to do so due to sickness or a disability)
 - b. State their name and address
 - c. Address the meeting through the Lord Mayor
 - d. Limit the question/ statement to fact, not opinion or supposition
13. The mover of a motion has the right of reply and closes the debate.

Voting at the meeting

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

Decisions made at the meeting

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

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

The Presiding Member declared the Electors General Meeting for the City of Perth open at 5.00pm.

The Presiding Member gave an Acknowledgement of Country:

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

The Chief Executive Officer recited a prayer:

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

2. Attendance

Elected Members in Attendance

Lord Mayor	Basil Zempilas (Presiding Member)
Deputy Lord Mayor	Liam Gobbert
Councillors	Sandy Anghie
	Clyde Bevan
	Brent Fleeton
	Rebecca Gordon
	Viktor Ko
	Catherine Lezer

Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer	Michelle Reynolds
Executive Director Governance and Strategy	Peta Mabbs
General Manager Commercial Services	Steve Holden
General Manager Community Development	Kylie Johnson
General Manager Corporate Services	Melissa Murphy
General Manager Infrastructure and Operations	Allan Mason
General Manager Planning and Economic Development	Dale Page
Chief Financial Officer	Michael Kent
Acting Governance Coordinator	Caitlin Ferguson
Governance Officer	Kait Hedley

Public Gallery

There were approximately 12 members of the public and one member of the Media in the gallery.

3. Lord Mayor's Message

At the commencement of his message the Lord Mayor explained that he would highlight the City's achievements in 2021/22 and the work that the City has been doing, and will continue to do, since that time.

"Some of the highlights from the year 2021/22 have included:

- The City of Light Drone show where we reclaimed the name the City of Light and launched our brand new logo that was an activation like never before or, at least since its come into being of Elizabeth Quay on 19 February 2022, a day of great pride for all of us at the City of Perth.*
- Our Perth Bounce Back Program of grants and incentives which helped Perth recover from the COVID restrictions that were in place.*
- Lighting up Council House on numerous occasions to support many community and charity groups. I'm very proud, and so are my fellow Councillors, of the fact that Council House stands as a beacon to many in the community and is easily and readily accessible to community groups who might have a message to convey to the community or something special to honour or mark.*
- Other highlights included, and towards the very top of our list, helping more than 1,000 women off the streets on more than 4,000 occasions in the first 12 months of operation of the City's safe night space for women. I'm also very pleased to say that since our election when the new facility comes into place that has been purchased by the Government towards the top of Thomas Street, that there will be four new facilities that can put a roof over people's heads who are experiencing homelessness in the time that this Council has been in operation.*
- I'm also very proud about advocacy for more police officers in Perth, with an extra 175 officers for the Perth City region. We had the opportunity to address the Parliamentary Inquiry into homelessness and advocating for more accommodation as many of you will know.*
- Also in this financial year the City presented Samantha Kerr with the keys to the City of Perth in a packed Forrest Place. Forrest Place was the venue for our AFL Grand Final activations; a triumph for our City. I had the opportunity during 2022 to chair the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors and we hosted the Annual General Meeting of the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors in 2022 here in Perth.*
- I and my fellow councillors are very proud of the budget that we were able to deliver a 262 million dollar blueprint for our Capital City with a rate rise of just 0.5% for residential after three years of no rate rises, the lowest in the metropolitan area as we continue our responsible management of the City's affairs.*

These are some of the highlights from the 12 months in question. There are many more and I would commend people to the Lord Mayors update at the end of 2022 which is available on the City's website but also via the other methods that is dispersed for a full list of what we would consider some of the achievements of the 12 months in question."

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

4.1 2021/22 Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

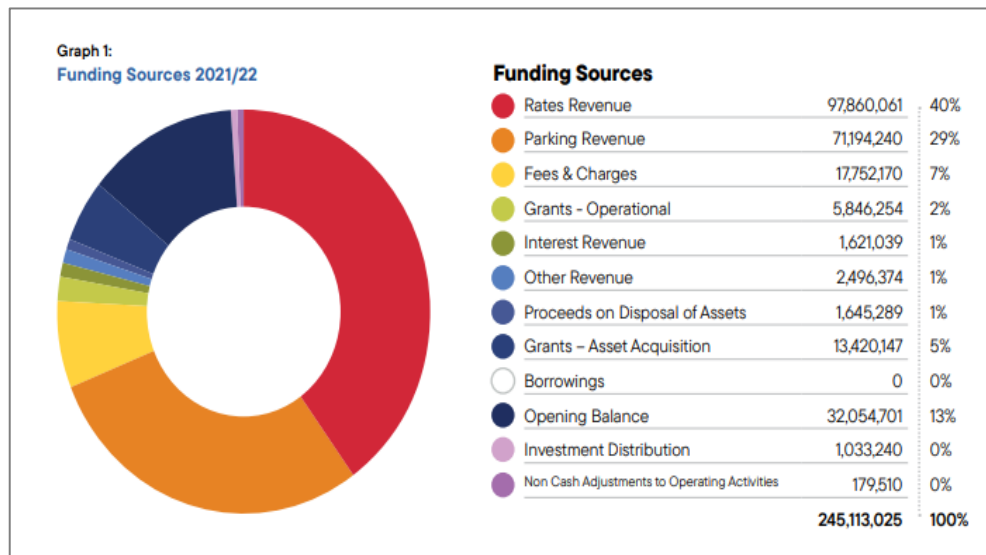
Michael Kent – Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer spoke to the City's financial performance in 2021/22:

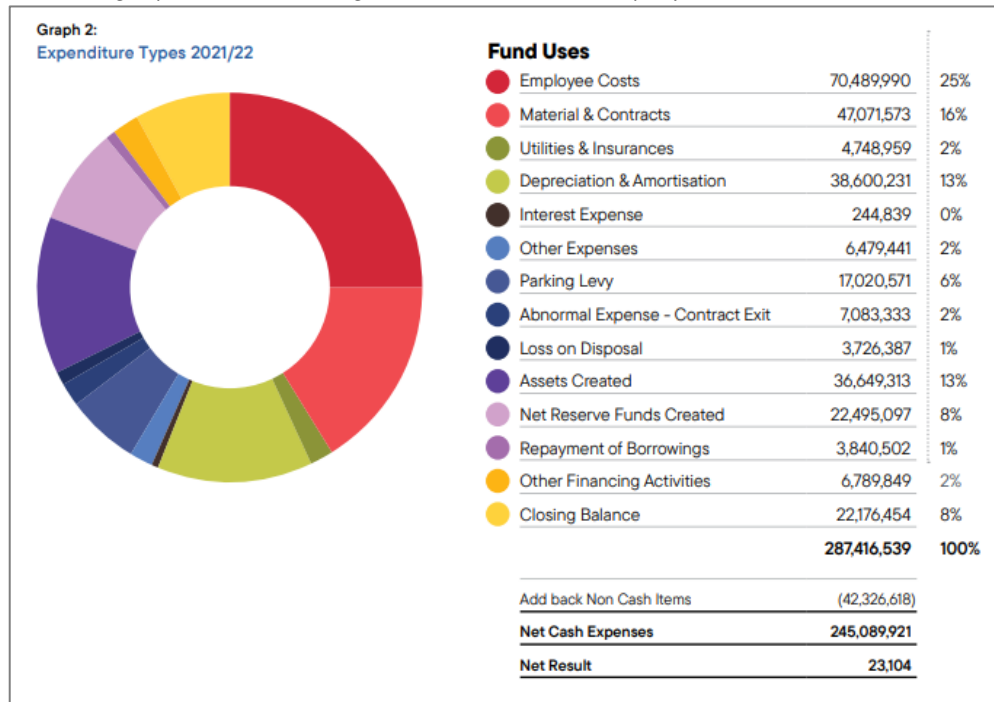
"In terms of the financial performance for the year our operating revenues were just under \$197M which was 1% ahead of budget expectations. The Capital revenue 4% ahead of what we had anticipated at \$13.9M. Building upon that the City actually finished the year at 6% under our budgeted operating expenditure profile.

Although I must confess that part of that is an accounting treatment. It is not necessarily an under spend of money, rather it was just a contract payment that related to our exit from a recycling facility that had to be not disclosed as an operating expense but recorded elsewhere in the financial statements.

- The Capital Programme delivered just over 80% of what we attended to. The billing for that however was 75%, as some of our suppliers hadn't been able to get all of their invoicing done by the time the accounts were closed off but we definitely completed 80% of the program.
- With a \$1.6B rating property database to operate, the City was able to generate \$97.9M. That was around \$400,000 below what we budgeted but sometimes, during the year as there are interim valuation changes, things move up or down.
- What that concluded the year with was an operating result of 13.9% in a positive surplus position.
- Major contributors in the revenue or funding for the City comes from rates and parking then fees and charges.



- *The Expenditure graph shows it's a good mix between employee costs, materials and contracts.*



- *Some things of note on the City's Operating expenses*
 - *\$7.8M investment in community safety which is an issue that we know is of concern and a priority;*
 - *\$11.4M expenditure on culture and events to activate the City;*
 - *\$9.8M for community services which includes some of the matters mentioned by the Lord Mayor earlier; and*
 - *\$3.9M paid out in sponsorship plan grants and another \$2.1M that was awarded but is yet to be acquitted by the recipients.*
- *You can see there is quite a bit going on in those service areas. The one that is probably worth briefly calling out is parking management. When you look at that cost it does appear to be a significant number but there are two important things to remember. Firstly, we pay \$18M to the State Government for the Perth Parking Levy. The other is that all the car parks operate on the principal that they are internally charged a market rental. Essentially half of that expenditure is in those two items.*
- *Having put all that operating performance together, what that does is leave us with the City's net financial position for the year. In essence, if you look at the things that we classify as cash or other assets which is debtors and inventories, there is around \$185M value there.*
- *\$40M in Liabilities (what we owe)*
- *In terms of the infrastructure and property, about \$ 1.1B worth of Infrastructure that the City is responsible for maintaining. This gives us a net asset position which is our net investment in community assets of \$1.26B.*
- *The City also holds at the moment a reasonably significant balance of money and cashback reserves. However they are future savings plans for upcoming commitments. For example, there is \$29M worth of contribution for the WACA Aquatic Facility and Perth Concert Hall that will be paid. There is money in there towards parking levy, the future investment in information technology and a number of other planned future projects. What that does mean is it puts the City in a very comfortable responsibly managed financial position.*

- *For the 2021/22 year there are a number of statutory financial ratios which the Department of Local Government requires us to calculate and then those ratios are then put together into a process which derives something called the Financial Health Indicator. Which is a score that is assigned to every Local Government irrespective of size or scale. Typically a score of 70% is required to be considered sound financial management. The City is currently sitting at 87%.*
- *The City received an unqualified Audit Report for 2021/22. Subsequently the City entered the current 2022/23 financial year in a very sound financial position.*
- *The City is able to continue repositioning our finances as we have been on this journey with Council for the last couple of years. We now have a sustainable financial model, we have ongoing service reviews and rigorous assessment of our project proposals, with that a fully compliant rating methodology and a solid and robust long-term financial plan.*
- *We're moving ahead in a very good position financially and with Council's guidance we will continue to do so."*

Resolution

Mover: Anna Vanderbom

Seconded: Adin Lang

That the 2021/22 Annual Report incorporating the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the City of Perth be ACCEPTED.

CARRIED

5. General Business

5.1 Proposed Motions

Resolution

Mover: Adin Lang

Seconded: Kaylee Prince

That Council:

1. SUPPORTS the initiation of the process of making a City of Perth Cat Local Law that is practical and effective and that aims to provide real improvements to environmental outcomes by creating the ability for council to declare all natural areas, parks and Swan River Foreshore from which cats are prohibited.
2. SUPPORTS an investigation into methods for keeping domestic and stray cats from entering Kings Park.

CARRIED

Resolution

Mover: Suzanne Mather

Seconded: Jane Boxall

That overnight and weekend parking restrictions be established in the area east of Hampton Road to Winthrop Avenue and from Hardy Road south to Park Road.

CARRIED

5.2 Public Questions

5.34pm Councillor Fleeton departed the meeting during Item 5.2.

5.40pm Councillor Fleeton returned to the meeting during Item 5.2.

	Ashley Quentin Chan – Crawley (Confirmed Elector)
Q1	<p>With tourists returning in large numbers to Perth, what safety measures are Council considering for the road crossing between Kings Park Ave / Mounts Bay Road and the Crawley Edge blue boat shed?</p> <p>What coordination with Main Roads WA is occurring regarding road and pedestrian safety at this location and what outcome can residents expect?</p>
A1	<p>Provided by the General Manager Planning and Economic Development</p> <p>The City has worked with Main Roads WA in the past in 2020 to close the median island across the Kings Park Avenue / Mounts Bay Road intersection. This has helped to reduce some of the turning movements at this intersection and has reduced the number of recorded vehicle incidents at this location. The reduction in turning movements has also assisted pedestrians to cross Mounts Bay Road at this location.</p> <p>The City has previously looked at other options to assist pedestrians in crossing Mounts Bay Road; but the options we have explored, we could not find any other measures that were supported both by the asset owner which is Main Roads and other stakeholders. It should be noted that this section of Mounts Bay Road is under the care and control of Main Roads WA and therefore any requests for additional crossing facilities should be raised with Main Roads.</p>
	David Lim - Crawley (Confirmed Elector)
Q1	<p>With regards to the City's International Relationships with Sister Cities and Charters of Mutual Friendship (page 24-25 of Annual Report), can you provide electors with an update on the City's mutual engagement with these cities, and moving forward from online meetings, what opportunities are available for electors?</p>
A1	<p>Provided by the General Manager Planning and Economic Development</p> <p>The City's update on mutual engagement with Sister Cities and Charters of Mutual Friendship includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A variety of events around the Chengdu 10th anniversary that included a well-attended function for local stakeholders at Council House, a virtual Mayors' exchange and the lighting up of landmarks in each City to celebrate the occasion. • Trade related activity and exchanges happen with Houston regularly around sister city, trade shows and World Energy City Partnership activity, including Perth being one of three cities successful in bidding for the World Energy City AGM (in Perth for 2023) and participating in Working Group Meetings which will coincide with CERAAweek and involve engagement with relevant energy companies based in Perth such as Woodside and Chevron. • The City hosted events with Asialink Business linked to sister cities and charter of mutual friendship cities, including investment in ASEAN during the West Tech Fest in December 2022. The City also undertook activity with the City of Bagguiou in the Philippines (through a request from DFAT) to help them scope smart city technology that could provide opportunities for local Perth business to provide smart city services.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning is underway for Nanjing 25th anniversary which may entail an inbound delegation later this year with local stakeholders. • The City has also promoted relevant sectors and economic opportunities to sister cities such as international education to Vasto and Seecho. • A range of other activities also occur including servicing courtesy calls with ambassadors and high commissioners, inbound delegations (such as the Indonesian B20 event) and consular and trade officials as well as joint projects with the Dept of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, Austrade and DFAT. <p>Participation in relevant activities for local electors is available by contacting the International Engagement team on (08) 9461 3333 or via info.city@cityofperth.wa.gov.au. Refer to the International Engagement Team in any enquiry.</p>
Q2	With regards to the City Draft Local Planning Strategy (page 33 of Annual Report), what is the expected time frame by which the Western Australian Planning Commission will endorse the Strategy (endorsed by Council at the December 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting)?
A2	Provided by the General Manager Planning and Economic Development
	<p>The Local Planning Strategy was lodged with the Western Australian Planning Commission by letter dated 16 December 2022, with the Commission acknowledging receipt of the strategy by letter dated 19 December 2022.</p> <p>Clause 15 of the <i>Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015</i> states that within 60 days of receiving the Local Planning Strategy, the Western Australian Planning Commission may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) endorse the strategy without modification; or (b) endorse the strategy with some or all of the modifications proposed by the local government; or (c) Require the local government to modify the strategy in the manner specified by the Commission before the strategy is resubmitted to the Commission for endorsement; or (d) Refuse to endorse the strategy. <p>The Minister or an authorised person may extend the 60-day period.</p> <p>Based on the above, the City anticipates a decision from the Commission by mid-February 2023. I would suggest giving the complexity of the document, it may take a little bit longer.</p>
Q3	With regards to the Roe Street Enhancement Project (page 34 of Annual Report), what is the expected time frame by which this project will be completed? (Subjective comment - It has been discouraging to see this area continue to be filled with metal fences and road diversions).
A3	Provided by the General Manager Infrastructure and Operations
	The project will be substantially complete by the end of March 2023 with the entire length of Roe Street open to two-way traffic. Minor works such as line markings to be undertaken by Main Roads WA will follow.
	Reece Harley - Crawley (Confirmed Elector)
Q1	At the beginning of 2021 and in 2022 the City of Perth Western Residents Inc was invited to participate in a budget feedback session, to nominate our top priorities for spending within our

	<p>area. We thank the City of this opportunity and acknowledge we have again been invited to participate in a budget session early in 2023.</p> <p>In both previous years we stipulated that a beautification programme for the Hampden Road Town Centre was our number one priority, followed in the subsequent year by a similar programme of works for the Broadway Town Centre.</p> <p>Works involved might include, upgraded street furniture, improved signage or lighting, installation of planter boxes, upgrading of bins or bus-stops or other low cost improvements to enhance the beauty of the area - which is our village hub.</p> <p>Our Committee made time to meet with the City’s CEO and Senior Managers to walk the street in person and identify simple, low cost improvements that can be made quickly.</p> <p>It seems that no cap-ex projects have been progressed by the City to improve the Hampden town centre, with some examples of City of Subiaco branding (prior to 2016) still remaining. The Banner Poles down the centre of the street remain empty for most of the year - another lost and low-cost opportunity to enhance the area.</p> <p>Can Council reassure our Committee that if we make time to participate in another budget engagement session to identify our key priority areas (noting the beautification of the Hampden Town Centre is still our number one priority), that Council will act and progress these suggested improvements?</p>
A1	<p>Provided by the General Manager Planning and Economic Development</p> <p>Since 2021 we have undertaken the following works in Hampden Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Replaced City of Subiaco bins with new City of Perth stainless bins ● Installed new seats ● Replaced City of Subiaco bike racks with new stainless-steel racks ● Painted and covered the City of Subiaco labelling on the bus shelters ● Updated the way-finding signage ● Planted additional new street trees. <p>Prior to this work two parklets were also installed on Hampden Road.</p> <p>Last year, evidence-based design analysis was done of a number of streets in our city. This work was done to assist the City in prioritising projects as part of its Main Street Refresh program. Broadway and Hampden Road were one of eight streets assessed. Whilst neither of these streets were determined as priorities for the 2022/23 financial year, they have been determined as two of eight priority streets to be considered for design work over the next few years. Consideration also needs to be given to the UWA QEII Precinct Plan project which will include recommendations about the future form and function (and design) of these streets. Upgrades to these streets should not be done ahead of knowing the outcomes of the UWA QEII Precinct Plan project.</p>
	<p>Anna Vanderbom – Nedlands (Confirmed Elector)</p>
Q1	<p>With the addition of King Edward Hospital to the already gridlocked campus of QEII, residents are concerned about the lack of a mid-tier transit plan.</p> <p>When will the City’s transit plan for our area, and particularly QEII, be released?</p>

A1	<p>Provided by the General Manager Planning and Economic Development</p>
	<p>The consideration of a mid-tier transport plan is a function of the State Government which is not within the City’s control. The State Government has been contemplating what to do about that and the City has been involved in some of those conversations, but it is something that must be led by the State Government.</p> <p>The City is currently preparing the UWA QEII Precinct Plan, which will identify recommended changes to existing transport and parking arrangements over about a 10 – 15-year planning horizon. Through this planning process, the City will look at all transport options for the precinct. Any technical transport solutions contained within the Precinct Plan, are intended to be advertised for public comment within the 2023/2024 financial year.</p> <p>In relation to the Precinct Plan Council does not have a decision-making role for the approval of it but we are working with the City of Nedlands and we are working with consultants at the moment to put that together. We will then provide a recommendation and consider all the submissions received to the Western Australian Planning Commission as the responsible approval authority.</p> <p>The City notes that any transport solutions identified by the Precinct Plan relating to the provision of a public transport service will be the responsibility of State Government to implement.</p>
	<p>Sue Graham Taylor – Nedlands (Confirmed Elector)</p>
Q1	<p>The laneways behind our homes in Hollywood have been 'improved ' and named. Google Maps now recognizes them as thoroughfares for all types of traffic. Ferdinand Lane is for instance, a much-used shortcut between Monash Avenue and Park Road.</p> <p>Speed limiting devices are ineffective and in many cases entrances and exits are blind – a danger for pedestrians. The lack of lighting is also a problem. Does someone have to be killed before the City of Perth does something?</p>
A1	<p>Provided by the General Manager Planning and Economic Development</p>
	<p>The City will undertake some traffic surveys in those laneways to investigate the issues you have identified and implement appropriate measures where required. In terms of lighting, we have a big lighting programme over the next few years across our City. Lighting of the laneways are not a priority in the next few years but will be considered by the City in its forward planning for lighting in the City.</p>
	<p>John Boxall – Nedlands (Confirmed Elector)</p>
Q1	<p>At the 2018 AGM I moved a motion (which was accepted unanimously. I have asked at later AGMs to find out what, if any, action has been taken to resolve this issue of parking in one’s own driveway.</p> <p>Now in 2023 can we be assured that this issue can be resolved?</p>
A1	<p>Provided by the General Manager Commercial Services</p>
	<p>The City is working on a report regarding options for driveway parking which will be presented to Elected Members in February 2023. Separately we will meet with John Boxall to discuss the matter.</p>

	Jane Boxall - Nedlands (Confirmed Elector)
Q1	While irrigation has apparently been installed on the Winthrop Avenue median strip, when can we expect to see the promised planting, and will this extend from Aberdare Road to Stirling Highway?
A1	Provided by the General Manager Infrastructure and Operations The installation of irrigation to Thomas/Winthrop median is on-going. The section between Onslow Road and Stirling Highway is scheduled for completion this financial year (2022-2023). Once irrigated, planting will commence. The section between Rokeby Road and Onslow Road was completed and planted in 2021-2022. The remaining section between Rokeby Road and Kings Park Road is scheduled to commence next financial year (2023-2024). The entirety of that median strip will be planted by the end of next financial year.
Q2	Does the City of Perth intend to install an entry statement at the Broadway/Hampden Rd intersection to indicate that one is actually entering the City of Perth at that point. The local government status from that intersection to Hackett Drive along Stirling Highway is a mystery to most citizens. Is it Nedlands, Crawley, Subiaco or The City of Perth?
A2	Provided by the General Manager Planning and Economic Development The City of Perth is the responsible Local Government east of Broadway and Hampton. In terms of gateway markers or entry statements there are some spatial constraints at the Stirling Highway and Broadway and Hampden Road intersection, including the narrow median island and the site being under the control of Main Roads WA who have restrictions for vehicle safety, we are not able to install a gateway marker at this location. The wider section of median island east of Hackett Drive is earmarked for a new marker which will be installed in early 2024.

6. Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 5.53pm