



City of **Perth**

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

9 May 2023

Approved for release

Michelle Reynolds

Chief Executive Officer

12 May 2023

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These minutes are hereby certified as confirmed.

Presiding member's signature _____

Date _____

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1. Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the Special Council Meeting for the City of Perth open at 4:01pm.

2. Acknowledgement of Country/Prayer

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.

3. Attendance

Members in Attendance

Lord Mayor

Councillors

Basil Zempilas (Presiding Member)

Di Bain

Sandy Anghie

Clyde Bevan

Brent Fleeton

Rebecca Gordon

Catherine Lezer

Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Governance and Strategy

A/General Manager Commercial Services

General Manager Community Development

General Manager Infrastructure and Operations

General Manager Planning and Economic Development

Chief Financial Officer

Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy

Governance Officer

Governance Officer

Michelle Reynolds

Peta Mabbs

John Fish

Kylie Johnson

Allan Mason

Dale Page

Michael Kent

Charlie Clarke

Anne-Marie Bartlett

Ebony Mackey

Public Gallery

There were approximately 3 members of the public in the gallery.

3.1 Apologies

Councillor Viktor Ko

3.2 Leave of Absence

Deputy Lord Mayor Liam Gobbert (27 April 2023 to 14 May 2023 inclusive)

4. Disclosures of Interests

Nil.

5. Public Participation

5.1 Public Questions

Nil.

5.2 Deputations

5.2.1 Sue McDougall from the Western Australian Botanic Garden, who spoke for the Officer's Recommendation in Item 6.1.

6. Reports

Prior to Item 6.1 being moved, the General Manager Community Development advised that item 6.1 required an Absolute Majority and not a Simple Majority as stated in the Agenda.

6.1 Major Event Leveraging Opportunity

Responsible Officer	Kylie Johnson – General Manager Community Development
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Attachments	Attachment 6.1A – Lightscape Presenting Partner City of Perth

Purpose

To present the ‘Lightscape’ major event leveraging opportunity for consideration of Council.

Recommendation

That Council:

- APPROVES Option 3 in regard to leveraging the 2023 ‘Lightscape’ Event held at Kings Park Botanic Gardens through Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority.
“Option 3 That Council APPROVES the support to Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority to provide leveraging and activation support towards public transport (\$50,000 cash/in-kind) between the CBD and Kings Park, marketing (\$50,000 in-kind), and general support (\$100,000 cash) for the Lightscape Event 2023 to the value of: \$200,000”
 - APPROVES additional funding of \$200,000 for costs associated with the event leveraging as outlined in point 1 above, from the City’s 2022/23 Municipal Surplus.
 - AUTHORISES the CEO to execute a Partnership Agreement on terms equivalent to or more favourable to the City than those set out in Attachment 6.1A, for the amount approved or such lesser amount deemed appropriate by the CEO.
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Background

1. The City has a vision for Perth to be ‘the events heart of WA’ (2025 Events Strategy). The City will facilitate and support a portfolio of events that provide enriching experiences throughout the year.
2. As part of the City Events Plan 2022/23 adopted by Council \$130,000 was budgeted for Leveraging and Activation.
3. In the 2023/24 City Events Plan adopted by Council in March 2023 the Leveraging and Activation budget was increased to \$200,000.
4. The purpose of this Leveraging and Activation budget is outlined in the City Events Plan.
“To strategically respond to opportunities that strengthen the events calendar and bring vibrancy to the city all year-round. The City will collaborate with key stakeholders and third-party event organisers to leverage major events and festival programs.”
5. In developing the 2023/24 Events Plan an Elected Member Engagement Session was held 7 February 2023. As part of the presentation the proposal to increase the Leveraging and Activation budget was discussed, with specific reference to opportunities such as the Kings Park and Botanic Garden ‘Lightscape’ Event.

Discussion

6. Lightscape is a 5-year major event to be held at Kings Park Botanic Gardens commencing in 2023, taking ticketholders on a 1.8km trail through the iconic Kings Park and Botanic Gardens after dark from June 16 to July 30.
7. The 6-week festival will be a celebration of Western Australian flora through illumination and activation of the garden in winter.
8. Lightscape will light-up Kings Park from Wednesday to Sunday each week during the 6-week period, for a total of 33 nights.
9. Discussions with Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority (BGPA) Sony Music and Culture Creative have been occurring since 2022 to discuss leveraging opportunities such as installations and activations within the CBD, public transport options, and engagement of CBD business.
10. Lightscape is presented and funded by Sony Music and the State Government Authority BPGA.
11. On 28 April 2023, the City received a formal request for support from BGPA. The Administration has sought further clarity on elements within the request and the updated ‘Lightscape’ event Presenting Partner Proposal document is attached.
12. The opportunity to be a ‘Presenting Partner’ for this event will require the full requested amount to be supported (endorsement of option 3 as detailed below).

13. The Administration has provided four options for Council to consider:

Option 1 That Council APPROVES the support to Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority to provide leveraging and activation support towards public transport (\$50,000 cash/in-kind) between the CBD and Kings Park for the Lightscape Event 2023 to the value of:

- **\$50,000**

Option 2 That Council APPROVES the support to Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority to provide leveraging and activation support towards public transport (\$50,000 cash/in-kind) between the CBD and Kings Park and marketing (\$50,000 in-kind), for the Lightscape Event 2023 to the value of:

- **\$100,000**

Option 3 That Council APPROVES the support to Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority to provide leveraging and activation support towards public transport (\$50,000 cash/in-kind) between the CBD and Kings Park, marketing (\$50,000 in-kind), and general support (\$100,000 cash) for the Lightscape Event 2023 to the value of:

- **\$200,000**

Option 4 That Council **does not** APPROVE support to Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority for the Lightscape Event 2023.

Consultation

14. Discussions have been occurring since 2022 with Kings Park BGPA, Sony and Culture Creative.
15. Representatives from Kings Park BGPA have expressed a desire to attend the Special Council Meeting to enable elected members to clarify any aspect of this leveraging proposal.

Decision Implications

16. If Council supports the option of leveraging this major event then the extent of financial impact will require funding from the City's 2022/23 Municipal Surplus.
17. The City strives to encourage events of this nature that drive visitation to the City and showcase Perth as a vibrant, global destination for future major international events.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Strategy	
Strategic Pillar (Objective)	Liveable
Related Documents (Issue Specific Strategies and Plans):	2025 Events Strategy Council Policy 4.3 Sponsorship and Grants

Legislation, Delegation of Authority and Policy	
Legislation:	Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – payments from municipal fund or trust fund, restrictions on making. Section 6.8 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .
Authority of Council/CEO:	Council may by resolution of Council authorise expenditure from the municipal fund.
Policy:	Nil.

Financial Implications

18. The financial impact of the leveraging support recommendation will be as follows:

Account number	10598	Operating
Account Description	Leveraging and Activations	
Current Budget:	\$164,500	
Amendment to Budget:	\$200,000	
Revised Budget:	\$364,500	
Budget Impact:	\$200,000	

19.

Further Information

Nil.

Council Resolution (SCM-23/05-001)

Mover: Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas

Seconded: Councillor Catherine Lezer

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2. APPROVES additional funding of \$200,000 for costs associated with the event leveraging as outlined in point 1 above, from the City's 2022/23 Municipal Surplus.
3. AUTHORISES the CEO to execute a Partnership Agreement on terms equivalent to or more favourable to the City than those set out in Attachment 6.1A, for the amount approved or such lesser amount deemed appropriate by the CEO.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (6/1)

For: Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas; Councillors Sandy Anghie, Clyde Bevan, Brent Fleeton, Rebecca Gordon and Catherine Lezer

Against: Councillor Di Bain

During debate, Council requested a comma be added to point 1 of the Officers Recommendation after the words 'Lightscape Event 2023'. This was to clarify that \$200,000 was the maximum amount of support proposed for the event.



7. Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 4:46pm.