



Agenda Briefing Forum

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Tabled Attachments Index

Attachment 5.1.1 – Item 5.1 refers

Councillors are reminded to retain the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda and any confidential papers for deliberation at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

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Matrix from the Agenda Briefing Forum held in the Council Chamber of the City of Belmont Civic Centre, 215 Wright Street, Cloverdale on Tuesday 24 October 2023 commencing at 7.00pm.

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Present

Cr D Sessions, Deputy Mayor (Presiding Member)	West Ward
Cr G Sekulla, JP	Central Ward
Cr Vijay	Central Ward
Cr B Ryan	East Ward
Cr P Marks	East Ward
Cr J Davis	South Ward
Cr C Kulczycki	West Ward

In attendance

Mr J Christie	Chief Executive Officer
Mr S Downing	Director Corporate and Governance
Mr W Loh	Director Development and Communities
Mr S Morrison	Acting Director Infrastructure Services
Ms S Jessop	Manager Finance
Mr D Boylan (dep 7.15pm)	Manager City Facilities and Property
Ms A Bird	Manager Governance, Strategy and Risk
Ms G Carter-Nguyen	Manager Public Relations and Stakeholder Engagement
Mrs J Cherry-Murphy	Senior Governance Officer
Ms M Phillips	Governance Officer

Members of the gallery

There were four members of the public in the gallery and no press representatives.

I Official Opening

7.00pm The Presiding Member welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.

The Presiding Member read aloud the Acknowledgement of Country.

Acknowledgement of Country

Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

I further acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs, connection and relationship with this land which continues today.

The Presiding Member invited Cr Ryan to read aloud the Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility on behalf of Councillors and Officers. Cr Ryan read aloud the affirmation.

Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility

I make this affirmation in good faith and declare that I will duly, faithfully, honestly, and with integrity fulfil the duties of my office for all the people in the City of Belmont according to the best of my judgement and ability.

I will observe the City's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders to ensure efficient, effective and orderly decision making within this forum.

2 Apologies and leave of absence

Mayor R Rossi, JP (apology)
Cr N Carter (apology)

Mayor
South Ward

3 Declarations of interest that might cause a conflict

3.1 Financial Interests

Nil.

3.2 Disclosure of interest that may affect impartiality

Nil.

4 Announcements by the Presiding Member (without discussion) and declarations by Members

4.1 Announcements

Nil.

4.2 Disclaimer

7.03pm The Presiding Member drew the public gallery's attention to the Disclaimer.

The Presiding Member advised the following:

I wish to draw attention to the Disclaimer Notice contained within the agenda document and advise members of the public that no decisions are made at the meeting tonight. Council will formally resolve agenda items at next week's Ordinary Council Meeting.

Any plans or documents in agendas and minutes may be subject to copyright. The express permission of the copyright owner must be obtained before copying any copyright material.

4.3 Declarations by Members who have not given due consideration to all matters contained in the business papers presently before the meeting

Nil.

5 Public submission time

7.03pm The Presiding Member opened the period allotted for Public Submission Time and drew the gallery's attention to the Rules for Public Submission Time. One Public Submissions was received.

5.1 Mr J Harris, Cloverdale

Mr J Harris spoke against the Officer Recommendation for Item 12.4 - Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2023 - 2033 - Final Endorsement.

(Refer Attachment 5.1.1 for further information)

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Public Submission Time and Deputation Proforma

Please ensure that your presentation complies with the Rules of Public Submission Time and Deputations as published in the Agenda Briefing Forum Programme and as printed overleaf.

Name	Jarod Harris
Address	12 Finnan Street
Business, Organisation or Group (if presenting on behalf of)	

Agenda Briefing Forum Date:	24/10/23	Report Item No. referred to:	12.4
Please tick the appropriate box below to indicate what type of presentation you wish to make.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submission	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputation	
Are you speaking in support or opposition to the matter? Please tick appropriate box.	<input type="checkbox"/> Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	

Please write a brief overview of your submission / deputation as clearly and concisely as possible – Remember – there are strict time limits applicable. The Presiding Member may limit presenters to a shorter period, if time is restricted.

I'd like to speak on the topic of the City's proposed Environment and Sustainability Strategy, as I am 34 years old and anticipate living in the Belmont environment shaped by this Strategy for hopefully four decades or more. The City determined that the provision of sustainable transport infrastructure to the community is out of scope for the Strategy and considers the sustainability and resilience only of the City's operational fleet. This disregards one of the City's most potent tools in combating greenhouse gas emissions and providing for a cleaner atmosphere for Belmont's residents. If the City does not provide safe, convenient, and attractive options for sustainable forms of transport, the community's capacity to make sustainable choices is hamstrung. If instead the provision of that infrastructure is part of this plan, we can empower the community – and not just the people with electric vehicles who work in this building – to work together to make progress on one of the most addressable sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Belmont. Putting forward a strategy that includes a goal of "Raising our community's capacity in climate change mitigation" without considering the City's huge influence on what sustainable choices are available to residents is a strategy that keeps one of the City's most powerful tools in the toolchest. If we fail to provide a safe place to cross the street, it is no surprise when few will do so. Without protected bike lanes, we cannot be disappointed that cycling participation rates for local trips are very low. I recommend that the implementation of the Sustainable Transport Plan be included as an Environmental Objective in this plan under heading 5.2.2. I also note that the plan includes promoting 'travel smart' initiatives, which is not helped by the City continuing to not hire a travel smart officer, despite it being budgeted, and the relevant Manager telling me in August that the position would be advertised in September. This continues to be neglected, and based on the budget revision, the position will not be filled until next year.

Additional space provided overleaf if required. Please tick box if continued overleaf



7.06pm The Presiding Member closed Public Submission Time.

6 Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda for meeting to be held on 31 October 2023

6.1 Agenda items for review

Note:

The Presiding Member advised that in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(e)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1995* if there was any discussion or debate on the Confidential Attachments for Item 12.1, Council would need to go behind closed doors.

As there were no questions or debate on the confidential attachments for this item, the meeting did not proceed behind closed doors.

OCM Item 12.1

Disposal of Land - Reserve Lot 8873 Noble Street, Kewdale

Deputation Presentation

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

- This piece of land is a very small triangle, it is sided between two concrete walls. It does not provide any potential for amenity for the local community. The City have been approached by a few people in previous years to lease it, however, as there is direct access from the road straight through to the railway line, the City always considered it a safety risk. The City feel that disposing of this land is a good opportunity. Turning it into Public Open Space would be a significant cost, there is no irrigation, and no testing of the land has been conducted.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

Note:

The Presiding Member advised that in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(2)(e) of the *Local Government Act 1995* if there was any discussion or debate on the Confidential Attachments for Item 12.2, Council would need to go behind closed doors.

As there were no questions or debate on the confidential attachments for this item, the meeting did not proceed behind closed doors.

OCM Item 12.2

Squash Western Australia – Annual Contribution Request

Deputation Presentation

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

- The original request from Squash WA was for a contribution to offset their rates. The land is owned by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, they are the ratepayer. Any request for a rate offset should come from them.
- Squash WA are a tenant and are a state sporting organisation, they do not provide actual benefit to the local community. The Belmont Saints Squash Club run the facility for the local community and have received some contributions from the City in the past.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

7.15pm The Manager City Facilities and Property departed the meeting and did not return.

Note:

The Presiding Member advised that in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(c)(e) of the *Local Government Act 1995* if there was any discussion or debate on the Confidential Attachments for Item 12.3, Council would need to go behind closed doors.

As there were no questions or debate on the confidential attachments for this item, the meeting did not proceed behind closed doors.

**OCM Item 12.3
Q21-2023 - Supply and Install Irrigation Systems 2023-2024**

Deputation Presentation

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

Nil.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

**OCM Item 12.4
Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2023 - 2033 - Final Endorsement**

Deputation Presentation

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

**OCM Item 12.4
Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2023 - 2033 - Final Endorsement**

Notes from Forum

Nil.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

**OCM Item 12.5
2023-2024 October Budget Review**

Deputation Presentation

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

Nil.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

OCM Item 12.6

Appointments and Nominations to Other Committees/Groups

Deputation Presentation

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

Nil.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

Note:

The Presiding Member advised that in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995* if there was any discussion or debate on the Confidential Attachments for Item 12.7, Council would need to go behind closed doors.

As there were no questions or debate on the confidential attachments for this item, the meeting did not proceed behind closed doors.

OCM Item 12.7

Standing Committee (Audit and Risk) - Appointment of an Independent Member

Deputation Presentation

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

**OCM Item 12.7
Standing Committee (Audit and Risk) - Appointment of an Independent Member**

Notes from Forum

- An expression of interest was not received from the current Independent Member.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

**OCM Item 12.8
Accounts for Payment - September 2023**

Deputation Presentation

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

Nil.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

**OCM Item 12.9
Monthly Financial Report for September 2023**

Deputation Presentation

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

Nil.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

7 Matters for which the meeting may be closed

Nil.

8 Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.19pm.