



**City of Belmont**  
**SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**(ENVIRONMENTAL)**  
**MINUTES**  
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Nil.

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL) MEETING HELD IN THE RIVERVALE ROOM, CITY OF BELMONT CIVIC CENTRE, 215 WRIGHT STREET, CLOVERDALE ON MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.23PM.**

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**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Cr S Wolff (Presiding Member)	South Ward
Cr B Ryan (Deputy Presiding Member)	East Ward
Cr P Marks (Ex Officio)	East Ward
Cr D Sessions	West Ward

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr J Christie	Chief Executive Officer
Ms M Bell	Director Corporate and Governance
Mrs J Cherry-Murphy	Senior Governance Officer

**1. OFFICIAL OPENING**

**7.23pm The Chief Executive Officer welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.**

The Chief Executive Officer read aloud the Acknowledgement of Country.

***Before I begin I would like to acknowledge the Noongar Whadjuk 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.***

**2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL) MEETING HELD 19 JULY 2021 (Circulated under separate cover)**

#### **WOLFF MOVED, MARKS SECONDED**

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held 19 July 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED 4 VOTES TO 0**

### **4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

#### **4.1 ELECTION OF PRESIDING AND DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBERS**

Election of office bearers will be conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*. In particular, Schedules 2.3 and 4.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* and the *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998* will be adhered to. Please note:

- The election of the Presiding Member is to be conducted by the Chief Executive Officer.
- The election of the Deputy Presiding Member is to be conducted by the Presiding Member.
- Nominations for the office are to be emailed or given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the close of nominations, using the appropriate Nomination Form for [Presiding Member](#) or [Deputy Presiding Member](#). The close of nominations will be announced by the Chief Executive Officer at this point in the Special Committee meeting, giving sufficient time after the announcement and before the closure, for any final nominations to be made.
- If a Councillor is nominated by another Councillor, the Chief Executive Officer is not to accept the nomination unless the nominee has advised the Chief Executive Officer, orally or in writing, that he or she is willing to be nominated for the office of Presiding Member.
- If required, Councillors are to vote on the matter by secret ballot, using the first past the post system (ie: place a single tick against their favoured candidate).
- Ballot papers will be prepared, with the order of the names being in alphabetical order (by surname). All ballot papers will be initialled (for authentication) by the Chief Executive Officer before being provided to Councillors.
- Councillors are to mark the ballot paper in such a manner that it cannot be seen by anyone else and return it to the Chief Executive Officer. Spoilt ballot papers can be replaced.
- The Chief Executive Officer will declare the result of the ballot to the meeting. The declaration will include the names of the candidates and the name and term of office of the candidate declared elected.

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- All records (as defined by Regulation) of the election will be secured and retained for at least four years.

It should be noted that if after the count of the above mentioned votes there is an equality between two or more candidates, the count is to be discontinued and in the case of the Presiding Member, the meeting is to be adjourned for not more than seven days. In the case of the Deputy Presiding Member, the matter is to be deferred to be dealt with at a future Special Committee meeting, scheduled within the next seven days.

If an adjournment is required (as outlined above) any nomination for the office of Presiding Member or Deputy Presiding Member may be withdrawn and further nominations may be made before or when the meeting resumes.

If at the conclusion of the second count an equality of votes still remains, the Chief Executive Officer is to draw lots to determine which Councillor is to be elected Presiding Member/Deputy Presiding Member.

Note:

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Presiding Member. The following nomination was received:

- Cr Wolff

As there were no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer closed nominations and declared Cr Wolff elected unopposed for the position of Presiding Member of the Standing Committee (Environmental).

The Presiding Member called for nominations for the position of Deputy Presiding Member. The following nomination was received:

- Cr Sessions

There being no further nominations the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Sessions elected unopposed for the position of Deputy Presiding Member of the Standing Committee (Environmental).

## **5. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Standing Committee (Environmental) will be held when required.

## **6. CLOSURE**

**There being no further business the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.27pm.**