



**NOTES**

**OF THE**

**SPECIAL AGENDA BRIEFING FORUM**

**HELD ON**

**13 JUNE 2012**

**COMMENCED AT 6.30PM**

**AT THE MELVILLE CIVIC CENTRE**

**2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**10 ALMONDBURY ROAD, BOORAGOON**

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**Please note: The Agenda for the Special Agenda Briefing Forum should be read in conjunction with the [Agenda for the Special Meeting of Council](#) to be held on 26 June 2012.**

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## **SPECIAL AGENDA BRIEFING FORUM BRIEFING NOTES**

### **1. PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor - Russell Aubrey

#### **COUNCILLORS**

Cr N Pazolli, Cr P Reidy  
Cr A Nicholson, Cr D Macphail  
Cr R Willis  
Cr R Hill  
Cr J Barton, Cr S Taylor – Rees

#### **WARD**

Applecross/Mount Pleasant  
City  
Bull Creek/Leeming  
Palmyra/Melville/Willagee  
Bicton/Attadale

### **2. IN ATTENDANCE**

Dr S Silcox  
Mr M Tieleman  
Mrs C Young  
Mr J Christie  
Mr S Cope  
Mr B Taylor  
Mr K Yeoh  
Mr W Nicholls  
Mr N Fimmano

Mr T Cahoon  
Mr B Dawkins  
Mrs L Hartill  
Mrs L Reid  
Ms J Paparella

Chief Executive Officer  
Director Corporate Services  
Director Community Development  
Director Technical Services  
Director Urban Planning  
Manager Information Technology and Support  
Senior Financial Accountant  
A/Senior Management Accountant  
A/Governance and Compliance Program  
Manager  
Manager Health & Lifestyle Service  
Manager Neighbourhood Amenity  
Manager Neighbourhood Development  
Manager Community Services  
Minute Secretary

**3. APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE****3.1 APOLOGIES**

Cr N Foxtton – University Ward  
Cr M Reynolds – University Ward  
Cr B Kinnell - Palmyra/Melville/Willagee

**3.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr C Robartson – Bull Creek/Leeming Ward

**4. QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil

**6. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

**7. BUSINESS**

Nil

## **PROCEDURE FOR AGENDA BRIEFING FORUMS**

### **PRINCIPLES**

The Agenda Briefing Forum which occurs two weeks prior to the Council meeting provides an opportunity for elected members to ask questions and clarify issues relevant to the specific agenda items before Council. The briefing is not a decision-making forum and the Council has no power to make decisions in the Forum.

In order to ensure full transparency the meetings will be open to the public to observe the process. Where matters are of a confidential nature, they will be deferred to the conclusion of the briefing and at that point the briefing session closed to the public. The reports provided are the officers' professional opinions. While it is acknowledged that members may raise issues that have not been considered in the formulation of the report and recommendation, it is a basic principle that as part of the briefing sessions elected members cannot direct officers to change their reports or recommendations.

### **PROCESS**

The Agenda Briefing Forum will commence at 6.30 pm in accordance with the Schedule of Public Meetings (except January). It will be chaired by His Worship the Mayor or in his absence, the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the immediate past serving Deputy Mayor. In the absence of all, Elected Members will elect a chairperson from amongst those present. In general, Standing Orders will apply, EXCEPT THAT members may speak more than once on any item and there is no moving or seconding of items.

Where an interest is involved in relation to an item, the same procedure which applies to Ordinary Meeting of Council will apply. It is a breach of the City's Code of Conduct for an interest to not be declared. The briefing will consider items on the agenda only and proceed to deal with each item as they appear. The process will be for the Presiding Member to call each item number in sequence and ask for questions. Where there are no questions regarding the item, the briefing will proceed to the next item.

### **AGENDA CONTENTS**

While every endeavour is made to ensure that all items to be presented to Council at the formal council meeting are included in the Agenda Briefing Forum, it should be noted that there will be occasions when, due to necessity, items will not be ready in time for the forum session and will go straight to the Council agenda as a matter for decision. Further, there will be occasions when items are TABLED at the briefing rather than the full report being provided in advance. In these instances, staff will endeavour to include the item on the agenda as a late item.

### **AGENDA DISTRIBUTION**

The agenda will be distributed to elected members on the FRIDAY prior to the Agenda Briefing Forum. Copies will be made available to the libraries and the Internet for interested members of the public. Spare agendas will be available at the Agenda Briefing Forum for interested members of the public.

## **DEPUTATIONS**

Deputations may be heard prior to the commencement of an item.

The following guidelines have been prepared to assist groups who have requested or been invited to a Council Meeting, Agenda Briefing Forum or Committee Meeting to present a submission.

- (a) A deputation shall not exceed three (3) persons, only two of whom may address the meeting.
- (b) Notice of a request for Deputation including the name, office and contact details of members of the deputation **MUST** be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer at least forty eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.
- (c) An outline of the points to be made in addressing the Council, Agenda Briefing Forum or Committee must be submitted in writing forty eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.
- (d) The representatives on the deputation must be met in the foyer of the Civic Centre by a Council Officer.
- (e) The Presiding Member will ask the leader of the deputation to present the submission on behalf of the Group. The leader of the deputation may call on one other member of the deputation to assist.
- (f) The deputation period, including time allowed for questions and answers from Members of the Committee, should not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. To allow adequate time for questions and answers, it is suggested the deputation address should last no longer than ten (10) minutes.
- (g) The individual or group will be advised in writing of the decision of the Council.
- (h) The Presiding Member has discretion to permit a Deputation to present a submission under other circumstances.

## **RECORD OF BRIEFING**

The formal record of the briefing session will be limited to notes regarding any agreed action to be taken by staff or elected members. No recommendations will be included.

## **QUESTION TIME**

Question Time will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes and be the first item of Business immediately following Apologies at the commencement of the meeting. Questions must relate to the ordinary business of the City of Melville or function of the Agenda Briefing Forum. A question must be submitted in writing and placed in the Question Tray prior to the commencement of the meeting.

- (a) The Presiding Member may, with absolute discretion, accept or reject the question, or determine that any complex questions requiring research, be answered in writing.
- (b) The Mayor may nominate a Member or Officer to answer the questions.
- (c) No debate or discussion will be permitted on any question or answer
- (d) In addition to question time during the meeting, the Mayor or Elected Members may make themselves available after the meeting to meet members of the public to answer any questions.

## DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

### Members' interests in matters to be discussed at meetings to be disclosed

**S.5.65 (1)** A member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee meeting that will be attended by the member must disclose the nature of the interest -

- (a) in a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting; or
- (b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.

Penalty: \$10,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

### Meeting to be informed of disclosures

**S.5.66** If a member has disclosed an interest in a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before a meeting then before the meeting -

- (a) the Chief Executive Officer is to cause the notice to be given to the person who is to preside at the meeting; and
- (b) the person who is to preside at the meeting is to bring the notice to the attention of the persons who attend the meeting.

### Disclosing members not to participate in meetings

**S.5.67** A member who makes a disclosure under Section 5.65 must not -

- (a) preside at the part of the meeting relating to the matter; or
- (b) participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter,

unless, and to the extent that, the disclosing member is allowed to do so under Section 5.68 or 5.69.

Penalty: \$10,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

Please refer to your Handbook for definitions of interests and other detail.

**8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION**

<b>C12/6047</b>	<b>Consideration and Adoption of 2012/2013 Budget</b>
	<p><b>OFFICER PRESENTATION</b> Marten Tieleman – Director Corporate Services</p> <p><b>DEPUTATION PRESENTATION/S</b> Nil</p> <p><b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST</b> Nil</p> <p><b>NOTES FROM FORUM</b> Cr Pazolli submitted a number of questions relating to the 2012/2013 Budget on Monday 11 June 2012 requesting that relevant information be provided on the questions contained in his submission. The Director Corporate Services advised that a written response to the questions would be forwarded to Cr Pazolli and all other Elected Members with the Elected Members Bulletin.</p> <p>Cr Nicholson requested further information from the 2012/2013 Budget document (Page 34) seeking clarification as to what the amount of \$2,587,073 for Transport is to be used for.</p> <p>Cr Barton requested that an increased allocation be made in the 2012/2013 Budget for the provision of additional trees for planting in appropriate areas. Cr Barton also requested that information be provided on how much money is currently been spent on the provision of trees. All requested information will be distributed in the Elected Members Bulletin.</p>

**8. CLOSURE**

**There being no further business, the Mayor declared the Forum closed at 8.09pm.**