

SHIRE OF
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Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 16th May 2024

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 20th June 2024 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 16th May 2024.

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Cr RM Crees
Shire President

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STRATEGIC COMMUNITY

SNAPSHOT

PLAN

2018-2028

CORE DRIVERS

1. Relationships that bring us tangible benefits (to the Shire and our community)
2. Our lifestyle and strong sense of community.
3. We are prepared for opportunities and we are innovative to ensure our relevancy and destiny.

OUR VALUES

Respect – We value people and places and the contribution they make to the Shire.

Inclusiveness – Be receptive, proactive, and responsive.

Fairness and Equity – Provide services for a variety of ages and needs.

Communication – Create opportunities for consultation with the broad community.

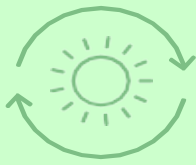
OUR VISION

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MISSION

Provide leadership and direction for the community.

ECONOMIC



Support growth and progress, locally and regionally...

Efficient transport connectivity in and around our Shire.

- Continue to utilise our Road Management Plan, which incorporates a road hierarchy, minimum service levels and maintenance policy.
- RAV Ratings and Shire boundaries are consistent across local government boundaries.
- Lobby and build enduring partnerships with key Government Departments to improve Great Eastern Hwy.
- Actively participate in the Secondary Freight Network group.
- Develop and implement a Road Asset Plan highlighting key funder and strategic partnerships to support sustainability.
- Develop a Gravel Reserve Policy which identifies future gravel reserves and recognises cost to local government.
- Educate road users about road safety and driving on gravel roads.
- Optimal and safe use of our plants and equipment assets.
- Ensure that appropriate RAV vehicles traverse correct RAV routes.
- Maintain our airport with a view to improvements to meet commercial and recreational aviation needs.

Facilitate local business retention and growth.

- Council recognises the opportunity of partnering with Westonia Progress Association, works closely and supports them to help achieve their economic development projects and our strategic goals.
- Council continue to have a role in facilitating the presence of a Co-op in our community.
- Enhance local economic activity by supporting the growth of tourism in our Shire and region including applying for funding to improve tourist facilities.
- Improve our online tourism presence.
- We forward plan to improve the economic diversity in our community.
- In partnership with Council, the mine develops long term business plans for current mine assets.
- Investigate options for multipurpose accommodation if vacancies arise in mine accommodation.

SOCIAL



Provide community facilities and promote social interaction...

Plan for community growth and changing demographics.

- Develop the Town Planning Scheme.
- Plan and develop residential and industrial land.
- Community safety and ease of access around town is a priority.
- Our lifestyle, facilities and sense of community is promoted.
- The CEACA project continues to expand the number of universally designed dwellings in our town.
- We support our emergency services.
- We enable visiting health professionals to our community.
- The Community Resource Centre receives external funding to provide preventative health and community development initiatives to the community.
- We facilitate healthy and active ageing in place
- Our cemetery is well presented.

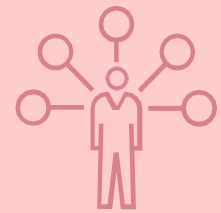
Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

- We collaborate and encourage active engagement in local clubs and community initiatives that support a healthy lifestyle.
- Investigate motor sport opportunities around the Shire.
- Preserve and celebrate our local history.
- Support our volunteers and clubs to remain strong, dynamic, and inclusive.
- Encourage lifelong learning.
- Children and youth have active and social opportunities.
- Continue to provide high standard and accessible shire facilities.
- Retain and expand Westonia's unique tourism experience.

Natural spaces are preserved and bring us value.

- Sustainably manage our reserves and open spaces.
- Participate in best practice waste management.
- Work collaboratively to meet legislative compliance with managing weeds and pests as well as our environmental health standards.
- Investigate renewable energy generation technologies.

GOVERNANCE



Continually enhance the Shire's organisational capacity to service the needs of a growing community...

Be progressive and capture opportunities.

- Be open to local productivity/ best practice and cost saving opportunities locally and regionally.
- Investigate joint resourcing and tendering
- Advocate and develop strong partnerships to benefit our community.
- Be prepared by forward planning our resources and focusing on continuous improvement.
- Identify risks and opportunities after the life of the mine.

The community receives services in a timely manner.

- Meet our legislative and compliance requirements.
- Work towards optimal management of our assets.
- Work to develop Councillor and staff skills and experience to provide career and succession opportunities within the Shire.
- Inside and outside staff are multi skilled to understand the business of local government and provide a seamless service to the community.
- Communicate and engage with our community regularly.

Financial resources meet the ongoing needs of the community.

- Seek external funding for significant capital improvements that deliver upon our strategic objectives.
- Investigate ways to reduce reliance on operational grants given the current State and Federal Government priorities.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Crees welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.01pm.

A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for the following persons who have recently passed away:

- Mr John Lambert
- Ms Kathleen Glenny

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr RM Crees	<i>Shire President</i>
Cr RA Della Bosca	<i>Deputy Shire President</i>
Cr DL Simmonds	
Cr DL Geier	
Cr WJ Huxtable	
Cr A Faithfull	

Staff:

Mr.AW Price	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
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Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies:

Mrs JL Geier	<i>Deputy Chief Executive Officer</i>
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Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.01PM – 3.16PM)

NIL

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr DellaBosca requested a Leave of Absence for the June Meeting

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Geier	Seconded:	Cr Simmonds
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01/05-24	That Cr Della Bosca be granted a Leave of Absence for the June Ordinary Meeting.
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CARRIED 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

- Water Corporation in Westonia on Tuesday 7 May Goldfields Pipeline Upgrade project.
- WEROC Board meeting held in Kellerberrin on Thursday 9 May.
- Attended the funeral of late Mr John Lambert, Burracoppin Landholder.

Deputy President, Cr Della Bosca advised having attended the following meetings:

- CEACA Board meeting held in Kellerberrin on Monday 13 May

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

- WNE SRRG meeting held in Mukinbudin on Tuesday 23rd April.

Councillor Simmonds advised having attended the following meetings:

- Nil

Councillor Faithfull advised having attended the following meetings:

- Westonia Wanderers Bowling Club and Westonia Golf Club respective AGM's.

Councillor Huxtable advised having attended the following meetings:

- Nil

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Financial** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **16th May 2024**.

Name/Position	Cr Simmonds
Item No./Subject	9.1.1 Accounts for Payment – April 24 EFT 6872
Nature of interest	Financial Interest
Extent of Interest	Owner/ Proprietor of MACE Services Pty Ltd

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Closely Association Person and Impartiality** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **16th May 2024**.

Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	

In accordance with Section 5.60B and 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Proximity. interest** were made at the Council meeting held on **16th May 2024**.



Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	

9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – APRIL 2024

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995 Cr Simmonds declared a financial interest in EFT6872 in the list of accounts as he is the Owner/Proprietor of MACE Services Pty Ltd. As the declaration is a financial interest on one payment item only, Cr Simmonds was not required to leave the meeting.

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.1 List of Accounts
Signature:	Officer  CEO 

Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

Accounts for payment are presented to Council in the interests of accountability and provide information on Council expenditure.

Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. A Local Government is to develop procedures for the authorisation of, and payment of, accounts to ensure that there is effective security for, which money or other benefits June be obtained.

Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of April 2024 the credit card/ Fuel Card statements currently show: -

MasterCard Transactions

CEO April 2024 \$1,781.53 associated with the purchase Starlink Internet Service – CEO, 1049451 - Cloud Anti-Spam Recurring, 1038203 - Office 365 Exchange Online Plan Recurring, 1047021 - Microsoft 365 Business Basic Recurring, Microsoft 365 Business Standard Recurring, MBAM Managed Endpoint & Subs recurring March-April, Activ8me Internet service Feb – June, Parade Hotel Meals and Drinks for Museum Objective and Card Fee & Interest Charges.

DCEO April 2024 \$1,568.48 associated with the purchase of Morning Melodies Tickets, Police Clearance for Phil Read, Australian National Character Check, KOGAN - Medical Reception 2nd Screen, Telstra prepaid Broadband, Ebay - 5 Gallon Insulated drink Dispenser, CANVA Pro Subscription, World of Books - Scrabble Dictionary, Surgical House - Medical Supplies, Vacuum Spot – Vacuum Cleaner Bags and Card Fee & Interest Charges.

Fuel Card Transactions

CEO April 2024 \$298.96 associated with the purchase of Diesel 17/04/24 OWT Fuel Distributors Palmer Crescent Bunbury

DCEO April 2024 \$ Nil

Construction Supervisor April 2024 \$ Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulations 12 & 13 requires the list of accounts to be presented to Council. Payments are made by staff under delegated authority from the CEO and Council.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to payment of accounts.

Strategic Implications

Accounts for payment are presented to Council in the interests of accountability and provide information on Council expenditure.

Financial Implications

Expenditure in accordance with the 2023/2024 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That April 2024 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers from DD4103 to DD4120 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT6833 to EFT6877 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$528,035.71 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Della Bosca

Seconded:



Cr Huxtable

04/05-24

That April 2024 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers from DD4103 to DD4120 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT6833 to EFT6877 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$528,035.71 be passed for payment

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– APRIL 2024

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
Signature:	Officer  CEO 

Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is a record of Council’s activities and financial performance during the reporting period.

Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Comment

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending April 2024 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

1. Statement of Financial Activity
2. Statement of Financial Position
3. Note 1 Basis of Preparation
4. Note 2 Statement of Financial Activity Information
5. Note 3 Explanation of Material Variances
6. Supplementary information

Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council
Council 2023/2024 Budget
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996
Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4

Policy Implications

Council is required annually to adopt a policy on what it considers to be material as far as variances that require to be reported for Council. Council policy is that the material variation be set at \$10,000 and 15%.

Strategic Implications

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is a record of Council’s activities and financial performance during the reporting period.

Financial Implications

There is no direct financial implication in relation to this matter.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 2024 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

RESOLUTION



Moved: Cr Faithful

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

05/05-24 That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 2024 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – APRIL 2024

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	F1.4.4 Audit Report
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.3 GST Report
Signature:	Officer  CEO 

Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The GST reconciliation is presented to Council as a means of indicating Council’s current GST liability, which has an impact on Council’s cash-flow.

Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at April 2024 provided to Council on a monthly basis as a means of keeping Council informed of its current GST liability.

Comment

The GST Reconciliation Report is attached for Councillor consideration.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in regard to Goods and Services Tax.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The GST reconciliation is presented to Council as a means of indicating Council’s current GST liability, which has an impact on Council’s cash-flow.

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$708.00 for the period ending April 2024 adopted.

RESOLUTION


Moved: Cr Simmonds **Seconded:** Cr Faithfull

06/05-24 That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$708.00 for the period ending April 2024 adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.4 DIFFERENTIAL RATES

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	R1.1.1 Rates General
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. Differential Rates Advert 24/25, 2. Objects & Reasons for Differential Rates, 3. Statement of Rating Information

Signature:	Officer	CEO	
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Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The Purpose of this report is for Council to propose a Differential rate and initiate the legislative due process for doing so.

Summary

Council is requested to support the differential rates in the dollar and minimums proposed for the 2024/2025 financial year and advertise the proposed rates for a 21 day comment period. Council is required to seek Minister approval for proposing to impose a Mining GRV differential rate that is more than twice the lowest rate.

Background

In accordance with sections 1.7 and 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council is required to give local public notice of the intention of Council to impose differential rates, or a minimum payment under a differential rate category.

Local public notice includes publishing in a newspaper circulating in the district, exhibiting on the notice board of the local government office, and exhibiting on the notice board of the library inviting submissions in respect of the following information, for a minimum of 21 days (after 1st May).

- 1) Details of each rate or minimum payment the local government intends to impose,
- 2) Invitation for submissions to be made in respect of the proposed rate or minimum payment and any related matters.

Community / Stakeholder Consultation:

An advertisement on the 17th May 2024 will be included in the public notice section of the Newspaper circulated in the district. The community will have 21 days to make submissions. (7th June 2024)

Comment

The Local Government Act 1995 provides for Councils to levy rates to fund the estimated annual budget deficiency for the forthcoming financial year.

The estimated budget deficit for the 2024/2025 financial year has not yet been finalised, as the detailed budget estimates covering various expense and revenue items are currently being prepared. At present, the amount required from rates to fund the outcomes of the draft budget is in excess of the rate increase proposed of 5%. Staff are revising the draft budget and service levels and are looking at all avenues to reduce the gap, including alternative revenue sources.

In the past Council has adopted rates that are more than twice the minimum differential rate and must therefore seek Ministerial approval, as required by the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995. The Department of Local Government has been scrutinising Council's differential rating strategy each year and may request modifications to be made, if they are not satisfied that the rating strategy is fair and equitable.

It must be understood the purpose of this Agenda Item is to set an estimated Differential Rate so a request can be sent to the Minister after advertising and seeking submissions from the electorate. Invariable the actual rate amount set may differ from the estimate once the valuations have been received from Landgate for the next financial year. However, the legislation allows these rates in dollar amounts to be adjusted to reflect the actual valuations by making notation in the Shires Adopted Budget and on the Rate Notices sent out. Such notation is to explain the reason for the difference between the advertise Differential Rate and that impose being due to valuation adjustments from Landgate. The actual Rate Revenue raised will not differ significantly.

The table below shows the rate categories for 2023/2024 and the rate in cents and minimum amounts; GRV Rate Category:

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV General	7.9833	370.00
GRV Mining	22.4171	370.00

The Proposed rates for 2024/2025 are listed below:

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV General	8.3833	370.00
GRV Mining	23.538	370.00

Statutory Environment

Under section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council is required to give local public notice of the intention of Council to impose differential rates, or a minimum payment under a differential rate category. Local public notice includes publishing in a newspaper circulating in the district, exhibiting on the notice board of the local government office, and exhibiting on the notice board of the library inviting submissions in respect of the following information, for a minimum of 21 days;

- Details of each rate or minimum payment the local government intends to impose,
- Invitation for submissions to be made in respect of the proposed rate or minimum payment and any related matters.

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The Shire's principal source of income is through rates. It is an essential part of the budget process that the Council consider the level of rates that need to be raised in the context of funding the annual budget. It must also be noted that as other income, such as fees and charges are fixed by external legislation, there is very little scope for the Shire to increase this revenue source to keep up with the rising costs of service provision, therefore, these increasing costs must be borne by increases in rates or you will see a reduction in services.

- 3. Seek the Minister for Local Government's approval to impose differential general rates more than twice the lowest rate; and**
- 4. That Council publicly advertises its intention to impose differential rates, pursuant to section 6.36 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and invites public submissions for a period of twenty-one days; and**
- 5. That Council consider any submissions in respect of imposition of differential rates as part of the 2024-25 Budget deliberations.**

CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

9.1.5 LOCAL LAWS 2024

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Francesca Lefante - Consultant
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Local Laws 2024 Amendments
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to

- Repeal the local laws disallowed by the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (JSCDL) due to procedural non-compliance.
- Consider and adopt various updated local laws to replace the repealed laws relating to
 - Historic Precinct Local Law,
 - Sea Containers Local Law,
 - Fencing Local Law.

Background

On 18 May 2023 the Shire adopted three (3) new local laws relating to

- Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2023
- Fencing Local Law 2023
- Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2023

On 9 August 2023 the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (JSCDL) advised that it resolved to give notice to disallow the local law due to non-compliance with the statutory advertising process as set out in Section 3.12 (3) (b) of the Local Government Act, requiring the minister for Local Government to be provided a copy of the proposed local law during the public notice period.

Comment

The Shire is required to repeal the above local laws which have been gazetted and replace them by new local laws incorporating the various minor changes, accordingly a Repeal Local Law has been prepared.

The changes specified by the JSCDL are minor and have been incorporated into the proposed local laws. The changes are summarised as follows:

- Historic Precincts Local Law 2024 - changes
 - Preamble to reflect adoption date following advertising.
 - Clause 1.5 definitions - Typographical changes
 - Part 2 - 5 - inclusion of clause numbers for each paragraph.
 - Part 4 - subparagraph (c), modify the wording by deleting 'provided' and insert 'required'.
- Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2023 - changes
 - Preamble to reflect adoption date following advertising.
 - Removed any reference to retrospective operation.
 - Clause 1.5 2.1(2), 2.1(3), 2.2(c), 2.3, Part 3 typographical changes
- Fencing Local Law 2023 changes
 - Preamble to reflect adoption date following advertising.
 - Clause 1.5 definitions - formatting
 - Ensure free public access to given to the standards referred to in any new local law.

Under Part 3 of the *Local Government Act 1995* a local government may make local laws subject to the conditions outlined in Part 3, Division 2, Subdivision 1 and following the procedure outlined in section 3.12(3) of the Act.

Following adoption of the local law local government will give the required state-wide and local public notice stating that it proposes to make a local law, for a period of 6 weeks after it first appears, including.

- The purpose and effect in the notice for a period of 6 weeks after it first appears.
- As soon as the notice is given, a copy of the proposed local law, together with the public notice to be given to the Minister.

Following closure of public advertising (Local Public Notice) the submissions received along with feedback from the Minister are to be considered by Council before it makes the local law.



Statutory Environment

Government Act 1995 - Section 3.12 sets out the procedure for making local laws comprising the following requirements:

1. Initiate Proposed Local Law. At Council meeting the Presiding Member is to give notice to a meeting of the purpose and effect of the proposed local law.
2. Local Public Notice (advertising) is to be given of the proposed local law for a period of at least six weeks. The Notice to include:
 - a. details on Local Law title, purpose and effect,
 - b. where copies can be inspected or obtained
 - c. date of submissions period
 - d. where be included in the notice.During the advertising period, Members of the public can make comment or seek clarification on any of the provisions of the draft local law.
3. As soon as the notice is given, a copy of the proposed local law, together with the public notice, must be given to the Minister for Local Government.
4. Council consider submissions, following closure of advertising period and may by an absolute majority, resolved to proceed with the local law as proposed or make alterations that are not significantly different from what was first proposed. If changes to the local law make it substantially different to that previously advertised, further local public comment is to be undertaken.
5. The adopted local law is published in the Government Gazette. The local law will come into effect 14 days after the date of gazettal.
6. After the local law is published: -
 - a. provide a signed and sealed copy of the adopted local law to the Minister(s) and
 - b. give local public notice is given including details on Local Law title, purpose and effect, date of operation, and where copies can be inspected or obtained.
7. Documents (including Explanatory Memorandum, checklist etc) are sent to the Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.



Policy Implications

Nil



Strategic Implications

Provides Council with certainty over its development control process



Financial Implications

Costs associated with the drafting, advertisement, and eventual Gazettal of the local law



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

1. ADOPTS the following Local Laws:

- a. Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2024
- b. Shire of Westonia Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2024
- c. Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law 2024
- d. Shire of Westonia Repeal Local Law 2024

2. GIVES NOTICES - by the Presiding Member at the meeting of the purpose and effect of the following local laws

a. *Shire of Westonia Historic Precinct Local Law 2024* as follows:

Purpose: To prescribe the design of development, including buildings and fencing, within the Westonia Historical Precinct.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to prescribe the design of development, including buildings and fencing, within the Westonia Historical Precinct.

b. *Shire of Westonia Sea-Containers Local Law 2024* as follows:

Purpose: To prescribe the approval process required for the placement of shipping and/or sea containers on residential, commercial, and industrial land within the Westonia townsite.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to establish minimum requirements for the placement of shipping and/or sea containers on land within the Westonia townsite.

c. *Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law 2024* as follows:

Purpose: To prescribe a sufficient fence and the standard for the construction of fences throughout the district.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to establish the minimum requirements for fencing within the district

d. *Shire of Westonia Repeal Local Law 2024* as follows:

Purpose: To repeal local laws that have been superseded by other legislation

Effect: The effect of this local law is to ensure the local laws are repealed

a. INITIATES advertising of the local laws pursuant to Section 3.12 (2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1995 comprising: -

a. State-wide and local public notice

- o For a period of not less than 6-weeks' timeframe
- o By providing copies of the proposed local law for inspection at the Shire offices and inviting submissions.

Provides copies of the local law, in accordance with s3.12(3) of the Act, as soon as the notice is given, to the Minister for Local Government, and any other person requesting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

08/05-24

That Council

1. ADOPTS the following Local Laws:

- a. Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2024
- b. Shire of Westonia Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2024
- c. Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law 2024
- d. Shire of Westonia Repeal Local Law 2024

2. GIVES NOTICES - by the Presiding Member at the meeting of the purpose and effect of the following local laws

a. ***Shire of Westonia Historic Precinct Local Law 2024*** as follows:

Purpose: To prescribe the design of development, including buildings and fencing, within the Westonia Historical Precinct.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to prescribe the design of development, including buildings and fencing, within the Westonia Historical Precinct.

b. ***Shire of Westonia Sea-Containers Local Law 2024*** as follows:

Purpose: To prescribe the approval process required for the placement of shipping and/or sea containers on residential, commercial, and industrial land within the Westonia townsite.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to establish minimum requirements for the placement of shipping and/or sea containers on land within the Westonia townsite.

c. ***Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law 2024*** as follows:

Purpose: To prescribe a sufficient fence and the standard for the construction of fences throughout the district.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to establish the minimum requirements for fencing within the district

e. ***Shire of Westonia Repeal Local Law 2024*** as follows:

Purpose: To repeal local laws that have been superseded by other legislation

Effect: The effect of this local law is to ensure the local laws are repealed

b. INITIATES advertising of the local laws pursuant to Section 3.12 (2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1995 comprising: -

b. State-wide and local public notice

- For a period of not less than 6-weeks' timeframe
- By providing copies of the proposed local law for inspection at the Shire offices and inviting submissions.


Provides copies of the local law, in accordance with s3.12(3) of the Act, as soon as the notice is given, to the Minister for Local Government, and any other person requesting.

CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

9.2.1 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS – MUSEUM EXPANSION & PROCUREMENT PROJECT

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to resolve to advertise its intention to undertake an expansion and procurement of the Museum, inviting public submissions to be considered at the next Council meeting.

Background

Council is aware of its initial investigations into the opportunity of acquiring an additional Museum Collection that will complement the existing and extremely successful Hood Penn Museum. With the likelihood that the Edna May Gold Mine is going into care and maintenance, the Council are keen to ensure that Westonia remains relevant and have identified that tourism is a sustainable economic driver for the local economy.

Westonia currently is a highly regarded and desirable destination for travellers due to its excellent Tourist Park facilities, the unique townsite Facades including the Hood Penn Museum, its state-of-the-art recreational amenities and its natural rock destinations.

An expansion of our extremely rare and unique Museum collection will further promote and market Westonia and attract greater numbers of visitors to our region.

Comment

Council has recently undertaken a community survey titled 'Shaping our Future' with results and feedback overwhelmingly supportive of Tourism promotion initiatives, particularly a museum expansion. The results of the survey are attached for Councillor information. (Refer Attachment).

It is estimated that the total cost of the redevelopment project will be in the vicinity of \$ 800,000. This will include the extension and full make for purpose renovation of the Carport façade, connectivity to the administration building, installation of electrical, CCTV security and air conditioning and the procurement of the proposed museum articles for the space.

It is intended that a grant application be submitted to Lotterywest to assist in some components of the project with the balance of the funds to come from the Community Development Reserve.

Whilst Council has conducted the generic community survey on future strategies, it is recommended that as the proposed expansion project and purchase of a new museum collection is considered a significant investment, that a call for public submissions on the proposal be advertised to be considered at a future Council meeting.


At the time of this report the full detail of the proposed article procurement is considered a 'commercial in confidence' item.

Statutory Environment

Nil.

9.2.2 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 77/3218

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	ES1.6.1
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Location Map EL 77/3218
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's comment on an Exploration license in the Northern part of the shire.

Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration license having been lodged by TG Mining Title Services on behalf of Perpetual Resources Pty Ltd (E77/3218).

The application relates to land in the North/Western portion of the Shire between Campion and Warralakin (See Attached)

Comment

Perpetual Resources Ltd is a ASX listed company with mining and exploration activities in Lithium and Silica Sands in WA and Brazil.

Previous exploration approvals have been granted with the following conditions:

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected.
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions.
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be banded so that it does not spread.
- 4) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner.
- 5) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner.
- 6) A firefighting unit is to be always available, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called.
- 7) No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) – refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram.
- 8) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards – to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/visitors.
- 9) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling.
- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, when working between 7:00 pm. and 7:00 am.

- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter “Westonian” prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire Road Surface and gravel pits, and that no drilling operation is to affect any part Historical Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.

Statutory Environment

The Mining Act prevails in this matter.

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council grants approval to Perpetual Resources Ltd (E77/3218) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with this respective Exploration Lease as shown on the attached maps with the following conditions: -

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RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

10/05-24


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CARRIED 6/0

9.2.3 WHEATBELT NRM – COLLECTION OF SEED AUTHORITY

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is to consider providing permission for Wheatbelt NRM to collect Native Flora within the shire boundaries.

Background

Wheatbelt NRM on behalf of the Noongar Boodjar Rangers is seeking Council's permission to collect native seed from Reserves under management order to the Shire of Westonia.

Council has granted this organization permission in the past under normal conditions.

Comment

Council has granted permission before to several entities with the following conditions.

- All persons collecting native seed are licenced according to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and will abide by the conditions of this licence.
- Permission is for a twelve-month period, commencing June 2024.
- Appropriate hygiene measures will be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds.
- All care will be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat.
- All care will be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and
- There be a requirement to donate to the Shire of Westonia, 10% of all seed from each species collected within the Shire. This will go towards rehabilitation projects in the shire.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

There are no policies relating to this matter.

Strategic Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority Absolute Majority

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

Nil

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Nil

10. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

11. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY A DECISION OF THE MEETING

Nil.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 20th June 2024 commencing at 3.30pm.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Mark Crees declared the meeting closed at 3.26pm