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# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia  
Tuesday 18 October 2016

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 18 October 2016 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 November 2016.

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**Cr Karin Day**  
**Shire President**

*All attachment items referred to in these minutes are available for public perusal at the Shire Office*

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## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Day welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.30pm. A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for the following former residents who had recently passed away:

- Elsie Duncan
- Jean Elizabeth (Betty) Townrow

## 2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### Councillors:

Cr KM Day	President
Cr D Hermon	Deputy President
Cr RS Corsini	
Cr ML Geier	
Cr JJ Jefferys	
WJ Huxtable	

### Staff:

Mr JC Criddle	Chief Executive Officer
Mr J Hobson	Works Supervisor (4.30pm – 4.40pm)

**Members of the Public:** Nil

**Apologies:** Nil

**Approved Leave of Absence:** Nil

## 3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.33pm 3.48pm)

Nil

## 4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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### RESOLUTION

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<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Cr Hermon</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Cr Corsini</b>
<b>01/10-16</b>	<b>That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.</b>		

**CARRIED 6/0**

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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## RESOLUTION

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Moved: Cr Hermon

Seconded: Cr Corsini

02/10-16

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 6/0

## 6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

Nil

## 7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President, Cr Day advised having attended the following meetings:

- 100 Years of Local Government for the Shire of Westonia function with Cr's Hermon, Jefferys, Corsini, Huxtable, Geier and the Chief Executive Officer.

Cr Hermon advised having attended the following meetings:

- Westonia Bush Fire Brigade AGM

## 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 **18 October 2016**.

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

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 **18 October 2016**.

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 **18 October 2016. 2016**.

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

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO
<b>Author:</b>	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer
<b>File Reference:</b>	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Attachment 9.1.1</b> List of Accounts
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>  <b>CEO</b> 

#### Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

#### 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 may be obtained.

#### Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of September 16. The credit card statements currently show:-

CEO **September 16 \$3,159.42** associated with the purchase of; Diesel, Safety Mesh, License works super Prado, HC license applications Kevin & Jack, Wireless router shire office, True Value Solar Units 1,2,3, parking Local Govt Week, Accommodation, meals & beverages local Govt Week.

Works Supervisor **September 16 \$3,155.05** associated with the purchase of; Diesel, Accommodation conference, Staff training – Leah, Gary, Pool lifeguard, Accommodation & Meals shared with Kulin, 1x Iphone 5, 1x ipad 65gb, Aussie fencing – fence adjusters, Flowers Dorothy Hood-Penn 80 B'day, Beverages local govt week.

#### 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 2016/2017 Annual Budget.

**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That September 16 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3434 to 3447 and D/Debits EFT2010 to EFT2046 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$479,831.98 be passed for payment.

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**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Huxtable



Seconded: Cr Corsini

04/10-16 That September 16 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3434 to 3447 and D/Debits EFT2010 to EFT2046 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$479,831.98 be passed for payment.

CARRIED 6/0

**9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – SEPTEMBER 16**

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO
<b>Author:</b>	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer
<b>File Reference:</b>	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Attachment 9.1.2</b> Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>  <b>CEO</b> 

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**Purpose of the Report**

Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

**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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

1. Summary of Bank Balances
2. Summary of Outstanding Debtors
3. Balance Sheet
4. Budget v Actuals Schedules

**Statutory Environment**

General Financial Management of Council  
Council 2015/2016 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







**9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT**

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO
<b>Author:</b>	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer
<b>File Reference:</b>	F1.4.4 Audit Report
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Attachment 9.1.3</b> GST Report
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b> <b>CEO</b>

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**Purpose of the Report**

Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

**Background**

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 is 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 regards 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

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That the GST Reconciliation totaling \$14,274.00 for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 16 be adopted.

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**RESOLUTION**

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**Moved:** Cr Geier

**Seconded:** Cr Jefferys

**06/10-16** That the GST Reconciliation totaling \$14,274.00 for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 16 be adopted.


**CARRIED 6/0**

#### 9.1.4 XMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO
<b>Author:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO
<b>File Reference:</b>	A2.1.1 Council and Committee Meetings
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Attachment 9.1.4 Xmas/New Year Calender</b>
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b> <b>CEO</b>

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#### Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

#### Background

Council has traditionally closed the office and operations over the festive season to accommodate the taking of leave and public holidays, given that the town is very quiet during this time. Xmas day and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday this year.

It is also anticipated to hold the Annual end of year Christmas function at the conclusion of the December Ordinary Council meeting. This year it falls on the 15<sup>th</sup> December, which is quite early, this could be moved to the following Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December which coincides with the outside crew break up.

#### Comment

A few members of the Outside Crew have requested an alteration to the annual shut down period with some not wanting to take the full 4 weeks in one hit. The outside crew will commence the Xmas break on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016, with a return to work on either Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Arrangements are in place to provide for emergencies with a skeleton staff available during the holiday period with contact details being advertised and displayed.

It is proposed that the office will be closed from 12 noon on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 until 8.30 am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

The Chief Executive Officer has holidays booked and will be away from the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017, returning to work on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

There has traditionally been no meeting in January in previous years.

#### Statutory Environment

Nil

#### Policy Implications

##### 7.12 Christmas Office Shutdown & Two Paid "Grace & Favour" Days for Staff

The Council office & depot will be closed from 12 noon on the last working day prior to the Christmas Day holiday until normal office hours on the day following the New Year public holiday. At least one Senior staff member will remain contactable and reasonably close to town in the event of an emergency such as a bushfire during this shutdown period.

Staff will also be granted 2 paid "grace and favor days" based on their ordinary hours in recognition of time worked in excess of normal hours during the year, to assist with covering their leave over the shutdown period between Christmas and New Year. Staff required to work during the Christmas Shutdown period as

part of responding to an emergency will be granted the equivalent hours of ordinary time paid leave by agreement at another time.

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications in relation to this matter.

**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That Council

1. approve the office closure from 12 noon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 until 8.30 am on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, and note the absence of the CEO from the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 till the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
2. hold the annual end of year Christmas function at the conclusion of the December Ordinary Council meeting to be held on (insert date) December 2016

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**RESOLUTION**

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Moved: Cr Hermon

Seconded: Cr Corsini

07/10-16

That Council

1. approve the office closure from 12 noon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 until 8.30 am on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, and note the absence of the CEO from the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 till the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
2. hold the annual end of year Christmas function at the conclusion of the December Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.


CARRIED 6/0

### 9.1.5 2017 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>Author:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>File Reference:</b>	A2.1.1 Council and Committee Meetings	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>CEO</b>

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#### Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

#### Background

Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 requires a local government to at least once a year give local public notice of the dates, time and place of:

- a) Ordinary Council meetings; and
- b) Committee meetings that are required under the Act to be open to members of the public or that are proposed to be open to members of the public;

that are to be held in the next twelve months.

#### Comment

Council's current policy on Council Meetings states that, "A Councillors forum will be held at 1.00pm before each Ordinary Council Meeting and Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on the third Thursday of each month not including January, commencing at 3.30pm in the Shire of Westonia Council Chambers."

In accordance with the current policy ordinary meetings of Council are to be held in 2017 as follows:-

February – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	March – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>
April – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	May – Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>
June – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	July – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>
August – Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	September – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>
October – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	November – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>
December – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> ;	

with all meetings commencing at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

The Audit Committee meetings is at this stage proposed for the following dates:

April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>  
August – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
October – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017; at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber.

#### Statutory Environment

Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

#### Policy Implications

Council Policy 1.1

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the following meeting schedule for 2017 be advertised in accordance with the requirements of the legislation:-

Ordinary Council meetings:

February – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

June – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

August – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

October – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

December – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>;

March – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

May – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

July – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

September–Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

November–Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

with all meetings commencing at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

Audit Committee meeting:

The Audit Committee meetings is at this stage proposed for the following dates:

April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

August – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

October – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017; at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber.

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:**

**Cr Geier**

**Seconded:**

**Cr Huxtable**

**08/10-16**

**That the following meeting schedule for 2017 be advertised in accordance with the requirements of the legislation:-**

**Ordinary Council meetings:**

**February – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**June – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**August – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**October – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**December – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>;**

**March – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**May – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**July – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**September–Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**November–Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**with all meetings commencing at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, Wolfram Street, Westonia.**

**Audit Committee meeting:**

**The Audit Committee meetings is at this stage proposed for the following dates:**

**April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**August – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**October – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017; at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber**


**CARRIED 6/0**

### 9.1.6 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS – WESTONIA/YILGARN

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>Author:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>File Reference:</b>	A2.1.1 Council and Committee Meetings	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil	
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Attachment 9.1.6</b> Emergency Management – Westonia/Yilgarn	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>CEO</b>

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#### Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

#### Background

The Shires of Westonia and Yilgarn have formally combined its Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) and are required to review its Local Emergency Management Arrangements documents every five (5) years.

The Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) has reviewed the current Local Emergency Management Arrangements document and has made a few minor amendments and is presented to Council for its endorsement.

#### Comment

The purpose of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements is to set out by the *Emergency Management Act 2005*:

- a) *the local government's policies for emergency management;*
- b) *the roles and responsibilities of public authorities and other persons involved in emergency management in the local government district;*
- c) *provisions about the coordination of emergency operations and activities relating to emergency management performed by the persons mentioned in paragraph b);*
- d) *a description of emergencies that are likely to occur in the local government district;*
- e) *strategies and priorities for emergency management in the local government district;*
- f) *other matters about emergency management in the local government district prescribed by the regulations; and*
- g) *other matters about emergency management in the local government district the local government considers appropriate". (s. 41(2) of the Act).*

LEMC has reviewed the Local Emergency Management Arrangements document and support the document for Council's endorsement.

#### Consultation

Local Emergency Management Committee  
Emergency Services Officer  
Shire of Yilgarn

**Statutory Environment**

*Emergency Management Act 2005*

Section 41 - Emergency Management Arrangements in local government district.

**Policy Implications**

Nil.

**Strategic Implications**

Nil.

**Financial Implications**

Nil.

**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council:

1. Endorse the attached Local Emergency Management Arrangements document as attached.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the endorsed Local Emergency Management Arrangements document.

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**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Jefferys Seconded: Cr Hermon

09/10-16

That Council:

1. Endorse the attached Local Emergency Management Arrangements document as attached.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the endorsed Local Emergency Management Arrangements document.

CARRIED 6/0




### 9.1.7 SEA CONTAINER POLICY

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>Author:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>File Reference:</b>	A2.1.1 Council and Committee Meetings	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil	
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Attachment 9.1.7</b> Sea Container Policy	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>CEO</b>

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#### **Purpose of the Report**

Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

For Council to adopt a Local Policy for Sea Containers within the Westonia Townsite.

#### **Background**

This There is little guidance for sea container approval within the Shire's current building/planning framework. Several existing Shire policies have been provided to assist with the guidance needed to appropriately plan for Sea Containers within the Shire.

#### **Comment**

Council has not formally formed a position in relation to the placement of sea containers in the Town/Shire of Westonia.

The purpose of providing existing shire policies is to provide guidance in regards to the placement of Sea Containers, ensuring an acceptable standard of development is achieved and there are no adverse amenity impacts on the streetscape and locality.

Council requested at the September meeting that the Chief Executive Officer formulate a draft policy for discussion, amendment and possible adoption at the October meeting.

#### **Resolution**

***09-09/16 Moved Cr Hermon, seconded Cr Corsini that Council instructs the Chief Executive Officer to formulate a draft policy in relation to the placement of sea containers in the Town/Shire of Westonia along the lines of the Shire of Wandering/Tammin policies to discuss at the October Council meeting.***

***Carried 6/0***

#### **Stakeholder Engagement**

Once a position is agreed to and a policy formulated, the Council should agree to advertise the policy, a newspaper advertisement will be placed seeking public comment. Feedback received during the advertising period will be considered before finalising the policy for Council's consideration to adopt.

**Statutory Environment**

Building Code

**Policy Implications**

The proposed policy will provide clear and consistent guidance for the planning and approval process of Sea Containers

**Risk Implications**

The likelihood of risk arising from Council advertising is expected to be rare and the consequences would be insignificant, therefore, the risk is low.

**Strategic Implications**

Strategic Community Plan 2012 - 2022

Strategy 1.1.1 Implement an efficient and effective approval process.

**Financial Implications**

The advertising costs are provided for within the Planning Services budget.

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That That Council considers the draft policy formulated by the Chief Executive Officer on the provision of sea containers in the Westonia Townsite.

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**RESOLUTION**

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Moved: Cr Corsini Seconded: Cr Huxtable

10/10-16 That Council adopts the amended sea container policy formulated by the Chief Executive Officer on the provision of sea containers in the Westonia Townsite.

CARRIED 6/0 by Absolute Majority

**9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE**

**NIL**

**9.3 WORKS AND SERVICE**

**NIL**

**9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES**

**NIL**

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

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

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**RESOLUTION**

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**Moved:** Cr Geier **Seconded:** Cr Jefferys

**11/10-16** That Council accepts the following items of late business.


**CARRIED 6/0**

**11.1. APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE (E77/2405)**

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO
<b>Author:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO
<b>File Reference:</b>	ES1.6.1
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Attachment 11.1</b> Exploration Licence (E77/2405)
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b> <b>CEO</b>

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**Purpose of the Report**

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

**Background**

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration licence having been lodged by Emerald Tenement Services on behalf of Craton Gold Pty Ltd (E77/2405). The application relates to land in the Walgoolan area (roughly south of Stoneman Road and north of Davies Road Road, Tandegin. See Attached.

**Comment**

The Craton Gold Pty Ltd is an active junior company active in mining and exploration throughout Western Australia with interests in Gold in the South West.

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 bunded 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 available at all times, 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, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;*
  - 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 gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.*

#### **Statutory Environment**

The Mining Act prevails in this matter.

#### **Policy Implications**

N/A

#### **Strategic Implications**

Nil.

#### **Financial Implications**

Nil.

#### **Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- 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 bunded 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 available at all times, 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;
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## RESOLUTION

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Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Hermon

11/10-16

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Carried 6/0

## 12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 commencing at 3.30pm.

## 13 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Day declared the meeting closed at 4.40pm.