

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2020 at 5.30PM

**Held at Council Chamber, 83 Mandurah Terrace Mandurah and via
eMeeting**

PRESENT:

MAYOR	R WILLIAMS	
COUNCILLOR	C KNIGHT [DEPUTY MAYOR]	NORTH WARD
COUNCILLOR	P JACKSON	NORTH WARD
COUNCILLOR	A ZILANI	NORTH WARD
COUNCILLOR	D PEMBER	EAST WARD
COUNCILLOR	J GREEN	COASTAL WARD
COUNCILLOR	C DI PRINZIO	COASTAL WARD
COUNCILLOR	D SCHUMACHER	TOWN WARD
COUNCILLOR	P ROGERS	TOWN WARD

MR	M NEWMAN	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS	C MIHOVILOVICH	DIRECTOR BUSINESS SERVICES
MS	J THOMAS	DIRECTOR PLACE AND COMMUNITY
MR	J CAMPBELL-SLOAN	DIRECTOR STRATEGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MRS	L SLAYFORD	MINUTE OFFICER

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Prior to commencement of this electronic meeting Elected Member and other attendee connections by electronic means were tested and confirmed.

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5.33pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Williams acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional land of the Bindjareb people, and paid his respect to their Elders past and present.

3. APOLOGIES

Leave of Absence

Lynn Rodgers

Apologies

Councillor M Darcy
Councillor D Lee

4. DISCLAIMER

The Mayor advised that the purpose of this Special Council Meeting is to discuss and, where possible, make resolutions about items appearing on the agenda. Whilst Council has the power to resolve such items and may in fact, appear to have done so at the meeting, no person should rely on or act on the basis of such decision or on any advice or information provided by a Member or Officer, or on the content of any discussion occurring, during the course of the meeting. Persons should be aware that the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* (Section 5.25(e)) and the *City of Mandurah Standing Orders 2016* (Section 13.1(1)) establish procedures for revocation or rescission of a Council decision. No person should rely on the decisions made by Council until formal advice of the Council decision is received by that person.

The City of Mandurah expressly disclaims liability for any loss or damage suffered by any person as a result of relying on or acting on the basis of any resolution of Council, or any advice or information provided by a Member or Officer, or the content of any discussion occurring, during the course of the Council meeting.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SP.1/11/20 STANDING ORDERS LOCAL LAW 2016

The Mayor advised the meeting that the *City of Mandurah Standing Orders Local Law 2016* will be modified to ensure Council Members and the public can participate in and follow the meeting as it progresses.

MOTION

Moved: Mayor R Williams
Seconded: Councillor C Knight

That Council:

1. Suspend the operation of the following provisions of the *City of Mandurah Standing Orders Local Law 2016* for the duration of this electronic meeting to ensure Council Members and the public can follow and participate in the meeting as it progresses:

- 1.1. **Standing Orders 3.3 Public Question Time and 3.4 Public Statement Time pertaining to public participation in meetings continues via electronic means only with public submissions received to be read aloud by the Presiding Member at the relevant agenda item.**
- 1.2. **Standing Order 7.2 Members to occupy own seats whilst present in meeting room. Relevant only for Elected Members attending the Council Chambers.**
- 1.3. **Agree under Standing Orders 8.1(1) and 12.2, that instead of requiring a show of hands, a vote will be conducted by exception with the Presiding Member calling for those Members against each motion. If no response is received the motion will be declared carried and minuted accordingly.**
- 1.4. **Reiterate the requirement as per Standing Order 7.3 for Members to advise the Presiding Member when leaving or entering the meeting at any time.**

CARRIED: 9/0

7. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

9. QUESTIONS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS

Questions of which due notice has been given

Nil.

Questions of which notice has not been given

Nil.

5.40pm: Electronic attendance was re-confirmed by the Presiding Member.

10. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

The Chief Executive Officer advised the meeting that the item to be considered was no longer deemed confidential. Discussion had occurred with parties associated with the matter therefore the requirement for confidentiality was no longer appropriate.

Mayor Williams confirmed the item would be considered publicly with no requirement to move behind closed doors.

SP.2/11/20 2020-21 CITY OF MANDURAH EVENTS PROGRAM UPDATE

Summary

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting cancellation of the Mandurah Crab Fest in March, the City has taken a conservative approach towards its events season, whilst still maintaining the required momentum to plan major events in line with the current State Government advice.

At its Council meeting in October, Council resolved to cancel the Mandurah Street Party and Christmas Pageant, proceed with the New Year's Eve celebrations as a fireworks only event (with clear messaging and compliance with the State Government phase 4 restrictions), and delay a decision relating to the cancellation of the Mandurah Crab Fest 2021 until December. The City had maintained the required momentum for planning the Mandurah Crab Fest in its early stages, to ensure that if restrictions were eased the City would be prepared to deliver its major event that provides a significant economic impact to our region. Unfortunately, restrictions have not eased and the opening of the state borders has in fact resulted in more stringent measures on events.

Whilst life in Western Australia seems quite normal, the opening of the borders has prompted the State Government to tighten public health measures that have made the delivery of events in their traditional format unachievable. Officers are now urgently requesting Council to approve a more agile approach to event planning, that will allow the City to develop a program of events that can be altered in accordance with the current State Government advice at the time. It should also be noted that the current events program is built around major and marquee events, but until the time that the Western Australian State Government restrictions are lifted, the program of events will be made up of an increased number of small to medium sized events and activations.

In light of the cancellation of the New Year's Eve fireworks, and the inability to deliver the 2021 Mandurah Crab Fest due to the tight State Government restrictions, City officers are asking Council to approve the reallocation of funds to support the delivery of an exciting new COVID safe events program with a budget of \$252,416. Officers are also requesting that in order to aid with reinvigorating the Mandurah Crab Fest in 2022 following two years of cancellation, an amount of \$70,000 be considered within the 2021/22 financial year, with the funding to be taken from this year's budget. The remaining amount of unspent funds (\$193,820) will be decreased from the current operating expenditure to fund the City's operating deficit.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes that the New Year's Eve fireworks event has not been approved to proceed by the Western Australian Chief Health Officer, and will therefore be cancelled.
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5. Notes the intent to increase the budget of the 2022 Mandurah Crab Fest event by \$70,000 to enable the delivery of new event elements including securing a high-profile headline act to aid with reinvigorating the event after two years of cancellations.
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CARRIED: 9/0

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.47pm.

CONFIRMED (MAYOR)

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