

AGENDA

Special Council Meeting City of Joondalup

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF JOONDALUP**
WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE,
BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP

MEETING DATE



on
WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2007
commencing at 7.15 pm

Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME



Members of the public are requested to lodge questions in writing by close of business on Monday 22 October 2007. Answers to those questions received within that timeframe will, where practicable, be provided in hard copy form at the Special Council meeting.

Please Note: Section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 states that a Council at a special meeting is not required to answer a question that does not relate to the purpose of the meeting. It is requested that only questions that relate to items on the agenda be asked.)



GARRY HUNT
Chief Executive Officer

19 October 2007



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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following protocols for the conduct of Public Question Time were adopted at the Council meeting held on 11 October 2005

Members of the public are invited to ask questions, either verbally or in writing, at Council meetings of the City.

The Council encourages members of the public, where possible, to submit their questions at the earliest opportunity.

Public question time will be limited to the legislative minimum of fifteen (15) minutes and may be extended in intervals of up to ten (10) minutes by resolution of the Council, but the total time allocated for public questions to be asked and responses to be given is not to exceed thirty five (35) minutes in total.

PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public are invited to ask questions, either verbally or in writing, at Council Meetings.

Questions asked at an ordinary Council meeting can relate to matters that affect the operations of the City of Joondalup. Questions asked at a Special Meeting of the Council must relate to the purpose for which the meeting has been called.

- 1 A register will be provided for those persons wanting to ask questions to enter their name. Persons will be requested to come forward in the order in which they are registered, and to give their name and address.
- 2 Each member of the public wanting to ask questions will be encouraged to provide a written form of their question(s) to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designated City employee.
- 3 Public question time will be limited to two (2) minutes per member of the public, with a limit of two (2) questions per member of the public.
- 4 Statements are not to precede the asking of a question during public question time. Statements should be made during public statement time.
- 5 Members of the public are encouraged to keep their questions brief to enable everyone who desires to ask a question to have the opportunity to do so.
- 6 Where the number of required questions exceeds the number able to be asked, the member of the public may submit the unasked questions to the Council, where they would be 'taken on notice' and a written response provided.
- 7 Public question time is declared closed following the expiration of the allocated time period, or earlier than such time where there are no further questions.

- 8 To enable prompt and detailed responses to questions, members of the public are encouraged to lodge questions in writing to the CEO by close of business two working days prior to the scheduled Council meeting.
- Responses to those questions received within the above timeframe will, where practicable, be provided in hard copy at the meeting.
- 9 The Mayor or presiding member shall decide to:
- Accept or reject the question and his/her decision is final;
 - Nominate a member of the Council and/or City employee to respond to the question;
 - Due to the complexity of the question, require that it be taken on notice with a written response provided as soon as possible, and included in the agenda of the next Council meeting.
- 10 Questions are to be directed to the presiding member and should be asked politely in good faith and are not to be framed in such a way as to reflect adversely or be defamatory on a particular Elected Member or City employee.
- 11 Where a response has been provided to a question asked by a member of the public, and where that response, in the opinion of the presiding person, adequately deals with the question, there is no obligation to further justify the response.
- 12 Where an elected member is of the opinion that a member of the public is:
- asking a question at a Council meeting, that is not relevant to the operations of the City of Joondalup;
 - making a statement during public question time;
- they may bring it to the attention of the meeting.
- 13 Questions and any response will be summarised and included in the minutes of the Council meeting.
- 14 It is not intended that question time should be used as a means to obtain information that would not be made available if it was sought from the City's records under Section 5.94 of the Local Government Act 1995 or the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 1992. Where the response to a question(s) would require a substantial commitment of the City's resources, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will determine that it is an unreasonable impost upon the City and refuse to provide it. The CEO will advise the member of the public that the information may be sought in accordance with the FOI Act 1992.

DISCLAIMER

Responses to questions not put in writing are provided in good faith and as such, should not be relied upon as being either complete or comprehensive.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code recognises these ethical values and professional behaviours that support the principles of:

Respect for persons - this principle requires that we treat other people as individuals with rights that should be honoured and defended, and should empower them to claim their rights if they are unable to do so for themselves. It is our respect for the rights of others that qualifies us as members of a community, not simply as individuals with rights, but also with duties and responsibilities to other persons.

Justice - this principle requires that we treat people fairly, without discrimination, and with rules that apply equally to all. Justice ensures that opportunities and social benefits are shared equally among individuals, and with equitable outcomes for disadvantaged groups.

Beneficence - this principle requires that we should do good, and not harm, to others. It also requires that the strong have a duty of care to the weak, dependent and vulnerable. Beneficence expresses the requirement that we should do for others what we would like to do for ourselves.

** Any queries on the agenda, please contact Council Support Services on 9400 4369.*

CITY OF JOONDALUP

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on **WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2007** commencing at **7.15 pm**.

GARRY HUNT
Chief Executive Officer
19 October 2007

Joondalup
Western Australia

AGENDA

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(Please Note: Section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 states that a Council at a special meeting is not required to answer a question that does not relate to the purpose of the meeting. It is requested that only questions that relate to items on the agenda be asked.)

3 APOLOGIES

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The role of the Deputy Mayor is to perform the functions of the Mayor when authorised to do so, that is when the office of Mayor is vacant or the Mayor is not available or is unwilling to perform the functions of the Mayor.

The office of Deputy Mayor is to be filled as the first matter dealt with at the first meeting of the Council after an ordinary election. Upon election of the Deputy Mayor, there is a requirement for the incumbent to make a further declaration for that office.

How the Deputy Mayor is elected:

- 1 The Council is to elect a Councillor (other than the Mayor) to fill the office;
- 2 The election is to be conducted by the Mayor, or if he is not present, by the CEO;
- 3 Nominations for the office are to be given to the person conducting the election in writing;
- 4 Nominations close at the meeting at a time announced by the person conducting the election, which is to be a sufficient time after the announcement by that person that nominations are about to close to allow for any nominations made to be dealt with;
- 5 If a Councillor is nominated by another Councillor, the person conducting the election is not to accept the nomination unless the nominee has advised the person conducting the election, orally or in writing, that they are willing to be nominated for the office;
- 6 The Council members are to vote on the matter by secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election;
- 7 Subject to Clause 9(1) of Schedule 2.3 of the Local Government Act 1995, the votes cast under subclause (6) are to be counted, and the successful candidate determined, in accordance with Schedule 4.1 of the Local Government Act 1995, as if those votes were votes cast at an election.

6 ADDRESS BY DEPUTY MAYOR**7 CLOSURE**



**DECLARATION OF
FINANCIAL INTEREST/INTEREST THAT MAY AFFECT
IMPARTIALITY**

**To: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CITY OF JOONDALUP**

Name/ Position	
Meeting Date	
Item No/ Subject	
Nature of Interest	Financial Interest * Interest that may affect impartiality* <i>* Delete where not applicable</i>
Extent of Interest	
Signature	
Date	

Section 5.65(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 states that:

"A member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee meeting that will be attended by that member must disclose the nature of the interest:

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

