

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 16th October 2024

Commenced at 4:45PM
Held in the Council Chambers,
Railway Avenue, Nungarin





ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2024

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MINUTES and STAFF REPORTS

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NUNGARIN

ON WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2024

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 4:45 pm.

Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility as Read

I make this Affirmation in good faith on behalf of Councillors and Officers of the Shire of Nungarin. We collectively declare we will duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of our respective office and positions for all the people in the district according to the best of our judgment and ability.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

We wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Njaki Njaki Nyoongar people, and recognise the contribution of Elders past, present and future.

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Shire President Cr P de Lacy
Deputy Shire President Cr G Coumbe
Elected Member Cr RE O'Connell
Elected Member Cr K Dayman
Elected Member Cr A Eksanow
Elected Member Cr W Lee
Elected Member Cr M Caughey

Council Officers

Chief Executive Officer Mr D Nayda
Acting Manager Works & Services Mr D Dhu
Manager of Corporate Services Miss S Sergeant

Observers / Visitors

Nil

2.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

2.3 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

3.1 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

3.2 PETITIONS

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- a. Public Question Time provides the public with an opportunity to put questions to the Council. Questions should only relate to the business of the Council and should not be a statement or personal opinion.
- b. During the Council meeting, after Public Question Time no member of the public may interrupt the meeting's proceedings or enter into conversation.
- c. Whenever possible, questions should be submitted in writing at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.
- d. All questions should be directed to the President and only questions relating to matters affecting Council may be answered at an Ordinary Council Meeting, and at a Special Council Meeting only questions that relate to the purpose of the meeting may be answered. Questions may be taken on notice and responded to after the meeting, at the discretion of the Presiding Member.
- e. The Presiding member will control Question Time and ensure each person wishing to ask a question states their name and address before asking the question. If the question relates to an item on the agenda, the item number should also be stated. In general, persons seeking to ask questions will be given two (2) minutes within which to address their question to Council. The Presiding Member may shorten or lengthen this time at their discretion.

4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE
Nil

4.2 Public Question Time

Nil

- 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 - 5.1 FINANCIAL AND PROXIMITY INTEREST
 Nil
 - 5.2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE A CONFLICT
 Nil
- 6. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)
 Nil
- 7. PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES / OUT OF SESSION CONFIRMATION
 - 7.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 18th OF SEPTEMBER

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 86/10/24

Moved: Cr M Caughey Seconded: Cr RE O'Connell

For: Cr de Lacy, Cr Coumbe, Cr O'Connell, Cr Dayman, Cr Eksanow, Cr Lee, Cr Caughey

Against: Nil

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18th September 2024 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.

Carried by Simple Majority 7/0

7.2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 01st OCTOBER 2024

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 87/10/24

Moved: Cr G Coumbe Seconded: Cr K Dayman

For: Cr de Lacy, Cr Coumbe, Cr O'Connell, Cr Dayman, Cr Eksanow, Cr Lee, Cr Caughey

Against: Nil

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 01st October 2024 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.

Carried by Simple Majority: 7/0



8. OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 LISTING OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024				
File Ref:	N/A			
Previous Items:	Nil			
Responsible Officer:	David Nayda Chief Executive Officer			
Author and Title:	Selina Sergent Manager of Corporate Services			
Declaration of Interest:	Nil			
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority			
Attachment Number	8.1A – Payment Listing September 2024			

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 88/10/24

Moved: Cr A Eksanow Seconded: Cr W Lee

For: Cr de Lacy, Cr Coumbe, Cr O'Connell, Cr Dayman, Cr Eksanow, Cr Lee, Cr Caughey

Against: Nil

That Council in relation to the Payment Listing for September 2024, resolves to formally accept and acknowledge the contents of the report.

The following payments were outgoing throughout September 2024:

Municipal:

EFT: \$171,707.82Cheque: \$711.30

Direct Debit: \$12,596.88Credit Card: \$0.00

Trust: \$0.00

Grand Total: \$185,016.00

Carried by Simple Majority: 7/0

IN BRIEF

The purpose of this report is to present the listing of payments made from the Shire's Municipal, Trust and Credit Card funds throughout the month of September 2024.

BACKGROUND

The attached appendix lists the payments from Council Municipal and Trust funds for the month applicable as per requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

As per Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* the following information is required to be presented to Council;

- The Payee's name;
- The amount of the payment;
- The date of the Payment; and
- Sufficient information to identify the transaction.

REPORT DETAIL

As Council has delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute payments from the municipal fund and the trust fund a list of accounts paid is required to be submitted to Council showing the prescribe information.

SHIRE OF NUNGARIN INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2033

Focus Area	Community
Aspiration	Responds to the needs of all residents
Objective	Celebration of local culture, heritage and place

OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

As per Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 the following is required;

- (1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared
 - (a) the payee's name;
 - (b) the amount of the payment;
 - (c) the date of the payment; and
 - (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- (2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing for each account which requires council authorization in that month:
 - (i) the payee's name;
 - (ii) the amount of the payment;
 - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction and;
 - (iv) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.
- (3) A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be -
 - (a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
 - (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Economic

Social

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Implications

Risk Level	Comment		
Medium	If the required information is not presented to Council in accordance with		
	the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1996 it may		
	result in a qualified audit report and an unclean		
	compliance return submitted to the Department of Local Government,		
	Sport & Cultural Industries.		

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce



8.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024				
File Ref:	N/A			
Previous Items:	Nil			
Responsible Officer:	David Nayda Chief Executive Officer			
Author and Title:	Darren Long Consultant			
Declaration of Interest:	Nil			
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority			
Attachment Number	8.2A – Monthly Financial Report September 2024			

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 89/10/24

Moved: Cr G Coumbe Seconded: Cr K Dayman

For: Cr de Lacy, Cr Coumbe, Cr O'Connell, Cr Dayman, Cr Eksanow, Cr Lee, Cr Caughey

Against: Nil

That Council, regarding the Monthly Financial Report for September 2024, resolves to formally accept and acknowledge the contents of the report

Carried by Simple Majority: 7/0

IN BRIEF

For Council to consider the monthly financial report for the period ending 30th September 2024 Repeat above format for additional reports

SUMMARY KEY ISSUES

The *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulations require local government to prepare monthly reports containing the information that is prescribed.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 require local governments to prepare monthly reports containing the information that is prescribed.

SHIRE OF NUNGARIN INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2033

Focus Area	Our organisation
Aspiration	Effective forward planning, and engagement with our community
Objective	Deliver sound financial and asset management

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no Strategic Plan implications evident at this time.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Finance) Regulations 1996*.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996: Regulation 34 states:

- (1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d) for that month in the following detail:
 - (a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c);
 - (b) budget estimates to the end of month to which the statement relates;
 - (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
 - (d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c);
 - (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.
 - (2) Sub regulations 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 prescribe further details of information to be included in the monthly statement of financial activity.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Shire prepares the monthly financial statements in the statutory format along with other supplementary financial reports consisting of:

- (a) Statement of Comprehensive Income by Function/Program;
- (b) Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature/Type;
- (c) Statement of Financial Activity by Nature/Type;
- (d) Statement of Financial Activity by Program;
- (e) Summary of Net Current Asset Position;
- (f) Statement of Explanation of Material Variances;
- (g) Statement of Financial Position;
- (h) Statement of Cash Flows;
- (i) Statement of Cash Back Reserves;
- (j) Loan Borrowings Statement;
- (k) Trust Statement; and
- (I) Detailed Operating and Non-Operating Schedules.

MATERIAL VARIANCE COMMENTARY ON YEAR TO DATE

Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* require local governments to prepare annual budget estimates and month by month budget estimates so that comparatives can be made to Year to Date (YTD) Actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income. Attached to this report is a copy of the month by month cumulative budget estimates, set out in the Statement of Financial Activity format.

The Statement of Financial Activity as at 30^{th} September 2024 shows a closing surplus of \$2,700,404.

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Economic

Nil

Social

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Implications

Risk Level		Comment
Medium	N/A	

CONSULTATION

Financial Consultant - Darren Long

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

8.3 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 th SEPTEMBER 2024			
File Ref:	N/A		
Previous Items:	Nil		
Responsible Officer:	David Nayda Chief Executive Officer		
Author and Title:	Darren Long Consultant		
Declaration of Interest:	Nil		
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority		
Attachment Number	Nil		

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 90/10/24

Moved: Cr M Caughey Seconded: Cr W Lee

For: Cr de Lacy, Cr Coumbe, Cr O'Connell, Cr Dayman, Cr Eksanow, Cr Lee, Cr Caughey

Against: Nil

That the Investment Report as at 30th September 2024 be received.

Carried by Simple Majority: 7/0

IN BRIEF

For Council to receive the investment Report as at 30th September 2024.

BACKGROUND

Money held in the Municipal Fund of the Shire of Nungarin that is not required for the time being may be invested in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Trustees Act 1962* Part III.

REPORT DETAIL

The table below details the investments held by the Shire as at 30th September 2024:

INVESTMENT REGISTER						
01 st September 2024 – 30 th September 2024						
	COMMONWEALTH BANK – FIXED TERM DEPOSIT					
ACCOUNT Nº	DATE OF MATURITY	INTEREST RATE	OPENING BALANCE	INTEREST EARNT TO 01.09.2024	INVESTMENT TRANSFERS	CLOSING BALANCE 30.09.2024
38132004	14/10/2024	4.78%	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,00.00

SHIRE OF NUNGARIN INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2033

Focus Area	Our organisation
Aspiration	Effective forward planning, and engagement with our community
Objective	We deliver sound financial and asset management

OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS

No Strategic Plan implications

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

6.14. Power to invest

- (1) Money held in the municipal fund or the trust fund of a local government that is not, for the time being, required by the local government for any other purpose may be invested as trust funds may be invested under the *Trustees Act 1962* Part III.
- (2A) A local government is to comply with the regulations when investing money referred to in subsection (1).
- (2) Regulations in relation to investments by local governments may
 - (a) make provision in respect of the investment of money referred to in subsection (1); and
 - (b) [deleted];
 - (c) prescribe circumstances in which a local government is required to invest money held by it; and
 - (d) provide for the application of investment earnings; and
 - (e) generally provide for the management of those investments.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

19. Investments, control procedures for

- A local government is to establish and document internal control procedures to be followed by employees to ensure control over investments.
- (2) The control procedures are to enable the identification of
 - (a) the nature and location of all investments; and
 - (b) the transactions related to each investment.

19C. Investment of money, restrictions on (Act s. 6.14(2)(a))

(1) In this regulation —

authorised institution means —

- (a) an authorised deposit-taking institution as defined in the *Banking Act 1959* (*Commonwealth*) section 5; or
- (b) the Western Australian Treasury Corporation established by the Western Australian Treasury Corporation Act 1986;

foreign currency means a currency except the currency of Australia.

- (2) When investing money under section 6.14(1), a local government may not do any of the following
 - (a) deposit with an institution except an authorised institution;
 - (b) deposit for a fixed term of more than 12 months;
 - (c) invest in bonds that are not guaranteed by the Commonwealth Government, or a State or Territory government;
 - (d) invest in bonds with a term to maturity of more than 3 years;
 - (e) invest in a foreign currency.

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Economic

Nil

Social

Nil

Policy Implications

Council Policy 3.07 applies to the investment of surplus funds.

Risk Management Implications

Risk Level	Comment
Low	

CONSULTATION

Financial Consultant – Darren Long

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce



8.4 CITIZEN AWARDS 2025	
File Ref:	N/A
Previous Items:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	David Nayda Chief Executive Officer
Author and Title:	David Nayda Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority	
Attachment Number	Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 91/10/24

Moved: Cr W Lee Seconded: Cr M Caughey

For: Cr de Lacy, Cr Coumbe, Cr O'Connell, Cr Dayman, Cr Eksanow, Cr Lee, Cr Caughey

Against: Nil

That Council confirms that the 2024 Citizen Awards be for three categories, changing the age for the categories to reflect Over 30, Under 30, and Group.

Carried by Simple Majority: 7/0

IN BRIEF

Council is requested to determine the timing and format it wishes to undertake for these awards which are usually presented on Australia Day, Sunday 26th January 2025.

BACKGROUND

Government funding for Australia Day this year is \$10,000 with an additional \$5,000 for cultural inclusion and staff continue to acquire Australia Day paraphernalia for the event.

REPORT DETAIL

Staff members are actively engaged in acquiring Australia Day paraphernalia, including flags, banners, and memorabilia, to enhance the event's festive atmosphere. The procurement process also involves coordinating with vendors and suppliers to ensure the timely delivery of necessary materials. Additionally, the team is working on securing permits and liaising with local authorities to ensure a smooth and compliant event execution.

The Australia Day Awards event is a significant occasion that highlights the achievements and contributions of outstanding individuals within the community. Despite the reduction in government funding, the planning team remains dedicated to delivering a successful and memorable event. The Council's decisions regarding the timing and format of the awards ceremony will play a pivotal role

in ensuring the event's overall success. Through meticulous preparation, community engagement, and efficient budget management, the Australia Day Awards event is poised to be a fitting tribute to the spirit of Australia Day.

SHIRE OF NUNGARIN INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2033

Focus Area	Community involvement	
Aspiration	Recognition of outstanding contributions	
Objective	Community interest	

OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Economic

Nil

Social

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Implications

Risk Level	Comment	
Low		

CONSULTATION

Staff

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

8.5 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION		
File Ref:	e Ref: N/A	
Previous Items:	Nil	
Responsible Officer:	David Nayda Chief Executive Officer	
Author and Title:	David Nayda Chief Executive Officer	
Declaration of Interest:	Nil	
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority	
Attachment Number	Nil	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 92/10/24

Moved: Cr W Lee Seconded: Cr M Caughey

For: Cr de Lacy, Cr Coumbe, Cr O'Connell, Cr Dayman, Cr Eksanow, Cr Lee, Cr Caughey

Against: Nil

That Council discuss the format for this year's event.

Carried by Simple Majority: 7/0

IN BRIEF

The date suggested for this year's Christmas Party is Friday the 6th December.

BACKGROUND

Every Year council hosts a staff/community Christmas party

REPORT DETAIL

For the past several years, Council has held a Christmas party with great success. It has fostered a sense of community spirit and goodwill among residents and council staff alike. The Christmas party features games for children and a visit from Santa Claus, creating an enjoyable and inclusive atmosphere for all attendees.

The proposed date for this year's event is Friday, the 6th of December. This date has been chosen to maximize attendance, as it is close enough to Christmas to capture the festive spirit but early enough to avoid conflicts with other holiday commitments. Council will need to discuss and finalize the details of this year's event to ensure it is as successful as previous years.

The annual Christmas party is not just a celebration but also a strategic opportunity to strengthen community ties. By hosting this event, Council demonstrates its commitment to community involvement and positive engagement. The event provides a platform for residents to interact with council members in a relaxed setting, fostering transparency and trust.

In summary, the annual staff and community Christmas party is a valued tradition that aligns with our strategic goals of effective forward planning and community engagement. By continuing to host this event, we can achieve positive outcomes for our community while celebrating the festive season.

SHIRE OF NUNGARIN INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2033

Focus Area	Community involvement	
Aspiration	Effective forward planning, and engagement with our community	
Objective	Positive outcomes	

OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Economic

Nil

Social

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Implications

Risk Level	Comment
Low	

CONSULTATION

Staff

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

8.6 POLICY CM 22 – COUNCIL HOUSING POLICY		
File Ref: N/A		
Previous Items:	Nil	
Responsible Officer:	David Nayda Chief Executive Officer	
Author and Title:	David Nayda Chief Executive Officer	
Declaration of Interest:	Nil	
Voting Requirements:	Absolute majority	
Attachment Number	8.6A	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 93/10/24

Moved: Cr G Coumbe Seconded: Cr K Dayman

For: Cr de Lacy, Cr Coumbe, Cr O'Connell, Cr Dayman, Cr Eksanow, Cr Lee, Cr Caughey

Against: Nil

That Council adopt housing policy CM22 with adjustments made to fencing height in section 7.8 and the list of Council properties.

Carried by Simple Majority: 7/0

IN BRIEF

The council is being requested to deliberate on the implementation of new housing policy CM22.

REPORT DETAIL

The new housing policy CM22 was reviewed during three briefing sessions which lead to the current version. This policy aims to ensure the protection of Council and provide staff with a clear understanding and knowledge, leading to an effective implementation in matters concerning both private and staff housing.

SHIRE OF NUNGARIN INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2033

Focus Area	Good Governance	
Aspiration	A strong local government policy	
Objective A Shire that prospers through partnership and good governance		

OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Economic

Nil

Social

Nil

Policy Implications

New policy will be added to policy manual

Risk Management Implications

Nil

Risk Level	Comment
CONSULTATION Staff and Council	
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
Financial Nil	XXX
Workforce	



9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Nil

10. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

(New business of an urgent nature approved by the Presiding Member) Nil

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4:53pm

