



# Special Council Meeting

Minutes

21 October 2025

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**1. Official Opening**

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 6:30pm and welcomed Councillors, Staff and Members of the Public Gallery. The Presiding Member also acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet the Whadjuk Noongar people.

**2. Attendance, Apologies and Leave of Absence Previously Approved**

**Mayor**

Margaret Thomas JP (Presiding Member)

**Councillors**

**Southeast Ward**

John Giardina

David Modolo

**Southwest Ward**

Mary Cannon

Brooke O'Donnell

**Northwest Ward**

Sue Bilich

Lisa Cooper

**North Ward**

Josh Clark

Kathy Ritchie

**Members of Staff**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Anthony Vuleta - Chief Executive Officer

**Executive Team**

Sinead McGuire - Director Infrastructure

Luke Ellis - Director Community

Gary Ticehurst - Director Corporate

Nathan Ritchie - Director Development

**Management Team**

Rhonda Bowman – Manager Governance

**Administration Support**

David Baker – Senior Governance Officer

Molly Rogers-Thomson - Executive Officer

**Members of the Public 15**

**Members of the Press Nil.**

**Apologies Nil.**

**Leave of Absence Previously Approved Nil.**

### **3. Elected Members**

#### **3.1 Swearing in of Councillors-elect**

In accordance with Section 2.29 of the *Local Government Act 1995* Councillors-elect Sue Bilich, Mary Cannon, Josh Clark, Lisa Cooper and David Modolo made a declaration before acting in the office. The declaration was made before Mayor Margaret Thomas JP.

#### **3.2. Election of Deputy Mayor**

The election of the Deputy Mayor is undertaken in accordance with Schedule 2.3, Division 1, of the *Local Government Act 1995*. Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were received by the Chief Executive Officer in writing prior to the meeting from Councillor Kathy Ritchie and Councillor John Giardina.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations from the floor for the position of Deputy Mayor.

No other nominations were received.

The Chief Executive Officer acted as the Returning Officer for the election of the Deputy Mayor. Councillors were asked to vote for the position of Deputy Mayor by secret ballot. The votes cast counted in the presence of the Chief Executive Officer and Manager Governance.

The Chief Executive Officer declared the result as follows:

Cr Kathy Ritchie 5  
Cr John Giardina 4

Cr Kathy Ritchie was elected to the position of Deputy Mayor.

#### **3.3. Swearing in of Deputy Mayor**

In accordance with Section 2.29 of the *Local Government Act 1995* Councillor Kathy Ritchie made a declaration as the Deputy Mayor before Mayor Margaret Thomas JP.

### **4. Public Question Time**

4.1 Nil.

**5. Announcements by the Member Presiding Without Discussion**

- 5.1 Good evening everyone - it feels like only last week I was sitting here letting you know what I'd been up to ... and it was!

The focus for the past week has very much been the local government elections, and tonight I want to take a moment to officially acknowledge and welcome our newly elected and returning Councillors.

A warm welcome to Cr Josh Clark, and congratulations to Cr Lisa Cooper, Cr Mary Cannon, Cr David Modolo, and Cr Sue Bilich.

Standing for election is no small commitment, and I want to acknowledge the time, effort, and heart that each of you - and indeed all candidates - put into the process.

It reflects a shared desire to make a difference in our community, and that's something truly commendable.

As we begin this new Council term, I'm looking forward to continuing to build on the strong culture of respect and collaboration that defines this chamber.

We will have different views at times - that's healthy and important - but our strength lies in how we work together once decisions are made.

Our community expects us to lead with integrity, to listen, and to keep the City's long-term wellbeing at the centre of everything we do.

I'm confident that, together, we will continue to do just that.

Welcome again, and thank you all for your continued commitment to serving the people of the City of Kalamunda.

**6. Matters for Which the Meeting may be Closed**

- 6.1 Nil.

**7. Disclosure of Interest**

**7.1. Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests**

- a. Members must disclose the nature of their interest in matter to be discussed at the meeting. (Section 5.56 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.)
- b. Employees must disclose the nature of their interest in reports or advice when giving the report or advice to the meeting. (Section 5.70 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.)

7.1.1 Nil.

**7.2. Disclosure of Interest Affecting Impartiality**

- a. Members and staff must disclose their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting in respect of which the member or employee had given or will give advice.

7.2.1 Nil.

**8. Petitions/Deputations**

8.1 Nil.

**9. Closure**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the Meeting closed at 6.54pm.