



City of Nedlands

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

Wednesday 15 July 2026

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

I am now pleased to declare this Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Nedlands open at 6:00 pm.

In opening the meeting, I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar Nation, and pay our respects to culture and Elders, past and present. The City of Nedlands also values the contributions made to the community over the years by people of diverse backgrounds and cultures, including those who have served and sacrificed.

This meeting is being live streamed and recorded, and I refer you to the disclaimer on page 2 of the agenda.

2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Councillors

Ms L Browner	Mayor (Presiding Member)
Ms E Claplin	Councillor Coastal Ward (Online)
Mr S Kobelke	Councillor Coastal Ward
Ms J Matthews	Deputy Mayor Dalkeith Ward (Online)
Mr C Pan	Councillor Dalkeith Ward
Dr G Ruscoe	Councillor Hollywood Ward
Mr J Coleman	Councillor Melvista Ward
Ms R Coghlan	Councillor Melvista Ward (Online)

Local Government Monitor

Mr A Jacob	Local Government Monitor
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Staff

Ms R Stanton-Horne	Executive Officer to CEO and Governance Support (minutes)
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Apologies 0

Leave of Absence

Ms R Kristensen	Councillor Hollywood Ward
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Public 0

Media 1



3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS THAT THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO PAPERS

Nil

6 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

- Item 11.1: CEO Contract



7 DIVISIONAL REPORTS - CITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Nil



8 DIVISIONAL REPORTS - CITY PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Nil



9 DIVISIONAL REPORTS - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nil



10 DIVISIONAL REPORTS - CITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Nil



11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This Report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 5.23(2), of the Local Government Act 1995 (LG Act) which provides that the Committee may close to members of the public a meeting, or part of a meeting. The reports listed below have been identified as confidential for the following reasons:

Item 11.1: CEO Contract

- Falls within section 5.23(2)(b) – being a matter relating to the recruitment or employment of the CEO or a senior employee.

Councillors are reminded that, should Council resolve to close to members of the public that part of its meeting at which this Report and related documents is to be considered, then they are to ensure that the information remains **CONFIDENTIAL** and should not disclose the content of this Report or any related document to any other person. To do so may be an improper use of the information under section 5.93 of the LG Act.

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

That, in accordance with *Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: 5.23(2)(b); Council declares the meeting closed to the public at 6:04 pm.

Moved: Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Seconded: Cr Charles Pan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Charles Pan, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Glenn Ruscoe, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rebecca Coghlan and Cr Stephen Kolbelke

Against: Nil



11.1 CEO Contract

Report Number	CEO18.07.26
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Authority/Discretion	Legislative
Contributing Officer	Jonathan Allen - Manager Governance and Risk Management
Attachments	1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Tracked Changes to Clause 11 3 [11.1.1] 2. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - CEO Contract - Clean - 15.7.26 [11.1.2]

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

That Council **AUTHORISES** the Mayor to execute the CEO Employment Contract (Attachment 2) (including all necessary minor administrative amendments) in accordance with section 9.49A(4) of the Local Government Act 1995, subject to the candidate agreeing to enter into the proposed terms of the CEO Employment Contract without amendment, within the amount of the Total Reward Package for SAT Band 2, to the value of \$371,000.

Moved: Cr Stephen Kolbelke

Seconded: Cr Julian Coleman

CARRIED 7-1

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Charles Pan, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Glenn Ruscoe, Cr Julian Coleman and Cr Stephen Kolbelke

Against: Cr Rebecca Coghlan



Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

That Council re-opens the meeting to members of the public at 6:10 pm.

Moved: Cr Stephen Kolbelke

Seconded: Cr Julian Coleman

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Charles Pan, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Glenn Ruscoe, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rebecca Coghlan and Cr Stephen Kolbelke

Against: Nil



12 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6:11 pm.