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Nedlands Council shocked by CEO resignation on Tuesday night

City of Nedlands Mayor, Cilla de Lacy, read out a pre-prepared statement by the CEO at the Council's Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 November 2020, during which she discovered it was a resignation letter.

"I could not actually believe what I was reading," Mayor de Lacy said.

"I don't think 2020 can get any more extraordinary."

The Mayor said the City's CEO Mark Goodlet has led the Administration since March 2019.

"In this time the City has experienced two unprecedented events; record numbers of Development Applications, particularly for apartments since LPS3 was gazetted, and COVID-19," the Mayor said.

"Dealing with not one, but two shocks to the system, would be trying for any leader.

"Nedlands Council acknowledges the huge pressure the CEO and Administration, particularly Planning, has been under this year.

"The Council has had twice the number of meetings it normally would (with many off site to accommodate large crowds) to get through the workload while ensuring the community has the opportunity to engage.

"During his time as CEO, Mark Goodlet has delivered on a number of initiatives including drafting a new Strategic Recreation Plan, a Greening Plan, various Enviro-scape Masterplans designed to improve and drought-proof our parks, and of course, local planning instruments to implement LPS3.

"Mark will be missed by Council and we thank him for his professionalism and dedication to our City. We wish him every success in his future endeavours," Mayor de Lacy said.

The CEO's departure date is 24 February 2021. Before then, he will assist Council in making the temporary arrangements needed to recruit a new CEO, as well as Directors of Planning, and Corporate Strategy.

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About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from the Perth CBD and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the white sands of the Indian Ocean. Covering the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park, the City of Nedlands is home to a population of approximately 22,000 residents.

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