minutes
Special Meeting of Council

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2026

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians
The City of Joondalup acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, and recognises the culture of the Noongar people and the unique contribution they make to the Joondalup region and Australia. The City of Joondalup pays its respects to their Elders past and present and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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CITY OF JOONDALUP

COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2026

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

2 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.1 MEETING OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6.32pm.

Mayor:

MAYOR DANIEL KINGSTON

Councillors:

CR ADRIAN HILL	North Ward	
CR LEWIS HUTTON	North Ward	
CR DENISE MERCER	North Central Ward	
CR CHRISTOPHER MAY, JP	Central Ward	*absent from 7.43pm to 7.46pm*
CR REBECCA PIZZEY	Central Ward	
CR RUSS FISHWICK, JP	South Ward	
CR JOHN RAFTIS	South Ward *(via electronic means)*	
CR MATTHEW COUNT	South-West Ward	*absent from 7.54pm to 7.57pm*
CR PHILLIP VINCIULLO	South-West Ward	*from 6.33pm*
CR JOHN CHESTER	South-East Ward	
CR ROHAN O'NEILL	South-East Ward	

Officers:

MR JAMES PEARSON	Chief Executive Officer	*absent from 7.51pm to 8.07pm*
MR NICO CLAASSEN	Director Infrastructure Services	*to 7.51pm*
MRS KYLIE BERGMANN	Manager Governance	
MRS VIVIENNE STAMPALIJA	Governance Coordinator	
MRS LAURA NAPIER	Senior Governance Officer	*to 6.39pm*

There was one member of the public and no member of the press in attendance.

2.2 REQUESTS FOR ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

In accordance with regulation 14C(2)(b) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* and the *Electronic Attendance at Meetings Council Policy*, Mayor Kingston gave approval for Cr Raftis to attend this meeting via electronic means.

Cr Raftis made the following declaration:

"I Cr John Raftis declare that I am able to maintain confidentiality during the closed part of this meeting. And if I am no longer able to maintain confidentiality, I will excuse myself from the meeting."

3 DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST / PROXIMITY INTEREST / INTEREST THAT MAY AFFECT IMPARTIALITY

3.1 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Elected Members (in accordance with clause 22 of Schedule 1 of the *Local Government [Model Code of Conduct] Regulations 2021*) and employees (in accordance with the Code of Conduct) are required to declare any interest that may affect their impartiality in considering a matter. This declaration does not restrict any right to participate in or be present during the decision-making process. The Elected Member / employee is also encouraged to disclose the nature of their interest.

Name / Position	**Cr Lewis Hutton.**
Meeting Type	Special Council Meeting.
Meeting Date	13 January 2026.
Item No. / Subject	Item 8.1 – Confidential – Appointment of Director Planning and Community Development.
Nature of Interest	Interest that may affect Impartiality.
Extent of Interest	Candidate two is known to Cr Hutton.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

5 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

Nil.

6 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Cr John Raftis	16 February to 20 February 2026 inclusive.
Cr Rohan O’Neill	20 February to 23 February 2026 inclusive.
Cr Rohan O’Neill	4 August to 6 August 2026 inclusive.

6.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Nige Jones.

6.3 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE CR MERCER AND CR O'NEILL

(Resolution No: CJ001-01/26)

MOVED Cr May, SECONDED Cr Count that Council APPROVES the following requests for Leave of Absence from Council duties for:

1 Cr Denise Mercer covering the period 15 March to 28 March 2026 inclusive;

2 Cr Rohan O’Neill covering the period 17 February to 21 February 2026 inclusive.

The Motion was Put and CARRIED (12/0)

In favour of the Motion: Mayor Kingston, Cr Chester, Cr Count, Cr Fishwick, Cr Hill, Cr Hutton, Cr May, Cr Mercer, Cr O'Neill, Cr Pizzey, Cr Raftis and Cr Vinciullo.
Against the Motion: Nil.

7 IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

- Item 8.1 – Confidential – Appointment of Director Planning and Community Development.
- Item 8.2 – Confidential – Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel – Appointment of Independent Person.

8 REPORTS

PROCEDURAL MOTION - THAT THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
(Resolution No: CJ002-01/26)

MOVED Mayor Kingston, SECONDED Cr Hill that Council:

1 in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(b) and (e)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and clause 5.2(2) of the City's *Meeting Procedures Local Law 2013*, RESOLVES to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items:

1.1 Item 8.1 – Confidential – Appointment of Director Planning and Community Development (Ward - All);

1.2 Item 8.2 – Confidential – Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - Appointment of Independent Person (Ward - All);

2 PERMITS the following employees to remain in the Chamber during discussion on Item 8.1 – Confidential – Appointment of Director Planning and Community Development:

2.1 Chief Executive Officer, Mr James Pearson;
2.2 Director Governance and Strategy, Mr Jamie Parry;
2.3 Director Infrastructure Services, Mr Nico Claassen;
2.4 Manager Governance, Mrs Kylie Bergmann;
2.5 Governance Coordinator, Mrs Vivienne Stampalija.

3 PERMITS the following employees to remain in the Chamber during discussion on Item 8.2 – Confidential – Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - Appointment of Independent Person:

3.1 Director Governance and Strategy, Mr Jamie Parry;
3.2 Manager Governance, Mrs Kylie Bergmann;
3.3 Governance Coordinator, Mrs Vivienne Stampalija.

The Motion was Put and CARRIED (12/0)

In favour of the Motion: Mayor Kingston, Cr Chester, Cr Count, Cr Fishwick, Cr Hill, Cr Hutton, Cr May, Cr Mercer, Cr O'Neill, Cr Pizzey, Cr Raftis and Cr Vinciullo.
Against the Motion: Nil.

Members of staff (with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director Infrastructure Services, Director Governance and Strategy, Manager Governance and Governance Coordinator) and members of the public left the Chamber at this point; the time being 6.39pm.

Disclosures of Interest Affecting Impartiality

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Nature of Interest	Interest that may affect Impartiality.
Extent of Interest	Candidate two is known to Cr Hutton.

8.1 CONFIDENTIAL - APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (WARD - ALL)

WARD All

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Mr James Pearson
Chief Executive Officer

FILE NUMBER 111990

AUTHORITY / DISCRETION Executive - The substantial direction setting and oversight role of Council, such as adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.

This report is confidential in accordance with s5.23(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(a) a matter affecting an employee or employees.

A full report is provided to Elected Members under separate cover. The report is not for publication.

Cr May left the Chamber at 7.43pm and returned at 7.46pm.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION
(Resolution No: CJ003-01/26)

MOVED Mayor Kingston, SECONDED Cr Mercer that Council ENDORSES the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer to appoint, as a senior employee, Candidate 2 to the position of Director Planning and Community Development for five years at a commencing Total Employment Cost of $325,000 per annum.

The Motion was Put and CARRIED (11/1)

In favour of the Motion: Mayor Kingston, Cr Chester, Cr Count, Cr Fishwick, Cr Hill, Cr Hutton, Cr May, Cr Mercer, Cr Pizzey, Cr Raftis and Cr Vinciullo.
Against the Motion: Cr O'Neill.

8.2 CONFIDENTIAL - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SELECTION PANEL - APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON (WARD - ALL)

WARD	All
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR	Mr Jamie Parry Director Governance and Strategy
FILE NUMBER	74574
AUTHORITY / DISCRETION	Executive - The substantial direction setting and oversight role of Council, such as adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.

This report is confidential in accordance with s5.23(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(b) the personal affairs of any person.

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The Chief Executive Officer and Director Infrastructure Services left the Chamber at 7.51pm.

Cr Count left the Chamber at 7.54pm and returned at 7.57pm.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION
(Resolution No: CJ004-01/26)

MOVED Mayor Kingston, SECONDED Cr Vinciullo that Council NOMINATES Applicant three as the independent person on the CEO Selection Panel for the duration of the recruitment process.

The Motion was Put and CARRIED (11/1)

In favour of the Motion: Mayor Kingston, Cr Chester, Cr Count, Cr Fishwick, Cr Hill, Cr Hutton, Cr May, Cr Mercer, Cr O'Neill, Cr Raftis and Cr Vinciullo.
Against the Motion: Cr Pizzey.

PROCEDURAL MOTION – THAT THE MEETING BE OPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
(Resolution No: CJ005-01/26)

MOVED Mayor Kingston, SECONDED Cr Hill that in accordance with clause 5.2(3)(b) of the *City of Joondalup Meeting Procedures Local Law 2013*, the Council meeting now be REOPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

The Motion was Put and CARRIED (12/0)

In favour of the Motion: Mayor Kingston, Cr Chester, Cr Count, Cr Fishwick, Cr Hill, Cr Hutton, Cr May, Cr Mercer, Cr O'Neill, Cr Pizzey, Cr Raftis and Cr Vinciullo.
Against the Motion: Nil.

Doors opened at 8.07pm.

The Chief Executive Officer entered the Chamber at 8.07pm.

One member of the public and no members of the press entered the Chamber at 8.07pm.

In accordance with Clause 5.2(6)(a) of the City's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2013, Mayor Kingston read aloud the motion in relation to Item 8.1 - Confidential - Appointment of Director Planning and Community Development and Item 8.2 - Confidential - Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - Appointment of Independent Person.

9 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.09pm the following Elected Members being present at that time:

MAYOR DANIEL KINGSTON
CR ADRIAN HILL
CR LEWIS HUTTON
CR DENISE MERCER
CR CHRISTOPHER MAY, JP
CR REBECCA PIZZEY
CR RUSS FISHWICK, JP
CR JOHN RAFTIS
CR MATTHEW COUNT
CR PHILLIP VINCIULLO
CR JOHN CHESTER
CR ROHAN O'NEILL