



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK

# Special Council Meeting Minutes – 1 October 2024

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A **Special Council Meeting** was held at **5:00 PM** on **Tuesday 1 October 2024** in the **Council Chambers**, Administration Centre at 99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park.

**Her Worship the Mayor Karen Vernon**  
9 October 2024



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## **1 Declaration of opening**

*Mayor Karen Vernon opened the meeting at 5:01pm.*

### **Acknowledgement of the traditional owners**

*Mayor Karen Vernon read the Acknowledgement of Country.*

*Ngany djerapiny Wadjak – Noongar boodja-k yaakiny, nidja bilya bardook.*

I am honoured to be standing on Whadjuk - Nyungar country on the banks of the Swan River.

*Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaaditjin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.*

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

*Ngany youngka baalapiny Noongar birdiya wer moort nidja boodja.*

I thank them for the contribution made to life in the Town of Victoria Park and to this region.

## **2 Announcements from the Presiding Member**

### **2.1 Recording and live streaming of proceedings**

In accordance with clause 39 of the *Town of Victoria Park Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019*, as the Presiding Member, I hereby give my permission for the administration to record proceedings of this meeting.

This meeting is also being live streamed on the Town's website. By being present at this meeting, members of the public consent to the possibility that their image and voice may be live streamed to public. Recordings are also made available on the Town's website following the meeting.

### **2.2 Public question time and public statement time**

As this is a Special Council Meeting, any public questions or statements must relate to the business of the agenda.

There are guidelines that need to be adhered to in our Council meetings and during question and statement time people speaking are not to personalise any questions, or statements about Elected Members, or staff or use any possible defamatory remarks.

In accordance with clause 40 of the *Town of Victoria Park Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019*, a person addressing the Council shall extend due courtesy and respect to the Council and the processes under which it operates and shall comply with any direction by the presiding member.

A person present at or observing a meeting shall not create a disturbance at a meeting, by interrupting or interfering with the proceedings, whether by expressing approval or dissent, by conversing or by any other means.

When the presiding member speaks during public question time or public statement time any person then speaking, is to immediately stop and every person present is to preserve strict silence so that the presiding member may be heard without interruption.

### **2.3 No adverse reflection**

In accordance with clause 56 of the *Town of Victoria Park Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019*, both Elected Members and the public when speaking are not to reflect adversely on the character or actions of Elected Members or employees.

### **2.4 Town of Victoria Park Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019**

All meetings of the Council, committees and the electors are to be conducted in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and the *Town of Victoria Park Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019*.

### **3 Attendance**

**Mayor**

Ms Karen Vernon

**Banksia Ward**

Cr Claire Anderson  
Cr Peter Devereux  
Cr Peter Melrosa  
Cr Lindsay Miles

**Jarraah Ward**

Cr Sky Croeser  
Cr Jesse Hamer  
Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

**Acting Chief Executive Officer**

Mr David Doy

**Manager People and Culture**

Ms Donna Smith

**Acting Manager Governance and Strategy**

Ms Rhonda Bowman

**Meeting Secretary**

Ms Felicity Higham

**Public Liaison**

Ms Winnie Tansanguanwong

**Public**

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#### **3.1 Apologies**

Nil.

#### **3.2 Approved leave of absence**

Nil.

#### **3.3 Statutory leave**

**Jarraah Ward**

Cr Daniel Minson

## **4 Declarations of interest**

### **4.1 Declarations of financial interest**

Nil.

### **4.2 Declarations of proximity interest**

Nil.

### **4.3 Declarations of interest affecting impartiality**

Nil.

## **5 Public question time**

*Public question time opened and closed at 5:04pm.*

## **6 Public statement time**

*Public statement time opened and closed at 5:04pm.*

## **7 Presentations**

Nil.

## **8 Method of dealing with agenda business**

Nil.

## 9 Meeting closed to the public

These reports are to be dealt with in confidential session, under the terms of the *Local Government Act 1995* Section 5.23(2)(a) and (c).

### PROCEDURAL MOTION (227/2024):

**Moved:** Mayor Karen Vernon

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

That Council:

1. Closes the meeting to the members of the public at 5:05pm to consider item 9.1.1 and 9.1.2, in accordance with section 5.23 (2)(a) and (c) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
2. Permits the Acting Chief Executive Officer, the Manager People and Culture, the Acting Manager Governance and Strategy and minute secretary to remain in the council chamber during discussion, in accordance with clause 27(3)(a) of the *Town of Victoria Park Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019*.

**Carried (8 - 0)**

**For:** Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa and Cr Lindsay Miles

**Against:** Nil

*The meeting closed to the public at 5:05pm.*

## 9.1 Matters for which the meeting may be closed

### 9.1.1 CEO Performance Review Report

### 9.1.2 Interim KPI's for Acting CEO's

### PROCEDURAL MOTION (230/2024):

**Moved:** Mayor Karen Vernon

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

That Council reopens the meeting to the public at 5.11pm.

**Carried (8 - 0)**

**For:** Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa and Cr Lindsay Miles

**Against:** Nil

*The meeting reopened to the public at 5:11pm.*

## 9.2 Public reading of resolutions which may be made public

9.1.1 That this resolution, report and report attachments remain confidential under section 5.23(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

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## 10 Closure

There being no further business, Mayor Karen Vernon closed the meeting at 5:11pm.

I confirm these minutes to be true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Council.

Signed: .....

Dated this: .....

Day of: .....

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