## **TOWN OF COTTESLOE**



## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

# **UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE Council Chambers, Cottesloe Civic Centre 109 Broome Street, Cottesloe 5:00 PM Friday, 14 March 2025

WILLIAM MATTHEW SCOTT Chief Executive Officer

19 March 2025

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#### 1 DECLARATION OF MEETING OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member announced the meeting opened at 5pm.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Whadjuk Nyoongar people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

#### 2 DISCLAIMER

The Presiding Member drew attention to the Town's Disclaimer.

#### **3** ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Presiding Member announced that the meeting is being recorded, solely for the purpose of confirming the correctness of the Minutes.

#### 4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

#### 4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

#### 4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Nil

#### 5 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

Nil

#### 6 ATTENDANCE

#### Elected Members

Mayor Lorraine Young Cr Helen Sadler Cr Melissa Harkins Cr Chilla Bulbeck Cr Katy Mason Cr Jeffrey Irvine Cr Sonja Heath

#### **Officers**

Mr William Matthew Scott Ms Jacquelyne Pilkington Ms Magdalena Domanska Chief Executive Officer Governance & Executive Office Coordinator Executive Services Officer

#### 6.1 APOLOGIES

Cr Michael Thomas

#### **Officers Apologies**

Nil

#### 6.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Brad Wylynko

#### 6.3 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

SCM019/2025

Moved Cr Sadler

Seconded Cr Heath

That Cr Bulbeck be granted a leave of absence from 17 March to 16 May 2025.

Carried 7/0

#### 7 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Chief Executive Officer declared a FINANCIAL INTEREST in item 12.1.1 by virtue "as this matter will impact on my employment contract"

#### 8 PRESENTATIONS

#### 8.1 PETITIONS

Nil

#### 8.2 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8.3 **DEPUTATIONS** 

Nil

- 9 REPORTS
- 9.1 **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

#### 10 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

- 11 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING BY:
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#### SCM020/2025

#### MOTION FOR BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Moved Mayor Young Seconded Cr Mason

That, in accordance with Section 5.23(2) (a), Council discuss the confidential reports behind closed doors.

Carried 7/0 For: Mayor Young, Crs Sadler, Harkins, Bulbeck, Mason, Irvine and Heath Against: Nil

The public and members of the media were requested to leave the meeting at 5:03 pm

The Presiding Member requested the recording equipment to be deactivated when going behind closed doors.

Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 5:03 pm and did not return.

Executive Services Officer left the meeting at 5:03 pm

#### **12.1.1 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE MATTER**

This item is considered confidential in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* section 5.23(2) (a) as it contains information relating to a matter affecting an employee or employees.

#### SCM021/2025

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Sadler

Seconded Cr Bulbeck

THAT Council by absolute majority:

**1.** APPROVES and is satisfied with the provisions of the proposed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) employment contract, as circulated to Elected Members, which is in

accordance with Band 3 of the Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members Determination No. 1 of 2024;

- 2. APPROVES the making of an offer to the preferred candidate (identified in resolution OCM 16/2025) for the position of CEO at the Town of Cottesloe and Council is satisfied that the preferred candidate is suitably qualified for the position of CEO;
- 3. AUTHORISES the Mayor to:
  - a. PRESENT the proposed CEO employment contract to the preferred candidate and if the preferred candidate negotiates the proposed CEO employment contract on different terms under clause 12 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the negotiated proposed CEO employment contract will be presented to Council for approval before execution.
  - b. EXECUTE, on acceptance of the proposed CEO employment contract or approval by Council of any negotiated CEO employment contract, the employment contract in accordance with Section 9.49A(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995.
- 4. NOTES that, subject to the execution of the CEO employment contract the preferred candidate is appointed to the position of CEO at the Town of Cottesloe;
- 5. AUTHORISES the Mayor to disclose the name and commencement date of the new CEO once the employment contract has been executed; and
- 6. APPROVES the early termination of the current CEO, Mr William Matthew Scott, employment contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of his employment contract, subject to the commencement date of the new CEO.

Carried by Absolute Majority 7/0 For: Mayor Young, Crs Sadler, Harkins, Bulbeck, Mason, Irvine and Heath Against: Nil

#### MOTION FOR RETURN FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

In accordance with Section 5.23 that the meeting be re-opened to members of the public and media, and motions passed behind closed doors be read out if there are any public present.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 5:07 pm, however no members of the public or media were in attendance.

Executive Services Officer returned to the meeting at 5:07 pm

The Presiding Member requested the recording equipment to be reactivated after coming out of closed doors.

#### 12.2 PUBLIC READING OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAY BE MADE PUBLIC

#### 12.1.1 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE MATTER

The resolution for item 12.1.1 was read aloud.

#### **13 MEETING CLOSURE**

The Presiding Member announced the closure of the meeting at 5:11 pm.