



State Council Summary Minutes

6 May 2020

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council held via video conference on Wednesday 6 May 2020.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

Members	President of WALGA - Chair Deputy President of WALGA, Northern Country Zone Avon-Midland Country Zone Central Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone Central Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Gascoyne Country Zone Great Eastern Country Zone Great Southern Country Zone Kimberley Country Zone Murchison Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone Peel Country Zone Pilbara Country Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South West Country Zone	Mayor Tracey Roberts JP President Cr Karen Chappel JP President Cr Ken Seymour – via video President Cr Phillip Blight – via video Cr Jenna Ledgerwood – via video Cr Paul Kelly – via video Cr Catherine Ehrhardt via video at 4:11pm Cr Cate McCullough – via video President Cr Malcolm Cullen – via video President Cr Cheryl Cowell – via video President Cr Stephen Strange – via video Cr Ronnie Fleay – via video Cr Chris Mitchell JP – via video Cr Les Price – via video Cr Frank Cvitan – via video Mayor Mark Irwin- via video at 4:18pm Cr Russ Fishwick JP – via video President Cr Michelle Rich – via video Mayor Peter Long – via video Cr Julie Brown – via video Mayor Ruth Butterfield – via video Cr Doug Thompson – via video Mayor Carol Adams OAM – via video Mayor Logan Howlett JP- via video President Cr Tony Dean via video
Ex Officio	Chair Commissioner, City of Perth Local Government Professionals WA	Mr Andrew Hammond – via video Mr Jamie Parry – via video
Observer	East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Giorgia Johnson – via video
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer EM Environment & Waste EM Governance & Organisational Services EM Finance & Marketing EM Infrastructure Manager Strategy & Association Governance Financial Controller Manager Governance Manager Environment Policy Executive Officer Governance	Mr Nick Sloan Mr Mark Batty – via video Mr Tony Brown Mr Zac Donovan – via video Mr Ian Duncan – via video Mr Tim Lane – via video Mr Rick Murray Mr James McGovern – via video Ms Nicole Matthews – via video Ms Margaret Degebrod

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1. OPEN and WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:04pm

• Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the Whadjuk Nyoongar People who are the Traditional Custodians of this land we meet on today and I would like to pay my respects to their Elders past, present and future.

Welcome to:

Cr Frank Cvitan, North Metropolitan Zone

Cr Giorgia Johnson, East Metropolitan Zone observer

State Councillors and WALGA secretariat

APOLOGIES

Nil

MEETING ASSESSMENT

I invite President Cr Tony Dean to undertake a meeting assessment at the conclusion of the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, State Councillors must declare to the Chair any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before State Council as soon as they become aware of it.

I note that there are several State Councillors and deputies that may be directly or indirectly associated with the recommendations of the Selection Committee. I ask that if you are affected by these recommendations, that you excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Cr Ronnie Fleay declared an interest in Item 5.1 as a member of the WAPC

Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in Items 5.4 and 5.5 as a candidate for the LGIS Board

Mayor Carol Adams declared an interest in Items 5.4 and 5.5 as a candidate for the LGIS Board

Mayor Mark Irwin declared an interest in Items 5.4 and 5.5 as a candidate for the LGIS Board

PAPERS

State Councillors received the following documents under separate cover:

- Strategic Forum Agenda
- Item 5.3 Finance and Services Committee Meeting Minutes;
 - Appendix Pack
 - Budget Pack
 - Financial Dashboard March 2020
 - Financial Statements March 2020
- Item 5.4 Selection Committee Minutes;
- Item 5.5 Selection Committee Interview Report
- Item 5.6 LGIS Minutes 8 April 2020
- Item 5.7 Use of Common Seal;
- Item 5.8 2020 Annual General Meeting
- CEO' s report to State Council
- President's Report (previously emailed to your Zone meeting)

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Meeting Held 4 March 2020

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Ronnie Fleay

That the Minutes of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) [State Council Meeting](#) held on 4 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 49.2/2020

CARRIED

3.1.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of 4 March 2020.

Nil

3.2 Minutes of Special State Council Meeting Held 27 March 2020

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That the [Minutes of the Special State Council](#) meeting held Friday 27 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 50.2/2020

CARRIED

3.2.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of 27 March 2020.

Nil

3.3 Flying Minute – 1 April - Submission on the Proposed Reforms to the Approval Process for Commercial Buildings

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel

RESOLUTION 51.2/2020

CARRIED

That the Flying Minute of 1 April, [Submission on the Proposed Reforms to the Approval Process for Commercial Buildings](#), be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

3.3.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of 1 April 2020.

Nil

3.4 Flying Minute – 3 April – Local Government COVID-19 Operational Support Initiatives

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel

That the Flying Minute of 3 April Local Government [COVID-19 Operational Support Initiatives](#), be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 52.2/2020

CARRIED

3.4.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of 3 April 2020.
Nil

3.5 Flying Minute – 17 April – National Redress – Participation of Local Governments

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel

That the Flying Minute of 17 April [National Redress – Participation of Local Governments](#), be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 53.2/2020

CARRIED

3.5.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of 17 April 2020
Nil

3.6 Flying Minute – 17 April – LGIS Board Member Contribution Strategy

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel

That the Flying Minute of 17 April [LGIS Board Member Contribution Strategy](#), be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 54.2/2020

CARRIED

3.6.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of 17 April 2020
Nil

3.7 Flying Minute – 22 April – Regional Aviation Policy Issues Paper

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel

That the Flying Minute of 22 April, [Regional Aviation Policy Issues Paper](#), be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 55.2/2020

CARRIED

3.7.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of 22 April 2020
Nil

3.8 Flying Minute – 22 April – Draft State Aviation Strategy 2020

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel

That the Flying Minute of 22 April [Draft State Aviation Strategy 2020](#), be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 56.2/2020

CARRIED

3.8.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of 22 April 2020

Nil

4. EMERGING ISSUES

4.1 COVID-19 Pandemic – WALGA Response

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in this report relating to WALGA's response to the COVID-19 pandemic be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	No meeting held
Kimberley Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That the WALGA recommendation relating to Item 4.1 - COVID-19 Pandemic – WALGA Response be amended to read as follows:

That the information contained in this report relating to WALGA's response to the COVID-19 pandemic be noted subject to Local Governments agreeing that it will consider not increasing rates for the 2020-21 financial year on condition of there being no additional State Government cost impositions on Local Governments.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA's advocacy has been to request no additional State Government cost impositions on Local Governments.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: President Cr Cheryl Cowell

That the information contained in this report relating to WALGA's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and WALGA's advocacy on requesting no additional State Government cost impositions on Local Governments be noted.

RESOLUTION 57.2/2020

CARRIED

4.2 Local Government Act Emergency Provisions (05.034-02-0015 TL)

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services, and Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

- 1. Notes and supports the introduction of legislation that:**
 - a. Provides for Ministerial emergency powers on the condition that the Local Government sector is consulted prior to the issuing of an order using this power, and**
 - b. Provides the ability for Local Governments to suspend a provision of a local law**
- 2. Continues to advocate for the 2019-20 valuations to apply to the 2020-21 rates.**

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	No meeting held
Kimberley Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That WALGA:

- 1. Notes and supports the introduction of legislation that:**
 - a. Provides for Ministerial emergency powers on the condition that the Local Government sector is consulted prior to the issuing of an order using this power, and**
 - b. Provides the ability for Local Governments to suspend a provision of a local law**
- 2. Continues to advocate for the 2019-20 valuations to apply to the 2020-21 rates.**

RESOLUTION 58.2/2020

CARRIED

5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Amendment to Third Party Appeal Rights – Preferred Model (06-03-01-0001 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

1. That the proposed amendment to the Third Party Appeals Process Preferred Model, being that third parties in addition to Local Governments are able to make an appeal on decisions made by Development Assessment Panels, is not supported, and
2. That the proposed amendment to the Third Party Appeals Process Preferred Model, being that closely associated third parties in addition to Local Governments are able to appeal decisions made by the Western Australian Planning Commission and the State Administrative Tribunal, in addition to Development Assessment Panels, is not supported.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	No meeting held
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

That the item be deferred to the next State Council meeting to enable further consultation to take place.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

All other Zones have supported the recommendation.

Cr Ronnie Fleay left the meeting at 4:16pm

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown

Seconded: President Cr Stephen Strange

1. That the proposed amendment to the Third Party Appeals Process Preferred Model, being that third parties in addition to Local Governments are able to make an appeal on decisions made by Development Assessment Panels, is not supported, and
2. That the proposed amendment to the Third Party Appeals Process Preferred Model, being that closely associated third parties in addition to Local Governments are able to appeal decisions made by the Western Australian Planning Commission and the State Administrative Tribunal, in addition to Development Assessment Panels, is not supported.

RESOLUTION 59.2/2020

CARRIED

5.2 Managing Lodging House Health Risks in WA (05-031-01-0001 BW)

By Bec Waddington, Policy Officer Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the submission to the Department of Health in response to the Managing Lodging House Health Risks in WA discussion paper be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	No meeting held
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That the WALGA Recommendation be amended to read as follows:

That the WALGA submission in response to the "Managing Lodging House Health Risks in WA" discussion paper, noting it supports the Department of Health's preferred Option C, be endorsed.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Zones recommendation is the same as the WALGA recommendation.

Cr Ronnie Fleay returned to the meeting at 4:36pm

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the submission to the Department of Health in response to the Managing Lodging House Health Risks in WA discussion paper be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 60.2/2020

CARRIED

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

5.3 Finance and Services Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 TB)

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

1. That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee Meeting held 22 April 2020 be endorsed;
2. That the Business Continuity Budget for the six month period ending 30 November 2020 be endorsed.

Voting Requirement: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

RESOLUTION 61.2/2020

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

5.4 Selection Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0011 CO)

Item 5.5 State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Board

Nominations were sought from State Councillors and Deputy State Councillors for 1 Metropolitan Member and 1 Non-Metropolitan Member on the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee.

State Council noted that there was still a vacancy for a representative from a Metropolitan Local Government.

The Chair Mayor Tracey Roberts called for nominations from the floor for a Metropolitan Local Government representative.

Cr Michelle Rich nominated for this position.

There being no further nominations, Cr Rich will be put forward as the Metropolitan Representative under item 5.5 of the Selection Committee Minutes.

Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in Items 5.4 and 5.5 as candidate for LGIS Board and left the meeting at 5:13pm

Mayor Carol Adams declared an interest in Items 5.4 and 5.5 as candidate for LGIS Board and left the meeting at 5:13pm

Mayor Mark Irwin declared an interest in Items 5.4 and 5.5 as candidate for LGIS Board and left the meeting at 5:13pm

President Michelle Rich declared an interest in Items 5.4 and 5.5 as a nominee for the position on the SAC and left the meeting at 5:13pm

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That:

1. The recommendations contained in the 28 April 2020 Selection Committee Minutes be endorsed including the appointment of Cr Michelle Rich to the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee;
2. The resolution contained in the 28 April 2020 Selection Committee Minutes be noted.

RESOLUTION 62.2/2020

CARRIED

5.5 Selection Committee Interview Report (01-006-03-0011 CO)

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That:

1. The Selection Committee Interview Report be noted; and,
2. Cr Paul Kelly be appointed to the Local Government Insurance Scheme (LGIS) Board as Metropolitan Elected Member.

RESOLUTION 63.2/2020

CARRIED

Cr Paul Kelly, Mayor Carol Adams, Mayor Mark Irwin and President Michelle Rich returned to the meeting at 5:16pm

5.6 LGIS Board Minutes

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett
Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel

That the Minutes of the LGIS Board meeting held 8 April 2020 be received.

RESOLUTION 64.2/2020

CARRIED

5.7 Use of the Association's Common Seal (01-004-07-0001 NS)

Moved: President Cr Stephen Strange
Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That the use of the Association's Common Seal be noted.

Document	Document Description	Signatories	State Council prior approval
Letter of Offer (Restatement)	Western Australian Local Government Association ABN 28 126 945 127 as Trustee for the LGIS Local Government Insurance Scheme	Nick Sloan	No

RESOLUTION 65.2/2020

CARRIED

5.8 2020 Annual General Meeting

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell
Seconded: Cr Ronnie Fleay

That:

- 1. The 2020 Annual General Meeting be held on Friday, 25 September 2020;**
- 2. Arrangements be made for the meeting to be held in person as the preferred option; and,**
- 3. If gathering and/or travel restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic prevent the meeting from being conducted in person, the meeting be conducted in a virtual setting.**

RESOLUTION 66.2/2020

CARRIED

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 Submission Position Statement: Special Entertainment Precincts and Option Paper for Proposed Amendments to the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 (05-036-02-0022 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the submission on Position Statement: Special Entertainment Precincts & the Options Paper for proposed amendments to the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	No meeting held
Kimberley Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

That the submission on Position Statement: Special Entertainment Precincts & the Options Paper for proposed amendments to the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* be noted.

RESOLUTION 67.2/2020

CARRIED

6.2 Submission on the Proposed Reforms to the Approval Process for Commercial Buildings (05-015-02-0005 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the endorsed submission on the proposed reforms to the approval process for commercial buildings be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	No meeting held
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Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

That the endorsed submission on the proposed reforms to the approval process for commercial buildings be noted.

RESOLUTION 68.2/2020

CARRIED

6.3 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

By Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Recycling

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 26 February 2020 meeting be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	No meeting held
Kimberley Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 26 February 2020 meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 69.2/2020

CARRIED

7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 Key Activity Reports

President Malcolm Cullen left the meeting at 5:21pm

7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Commercial and Communications (01-006-03-0017 ZD)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Jenna Ledgerwood

That the Key Activity Report from the Commercial and Communications unit to the May 2020 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 70.2/2020

CARRIED

Cr Ronnie Fleay left the meeting at 5:24pm

7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Jenna Ledgerwood

That the Key Activity Report from the Governance and Organisational Services Unit to the May 2020 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 71.2/2020

CARRIED

7.1.3. Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Jenna Ledgerwood

That the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the May 2020 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 72.2/2020

CARRIED

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Strategy, Policy and Planning (01-006-03-0014 MJB)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Jenna Ledgerwood

That the Key Activity Report from the Strategy, Policy and Planning Team to the May 2020 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 73.2/2020

CARRIED

7.2 Policy Forum Reports (01-006-03-0007 TB)

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the report on the Key Activities of the Association's Policy Forums to the May State Council Meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 74.2/2020

CARRIED

7.3 President's Report

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the President's Report for May 2020 be received.

RESOLUTION 75.2/2020

CARRIED

7.4 CEO's Report

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell
Seconded: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

That the CEO's Report for May 2020 be received.

RESOLUTION 76.2/2020

CARRIED

7.5 Ex-Officio Reports

7.5.1 LG Professionals Report

Mr Jamie Parry, President, LG Professionals provided an update to the meeting.

7.5.2 City of Perth Report

Mr Andrew Hammond, Chair Commissioner, City of Perth provided an update to the meeting.

8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the item from the Peel Zone in respect to “Local Government Rate and Waste Collection Revenue” be discussed.

RESOLUTION 77.2/2020

CARRIED

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

Local Government Rate and Waste Collection Revenue

That WALGA immediately begin lobbying the Federal Government to provide immediate support for the collective communities of Australia by funding the entire Local Government Rate and Waste Collection revenue for the 2020/21 budget year.

RESOLUTION 78.2/2020

LOST

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich
Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

Local Government Rate and Waste Collection Revenue

That WALGA immediately begin lobbying the Federal Government to provide immediate support for the collective communities of Australia.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Tony Dean
Seconded: President Cr Stephen Strange

That the following motion be put.

CARRIED

That WALGA immediately begin lobbying the Federal Government to provide immediate support for the collective communities of Australia.

The motion was put and lost.

RESOLUTION 79.2/2020

LOST

President Cr Cheryl Cowell left the meeting at 6:26pm.

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the May 2020 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration and appropriate action.

RESOLUTION 80.2/2020

CARRIED

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE

Payments to Volunteers Impacted by Emergency Events – People and Place

That the South West Country Zone request WALGA to advocate for the State and Commonwealth Governments to introduce a payment system for emergency services volunteers to partially offset their income lost when volunteering in emergency events.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

Exemption for Western Power to Attend to Power Outages during Total Fire Bans and Harvest Vehicle Movement Bans – People and Place

That the Northern Country Zone approach the WALGA State Council seeking from DFES an exemption for Western Power to attend to power outages during times of Total Fire Ban (TFB) and/or Harvest/Vehicle Movement Bans. The exemption is to be conditional upon DFES obtaining endorsement from the local Chief Bushfire Control Officer (CBFCO) or the local Fire Control Officer (FCO) of there being adequate fire control equipment accompanying Western Power at these times.

GASCOYNE COUNTRY ZONE

Local Law Process – Governance and Organisational Services

That WALGA advocate for the Local Law making process to be streamlined as part of the Review of the Local Government Act.

PEEL ZONE

Revaluation of Properties - Governance and Organisational Services

That WALGA:

1. Advises the State Government that this is a critical issue for the Local Government sector and it is contrary to the intent of the States Zero rates increase;
2. Continues to advocate on behalf of all Local Governments that the revaluation process should be differed to the 2021/22 financial year, given the confusion that will occur for ratepayers following the direction from the State outlining a freeze on rates because of the COVID19 pandemic;
3. Seeks a legal opinion on ratepayers rights to receive a zero rates rise, given most Local Governments have publicly stated that rates will not increase; and
4. Undertakes a communications campaign on valuations and rates given the complexity of setting the rates.

Rates on Subsidised Housing - Governance and Organisational Services

That WALGA facilitate a working party made up of interested Local Governments to liaise with the sector in general, prepare a report and to lobby the state government for:

- An amendment to the *Local Government Act 1995* to provide for a clearer definition around what constitutes a charitable purpose;
- Whether such definition should apply to residential properties that are leased for a financial consideration;
- To request the Department of Housing consider granting Local Government an ex-gratia payment of rates on properties they lease to third parties that subsequently successfully claim rates exemption; and
- Any other item pertinent to the matter

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

Advocate against Modern Slavery – Governance and Organisational Services

1. That WALGA encourages all Local Governments in WA to take a stand against modern slavery
2. That WALGA introduces the following clauses into the procurement policy template to ensure all Local Governments in WA are taking all steps possible to reduce the risk of using goods or services that support modern slavery.
 - including clauses in supplier contracts obliging them to be familiar with and to comply with the requirements of the *Modern Slavery Act 2018*;
 - Request suppliers to complete periodical questionnaires relating to the sources of their products, materials and business practices and compliance with the requirements of the new legislation;
 - periodically audit suppliers to ensure compliance and address remediation steps to be taken where non-compliance is found to exist; and
 - providing training to employees.

Public Open Spaces – People and Place

That WALGA lobby the State Government to increase the provision of Public Open Space from the current minimum of 10% to a new minimum of 20% and mechanisms to generate additional open space in areas of significant infill development.

Support for Local Government – Governance and Organisational Services

That the South Metropolitan Zone:

1. Request WALGA to advocate to State Government to establish a state based mechanism to help fund the necessary activities of Local Governments in WA proportional to the revenue they have lost because of COVID-19 shut downs.
2. Request WALGA to advocate at the national level for Local Government in its dealing with the Federal Government, in particular regarding access to JobKeeper and additional Financial Assistance Grants.

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE

Process Surrounding Dilapidation Reports – People and Place

The Central Zone strongly recommends WALGA lodge a submission to State Government, in support for formal registration of practitioners conducting dilapidation reports to industry standards.

Financial Incentive Mechanisms – Governance and Organisational Services

That WALGA requests the Minister of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and the WA State Government to retain the financial incentive mechanisms that enable Local Governments to collect rates and charges for delivery of services to our community of residents.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

WALGA Advocacy in Relation to Aboriginal Communities and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) – People and Place

WALGA advocate to Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt and State Ministers Ben Wyatt and Peter Tinley for the State Government to ensure that vulnerable Aboriginal communities and ACCOs are provided additional support during the COVID-19 pandemic to enable the continuation of their services and activities.

East Metro Zone Local Government Responses to COVID19 – Governance and Organisational Services

That WALGA facilitate the sharing between the Zone CEOs of a summary of each Zone members' COVID19 responses.

9. MEETING ASSESSMENT

Moved: Mayor Ruth Butterfield
Seconded: President Cr Tony Dean

That WALGA'S Corporate Governance Charter be amended to remove the requirement for a Meeting Assessment to be carried out at State Council meetings.

RESOLUTION 81.2/2020

CARRIED

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting of the Western Australia Local Government Association State Council be held **on Wednesday 3 June 2020** commencing 4pm.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:30pm