

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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Special Meeting of Council

20 August 2026



EMRC Council Members

Cr Filomena Piffaretti	Chairperson	City of Bayswater
Cr Paul Poliwka	Deputy Chairperson	Town of Bassendean
Cr Kathryn Hamilton	EMRC Member	Town of Bassendean
Cr Steven Ostaszewskyj	EMRC Member	City of Bayswater

EMRC Council Deputies

Cr Jennie Carter	EMRC Deputy Member	Town of Bassendean
Cr Michelle Sutherland	EMRC Deputy Member	City of Bayswater



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A Special Meeting of Council was held at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Ascot WA 6104 on **Thursday, 20 August 2026**. The meeting commenced at **5:39pm**.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

This meeting is being livestreamed in accordance with s.5.23A of the *Local Government Act 1995* and with EMRC Policy No. 2.2 – Broadcast and Recording of Council Meetings.

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 5:39pm.

1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation and to pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

EMRC Council Members

Cr Filomena Piffaretti	Chairperson	City of Bayswater
Cr Paul Poliwka	Deputy Chairperson	Town of Bassendean
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Cr Steven Ostaszewskyj	EMRC Member	City of Bayswater

EMRC Officers

Mr Hua Jer Liew	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Kasa Nakhonthat	Acting Chief Financial Officer
Mr Stephen Conway	Acting Chief Operating Officer
Mrs Wendy Harris	Chief Transformation Officer
Mrs Le Truong	Acting Manager Financial Services
Mr David Schmidt	Manager Information Services
Ms Theresa Eckstein	Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (Minutes)

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OR PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

6 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETINGS MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

NOTE: Section 5.23(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, details a number of matters upon which Council may discuss and make decisions without members of the public being present. These matters include: matters affecting employees; personal affairs of any person; contractual matters; legal advice; commercial-in-confidence matters; security matters; among others.

The following confidential report is covered in Section 8 of this agenda.

➤ APPOINTMENT OF A SUITABLE CORPORATE ADVISOR

7 EMPLOYEE REPORTS

Nil

8 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATION (Closing Meeting to the Public)

That with the exception of, the meeting be closed to members of the public in accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* for the purpose of dealing with matters of a confidential nature.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED CR HAMILTON

SECONDED CR POLIWKA

THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, ACTING CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, CHIEF TRANSFORMATION OFFICER, ACTING MANAGER FINANCIAL SERVICES, MANAGER INFORMATION SERVICES AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.23(2) OF THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995* FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEALING WITH MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The doors of the meeting were closed at 5:41pm.

8.1 APPOINTMENT OF A SUITABLE CORPORATE ADVISOR (D2026/18090)

This item is recommended to be confidential because it contains matters of a commercial-in-confidence nature and legal advice.

See Confidential Item circulated with the Agenda under Separate Cover.

RECOMMENDATION [Meeting re-opened to the Public]

That the meeting be re-opened, the members of the public be invited to return to the meeting and the recommendations passed behind closed doors be recorded.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED CR OSTASZEWSKYJ SECONDED CR POLIWKA

THAT THE MEETING BE RE-OPENED, THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BE INVITED TO RETURN TO THE MEETING AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS BE RECORDED.

The doors of the meeting were opened at 6:21pm.

Recording of the resolutions passed behind closed doors, namely:

8.1 APPOINTMENT OF A SUITABLE CORPORATE ADVISOR (D2026/18090)**COUNCIL RESOLUTION(S)**

MOVED CR PIFFARETTI SECONDED CR POLIWKA

6. The resolutions, the report and attachments remain confidential and be certified by the Chairperson and the CEO.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 27 August 2026 at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Ascot WA 6104 commencing at 6:00pm.

Future Meetings 2026

Thursday	27 August	(if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	24 September	(if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	22 October	(if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	26 November		at	EMRC Administration Office

10 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:23pm.