



SHIRE OF YORK

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Councillors

I respectfully advise that a SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Council Chambers, York Town Hall, York, on Friday 26 May, 2017, commencing at 3.00pm.

MEETING AGENDA ATTACHED

Paul Martin

PAUL MARTIN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Date: 24 May 2017

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Local Government Act 1995 (as amended)

Part 1 Introductory Matters

1.3. Content and intent

- (1) This Act provides for a system of local government by —
 - (a) providing for the constitution of elected local governments in the State;
 - (b) describing the functions of local governments;
 - (c) providing for the conduct of elections and other polls; and
 - (d) providing a framework for the administration and financial management of local governments and for the scrutiny of their affairs.
- (2) This Act is intended to result in —
 - (a) better decision-making by local governments;
 - (b) greater community participation in the decisions and affairs of local governments;
 - (c) greater accountability of local governments to their communities; and
 - (d) more efficient and effective local government.
- (3) In carrying out its functions a local government is to use its best endeavours to meet the needs of the current and future generations through an integration of environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity.

Part 2 Constitution of Local Government

Division 2 Local Governments and Councils of Local Governments

2.7 The Role of Council

- (1) The Council —
 - (a) directs and controls the Local Government's affairs; and
 - (b) is responsible for the performance of the Local Government's functions.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the Council is to —
 - (a) oversee the allocation of the Local Government's finances and resources;and
 - (b) determine the Local Government's policies.

Meetings generally open to the public

- 5.1.** (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following are to be open to members of the public —
- (a) all council meetings; and
 - (b) all meetings of any committee to which a local government power or duty has been delegated.
- (2) If a meeting is being held by a council or by a committee referred to in subsection (1) (b), the council or committee may close to members of the public the meeting, or part of the meeting, if the meeting or the part of the meeting deals with any of the following —
- (a) a matter affecting an employee or employees;
 - (b) the personal affairs of any person;
 - (c) a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting;
 - (d) legal advice obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting;
 - (e) a matter that if disclosed, would reveal —
 - (i) a trade secret;
 - (ii) information that has a commercial value to a person; or
 - (iii) information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person, where the trade secret or information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government;

- (f) a matter that if disclosed, could be reasonably expected to —
 - (i) impair the effectiveness of any lawful method or procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law;
 - (ii) endanger the security of the local government's property; or
 - (iii) prejudice the maintenance or enforcement of a lawful measure for protecting public safety;
 - (g) information which is the subject of a direction given under section 23 (1a) of the *Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971*; and
 - (h) such other matters as may be prescribed.
- (3) A decision to close a meeting or part of a meeting and the reason for the decision are to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.



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G 2.6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Policy Statement

1.0 “Public Question Time” will be limited to 15 minutes*. The Council may exercise a discretion to extend the time by resolution if required. If there are questions remaining unasked at the expiration of the time allotted members of the public will be asked to submit their questions in writing to the Chief Executive Officer who will provide a written reply with the response placed in the Agenda of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

** A minimum of 15 minutes is provided by Regulation 6(1) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 (S.5.24 of the Local Government Act 1995)*

2.0 Questions may be asked at the Ordinary Council Meeting and any Committee meeting on any matter affecting the Council and the Shire’s operations. Questions submitted to Special Meetings of the Council will be restricted to the subject matter of the meeting.

3.0 Each questioner will be limited to two (2) questions. Statements or long preamble are not permitted.

4.0 People wishing to ask questions will be encouraged to put their questions in writing or in a prescribed form and submit them to the Chief Executive Officer prior to 10 am on the day of the meeting. This allows for an informed response to be given at the meeting. Oral questions are permitted.

5.0 Priority will be given to questions about matters on the agenda for the meeting and which are submitted in accordance with 4.0 above.

6.0 Every person who wishes to ask a question must identify themselves and register with a Council Officer immediately prior to the meeting. Subject to 5.0 above questions will be taken in the order in which people register.

7.0 Questions containing offensive remarks, reference to the personal affairs or actions of Elected Members or staff, or which relate to confidential matters or legal action will not be accepted. Questions that the Presiding Member considers have been answered by earlier questions at the meeting or earlier meetings may not be accepted.

8.0 On receipt of a question the Presiding Member may answer the question or direct it to the Chief Executive Officer to answer. If the question is of a technical nature the Chief Executive Officer may direct the question to a senior technical officer present. If the question requires research it will be taken on notice.

9.0 There will be no debate on the answers to questions.

- 10.0 A summary of the question and the answer will be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting at which the question was asked.
- 11.0 Public Question Time guidelines incorporating this policy are being prepared and will include information on the other methods of enquiry that are available to members of the public to obtain information from the Shire.

Adopted 21 October 2013
Amended 17 September 2015
Amended 23 November 2015

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE
HELD ON FRIDAY, 26 MAY, 2017, COMMENCING AT
3.00PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YORK TOWN HALL, YORK

The York Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which this meeting will be held.

1 OPENING

1.1 Declaration of Opening

1.2 Disclaimer

The Shire President advised the following:

"I wish to draw attention to the Disclaimer Notice contained within the agenda document and advise members of the public that any decisions made at the meeting today, can be revoked, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1995.

Therefore members of the public should not rely on any decisions until formal notification in writing by Council has been received. Any plans or documents in agendas and minutes may be subject to copyright. The express permission of the copyright owner must be obtained before copying any copyright material."

1.3 Standing Orders

1.4 Announcement of Visitors

1.5 Declarations of Interest that Might Cause a Conflict

Councillors/Staff are reminded of the requirements of s5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter is discussed and also of the requirement to disclose an interest affecting impartiality under the Shire of York's Code of Conduct.

Name	Item No & title	Nature of Interest (and extent, where appropriate)

1.6 Declarations of Financial Interests

A declaration under this section requires that the nature of the interest must be disclosed. Consequently a member who has made a declaration must not preside, participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter the subject of the declaration

Other members may allow participation of the declarant if the member further discloses the extent of the interest and the other members decide that the interest is trivial or insignificant or is common to a significant number of electors or ratepayers.

Name	Item No & title	Nature of Interest (and extent, where appropriate)

1.7 Disclosure of Interest that May Affect Impartiality

Councillors and staff are required (Code of Conduct), in addition to declaring any financial interest, to declare any interest that might cause a conflict. The member/employee is also encouraged to disclose the nature of the interest. The member/employee must consider the nature and extent of the interest and whether it will affect their impartiality. If the member/employee declares that their impartiality will not be affected then they may participate in the decision making process.

Name	Item No & Title

2 ATTENDANCE

- 2.1 Members
- 2.2 Staff
- 2.3 Apologies
- 2.4 Leave of Absence Previously Approved
- 2.5 Number of People in the Gallery at Commencement of the Meeting

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time is conducted in accordance with the Act and Regulations. In addition to this the Shire's Council Meetings Local Law 2016 states –

6.7 Other procedures for question time for the public

(1) A member of the public who wishes to ask a question during question time must identify themselves and register with a Council Officer immediately prior to the meeting.

(2) A question may be taken on notice by the Council for later response.

(3) When a question is taken on notice the CEO is to ensure that—

(a) a response is given to the member of the public in writing; and

(b) a summary of the response is included in the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

(4) Where a question relating to a matter in which a relevant person has an interest is directed to the relevant person, the relevant person is to—

(a) declare that he or she has an interest in the matter; and

(b) allow another person to respond to the question.

(5) Each member of the public with a question is entitled to ask up to 2 questions before other members of the public will be invited to ask their questions.

(6) Where a member of the public provides written questions then the Presiding Member may elect for the questions to be responded to as normal business correspondence.

(7) The Presiding Member may decide that a public question shall not be responded to where—

(a) the same or similar question was asked at a previous meeting, a response was provided and the member of the public is directed to the minutes of the meeting at which the response was provided;

(b) the member of the public uses public question time to make a statement, provided that the Presiding Member has taken all reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to phrase the statement as a question; or

(c) the member of the public asks a question that is offensive or defamatory in nature, provided that the Presiding Member has taken all reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to phrase the question in a manner that is not offensive or defamatory.

(8) A member of the public shall have 2 minutes to submit a question.

(9) The Council, by resolution, may agree to extend public question time.

(10) Where any questions remain unasked at the end of public question time they may be submitted to the CEO who will reply in writing and include the questions and answers in the agenda for the next ordinary Council meeting.

(11) Where an answer to a question is given at a meeting, a summary of the question and the answer is to be included in the minutes.

3.1 Written Questions – Current Agenda

3.2 Public Question Time

4 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5 PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Petitions

5.2 Presentations

5.3 Deputations

5.4 Delegates reports

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

7 OFFICER'S REPORTS

SY059-05/17 – National Reconciliation Week 2017 - Acceptance of Grant

FILE REFERENCE:	OR.IGR.3
APPLICANT OR PROPONENT(S):	N/A
AUTHORS NAME & POSITION:	Esmeralda Harmer, Community Economic Development Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Paul Martin, Chief Executive Officer
PREVIOUSLY BEFORE COUNCIL:	No
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
APPENDICES:	A. Draft Project Agreement between Shire of York and Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet B. The Protocols of the Appropriate Use and Flying of the Flag

Nature of Council's Role in the Matter:

- Executive

Purpose of the Report:

The Shire of York has been successful in securing \$5,000 from the Federal Government as part of National Reconciliation Week 2017.

This report requests Council to accept the funding, authorise signing of the Project Agreement and approve the proposed scope of works and reconciliation event.

Background:

Officers applied for funding in April for National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June 2017) for the installation of additional flag poles at the front of the Shire Offices to provide for the Western Australian and Aboriginal Flags to be flown together with the Australian Flag.

In addition to this it is proposed to have a flag raising ceremony which will include local Balladong Noongar people.

This was identified to be a significant statement for the Shire to fly the Aboriginal Flag at the front of the Shire Offices and is considered an appropriate milestone for Reconciliation Week this year.

The Shire was advised on Friday 19 May that the funding had been approved.

Comments and details:

Officers are proposing the following scope of works:

- Removal of the existing flag pole at the front of the Shire Offices.
- Purchase and installation of three new flag poles at the front of the Shire Offices to accommodate the Australian, Western Australian and Aboriginal Flags in accordance with the flag protocols.
- Holding of a community ceremony and morning tea on Friday 2 June 2017 to raise the flags on the poles for the first time. This would commence at 10am with a Welcome to Country and include a speech by the Shire President followed by a free morning tea in the Lesser Hall.

In addition to new poles in front of the Shire Offices, funding will also be used to install an additional flag pole at Memorial Park to allow flying of the Aboriginal Flag as part of ANZAC Day events. The purchase of this pole is being facilitated by the grant and installation of the pole will be funded by the maintenance account of Memorial Park.

It is proposed as part of the 2017/18 FY budget to install two new flag poles at Avon Park to enable flying of the Australian and Aboriginal Flags as part of the Australia Day event in 2018.

Implications to consider:

- **Consultative**
Balladong Noongar representatives will be consulted and involved in the details of the community ceremony and morning tea.
- **Strategic**
The recognition and respect of the Noongar culture and working towards a positive relationship with local Balladong Noongar community is identified in the Corporate Business Plan as being important priorities and actions. Officers consider this proposed recognition and community event is a step in the right direction to address these priorities of Council.
- **Policy related**
G 4.4 External Grants: Procurement and Management requires Council to approve the grant funding which is the purpose of this report.

The community ceremony and morning tea will be held in accordance with Policy G 1.12 Civic Functions and Hospitality.

- **Financial**
The following is a summary of the capital and operating costs associated with this project:

Capital Expenditure

Description	Amount
Purchase of Flag Poles	\$3,850 (4 x \$959)
Installation of Flag Poles at Shire Admin Building	\$1,700
Total	\$5,550 (excluding GST)

Capital Income

Description	Amount
Grant National Reconciliation Week	\$5,000
Shire of York Contribution	\$ 550
Total	\$5,550 (excluding GST)

It is proposed to source the Shire of York contribution towards installing the new flag poles from unspent maintenance funds in the Administration Building Maintenance account GL 42176.

It is recommended Council amends the budget by transferring \$550 from GL 42176 to a capital account Administration Building Capital GL 43141 and increase expenditure by the grant amount of \$5,000 to fund these capital works.

The grant will be posted to Administration Government Grants GL 42227 which currently has no budget for this year which will therefore require a budget amendment.

The free community ceremony and morning tea including welcome to country and Lesser Hall hire is estimated to cost \$1,000 however this will be dependent upon the number of people attending. It is proposed this be funded from GL 41106 Receptions and Refreshments which has a remaining budget for the financial year of \$7,229.

- **Legal and Statutory**

Nil

- **Risk related**

Nil

- **Workforce Implications**

This project is being delivered within existing resource allocations.

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority Required: Yes

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

“That Council:

- 1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to accept the funding of \$5,000 for National Reconciliation Week;*
- 2. Approves the following budget amendments to facilitate this project occurring:*
 - transfer \$550 from Administration Building Maintenance GL 42176 to a capital account Administration Building Capital GL 43141*
 - increase Administration Building Capital GL 43141 by an additional \$5,000 to allow for expenditure of grant funds*
 - increase Administration Government Grants GL 42227 by \$5,000 to receive the grant funding.*
- 3. Approves the installation of three new flag poles in front of the Shire Offices to accommodate the Australian, West Australian and Aboriginal flags (in this order).*
- 4. Notes the Shire President will hold a community ceremony and morning tea on Friday 2 June 2017 at 10am for the inaugural raising of the new flags as a National Reconciliation Week event.”*

8 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

9 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

9.1 Matters for which the meeting may be closed

9.2 Public reading of resolutions to be made public

10 CLOSURE