

Public Questions October 2019 - 2023

Meeting Date of Question	Meeting Date of Response	Meeting	Name	Question	Response
27 November 2019	27 November 2019	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tom Cockle	Question 1. Can the Fremantle Council please provide a copy of their procedure or guideline document which is used to review and assess FMPL's compliance to clause 4.6 "Fair Market Rent" of the Operating Strategy?	Response 1. The City does not have a procedure to review or assess Fair Market Rent for market stallholders under clause 4.6 of the Operating Strategy attached to the Lease for Fremantle Markets. The City is not qualified to determine fair market rent. As it is a matter to be determined between two willing parties. When putting the Fremantle Markets lease together in 2008, the City received feedback from stallholders on resolving disputes so included a clause in the pro-forma sub-lease agreement for independent dispute resolution – this clause was to provide avenues for resolution of differences in issues such as determining fair market rent.
27 November 2019	27 November 2019	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tom Cockle	Question 2. Can the Fremantle Council please advise how often these Fair Market Rent compliance reviews are scheduled to occur?	Response 2. Fair Market Rent compliance is not undertaken by the City
27 November 2019	27 November 2019	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tom Cockle	Question 3. Can the Fremantle Council please provide copies of the 'assessment and results' documents (including copies of any independent valuations/estimates) for all the Fair Market Rent reviews undertaken since the commencement of the Head Lease in 2008?	Response 3. The only fair market rent process the City has been involved in occurred at the commencement of the head lease in 2008. This process was facilitated using an independent third party and legal proceedings. As this information is provided by and includes third parties, any information the City may have would need to be requested through the Freedom of Information process. The FOI process contains procedures for seeking third party approval to release any relevant information a government entity may hold.
27 November 2019	27 November 2019	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cassandra Beeson	What progress had been made by the City in leasing land in North Fremantle town centre for use as additional public car parking?	The City is in ongoing discussions with landowners regarding the possible leasing of land for use as a car park.
27 November 2019	27 November 2019	Ordinary Council Meeting	Jack Viner	Question 1. If this [DA0263/19] is approved, will there be an option for us to be compensated for sound-proofing our property, or being given a residential parking permit?	Response 1. Noise and odour concerns can be reported to officers, who will investigate and can measure the levels to ensure compliance with legal limits. Residential parking permits are available in some streets of North Fremantle. Council may consider a request for residential permits in other streets.
27 November 2019	27 November 2019	Ordinary Council Meeting	Jack Viner	Question 2. Why does this have to be dealt with now, why can't it wait?	Response 2. Planning applications are considered on their merits and must be decided within a statutory timeframe. The parking shortfall is part of the consideration of the application, however indirect issues, such as other car parking issues are not able to be considered.
29 January 2020	29 January 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Barry Healy	(In relation to the multiple dwelling development located on Beazley way in White Gum Valley) Are developers meant to provide energy efficient ratings when lodging construction plans for approval? He has been told that this is the case, and if it is the case then what happened in this instance?	The building permit application for this development was lodged by a private certifier. This means that a private building surveyor (not the local government) undertakes the assessment that a proposed development will comply with the Building Code of Australia, and assumes responsibility for compliance. This includes the parts of the Building Code dealing with energy efficiency. Evidence of this is provided in the form of a Certificate of Design Compliance signed by the private certifier, which must be lodged with the local government when the certifier applies for issue of the building permit, but it is not necessary for the certifier to submit details of all of the background calculations and measurements – such as the energy efficiency rating calculations - which feed into their overall assessment. If a certifier states that the development will comply with the Building Code, the City is obliged to accept that certification and issue the building permit.
29 January 2020	29 January 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1. Please give examples of "Turnkey" hospitality opportunities especially those using public funds like for like?	Response 1. The proposal being considered by council is commercial in nature and as such has been considered in line with other comparable commercial offerings.
29 January 2020	29 January 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2. The following statement from the agenda page 25 is concerning in that alcohol is being served facing a children's playground. Has the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor been consulted as the having alcohol in the vicinity of a children's playground and would they even approve for the proposed applicant?	Response 2. Any application for Liquor licensing will be considered by the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor. The operator will be required to address such considerations via the standard Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor process.
29 January 2020	29 January 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3. Page 24 of the agenda outlines the Consultation and Officers comments which do not fall in line with the recommendations from the Auditor in ensuring the operating revenue be greater than the operating expenditure. How is the city future proofing itself against this lease from defaulting or covering the losses from the 3 years free rent, fourth year partial rent (Undetermined 5% GP contribution) and \$500,000 investment? This especially considering the Officers comments around the market conditions that have deterred other proposed tenants!	Response 3. Ownership of any works delivered via the \$500,000 fitout contribution will be retained by the City at the conclusion of the lease. The lease will also include a bank guarantee of \$75,000. In addition, should the applicant default resulting in the termination of the lease the ownership of the tenants fit out will be vested to the City. The proposed Lease terms provide FDRB with an eighteen month grace period before being required to fit out and operate the third level. If FDRB do not finalise fit out and commence operation of the third level in this time frame, the City has the option to vary the lease to exclude the third level and recover up to 25% of the \$500,000 fitout contribution from FDRB.
29 January 2020	29 January 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 4. If council are going to decide to pump more public funds into the Kings Square Civic building venture would not a world class indigenous cultural centre and café be a more suitable fit for this community area? This could help in the Reconciliation Plan for the City by acknowledging the indigenous history of Fremantle with tourist industry employment opportunities linking the sad past of the Round House, Rottnest and the entrance to the Swan River Colony.	Response 4. The City is currently undertaking a process to assess the feasibility of delivering an indigenous cultural centre in Fremantle. The opportunity to deliver a cultural centre, as well as potential locations will be considered as part of that process.
29 January 2020	29 January 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 5. Outline what due diligence has occurred? Has the financial position for Fremantle Doctor Restaurant and Bar Pty Ltd (FDRB) been investigated to ensure they are viable going forward and in consideration that their current lease at the Orient Bar will expire around the same time as the free rent period expires on this development? Is this just not giving a risk free helping hand to a commercial trader at the expense and risk to the City and its Ratepayers?	Response 5. Appropriate due diligence and personal financial checks have been made on FDRB Directors as part of the process, including the collection of information about existing assets and liabilities.
29 January 2020	29 January 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 6. Was the same proposal (3 years free rent, fourth year partial rent (Undetermined 5% GP contribution) and \$500,000 investment) offered to the others targeted as outlined in the consultation on page 24 to see if this would change their minds to the opportunity?	Response 6. Over 130 prospective operators were approached and provided with all relevant information. The terms of the current proposal were determined via an extensive negotiations process, as is the normal approach to leasing commercial property.
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	(In relation to FPOL2001-9) Question 1. What independent, professional financial advice has council sought on this tavern deal?	Response 1. Any advice on the market relevance to the structure of the financials in the proposed agreement have been provided by the City's independent commercial leasing agent.
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2. Will this advice be made available for ratepayers' scrutiny?	Response 2. The advice provided by the City's independent leasing agent has been used to prepare the proposed agreement for consideration. Once, and if an agreement is reached between the proposed tenant and Council it will be advertised in accordance with section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995.
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3. Can all new councillors say they have a thorough understanding of the 2012 Kings Square business plan, including all of its financial implication on the City of Fremantle. If not how can they vote for this lease to go ahead, is that acting in the best interests of the city's rate payers and residents and in good conscience to move forward without that due diligence, as the city has changed their direction from the 2012 King Square business plan, so significantly?	Response 3. This is for individual elected members to consider.
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4. What is the current budget and expected costs for the construction of the new council building in Kings Square?	Response 4. The budget and expected building construction costs is \$44.48m.
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 5. What is the budgeted fit out cost?	Response 5. The majority of fitout is included in the building construction costs above. Additional fitout budget not included in the figure above is \$500k.
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 6. What is the budget for marketing the area?	Response 6. The budget for marketing the proposed hospitality and retail leased areas is \$68k, the marketing budget for the proposed leased office areas is \$84k
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 7. What are the costs for attempts to lease out the spaces in the new council building?	Response 7. Actual costs to date for the two commercial leasing agents is \$81k.
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 8. What is the councils entire expected budget for the whole Kings Square renewal project?	Response 8. Expected renewal project costs are: Demolition \$ 2.40m Building construction and fitout \$44.98m Public realm (Business Plan) \$ 2.20m Other public realm (trees and furniture) \$ 0.50m Playground \$ 0.40m TOTAL \$50.48m
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 9. With the clear failure of the councils plan in Kings Square to revitalise/attract new business to the area, how does this business plan hope to produce a positive NPV, which was its original aim?	Response 9. The net present value calculated in the original plan provided a positive net present value over a 20 year period.
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 10. What is the total borrowed for the Kings Square project? How does this compare to the original business plan?	Response 10. No funds have been borrowed at this time. The Council have approved to borrow up to \$20m as part of the 2019/20 budget. The original business plan provided for up to \$15m borrowings.
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 11. How does the current lease projection compare to the 2012 business plan and what financial impact will it have on the financial stability of the project?	Response 11. The original business plan used projections of \$103.66k per annum for the hospitality area. The original business plan proposed the City would earn net \$1.317m over the first 10 years, the current proposal would provide a net \$1.45m over the first 10 years.
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 1. How, when and where were the Fremantle rate payers involved or included in the planning of a tavern design concept to be located in the cultural and civic centre?	Response 1. The City undertook a Kings Square Urban design strategy in 2012/2013 which was developed through community consultation. The design strategy incorporated commercial activation to support the improvements to the area.
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 2. What will be the financial costs and expected profits to be returned over the lifetime of the tender agreement that includes incentive free rent during the proposed timeframe of the lease agreement?	Response 2. Proposed Costs – original fitout contribution \$500k – Agent fee \$54k Proposed Revenue – 10 years - \$1.94m
29 January 2020	26 February 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	In relation to a new precinct in Beaconsfield, is something going to be done if someone is receiving funding while also running a Council funded precinct?	Precinct Groups within the City of Fremantle are independent groups, with nominal support offered by the City to encourage community participation, they are not identified as "council groups". Providing a Precinct is operating in accordance with City Policy it may receive funding as outlined in the policy. Being engaged and paid to undertake work for the City does not preclude a person from volunteering their time, to encourage community engagement, by supporting a local precinct group. The City's Precincts Policy states the following: "As an open and consultative local government, the City of Fremantle supports precinct groups, to encourage any community member to participate and take an active role in providing input into the operations of the local government. Precinct groups are run by community members to offer opportunities for information sharing." "To be considered eligible for financial support, precinct groups must operate in compliance with the terms of this policy."
26 February 2020	25 March 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1. Has the council made suitable effort to ensure councillors have a thorough understanding of the Kings Square business plan and its impact on the city's finances?	Response 1. Yes, the project is discussed as part of each budget process.
26 February 2020	25 March 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2. If council's intent is to activate Kings Square, why isn't it holding council meetings in the Fremantle Town hall to activate the area?	Response 2. Council decided to hold meetings outside the CBD during the construction process.
26 February 2020	25 March 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3. What are the costs associated in holding meetings at the North Fremantle Bowling Club and whom, if anyone is paid to host the council there?	Response 3. Council and Committee Meetings are held at the North Fremantle Community Hall, and this does not involve any hire charges.
26 February 2020	25 March 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4. Has the council come to any arrangement to lease out any parts of the new council building or is it in discussion with any other parties? If so, has this been done through a public expression of interest?	Response 4. Currently in discussion or in the process of seeking interest.
26 February 2020	25 March 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 5. From a cost benefit ratio, how does the council justify the negative impact on the local business community by cancelling Australia Day celebrations on the 26th of January and hosting another event which clearly attracts far less business and foot traffic to the Fremantle, while occurring similar costs?	Response 5. Council has chosen to hold an event it feels is more respectful for all members of the community.
26 February 2020	25 March 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 6. Why is the Fremantle Visitor Tracker lagging up to 6 months behind in data input? Surely if the tracker data is to be effectively used, more frequent updates are needed? What is council's plan to address the continuing falling numbers of visitors to Fremantle?	Response 6. Council is implementing items of its Economic Strategy which have been specifically provided to encourage activation and visitors to Fremantle.
26 February 2020	25 March 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 7. In regard to outstanding capital works projects and general city maintenance and upkeep, can the council inform the community of the \$ value of these outstanding works and forecast works budget for the coming financial period?	Response 7. Mr Woodcock has been contacted and asked to provide more clarification in regard to this question so that the City can provide a thorough and accurate response.
26 February 2020	25 March 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 8. What independent information does the council have on the success/failure and cost of rebranding a town square? What goal will it actually achieve in the business plan? How will a name change activate Kings Square? Where is the cost benefit ratio, of a name change, especially as previous name change reverted back to the original?	Response 8. Until the community provides feedback on whether to change the name, and then if so, to what name. It is not possible to answer this question. The City is currently considering when and how to actively engage with the community on this topic – however, the process may be delayed due the current emphasis around social distancing in response to COVID-19.

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9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	David Trimble	Question 1. Does the City have any statistical information on the use of its 4 electric car charging points? If yes, can the City please provide these details?	Response 1. We monitor the total energy consumed by these 4 chargers on a bimonthly basis. This can be converted into the number of kilometres of electric vehicle driving that this electricity provides. The chargers were installed in August 2019. In the first few months of operation the chargers provided approximately 750 km of electrical vehicle driving per month. In the last couple of months the chargers provided approximately 2,400 km of electrical vehicle driving per month which is a more than 300% growth. This costs approximately \$190 per month.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	David Trimble	Question 2. What is the City’ policy for the introduction of further electric charging points for the future?	Response 2. We have been working on the Parking Strategy which includes identification of the priority locations to consider additional electrical vehicle charging infrastructure. This is based on focusing on activity centres around the City. We consider the suitability of installing electrical vehicle charging infrastructure as a part of the design process for all new car parks and on an as needs basis. No confirmed future installations are planned at this time, however future electrical vehicle charging stations will form part of the Parking Plan – preliminary research and planning is underway and indicative locations at key activity areas have been identified.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Peter Scott	What plans does the Council have in place for the expansion of the Fremantle Leisure Centre given that there is available space?	Some work was undertaken in 2015 to look at how future plans might be considered. At the time it was proposed that the adjacent carpark could be sold for private development to provide funding, subject to planning review and on condition suitable carpark replacement could be provided in the redevelopment. Further consideration of planning and funding is being considered in the current draft of the 10 year financial plan.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Shirley Burbidge	Question 1. Is it possible to have the parking sign outside the Beaconsfield Hotel made larger? Too many ignore it and park before the permitted time?	Response 1. The City of Fremantle will replace/modify the sign to ensure all lettering is compliant and consistent.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Shirley Burbidge	Question 2. Can the City provide more parking for Roundhouse Volunteers?	Response 2. The City of Fremantle will review parking arrangements in this location to establish whether suitable alternatives are available.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Shirley Burbidge	Question 3. Why is Council changing the name of Kings Square when it is part of Fremantle’s history?	Response 3. Council is proposing a community engagement process to consider and receive feedback on the suggestion to change the name of Kings Square. The engagement process will allow the community to make comment on the merits or otherwise of this proposal.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Chris Williams	Will the Council seek national heritage listing for the Roundhouse?	The Council is considering the possibility of listing on the national heritage list.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Roel Loopers	Will Council be developing a 10, 15 or 20 year maintenance plan or masterplan for the Roundhouse and Arthur Head precinct?	Conversations between the City of Fremantle and the State Government are ongoing about how we can share funding as the Roundhouse and Arthur Head are owned by the State Government. We are currently working on a conservation plan with the State Government. This will help guide the state about future budgetary requirements. The City of Fremantle will publish this plan once it is completed.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Carolyn Linge	How can the Council of Fremantle override a vesting order (File No306/03) from the Governor of WA (16.12.1986) that states Wilson Park’s purpose is for ‘Recreation’ only and using Wilson Park as a carpark is also a complete contradiction to the Council’s greening Fremantle Strategy preservation of existing public green spaces?	Wilson Park is vested for recreation; however in 2016 Council adopted a policy stating that we will open Wilson Park up for parking during the summer months until Easter time and during school holidays as incidental to the recreation which is allowed under the vesting. As part of the greening strategy, Council has sectioned off and undertakes landscaping as part of that strategy to improve the park and protect it from any parking and to enhance its recreational use. A written response from the Parks Team about maintenance costs will be provided to the speaker and recorded in the Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda of 15 April 2020.
9 March 2020	15 April 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Carolyn Linge	How can the Council of Fremantle override a vesting order (File No306/03) from the Governor of WA (16.12.1986) that states Wilson Park’s purpose is for ‘Recreation’ only and using Wilson Park as a carpark is also a complete contradiction to the Council’s greening Fremantle Strategy preservation of existing public green spaces?	(Additional response from the Parks Team) This is council’s way of alleviating street parking for local residents at a very popular beach during high use times of the year.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Helen McLeod	Question 1. When will the council inform Fremantle ratepayers about the ‘final’ cost of the Kings Square development and could the council advise how much more the ‘deficit’ will be to the ratepayers of Fremantle?	Response 1. This question was asked at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 29 January 2020. A response to that question was provided in the Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda dated the 26 February 2020. Expected renewal project costs are: Demolition \$2.40m Building construction and fitout \$44.98m Public realm (Business Plan) \$2.20m Other public realm (trees and furniture) \$0.50m Playground \$0.40m TOTAL \$50.48m
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Helen McLeod	Question 2. The amount designated by Mr Dougall is much more than the original cost. What assets will be sold and by how much will my rates increase to accommodate the increase of approximately 6 million?	Response 2. The Business Plan for the Kings Square project was adopted in 2012. Council has allowed for CPI increases, which is how we get to the \$44.98 million building construction and fitout costs. It will be funded from the use of reserves from the sale of assets, including the Kings square car park, Queensgate cinema complex and the Spicer site property. We will also use loan borrowings of which the original business plan outlined \$15 million which has now increased to \$20 million and that will fund it.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Charles Nicholson	What is Council doing to provide adequate parking at Leighton beach for beachgoers, attendees at life-saving club events, café patrons and residents to reduce the punishment inflicted on them by parking inspectors (who are only ‘doing their job’), this is a matter for our planners and engineers to fix?	The City of Fremantle is currently talking to Fremantle Ports about the formalisation around the use of the informal car park area to the east of Port Beach Road. It’s not the City of Fremantle’s land it is owned by the Fremantle Ports, but we are negotiating with them on whether use of the land can be formalised.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Bill Burbidge	Question 1. Is there any plan to repair the road surface of Hampton Road between Scott and Jenkins Streets, there are several pot holes, which have been very poorly filled and when winter comes they are going to get considerable worse?	Response 1. The City of Fremantle does have a large focus on Hampton Road in terms of improving pedestrian access and cycling facilities. We are trying to link the above design features into the maintenance and resurfacing program and deal with the type of traffic that moves along Hampton Road.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Bill Burbidge	Question 2. What is happening with the hospitality lease for Kings Square?	Response 2. This will be debated at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on the 25 March 2020. A decision will be made this month.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Bill Burbidge	Question 3. Is the City planning to fix the drainage issues at Fremantle Sailing Club? These have been a problem for many years.	Response 3. The City of Fremantle has received approval from the CEO of the Sailing Club to access the land and carry out the surveys to try and find out what the problems are.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Clayton Gunning	Question 1. Since the plan for Fremantle Public Golf Course was announced that was actually going to shorten the course by 150m making it 300m shorter than Point Walter Public Golf Course has the plan been looked at?	Response 1. The City of Fremantle has received a lot of feedback in respect to the Golf Club. We are between two groups essentially. One is trying to address the requirements of the golf club and the replacement golf club and the friends of Booyeembara Park and the impact on Booyeembara Park. We now have architectural consultants and golf course designers on board for the building and design and the golf course, they received your feedback. The building architects have only been on board since last week they are looking at the location for a joint golf club and community facility and that will determine the final lens. Once they determine the location of the facility and how it interacts with Booyeembara Park we will understand the final design and the whole lens, we can’t move there yet as we only know the lines and the indicative lens. The orientation of the driving range, the length of the driving range and the fencing requirements are also all being looked at. Everything needs to be considered and the consultants are looking at this now. The output from all of this is that we expect that a workshop will take place in early April with all key stakeholders.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Clayton Gunning	Question 2. Is council aware that a golfer was recently bitten by an off-lead dog on Royal Fremantle Golf Course, if yes; is council going to act on it?	Response 2. The City of Fremantle is aware of a dog attack incident at the Royal Fremantle Golf Course where a member of the public was bitten, an investigation is taking place. We are discussing how we might resolve some of these issues. One of the early responses is to install more signage reminding dog owners that dogs need to be kept under control at all times when using the facility.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Anne-Marie Marias	What is the future of the Orient Hotel on High Street since the backpackers business has closed down a week ago?	The City of Fremantle has been in contact with the property owner of the Orient to get a sense of their intentions now that the backpackers are closed. At this stage they are taking their time to work out what their options are and they haven’t advised us of any immediate plans.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sarah Cole	Question 1. How important is public consultation to Council and how does Council decide how and who to consult with?	Response 1. The City of Fremantle has different consultation processes for different things. Broadly speaking everyone is encouraged and invited to participant. The primary way for most major developments is through MySay, which is an online portal. There are some other major consultation processes that happen if we are doing things that are more controversial. A good example of this is when we did the Freo Alternative, big ideas and small housing. During this we had a much more deliberative approach; we did community meetings and a wide range of other activities. The local neighbourhood precincts are also used to engage the community. The City also has many different media platforms which allow us to communicate with the community and engage them during a consultation process.
9 March 2020	9 March 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sarah Cole	Question 2. Once you have made a submission to the City during the consultation process, how much credibility is given to your submission?	Response 2. These submissions and feedback are really important. It helps the Council and city officers understand where the Community is at. This feedback is always taken seriously.
9 March 2020	15 April 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1. How often does the City attend to newly planted trees?	Response 1. Newly planted verge street trees are watered weekly by a contractor for a 26 week period between October and March. This may be extended if seasonal rain is not sufficient. Maintenance to newly planted trees is once a year by a contractor that involves remulching, restaking if required and form pruning of the tree. Trees also receive two applications of wetting agent and 1 application of nutrient over the watering period.
9 March 2020	15 April 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2. How long are dead trees left in the ground?	Response 2. Large existing mature street trees that are dead, dying or dangerous are inspected to determine if they require removal. For trees showing decline, an independent arborist may be engaged to inspect the tree and provide additional advice on if the tree can be maintained or requires removal. Depending on the urgency and potential to do damage to persons or property, the tree will be scheduled for immediate removal or added in to the schedule. Smaller trees, which have not established from the previous year’s planting program, get removed within 2 to 4 weeks’ notice. They are also removed and replaced as part of the following year’s winter tree plantingprogram.
9 March 2020	15 April 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3. How much of ratepayers money has been spent on tree planting and maintenance in Charles Street in the last 10 years?	Response 3. The City does not have detailed tree maintenance on a per street basis across the City for the last 10 year period. However, approximate costs of tree pruning, including tree removal, for Charles Street from August 2015 until 2020 is \$9 439.
9 March 2020	15 April 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4. Who do I contact at the City to report a dead tree?	Response 4. The City’s Customer Service team who create a request and then pass onto Parks and Landscape team for action.
9 March 2020	15 April 2020	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Chris Williams	How much is in this year’s budget for the maintenance and restoration works on the Roundhouse?	The annual maintenance budget for the roundhouse is \$7,050.
25 March 2020	15 April 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1. Can the council please confirm and demonstrate that the funds raised from the sale of each asset have been managed as defined in SG14. Also that council has met its own policy objectives and obligations.	Response 1. The funds raised from the sale of assets are placed in reserve and invested in accordance with the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .
25 March 2020	15 April 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2. Further can the council inform the community when the investment committee last met, with a link to its minutes and who its current professional financial advisor is?	Response 2. The investment committee no longer exists. Changes were made to the Local Government Act 1995. After the GFC that prevents council from investing in anything other than term deposits. Any commercial property matters are determined by Council as they arise.
25 March 2020	15 April 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Zaknic	Does the City of Fremantle have studies to show the safety of 5G?	No.
25 March 2020	15 April 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Deni-Sue Huxtable	Will you be outlawing 5g in Fremantle? If not why, when there is evidence showing how harmful it is to our health.	There is no current conversation on this matter.
15 April 2020	29 April 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Chris Williams	Question 1. With respect to the Administration Building/Civic Centre, what are the current estimated respective costs of: a. the building construction; b. the fitout; c. relocating Council staff/facilities from the temporary offices to the new building in Kings Square.	Response 1. a. The contract for the construction contract for the building with Pindan is \$44.3m. b. Fitout is included in the construction contract, except for the leased areas. c. Estimates for the move into the new building currently stand at \$100k.
15 April 2020	29 April 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Chris Williams	Question 2. With respect to the fitout: a. have any contracts been let and if so: - at what contract price or prices; - for what scope/s of work; - to which contractor or contractors; b. have tenders been called for any part of the fitout and if so which part.	Response 2. Fitout of the building, except leased areas, are included in the construction contract and include, floor, wall, roof treatments, electrical etc. the value of these works are included in the contract with Pindan.
15 April 2020	29 April 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Chris Williams	Question 3. With respect to the relocation from the temporary offices to the new building in Kings Square, have any contracts been entered and if so for how much.	Response 3. The City has a contract for the provision of office furniture in the new building. This contract is an “at convenience” contract so the City can choose to purchase or terminate.

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15 April 2020	29 April 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Terry Paparone	In relation to the demolition of 37 Alma Street Fremantle: The City of Fremantle has always been regarded as a place of heritage significance and now I wonder how this massive error by Council officers' has occurred in recommending that the house and "dunny" be demolished. I ask; who is to blame for this to have happened and why?	Places of heritage significance within the City of Fremantle are recognised through one of three statutory designations as follows: 1. Inclusion on the State Register of Heritage Places – a designation made by the Heritage Council of WA, not by the City of Fremantle. This may cover a single property or a larger area containing multiple properties. 2. Designation of an individual property by the City of Fremantle as a heritage place on the Heritage List under the City's Local Planning Scheme. 3. Designation of an area as a Heritage Area by the City of Fremantle under its Local Planning Scheme. In Alma Street, all individual properties on the south side of the street are included on the City's Heritage List (category 2 above) except for numbers 5-9 and 37 (the property the subject of your question). Fremantle Hospital on the north side of Alma Street has parts of the overall hospital complex included on the State Heritage Register and the City's Heritage List, and the whole hospital site plus the Fremantle Primary School site on the south side of the Alma Street are included within the Convict Establishment Heritage Area. I appreciate that the demolished house at No. 37 was of similar age to other properties in street (particularly numbers 33 and 35) and contained certain period features, but the factual position is that No. 37 is not individually heritage listed nor within a the boundary of a designated heritage area. Development approval is required for the demolition of any property which is either heritage listed or included within a heritage area. However, residential properties which are not heritage listed or in a heritage area do not require development approval for demolition. The exemption from requiring development approval for the demolition of a house which is not heritage listed is provided by State legislation - the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 – which applies throughout WA. The City of Fremantle is obliged to comply with this legislation. Therefore, because No. 37 Alma Street was not heritage listed or in a heritage area at the time of its demolition, planning approval from the City of Fremantle was not required for its demolition. Consequently Council officers did not recommend that the house and "dunny" be demolished – there was no requirement for an application for approval to be submitted to the City for a decision, and therefore no opportunity for officers to make any recommendation on the proposal. The demolition happened because the legal planning framework in Western Australia allowed demolition to take place without development approval being required, and the owners of the property chose to demolish it. I assure you it was not a lack of professionalism or judgement on the part of City officers which led to the demolition taking place.
15 April 2020	29 April 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1. My question is in regards to the maintenance of Asset management plans i.e. as SG42 which talks about ensuring that community assets and services are provided and maintained for present and future generations at an equitable cost? What is the budget cost, actual cost, outstanding costs or maintenance not done from years previously?, ie issues like Arthur Head, the internal areas of the town hall etc. Question 2. The council has a policy called SG14 that is for the management of the investment reserve and to ensure the preservation of the cities asset base. Why doesn't the council follow its own policy which is on their website under https://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/council/strategic-and-key-documents/councilpolicies (A-Z of important council policies) If the council has decided the policy is not relevant or not needed why hasn't it been reviewed and voted on, so it's clear, what policies council actually follows? Question 3. In relation to question 2 as it appears in the April agenda, if the investment committee wasn't needed why hasn't the policy been reviewed by council to follow any changes made to the LG Act.?	Response: The estimated cost for current repairs to Round House is estimated at \$800k, whilst the repair works for the Whalers Tunnel and Cliffs is approx. \$1.8m. This policy is out of date with the Act and requires review. This review has been needed for some time and will occur in order of priority with other reviews.
29 April 2020	13 May 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Hilary Elliott	Question 1. Could we please change the dog poo bags dispenser back to the corflute packs of yellow bags?	Response 1. The City has been trialling the rolled dispensing units for environmental and cost benefits. The environmental benefits of the rolled dispensing units are no core flute boxes to house each pack of 1000 bags (which are not recyclable). The rolled dispensing units have also seen a reduction in bag use of up to 30% in other Councils with a corresponding saving in budget. The trial of the rolled dispensing units will allow assessment of a multitude of factors such as: - Price (bags/dispensers) - Bag style (square/single) - Bag material (compostable/biodegradable/FOGO) - Dispenser maintenance and refilling - Ease of use - Mounting options - Locations
29 April 2020	13 May 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Hilary Elliott	Question 2. Could you please place a box of bags on Horrie Long Reserve next to the BBQ on the double bins located there?	Response 2. There are currently four dog bag dispenser locations at Horrie Long Reserve located at the corner entry points to the park. Officers do not recommend installing another unit.
13 May 2020	27 May 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Gail Harper	Question 1. How much money has MRWA contributed to: a) Remediation of the Fremantle Public Golf Course? b) Replacing the golf course club house and the former facility at 26 Montreal Street?	Response 1. The funding agreement the City of Fremantle entered into with Main Roads WA was approved by Council in March 2019 as a confidential item.
13 May 2020	27 May 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Gail Harper	Question 2. We were told at a recent Zoom meeting that the budget for the proposed co-located golf course club house/community centre' is \$3 million. a) Where is this money coming from? b) How is it being allocated between the two buildings?	Response 2. The funding for the Golf Course remediation, a replacement Golf Club and Community building are included in the funding agreement with Main Roads WA.
13 May 2020	27 May 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Gail Harper	Question 3. How much other money has been allocated to 'remediation' of the golf course; that is, what is 'the existing golf course budget' for works on the actual golf course apart from replacing the club house?	Response 3. Refer to answer 1.1 above.
13 May 2020	27 May 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Gail Harper	Question 4. What is the significance of a par 34 golf course?	Response 4. Retaining a 34 par, 9 hole course and minimising tree loss was a key requirement from the stakeholders – this was subsequently a condition of approval of the project by Council at the Special Council Meeting 29 August 2018. The design has retained a 34 par, 9 hole course and whilst there is a slight reduction in overall course length, the golf course consultant's professional advice is that this is more than compensated for in terms of the improvements to the course quality, design and playability. The fairway lengths are measures from a fixed point 5m in from the back of the tee box which is in accordance with the correct measurement for golf holes.
13 May 2020	27 May 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Gail Harper	Question 5. How much revenue per annum does the City of Fremantle get from: a) Royal Fremantle Golf Club? b) Fremantle Public Golf Course? c) Booyeembara Park (including the olive trees)?	Response 5. a) Royal Fremantle Golf Club: \$41,000 b) Fremantle Public Golf Course: \$89,000 c) Booyeembara Park (including the olive trees): Nil
13 May 2020	27 May 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Roads	Question 1. Why can't the integration with the building, olive grove and future options include one row of olive trees to the south, with the land on the north side being transferred to the course?	Response 1. The City's consultants have explored numerous options in respect to potential overlap and / or encroachment into part or whole of the olive grove. It was concluded that pushing the driving range further south into the olive grove had minimal beneficial impact on the hole alignment or course layout. It was also potentially very costly.
13 May 2020	27 May 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Roads	Question 2. I was under the impression the funding from Main Roads was to at least reinstate the golf course and provide like-for-like facilities. The current recommendation does not do this, and only alludes to increasing course length should sufficient budget become available to complete the works. In replacing the Fern site it does, however, fund a very much upgraded community centre. In effect, a successful business which employs staff and provides for a professional teacher will now be compromised for the sake of a row of olive trees. How can Council validate this recommendation?	Response 2. The City will provide a replacement golf course in line with the agreed requirements (9 hole, par 34) and whilst there is a slight reduction in overall course length – the consultants professional advice is that this is more than compensated for in terms of the improvements to the course quality, design and playability.
13 May 2020	27 May 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sandil Rogers	Last time I asked I was promised a new community facility in North Freo. So far nothing.	The City of Fremantle has been in consultation with FERN in respect to potential hire agreement opportunities at North Fremantle Community Hall. Modifications have been made to the Hall, which is now ready; execution of a hire agreement is now subject to agreement of the parties.
8 July 2020	22 July 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1. Can council please explain why the 10 year business plan is years behind its proposed release date?	Response 1. The City's current 10 Year Forward Financial Plan adopted by Council covers the period 2015-2025. The current updated draft Plan was to be considered by council as part of the 2020/21 budget process, however the Local Government Act was amended during the COVID-19 State of Emergency to seek local government to consider response to COVID-19 as part of the 2020/21 budget process.
8 July 2020	22 July 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2. Can the council please explain why the new loan facility for the city has already been planned to be utilized for the Arthur head work? While council seems to have \$400,000.00 to pay a private company to run a visitor centre in 2021. It's unlikely to be used and further the world is so digital with information that is updated daily on the web, while printed brochures and information is often out of date before it is handed out. Surely in this current environment it would have been prudent to leave the visitor centre on hold, instead of having a \$400,000 bill for a service the city may not even need?	Response 2. The City has adopted a loan facility of \$500,000 in the 2020/21 adopted budget to part fund essential renewal works at Arthur Head for the amount of \$1,000,000. These funds have been allocated subject to state government considering a request to provide the same funding. Council has not yet concluded any arrangement in relation to the Fremantle Visitor Centre. Council has adopted the following in relation to an Expression of Interest process undertaken by the City for provision of a visitor centre operation in Fremantle; *
8 July 2020	22 July 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3. Can the council explain why it pasted (sic) a vote to engage a private company to run a visitor centre before the budget was finalized? Surely the budget would be pasted (sic) first and then the new untendered contract would be issued once the budget was accepted?	Response 3. The council has not engaged a private company to run a visitor centre. Council authorised an Expression of Interest FCC553/20 issued in February, 2020, for a visitor centre operation for Fremantle. The answer to Question 2 above provides the current status of that tender process.
8 July 2020	22 July 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4. Can the council please explain why the rate in the dollar was advertised and higher amount is being proposed which the community has not been informed of, or even have the opportunity to address, yet another change in the rate.	Response 4. Council advertised the proposed differential rate amounts for community consideration in May, 2020. The advertising indicated council's intention to keep rate revenue at a net zero increase for 2020/21. At the time council could only estimate each rate in the dollar (RID) based on the average change in valuations information provided by the Valuer General's office, prior to the City being able to review the valuation roll in detail. Council has now adopted the RID for each differential rate that will ensure each rate category, except Nightclub rates which have been reduced, will generate the same revenue as generated in 2019/20.
8 July 2020	22 July 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 5. Can the council please make available the Asset Management Reports, for the city that were prepared in late 2000's and further can the city demonstrate where these reports were implemented and how much of the outstanding \$50,000,000.00 back log of maintenance has been rectified or brought up to date?	Response 5. The Asset Management Services Plans from the late 2000's are attached. Since 2008 the City has invested time in reviewing, updating and improving its asset management planning, as well as continuing to invest in ongoing renewal and maintenance through its annual budgets. In recent years the City has seen significant progress and improvements through its increased focus on asset management practices. This has helped better inform the Councils decision making process and better defined the City's asset renewal requirements which form part of the annual review of the long term financial plan and budget process. The current long term financial plan allocates sufficient resources to the City's asset portfolio over a 10 year period to eliminate any renewal backlog. *Following image can be viewed in the supporting documents of this meeting.
12 August 2020	12 August 2020	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Ernie Stringer	(In relation to FPOL2008-3) Question 1. Will the café be leased out to a commercial operator? If not, how will it be organised and operated?	Response 1. It was our intent to lease the Café to one operator and look at an improved service, that is suitable for all users. To clarify the question from Mr Stringer in relation to the liquor licence, it is intended that the Café will have a liquor licence, however, it will be something that is up to the tenant and they will be required to make an application, and the application may or may not be granted by the liquor licensing authority. Whilst it is out intent that it would have a licence, I would like to be clear, I am not confirming that it will, as it will be a decision that the tenant will have to make.
12 August 2020	12 August 2020	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Ernie Stringer	Question 2. Will the café have a liquor licence?	Response 2. It is intended that there will be a liquor licence, what type of licence at this stage is unknown.
12 August 2020	12 August 2020	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Ernie Stringer	Question 3. Will young children be allowed in the café?	Response 3. The café will service the gofers and the wider community, how that works in an operational sense will be determined at a later stage.
12 August 2020	12 August 2020	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Ernie Stringer	Question 4. What will be the relationship between the café and the kitchen? Will the community kitchen be part of that café?	Response 4. The relationship between the café and the kitchen will be considered during the schematic design process. The relationship at the moment is conceptual, and the detail of how our community kitchen will work with the café will also be part of the discussion during the schematic design process.

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12 August 2020	12 August 2020	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Gail Harper	(In relation to FPOL2008-3) Question 1. Why is the clubhouse positioned on golf course land, and not in Booyeembara Park? Question 2. There is a disconnect of location between that suggested in Attachment 2 and that as suggested on page 15 of the Stage 3 Consultation Report, where the clubhouse is positioned mainly in the Booyeembara Park area. What are the reasons and justifications for this placement? Question 3. The public golf course has lost 1.16 hectares of land, shortening the fairways by 236 metres, with no new land allocated to the golf course in compensation. The Stakeholder Workshop held in August 2019 noted that the length of the course and lack of provision for a clubhouse were primary concerns. At a meeting at the golf course in December 2019, golfers were told by councillors that they would end up with a course 'as good as, if not better than' the existing course, and that locating the replacement clubhouse in Booyeemabara Park would help to make up for some of the area lost to the course due to the High Street upgrade. Why isn't this commitment being kept? Question 4. The Agenda makes four references to future planned consultations with the Booyeembara Park Reference Group. When and how will the Fremantle Public Golfers United be consulted? We have a vested interest in the location and nature of the co-located facility, particularly in regard to the replacement golf clubhouse.	Response: On the location of the building, the final location of the building is shown in the boundary of the golf course and Booyeembara Park, and it is important to note that it is the general location of the building and is not the scale of the building or the size of the building. The building will shift around within that location as it is developed within the schematic design. The location takes into account the community engagement feedback. The feedback from the golf course operator throughout the process, has been that the interface of the golf club house needs to be with holes 1 and 9 for surveillance, and the driving range. There needs to be a range of golf course operations that need to be taken into consideration, and the location has been designed to provide flexibility, for it to be developed through the schematic design phase, in order to get the best outcome from a golf perspective but also from a golf course operational perspective as well. In response to question 4, in relation to recommendation 4 of the Agenda. That part of the recommendation relates to the Booyeembara Park Concept Plan itself, and not specifically focused on the building. That includes everything that sits to the South and West of the building, which is the olive grove, park lands and the wide area that we consulted on, at the same time as the building and golf function of the building and the community building. So this will be a separate piece of work, about the wider precinct. The Booyeembara Park Reference Group is established by the Council to guide and influence the development of Booyeembara Park and that is why the recommendation is to consult with them to develop that plan, then it will go back out for public consultation and come back to Council following that. The consultation in respect to the buildings and facilities, has taken place over three workshops. From the feedback that we have received from golfers, stakeholders and the community, we are now requesting approval to move into the schematic design, as one part of the recommendation. Point 4 is slightly separate, in that we would like to move into the conceptual planning work within Booyeembara Park, which is not in relation to the facilities. What we want now, is targeted feedback from the reference group in respect to the areas South, and how we develop that concept around the facilities in and around Booyeembara Park.
12 August 2020	12 August 2020	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Helen Cariss	Question 1. Is Montreal street wide enough to allow two lanes of traffic and a footpath, plus space for golfers to unload and set up their gear? Question 2. How many parking spaces will be provided on Montreal street? Will there be sufficient space between cars, for buggies to go between the cars and up the footpath and will it have a mountable curb? Question 3. Does the city envisage that the increased facilities at Booyeembara Park, such as the Community Facility and Café and the new housing developments directly opposite, will increase parking needs and traffic congestion and hence, unsafe conditions?	Response: In regards to your question 'is the street wide enough', we have been working with the engineering team on the width of the road reserve and we are fortunate that it is quite wide. So there is room to get a footpath wide enough and we have taken on the feedback about the buggies being able to pass each other when going to and from the club. We also considered an off street car park, but that will take land back off the golf course and interrupt T1. With on street parking we can provide spaces that are large enough and wide enough so that you can get buggies between them. We are fortunate with the depth of the verge that there is still room for a generous depth parking bay, with an unloading zone behind and if you look further up on Montreal street, you can see how wide that is (around 3 meters). In regards to the number of carparks, I don't have the exact number, however there is between 70 and 80, and there is provision for over and above the standard DDA accessible bays required for this development.
23 September 2020	23 September 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Michelle Sheehy	In relation to the EBA negotiations with CFMEU members employed by the City, will the council reaffirm our City's values, of fairness, inclusiveness and compassion, so the parties can come together and negotiate an agreement that removes the clause in dispute and which restores fairness and job security to workers in Fremantle.	The Chief Executive Officer advised the matter would be going to the Fair Work Commission for conciliation and that the Executive would be further considering the position of the City through that process. Mayor Pettitt advised that Council are unable to deal with the matter but would be briefed by the CEO, to enable better understanding. Mayor Pettitt also noted the process that is underway and his confidence that the process will be undertaken appropriately.
23 September 2020	23 September 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ann Forma	(In relation to the Urgent Business regarding the Swan River Crossing) Can Council communicate the result of this vote to relevant government ministers and will it communicate it widely to the media?	Yes, Council's position will be communicated widely via press release. Council will also write to relevant members of parliament.
23 September 2020	23 September 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sandy Clarkson	(In relation to the Urgent Business regarding the Swan River Crossing) Have the council been in contact Main Roads and the Commonwealth Governments on the inadequacy of the planning?	Yes, and Minister Ben Morton has asked the Council to write to him following the meeting letting him know the Council's position on this matter.
23 September 2020	28 October 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rebecca Clarkson	(In relation to the Urgent Business regarding the Swan River Crossing) How will Council show leadership on this issue, and how can you support the community and work in parallel with us?	The Council adopted a series of resolutions in June 2020 - just prior to community consultation - as it was concerned that the process about to commence would be too narrow and lack depth regarding engagement. The Council subsequently passed the motion put to Council on 23 September 2020 to continue to support the community in calling for a more meaningful community engagement process.
23 September 2020	28 October 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	(In relation to the Urgent Business regarding the Swan River Crossing) Question 1. What has been discussed between Council and Main Roads over the consultation period, and can the discussion be detailed in a letter to me?	Response 1. MRWA were invited in to present an update of the project to members of the Council at an informal briefing session on 14th September. At the presentation, no new information was provided by MRWA that isn't already in the public domain. Councillors reiterated their concerns (mentioned in the 24 June 2020 Council resolution) around: • Lack of broader strategic plan for North Fremantle, including long-term transport solutions, especially in light of the recent Westport decision – and how all of this should have a demonstrable impact on the current bridge project; • The current community consultation process is insufficient in terms of scope, options, and meaningful engagement;
23 September 2020	28 October 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2. If the proposed motion is carried, how much will be spent and what kind of budget will be put forward to counter this?	Response 2. The Council has no specific budget allocation for this project. The motion as carried refers to the Council supporting community calls for the Main Roads WA design and procurement process to be paused to allow a broader community engagement process to occur. The City has done this by writing to MRWA and the following State and Federal politicians, confirming the Council resolution and the City's request for a more comprehensive engagement process: • Minister Saffioti • Hon Ms McGurk • Mr Josh Wilson • Mr Ben Morton This has been done using existing in-house resources within the City's administration and did not require a specific project budget.
14 October 2020	14 October 2020	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Barry Carbon	(In relation to the Harvey Beach Jetty) Will the City be repairing the Jetty and asked when these works will take place?	Funding for this project was adopted by Council in the annual budget and procurement for these works have taken place. The works commenced this week and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the month.
28 October 2020	28 October 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1. What is the total itemised dollar budget for each of the specific actions of the plan in each of the 10 principals outlined? Ratepayers should be informed as to what this is costing the city to implement and administer ongoing in a transparent financially audited way using the Australian accounting standards.	Response 1. The cost of all projects and activities carried out by the City are outlined in the annual budget considered and adopted by Council each year. As the report outlines, the updated One Planet Action Plan approach proposed is to recognise how the City's existing activities and proposals align with One Planet principles rather than to itemise new, specific 'One Planet' projects and actions.
28 October 2020	28 October 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2. With no financial budget for the ongoing cost how can Councillors be fully informed to vote?	Response 2. Adoption of the Action Plan does not create a budget commitment: this can only occur through adoption of the annual budget. The purpose of the Action Plan is to outline the range of key activities the City could undertake which contribute to One Planet principles, for further consideration in the corporate planning, prioritisation and budgeting process. The following statement is included in the Action Plan to make this clear: All actions listed will be assessed against other strategic priorities of the City through the corporate budgeting process. Inclusion of an action on this list does not commit the City to delivering it: however, it identifies it as desirable and allows it to be scoped and fed into the corporate prioritization process.
28 October 2020	28 October 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3. How much was the overall cost to Ratepayers for the last 5 year plan in addition to the payments to Bioregional. This is the total measurement for each program, action or initiatives in the action plan on each of the 10 principals?	Response 3. Expenditure from the Sustainability Advice and Projects budget accounts as included in the Council adopted budgets for the last five years has been \$424,000. Excluding payments to Bioregional the total was \$348,000. Actions carried out by staff as part of their overall general duties are not included in this total.
28 October 2020	28 October 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Souter	In relation to the way Fremantle has transitioned from a working class area to a desirable place to live, which has driven up costs, has this cost low income workers the opportunity to partake in this heritage hubs future, where is Freo going and will it still be Freo?	The Council is proud of Fremantle's working class roots and remains a diverse City. It is a challenge to have affordable housing as it is a desirable place to live, however one of the focuses of this council is to support small dwellings and affordable housing.
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	(In relation to C2010-1) Question 4. Why is this not going out to a transparent lawful tender rather than just one individual business?	Response 4. The City is working with the current operator to provide a short-term agreement for the coming summer period, the resolution being considered by Council proposes this with a requirement to undertake an open process at the conclusion of this (2020/21) season. The City is not required to tender in this circumstance as the agreement is for a license for non-exclusive use.
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 5. If the market does in fact have wider community support and add benefit to the community without detriment to bricks and mortar businesses, then why would the city not run the event itself allowing funds to be generated back to the city or a local charity? This especially considering the city funds most of the operating expenses (\$30,000 worth of Ratepayers funds), such as generator power, bins, toilet facilities and logistics. Surely the well funded council events department/staff could arrange this?	Response 5. The City is not considering managing the South Beach Markets "in-house" at this time.
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 6. What personal connections does the operator have to any councillors and if so have they declared any conflicts of interest to garner such preferential treatment?	Response 6. This question is for individual elected members to consider.
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Please explain the City's rationale for committing ratepayers revenue to subsidise a commercial food market business at South Beach when the locality is well activated and patronised on the weekend.	Council provided previous funding support to the South Beach Market to support its forced move from Bathers Beach location to the location at South Beach. The financial support was provided during the original license agreement of 5 years. The current report on South Beach Market is not considering providing financial support.
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1. In relation to the Swan River Crossing the Fremantle Society asks: "Will Fremantle Council commission their own engineering report into ways of keeping the existing heritage listed bridge, along with a heritage report highlighting why it should be kept, especially given it is listed as being a structure of "Exceptional" significance?"	Response 1. This is a State Government asset and future State project and therefore the Council has not seen benefit in the City commissioning reports at its own expense in relation to a project it does not control. However, the Council continues to apply pressure on the State regarding adequate consultation and due diligence around cultural heritage, including providing adequate assessment of the existing structure and being open to discussing various options for its retention / reuse / interpretation.
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 2. In relation to Kings Square, the Fremantle Society asks: a) Why is Council going against their own policy in seeking tenders for the hospitality area of the new Admin building which prohibits existing Fremantle businesses like Clancy's from applying? b) Why is Council even considering a non conforming proposal which undermines other businesses in the area through its proposed overly generous lease terms? c) Why is Council spending an extraordinary amount of \$666,000 for a children's playground, while ignoring the heritage of King's Square? d) Why isn't the promised archaeological revealing of the former church proceeding? e) Why is Council dividing the community be seeking to change the name of King's Square, which along with Queen's Square, is part of the Regency planning for the town and which for almost 200 years has provided way finding for people? f) Why is Council seeking to remove the statue of Australia's most highly decorated soldier from King's Square?	Response 2. a. Existing Fremantle businesses are not prohibited from applying. Several existing businesses have expressed interest b. The City is not considering the terms associated with the non-conforming proposal. The City will be approaching the proponents who submitted the non-conforming proposal to renegotiate more suitable terms. c. The Playground was part of an endorsed Public Realm Masterplan, adopted by Council in February 2018. Understanding of the cultural heritage of Kings Square has underpinned decision-making associated with this major project that is designed to re-invigorate the commercial and social heart of the City Centre. d. The location of the former church will be interpreted. The details are not yet resolved. More information on the interpretation of the location of the church can be found on our website at: https://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/news-and-media/kings-square-art-concept-embraces-colonial-and-nyoongar-heritage e. The Council is going through a very open and inclusive community engagement process to explore the idea of re-naming the public space. No decision has yet been made. f. As part of the overall plan for Kings Square Public Realm, various landscape elements, artworks and commemorative pieces are under review as part of the overall design. As part of this, various consultations with key stakeholders are undertaken. At this point in time, no decision has been made. A decision has now been made in relation to the statue of Sir Hughie Edwards and it will be returned to Kings Square. More information on the statue can be found on our website at: https://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/news-and-media/hughie-edwards-statue-will-return-kings-square
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Cole	In relation to the Fremantle Markets, has the contract lease ever been put to tender and if not, why not?	Not that council records indicate. The most recent lease was provided in 2008 after two public consultation processes and two business plans were advertised.
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 1. Please explain to Fremantle business owners and ratepayers how this proposal will benefit and not disadvantage other local businesses through the granting of a long term free rent opportunity within our new Civic Building, and does this mean that all ratepayers and business owners in Fremantle will now be afforded rate, lease or rent concessions in 2021?	Response 1. The hospitality space in the Walyalup Civic Centre will be provided to a suitable tenant under commercial terms that are in line with current market expectations.
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 2. Please explain to business owners, ratepayers and residents how the granting of this 10 plus 10 year lease will not undermine the integrity or viability of the current business enterprises to participate in the promised commercial benefits outlined by the council's reviewed revitalisation plan of central Fremantle.	Response 2. The hospitality space in the Walyalup Civic Centre will be provided to a suitable tenant under commercial terms that are in line with current market expectations. All prospective tenants were invited to participate in the opportunity via a public process, and the opportunity still exists to express interest.
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 3. Please qualify in detail the proposed services and amenities that will be implemented for business owners, ratepayers and residents after approval of a preferential long-term lease agreement that includes 10 years of free rent as a condition of tenure? How will this current commercial lease agreement improve the financial intentions of council to repay the \$50 000 000 debt as outlined in the council budget?	Response 3. The City has not agreed to a lease that includes 10 years free rent.

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28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1. (In relation to C2010-1) a. Can the council please explain to the rate payers how it can justify funding a private event group to run a market in a location that doesn't need activation and struggles with parking as it is. b. Surely the council sees the real community support that brick and mortar businesses give to Fremantle? c. How does council justify using city funds, especially with the dire financial situation council finds itself in, cutting services and laying off staff?	Response 1 a. Council provided previous funding support to the South Beach Market to support its forced move from Bathers Beach location to the location at South Beach. The financial support was provided during the original license agreement of 5 years. The current report on South Beach Market is not considering providing financial support. b. Yes c. Council is not considering continuing financial support.
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2. (In relation to FPOL2010-10) a. Can the council please explain how a proposed multiple year (up to 10yr) free lease for the new civic centre fulfils the requirements of the Kings Square business plan? b. Why has council taken a submission, which in its officer's own terms has a "Lack of information" or "is non-compliant." Why is the council contemplating this proposal when it is so far from the normal general business acceptable free rent periods and so far from the cities own business plan which was used to partially under right the building of this \$50,000,000+ civic centre? c. Has the council sought independent professional advice as to whether the city would be better to leave the area vacant until a suitable financially viable tenant can be found? If not why not? What is the financial burden to rate payers of a 10yr rent free lease compared to waiting for a suitable tenant? d. Has the city sought independent professional advice for the impact of 10yr free lease on rental values for other rate paying property owners in the CBD? Is the cities consideration of 10yr rent free lease, an admission that their Kings Square business plan has failed to revitalize/activate Kings Square, as demonstrated by its failure to secure a single viable commercial long term tenant?	Response 2. a. The City has not agreed to a lease that includes up to 10 years free rent. b. The City is not considering the terms associated with the non-conforming proposal. The City will be approaching the proponents who submitted the non-conforming proposal to renegotiate more suitable terms. c. The City will consider all proposals that are presented in line with the current council approved process. The hospitality space in the Walyalup Civic Centre will be provided to a suitable tenant under commercial terms that are in line with current market expectations. d. The City has not agreed to nor is considering a lease that includes up to 10 years free rent.
28 October 2020	25 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3. a. When referring to council minutes from the 6 March 2008, Pg. 17 , can council please explain to the rate payers how the market has fallen into such disrepair considering the amendments that some current councillors supported are still on council? b. Why so little seems to have been done over that 11yr+ period? c. How can rate payers have confidence in council to further increase such a lease with its current state of disrepair, business and foot traffic having dropped so badly - the markets is now closing at 6pm on Friday, when for decades it has been open till 9pm. The councils current plan is to financially support an event market that would only draw business from the brick and mortar businesses and rate payers. How does this help the traditional Fremantle Markets?	Response 3. a. The Fremantle Markets Conservation Plan was adopted in 2008. Over \$1m has been spent on improvements to the Markets since that time and further works are currently being considered. b. As per above answer. c. This is taken as a statement and for elected members consideration.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox and Andrew Luobikis	(In relation to FPOL2011-12) Question 1. Please explain why this matter is an issue of concern for residents living within the Local Government locale of Fremantle in WA, and why international political issues are considered a priority for debate when more pressing local issues are at hand? (In relation to C2011-4)	Response 1. Council believed that the persecution of elected officials was an appropriate issue for it to form a supportive advocacy position in relation to. This issue is not solely a political issue but is also supporting a cross-cultural understanding and awareness of what's happening beyond our borders. Being aware of and understanding global issues and other cultures is an integral part of any community whether local or international.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox and Andrew Luobikis	Question 2. Is this a standard practice for the previous decision to go to market without prior notice to all councillors and members of the Greater Fremantle Community?	Response 2. The Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee authorised the sale of Quarry Street by auction under delegation at its meeting held 14 October 2020.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox and Andrew Luobikis	Question 3. Please explain the reasons why local real estate or commercial agenda were not consulted about how to market the property so as to obtain the premium return for ratepayers?	Response 3. Council received a valuation for the property from a licensed valuer, which was used to set the reserve price. On this occasion, the City is progressing the sale via auction and has engaged a licensed auctioneer.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox and Andrew Luobikis	Question 4. Are the proceeds of this sale going into the 'contingency reserves' and being reinvested in other income generating assets as required by the Local Government Standards? What is the future outcome of this reinvestment strategy?	Response 4. The proceeds from the sale of 7-15 Quarry Street will be placed into the Investment Reserve.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	a. Can the council explain to the community how having an auction for their Quarry Street property which is run through a non-standard over east website is in the best interest of ratepayers and residents, considering there is no sign advertising the auction, isn't appearing on general practice or commercial expected websites? b. How would this generate a wide commercial interest in the property and get the best return for rate payers? c. Can council explain where it got this professional independent advice from? d. Is this normal acceptable practice for any other councils in WA?	a. The sale of Quarry Street by auction is one of the three ways described in the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> to dispose of property b. The websites used by the City are the same websites a real estate agent would use. c. The City is using a licensed valuer to determine property value and a licensed auctioneer to undertake the auction. d. As stated above, auction is one of the three ways identified in the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> to lawfully dispose of property.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1. Why has Council not postponed the sale of 7-15 Quarry Street given the community concern surrounding the 2 December auction?	Response 1. Council will be considering a notice of motion on this matter at this meeting.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 2. a. The Fremantle Society asks that the Council defers the new policy until it has been peer reviewed and that officers demonstrate for example that problems with extra storeys being allowed on top of existing buildings as in clause 5 are not allowed. b. Will Council explain specifically, given the concerns raised especially about vague terminology in the policy, how the new West End policy is stronger and better than the previous one?	Response 2. a. The time and effort the Fremantle Society put into its submission is acknowledged. Points made in the submission were considered by officers in finalising the content of the policy for consideration by the Council. An attachment to the officer's report to the Council details all submissions received and officer's responses to points made in submissions. The request to defer consideration of the policy and undertake a peer review was noted but no deferral motion was moved when the item was debated, and Council resolved to adopt the revised policy in accordance with the officer and Strategic Planning and Transport Committee recommendation. The Heritage Council of WA considered and endorsed the policy. b. The revised policy is considered stronger and more effective than the previous one for two key reasons: 1. It is up to date and responds to and reflects current planning legislation, making it more likely to stand the test of statutory challenge and review. 2. It is more comprehensive, and more clearly explains the relationship between the area's history and its built form, and the expectations, therefore, of new development (including change of land use, alterations etc). This should both assist in common understanding, interpretation and application and again also make the policy more robust if challenged.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 3. Council documents (Meeting attachments part 3, page 263) state that the Council owns \$22.6 million in income producing assets, and a figure given in June 2020 was \$21.6 million, what is the true and accurate figure of ratepayer assets?	Response 3. Asset values are provided by independent valuation process and the determination of any depreciation applied. This figure will change through the course of accounting periods.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 4. In relation to the response to the question asked last month related to the Fremantle Traffic Bridge: The Fremantle Society asks again that the Fremantle council does what the community cannot afford and get expert reports to back up the retention of the heritage listed 1a bridge?	Response 4. The City re-confirms that this is a State Government Project and that the Fremantle Society should direct its requests for expert reports to the Government. The City will not be undertaking detailed technical work on this complex matter, independent of the project owner.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1. In the case of non-payment of rates: a. why is the Council agreeing to waive the rates instead of registering a lien over the property such that if the property is ever to be sold or developed, ratepayers will get their money back when the lien comes into effect? b. Why doesn't the Council look to enter an agreement with the entities that have not paid the rates to pay the said rates over a period of 5 - 7 years or even longer so that ratepayers get their money back? c. Is it not in the interest of ratepayers that further waiver or non-payment of rates would be discouraged? d. Would you agree that if rates are continued to be waived by Council, businesses/clubs will take advantage of it? e. Why doesn't the council, instead of waiving the rent, contemplate either: • entering into an agreement with the business owner to pay the outstanding rent over a period of 5 -7 years: or • changing its processes so it doesn't rent out any of its properties to any enterprise in the future without directors' guarantees being sought to make sure that in the event that the business can't pay the rent, directors of the entity will need to honour their obligation of the business?	Response 1. a. Local Government already has a right to collect any outstanding rates that may exist on a property when it is sold under the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> . b. Council does provide payment plans for ratepayers who have outstanding rates or need a plan to support the payment of rates. c and d. C and d are taken as statements. e. Council does already work with tenants to seek a payment plan for any outstanding amounts. Council already considers seeking personal guarantees for relevant leases.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2. In the event that these clubs are unable to pay past rates, why is the Council choosing to waive the rates instead of registering a lien over the property that the club owns, so that the ratepayers will likely get most if not all of their money back at some stage?	Response 2. Council will be considering a report to waive rates for community clubs at this meeting.
25 November 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3. On page 78 of the agenda in the October 2020 Exemption Category: a. Please explain what the following paragraph means: "The process for requesting Artist exemptions was amended to require exemptions before contracts or Purchase orders are awarded. This has resulted in artistic fees required for the A Forest of Hooks and Nails at FAC and Design Freeo - Object Space Place event at FAC being agreed and paid for in advance. All costs were budgeted and approved at the 8 July 2020 special Council meeting." b. Please indicate where the Artists costs that were budgeted and approved at the 8 July 2020 Special Council Meeting are documented? c. Please explain how ratepayers can feel confident that fiduciary obligations by the Council are upheld when details of exemptions can be found in confidential attachments?	Response 3. a. This means that when the City engages an artist directly the approval process needs to be completed prior to any formal engagement. b. In the attachments of the Special Council meeting documents. c. Fiduciary requirements are being met by this process.
9 December 2020	9 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Felicity Newman	Will Council consider the retention of the trees and general amenity of Hilton when assessing this application?	Residential amenity is a planning consideration and will be considered by officers during the assessment of the application. The trees referred to are street trees – they are proposed to be retained. They are shown on all the development application plans just not in the perspective images.
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	On the front page of the Herald dated 3 December 2020 in relation to the community grants and street parties the Mayor's previous electoral donor to Mr Brad Pettitt, Roy Lewisson was promoting this initiative. a. In the lead up to state elections that the Mayor is a candidate and council elections next year, is this just a way to covert campaign through the political precinct groups using Ratepayers funds? b. Would it not be better to put a provision making sure these grants are not eligible through the precincts and available for 3 months prior to elections to ensure they are not abused such as indicated by the promotion by related parties to candidates such as described above for the Mayor's campaign? c. Should these grants only be accessible by incorporated community groups, not just individuals? d. How are these funds now available when I was told the council did not have enough funds to plant a street tree in the April program?	a. Decisions regarding funding via community grants and street parties are made by City officers under delegated authority. Elected Members are not involved. The Community and Economic Support Financial Assistance Policy will assist to guide decision making in relation to a range of community funding and sponsorship activities. This policy, guiding principles for which were adopted at the 9 December meeting, will ensure a consolidated approach to the management of the community and economic financial assistance and non-financial and in-kind support opportunities across the City. b. Each funding category has a specific set of eligibility criteria outlined in their individual guidelines and internal administrative processes. General exclusions and ineligibility include political parties or lobby groups. c. These grants can be accessed by Local Groups or individuals representing a local group. These may include: - not for profit organisations - community groups - educational bodies - charitable event organisers d. Council allocates funding through the annual budget process across a range of services and activities, delivered via separate budgeted programs.

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9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	<p>a. Will street activation events as per street activation policy be funded through the Covid19 Neighbourhood Quick Response Grant?</p> <p>b. From which budget item were \$50, 000 reallocated to fund Quick Response Grants? Please indicate document and page no. where this is listed in the budget?</p> <p>c. The budget allocation (2020/21 for Grant Funding (Community and Arts) has increased (\$76 180 - 110 000). Please explain the reason for and how it was possible to increase the grants funding?</p> <p>d. Please clarify where the waiver of hire fees for South Beach and Wilson Park by Sunset Markets (\$104 800, (p 11 Minutes, 28 October 2020) are recorded as they are not documented in the table?</p> <p>e. What is the total amount of grant funding to individual artists?</p> <p>f. Is there any evidence to suggest an economic benefit to ratepayers for funding grants to artists?</p> <p>g. What is the total amount allocated for the Hidden Treasures programme?</p> <p>h. Is the Event Sponsorship Policy SCG22, adopted 2009 the same as the Events Sponsorship Policy SG59, adopted 2014?</p>	<p>a. No. Street activation events are funded via the City's events sponsorship budget, which is a different line item in the Council budget.</p> <p>b. Budget from the City's One Day event was reallocated to fund Neighbourhood Quick Response Grants which were established to aid community reconnection during COVID.</p> <p>c. The 2020-21 Community Grant has an allocation of \$60,000 which has not changed. The September 2020 round allocated \$25,000 for Community Grants, and \$25,000 for Arts Grants.</p> <p>d. The item refers to the extension of a license agreement as opposed to an event hire agreement. As such an event hire waiver does not apply in this circumstance.</p> <p>e. Five individual artists were allocated \$5,000 in the 2020 September Grant round.</p> <p>f. The City's Community Arts Grants are structured to support artists to present exhibitions, events and arts projects in Fremantle. The grants contribute to Fremantle's reputation as a cultural hub and a city for the arts, drawing visitors to the many independent galleries, artisan shops and independent music venues. This has a direct economic benefit to the City businesses and its ratepayers.</p> <p>g. The 2020-21 Hidden Treasures allocation was \$44,960.</p> <p>h. No, the Event Sponsorship Policy SG22 objective is to provide financial assistance and support to locally based not for profit and or charitable organisations and/or associations and individuals (Youth Sports Grants and Arts Development Fund) to support community development and arts related activities that contribute to community wellbeing and a vibrant, diverse community culture.</p> <p>The Event Sponsorship Policy SG59 objective is to:</p> <p>1.Assist the City of Fremantle to achieve the vision and goals articulated within its strategic plan and related or supporting documents.</p> <p>2.Ensure that all forms of sponsorship provided by the City of Fremantle provides an adequate return on investment for the Fremantle community and/or the organisation.</p> <p>3.Provide clear guidance in relation to the consistent and transparent management of event sponsorship requests.</p>
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Why has \$40,000 of Ratepayers funds been budgeted to purchase generators for a private business to run the South Beach Market?	Consideration was being made at this time around the purchase of generators due to lack of suitable infrastructure in the area however no decisions have been made to progress this.
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	<p>a. Could you please explain the benefit of spending \$40 000 on generators to be placed on South Beach that is well activated and patronised every day without the addition of generators?</p> <p>b. How does this expenditure on South Beach support the sustainability principles of the One Planet Framework?</p>	<p>a. Consideration was being made at this time around the purchase of generators due to lack of suitable infrastructure in the area however no decisions have been made to progress this.</p> <p>b. In this instance, no expenditure has been made. However, where practical and possible the City endeavours to consider, adhere and align to all strategic documents and policies relevant to any given expenditure decision.</p>
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Why is the council paying for security of a band San Cisco to the tune of \$7649.09? Did the Mayor or councillors have any input in this?	In line with City of Fremantle Fees and Charges, hirers pay a fee for use of Fremantle Arts Centre front garden. A condition of the venue hire is Fremantle Arts Centre provides security, first aid, toilets, event staff, food and beverage and some production services. The venue was hired for four San Cisco concerts in 2020 (Oct 30 & 31, Nov 6 & 7). The security fee was for guards at all four concerts.
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	<p>a. In relation to the payment in the listing for a BBQ at Booyeembara Park, there is a BBQ out of order. Is the payment for the replacement for this BBQ or does Booyeembara Park have another BBQ area?</p> <p>b. In relation to the payment in the listing for bee removal, is this for relocation or extermination?</p> <p>c. Does the council use one of the free apiarist groups that do bee relocations or swarm captures?</p> <p>d. How can councillors vote to approve the accounts listed in the payment register that don't have any reason for payment listed?</p> <p>e. Do councillors accept this level of missing detail or are they provided with the information to explain these accounts that the community can't see?</p>	<p>a. This payment refers to the maintenance of an existing BBQ.</p> <p>b. and c. The City works to proactively relocate bees in swarming season and engages with apiarist groups where possible. On occasions, relocation is not possible due to a range of factors, and in that scenario, extermination is sometimes considered.</p> <p>d. and e. Elected members and members of the community are able to seek further clarification from officers on information presented in agenda documents at any time.</p>
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	<p>a. Are Elected Members having their meals and drinks paid for by the City? If yes, what protocols are in place for paying Elected Members for food and drinks?</p> <p>b. What is the total amount budgeted for each Elected Member?</p>	<p>a. Yes, Elected Members are entitled to refreshments when called on to attend meetings that are held outside of normal business hours. The City has a Catering Administration Policy in place that guides the provision of catering for Elected Members and employees.</p> <p>b. There is no individual budget for each Elected Member. Council sets a budget for catering to incorporate all catering costs that support the meeting processes of Council.</p>
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	<p>(In relation to item C2012-13)</p> <p>a. What was the valuation provided for this property?</p> <p>b. What is the rush to dispose of this property?</p>	<p>a. Due to the sales process on this property remaining active and being commercial in nature, a valuation on the property has not been disclosed in order to achieve a maximised return on investment for ratepayers.</p> <p>b. Timelines associated with the sales process for this property are commensurate with standard industry practices and recommended in order to maintain the significant interest in the property which was generated by the recent marketing campaign and auction process.</p>
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	<p>a. What is the reason for the urgency of seeking to approve the disposal of 7 - 15 Quarry Street, at this time?</p> <p>b. Could you please advise what the figure for the property valuation 7 -15 Quarry Street is?</p> <p>c. Could you please explain why a business from out of Fremantle was employed and paid to provide a valuation for the property 7 -15 Quarry Street, were there no property valuers in Fremantle available?</p> <p>d. How is this compatible with the sustainability principles of the One Planet Strategy to which ratepayers subscribe through financial contribution?</p>	<p>a. Timelines associated with the sales process for this property are commensurate with standard industry practices and recommended in order to maintain the significant interest in the property which was generated by the recent marketing campaign and auction process.</p> <p>b. Due to the sales process on this property remaining active and being commercial in nature, a valuation on the property has not been disclosed in order to achieve a maximised return on investment for ratepayers.</p> <p>c. The City sought quotes from three valuers and selected the appropriate supplier in line with its procurement policy as is standard practice.</p> <p>d. Where practical and possible the City endeavours to consider, adhere and align to all strategic documents and policies relevant to the disposal process.</p>
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	<p>a. After Quarry street was passed in (at auction), what is the rush to sell this valuable asset. Can council please provide the professional advice that has recommended this course of action?</p> <p>b. Can council provide a list of all the City owned properties?</p>	<p>a. Timelines associated with the sales process for this property are commensurate with standard industry practices and recommended in order to maintain the significant interest in the property which was generated by the recent marketing campaign and auction process.</p> <p>b. Yes, upon request to the administration.</p>
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Why, when Containers for Change was announced by the WA Government Minister that the cost for this initiative would be funded by industry and the State Government that the City of Fremantle has set aside \$300,000 of ratepayers funds in the budget?	The City has established an expenditure budget of \$322,000 the City does receive a revenue income from the scheme to offset the expenditure.
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	<p>The Fremantle Society asks that Council urgently intervene in the works being carried out at Arthur Head, as they appear to be damaging the heritage values of the place.</p> <p>The Fremantle Society seeks an urgent response from the Council as work has begun on the cliff face.</p>	<p>As is usual with this type of conservation works, at the beginning of the Arthur Head limestone wall repairs project the contractor prepared several sample panels of masonry pointing for the City to agree the final colour and pointing style before the commencement of work. Once a sample has been accepted the other test samples are removed.</p> <p>In this case, the sample referred to by the Fremantle Society was not acceptable to the City. Out of three other samples which used different combinations of sands to achieve a colour that more closely matches remnants of early pointing in the area where the repairs are being undertaken, one sample has been chosen for use. The City has authorised the contractor to commence works using the chosen mortar mix to repoint the limestone wall facing to the natural cliff face. The mortar type for repointing the limestone balustrade wall built on top of the cliff edge, which is a slightly different construction and colour, has not yet been confirmed.</p> <p>The pointing style will be based on existing physical evidence, knowledge of traditional building techniques and documentary evidence from historic photographs. Documentary photographs show that the walls originally had flush pointed joints which was standard practice in Fremantle at the time as it improved the longevity of the wall by shedding rainwater off the wall face. For this reason, the new repointing will be nearly flush with the stone faces but with a very slight recess to the joints to expose more stone while still maintaining run off and minimising the risk of future erosion. This is in accordance with City and State Heritage officers' advice.</p> <p>Where stones are badly eroded new stones will be pieced in. Elsewhere some patching to stone faces will be required to reduce future deterioration of the wall and make its structurally sound but the intention is to minimise this as much as possible.</p> <p>City officers are monitoring the work of the contractors on site.</p>
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	<p>Question 1.</p> <p>a. Please indicate the page no. in the attachments of the Special Council meeting documents where the Artists Exemptions that have been budgeted and approved are recorded.</p> <p>b. Who in the City has currently the authority to: i. engage artists directly ii. approve artists iii. formally engage artists?</p> <p>c. What is the current engagement and approval process for artists by the City/Council?</p> <p>d. What part - other than funding - do ratepayers in this engagement and approval process of artists have?</p> <p>e. What measures are currently in place to make this direct engagement and approval process of artists a transparent and equitable process?</p>	<p>Response 1</p> <p>Artist exemptions are reported quarterly at each Audit and Risk Management Committee and are then reported at the following Ordinary Meeting of Council. Engagement of artists is conducted by officers in line with the City's purchasing policy and artist commissioning procedure. The artist commissioning procedure outlines each program that engages artists and outlines targets, links to the Strategic Community Plan, selection process, and who can approve the commission (whether it be a panel or Director).</p>
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	<p>Question 2. Please indicate the rule that specifies that questions by the public are to be summarised and recorded outside the context?</p>	<p>Response 2</p> <p>We produce our Minutes in accordance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•The City's Meeting Procedures Policy, and•<i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.</i> <p><i>Regulation 11(e) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996</i> , states the following:</p> <p>" 11. Minutes, content of (Act s. 5.25(1)(f))</p> <p><i>The content of minutes of a meeting of a council or a committee is to include –</i></p> <p><i>(e) a summary of each question raised by members of the public at the meeting"</i></p>
9 December 2020	27 January 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	<p>Question 3. Re "It's all about the Money" (Herald (30/10/20) by Councillor Mofflin:</p> <p>a. Could you please specify what the ageing assets in Fremantle are that have significant costs to just maintain them in a safe state?</p> <p>b. Could you specify what services Fremantle needs to deliver as the 'second city of Western Australia that neighbours don't need to deliver'</p>	<p>Response 3</p> <p>The views and opinions expressed by individual elected members in the media are those of that individual and should be clarified directly with them.</p>

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20 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	<p>Question 1. With regard to the congregation of homeless people on Pioneer Park in Fremantle, who/ which Elected Members/ staff were first contacted by Jesse Noakes.</p> <p>a. What was the exact request made by Jesse Noakes?</p> <p>b. Did Jesse Noakes contact any Elected Members directly by phone or email with his request?</p> <p>c. When did Jesse Noakes contact any Elected Members with his request?</p> <p>d. Who/ which personnel/ elected members agreed to the establishment of the congregation of homeless people known as Tent City? Under what authority did they do this?</p> <p>e. What day/ time did that agreement take place?</p> <p>f. Does the City of Fremantle have a standing arrangement and provide money on behalf of ratepayers, to St Patrick's to provide bono fide support and assistance to homeless people?</p> <p>g. Was Jessie Noakes request for help directed to the representatives of St Patrick's for their professional assistance? If not, why not?</p> <p>The Sergeant in charge of WAPOL Fremantle says that she was contacted directly by Mayor Pettit and Councillor Pemberton and told not to carry out her Covid 19 Protocols at the Tent City on Pioneer Park.</p> <p>h. How do Mayor Pettit and Councillor Pemberton account for the discrepancies in the accounts of this issue?</p> <p>i. Did the Mayor and Councillor contact the Sergeant?</p> <p>j. Under what authority did the Mayor, and Councillor Pemberton have, as Elected Members, to interfere/ intervene with the lawful duties conferred on WAPOL?</p> <p>k. Why and under what authority did the Elected members/ and/ or the City Administrative staff ignore its own Risk Management Policy in preventing WAPOL in carrying out its lawful function to administer the Protocols on Pioneer Park?</p> <p>Question 2. The Mayor has the authority to call a special meeting of Council in an emergency. Why didn't this occur?</p> <p>Question 3. Why did the Mayor, and/ or Councillor Pemberton make unilateral decisions contradicting State Government Policy and directives and responsibility to convene the Council, to deal with the issues and follow the requirements of the City's Risk Management Policy.</p>	<p>Response provided by Mayor Brad Pettitt:</p> <p>Jesse Noakes contacted me about a week before Christmas saying he and some local volunteers were planning to set up a street kitchen to feed people experiencing homelessness on Boxing Day.</p> <p>I introduced Jesse to Danica Quinlan CEO Fremantle Chamber of Commerce via email on Friday 18 December.</p> <p>No other correspondence on this matter with any other party was entered into by me including with WAPOL (WA Police) until early January when the City of Fremantle sought resolution of this matter.</p> <p>Response provided by Cr Rachel Pemberton:</p> <p>Jesse Noakes contacted me about a week before Christmas saying he and some local volunteers were planning to set up a street kitchen to feed people experiencing homelessness on Boxing Day.</p> <p>In my role as Councillor, following my duty under the act, which states that:</p> <p>a councillor -</p> <p>(c) facilitates communication between the community and the council; and</p> <p>I introduced Jesse to Brett Reyne, the Officer in Charge at Fremantle via text message on Friday 18 December (as Brett indicated he would be on leave from Saturday).</p> <p>I also arranged a meeting between Jesse and the relevant managers at the City of Fremantle on Monday 21 December.</p> <p>As a councillor, I have no authority to make any decisions, or direct staff. Rather I fulfilled my obligation to act as a conduit for community members and the City (and other relevant officials). It is my understanding that no formal approval was requested or given.</p> <p>Officer's Response:</p> <p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to in the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1. Can the Council please explain to the impacted community, who gave permission for use of Pioneer reserve on the 26th of December 2020?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2. Can the council please explain to the impacted business community, under what authority was given permission given to use pioneer reserve on the 26 of December?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3. Can the council explain how the councils risk management policy was applied to the allowed use of pioneer reserve on the 26th of December?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4. Can council explain to the electors how the council allowed its no camping policy to be violated on the 26/27 and of December 2020 onwards into Jan in pioneer reserve till the state government took over its management? Did any councillors have prior knowledge of this and did they inform the COF professional staff of any concerns?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 5. Can the council confirm or deny that the police were told to allow campers in pioneer reserve by Councillors of Fremantle City Council?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 6. Can council explain how its events policy was adhered to by council in regards to the event at pioneer reserve?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 7. Can the council please inform the rate payers and residents of the cost of the pioneer reserve debacle over December 2020 and January 2021 to the COF?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 8. Can council please inform the community of the legal costs to the COF, associated with the pioneer reserve event?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 9. Can the COF inform the rate payer of the liability issues to the City, as it's been clearly linked by State Government, only worsen by the states take over due to the reserves mismanagement, with the long list of violent assaults that police have linked to Pioneer Park, from the 26th of Dec till its closure in January 2021?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 10. Is the City confident that councillors have put the cities best interest 1st, over the clearly political agenda that has been run in the exploitation of our cities most vulnerable. If so, what investigation has the city take to ensure it has a true understanding of the event that led to the pioneer reserve debacle.	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 11. What independent investigation will be run by the City to ensure this sort of incident can't happy again?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 12. How will the City handle this issue as a Mayor steps back and a Deputy Mayor has already declared a conflict of interest?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 13. How will the City reassure the electors that it actually has control of the City after the State Government removed authority of part of the CBD?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 14. How can the electors have any faith in a council that is clearly not trusted by the State Government to manage such a small area as pioneer reserve?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 15. Can the City explain why councillors are dealing with groups that are listed as anarchist and professional protestors, that have clearly been reported as exploiting the vulnerable, by attracting them away from recognise and trained professional organisations that provide outreach services, to a place that advertises on-line for enforcers for security at a make shift camp?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 16. Can the City explain to the electors, how the none of the electoral commission guidelines have been breached in regards to the activities at Pioneer reserve from December 2020 to its closure in Jan 2021?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 17. Can the City confirm, non if its code of conducts have been beached by councillors in regards to the Pioneer reserve incident and how it has ascertain this?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda. The CEO report does not represent individual Elected Member or third party positions.</p> <p>At the time of finalising this agenda, costs of rehabilitation for Pioneer Park have not been finalised.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 18. Can the City explain how its cancelling of Australia Day celebrations benefits Fremantle businesses when other cities are attracting huge crowds for their events, while Fremantle has lost this attraction since it cancelled the 26th of January events? How is this in the best interest of rate payer and businesses in Fremantle?	<p>An Australia Day event has been transferred to another event which is considered by Council as being more inclusive for the general population of Australia. This event attracts visitors to Fremantle in the same way as previous Australia Day events in Fremantle.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox (on behalf of the Greater Fremantle Community & Business Association)	Question 1. In light of the recent resumption of Pioneer Park by the State Government our members are asking as to how the City of Fremantle in the first instance enabled the know activist Jesse Noakes to engage and be allowed to set up the unregistered, unlicensed Street Kitchen, without any of the correct health or park usage permits? Why were they not directed to the endorsed and City funded charity St Patrick's?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda.</p>
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox (on behalf of the Greater Fremantle Community & Business Association)	Question 2. When it was first identified that the activist were setting up tents why did the City Community Compliance team not put an end to it under the current bi-laws and policies?	<p>Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda.</p>

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27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox (on behalf of the Greater Fremantle Community & Business Association)	Question 3. Given the risks to the local businesses, public safety, health and well being of the inhabitants, Ratepayers, the cost to the City and the clear operation of the kitchen outside of City policy, why did the Mayor and council not convene an emergency meeting several weeks ago to prevent the subsequent complaints to Police, serious charges and rape of two teenage girls?	Responses in relation to "Tent City" queries are generally referred to the CEO report attached to the information report contained within this agenda.
27 January 2021	24 February 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kerry Love	(In relation to the Samson Street median strip) Question 1. What regulations are they in breach of, that warrant its removal and is there anything they can do to make it compliant and keep it in place? Question 2. What is the purpose of the median strip and perhaps the City could come up with a better use of this space?	The City's Verge Garden Policy and Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law require approval for temporary structures, including furniture, on City managed road reserves. In the instance of the Samson Street median garden, a permit had not been sought nor approved, and the City have concerns about the location and safety of the garden. The City is in the process of liaising with LGIS to understand the liability risks around this garden and how they may be managed to a level the City finds acceptable. Officers will then work with the community group to see if the median garden can be implemented in a way that addresses the City's requirements and a permit for the garden can be approved.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1a. Please indicate the page no. in the attachments of the Special Council Meeting 8 July 2020 documents where the Artists Exemptions that have been budgeted and approved are recorded (October 2020 Exemption Category). b. What measures are currently in place to make this direct engagement process of artists a transparent and equitable process?	Response 1a. Individual Capital Project budgets for events can be found on page 48 of the 2020 -21 Annual Budget. Operational Budgets for Arts and Events fall under the Office of the CEO and Director Community Development on page 9. b. Engagement of artists is conducted by officers in line with the City's purchasing policy and artist commissioning procedure. The artist commissioning procedure outlines each program that engages artists and outlines targets, links to the Strategic Community Plan, selection processes and who can approve the commission (whether it be a panel or Director). Artist exemptions are reported quarterly through the Audit and Risk Management Committee to Council.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2. Re: PC2102-2 SOUTH TERRACE, NO.312 (LOT 344), SOUTH FREMANTLE –ALTERATIONS TO AN EXISTING RESTAURANT AND INCIDENTAL INDUSTRY LIGHT (COFFEE ROASTERS) - (JL DA0513/20): a. Please explain whether the statements below in relation to a shortfall of 45 car bays are based on data/research? If so, please indicate where this information can be located? If not, on what basis are these assumptions made? b. It is also still reasonable to expect that a large volume of the patrons to the restaurant will consist of locals and driving to the venue is not the first choice of travel. c. Although it is acknowledged that the proposed use may increase the demand on these bays during the peak periods, it is not considered to result in a parking and traffic impact that is significantly greater than the current demand for on street parking, p 39.	Response 2. The application was not determined by the Planning Committee at its meeting held on 17 February 2021, and was referred back to the Administration to allow the applicant to consider amending the proposal to integrate the recommended additional provision of on site bike parking and improve the interface of the vehicle crossovers and parking area with the public realm. On the submission of amended plans, the application will be referred to the next appropriate Planning Committee meeting for determination. In response to question a), Council reduced the standard car parking requirement on the basis of b) (and others) in an approval issued in 2013 for the subject site. Officer's still consider this reason to be valid in its assessment of the current proposal. Statements b) and c) are not based on specific data or research, rather, on the basis of Officers knowledge of general trends/patterns and their observations in the area.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3. Re: D.B.M7 CASH-IN-LIEU OF CAR PARKING POLICY - Please explain the reason why this policy is ignored as a matter of course when dealing with shortfalls of parking?	Response 3. This policy was adopted in 1999 under the now superseded Local Planning Scheme No.3. The current planning scheme (no. 4) outlines a series of considerations to be taken into account in assessment of parking provisions in new planning proposals and is the primary point of reference for assessment of shortfalls – refer Clause 4.7 for details. Recent changes to the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations provide further direction on parking provision including automatic waiving of small shortfalls in parking. The policy will be reviewed as part of the staged review of local planning policies occurring as outlined in the Scheme Review Report adopted by Council in February 2020.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4. Re: ARMC2102-3 OVERDUE DEBTORS REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020 a. Please would you explain what sundry debts of \$417 285 waived for 24 entities consist of? b. Are any of these entities eligible to ask for lease extensions, City funded fit outs in the civic centre and the like in the future?	Response 4a. Rent write-offs for commercial tenants in accordance with the code of conduct provisions set by state government. b. This is a speculative question that is not able to be answered.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5. Given that the FAC represents a major asset and thus revenue stream for the City, is there a policy in place that stipulates that any profit from its use will be invested in the maintenance and reinstatement of its heritage features?	Response 5. No. Funding allocation is determined in accordance with the City's Asset Renewal program and priorities within each budget year.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6. How many indigenous and how many non-indigenous artists are funded and engaged by the City for this financial year and last year?	Response 6 is tabled in the minutes.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 7. Is it true to say that ratepayers have no input in the engagement process of artists, other than the community grants?	Response 7. The nature of this query is not entirely clear, please can further detail be provided?
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 8. Was there no local Fremantle real estate auctioneer available/competent enough to deal with 7 -15 Quarry street?	Response 8. The city's position in undertaking the sale process for 7 Quarry St does not reflect on any real estate business in Fremantle. The City often undertakes auctions in-house.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 9. Given that the \$90 619 worth of Jacaranda trees will not respond well to pruning, have invasive roots and are an introduced species from another colonised/invaded country, would you please explain how planting them is appropriate on a site where enormous efforts are made to compose the area with concepts and things indigenous? Who is responsible for the decision to plant Jacaranda trees in this location?	Response 9. The City developed a draft Concept Plan for the public realm in 2017 and following community consultation, adopted a final Concept Plan for Kings Square in February 2018. The selection of Jacaranda trees for the 'framing tree' around the perimeter of the square was included in this process. An 'exotic' tree was selected rather than a native tree due to many factors, including the harsh urban planting conditions; the modified 'European' character of the square and its architecture; and the need to select a tree that had an appropriate form, size and consistency for a civic location. The City is also committed to planting more native trees – in locations which are appropriate.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 10. Could you please explain what the payment of \$23 100 to the Sirona Real Estate Project Management is for?	Response 10. The payment is for project management services for Kings Square Civic building.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 11. What is 'PrePay' for the WA Croatian Community Centre and WA Portuguese Club?	Response 11. The City refunded part of the rates payment by these Clubs as part of a council resolution to cap their rate payment.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 12. Given that in excess of \$12 000 was spent on the 'this is Fremantle' Christmas campaign, could please explain why ratepayers should believe it was money well spent when the City allowed the 'camp out' to occur?	Response 12. These two items are not considered by the City to be linked.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1. Please explain why the agenda/minutes 20 January 2021 omit how it came about for the un-registered Freo Street Kitchen being set up in Pioneer Park?	Response 1. An administration report on "Tent City" on Pioneer Park was provided to council at the February Ordinary Council meeting.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2. Please explain why the kitchen was tolerated to remain in a place of which the objective is 'to facilitate the integrated development of a children's theatre in a children's park', D.G.F19 Pioneer Park - 1 Short and 7 Market Streets, Fremantle?	Response 2. The City decided a multi-agency response was needed to close the camp at Pioneer Park which commenced on 4 January and finalised on 23 January, 2021.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3. Please explain why the City/Council of Fremantle represented that there were no emergency food services available, contradicting what was actually the case?	Response 3. This matter was commented on in paragraph 5 of the CEO report into Tent City published in the February council meeting minutes.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4. Please explain whether the City/Council of Fremantle is aware of what emergency support services/agencies are available and who to contact?	Response 4. The City has relationships with multiple social support providers which operate within the City of Fremantle.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5. The City of Fremantle decided a coordinated response to the unapproved camping at Pioneer Park was required. An administration report on "Tent City", Pioneer Park was provided to council at the February Ordinary Council meeting. These discussions included the need for compassion and support for the vulnerable people camping.	Response 5. The City of Fremantle decided a coordinated response to the unapproved camping at Pioneer Park was required. An administration report on "Tent City", Pioneer Park was provided to council at the February Ordinary Council meeting. These discussions included the need for compassion and support for the vulnerable people camping.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6. Please explain whether there was anyone in the City/Council of Fremantle who considered or anticipated the implications and financial costs to the businesses that would ensue from that kind of 'camp out' in the park, prior to it being set up?	Response 6. The City of Fremantle coordinated the response to the unapproved camping at Pioneer Park. An administration report on "Tent City", Pioneer Park was provided to council at the February Ordinary Council meeting. These discussions included the need for compassion and support for the vulnerable people camping.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 7. Please explain whether there was anyone in the City/Council of Fremantle who considered or anticipated the anti-social behaviour that was likely to result from that kind of 'camp out' in the park, prior to it being set up?	Response 7. The City of Fremantle coordinated the response to the unapproved camping at Pioneer Park. An administration report on "Tent City", Pioneer Park was provided to council at the February Ordinary Council meeting. These discussions included the need for compassion and support for the vulnerable people camping.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 8. Please explain whether there was anyone in the City/Council of Fremantle who considered or anticipated the financial costs to the City (ratepayers) that would ensue from that kind of 'camp out' in the park, prior to it being set up?	Response 8. The City of Fremantle coordinated the response to the unapproved camping at Pioneer Park. An administration report on "Tent City", Pioneer Park was provided to council at the February Ordinary Council meeting. These discussions included the need for compassion and support for the vulnerable people camping.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 9. Please explain what are the estimated financial costs associated with dealing with the 'camp out' in the park including all costs such as legal, consulting, officers time, repairs, security and maintenance to services nearby as well as the clean up?	Response 9. These costs are yet to be considered and will be published once known.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 10. Please explain the reasons for City/Council of Fremantle ignoring the requests from the community and businesses to take action to close the 'camp out' in the park?	Response 10. The City decided a multi-agency response was needed to close the camp at PioneerPark which commenced on 4 January and finalised on 23 January 2021.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 11. Please explain why the City/Council of Fremantle did not intervene, and thereby allowing the state government to step in to close the 'camp out' by removing Fremantle's authority for the park?	Response 11. The City decided a multi-agency response was needed to close the camp at Pioneer Park which commenced on 4 January and finalised on 23 January 2021.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 12. Re: FPOL2101-16 PIONEER PARK FREMANTLE CAMP OUT - Given I was present in person at the Ordinary Meeting of Council 27 January 2021, why were my questions on notice not included in the minutes?	Response 12. Your questions were received by email at the City at 4.52pm on the night of the Council meeting. This is too late for the process of this meeting. Cut-off for the meeting is 3pm on the meeting day. There is no record of these questions being presented at the meeting.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 13. Re: Monthly Financial Report December 2020 – P.10 Construction and Maintenance Team - Design and Construction. Does the item P-11952 Hampton Rd - Drainage refer to 73 Hampton Rd?	Response 13. \$70,000 budget for item 'P-11952 Hampton Rd – Drainage' is for the City to improve the existing carrier drain along Hampton Road between Henville Street and Stevens Street. This in turn is intended to alleviate the flooding problems to the lowest section of Hampton Road which is located in the vicinity of 73 Hampton Rd.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox (on behalf of the Greater Fremantle Community & Business Association)	Question 1. Please explain 'how and why' the agency for this event was permitted under the Local Gov Act?	Response 1. The context of this query is not clear, could you please provide some further detail?
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox (on behalf of the Greater Fremantle Community & Business Association)	Question 2. Please explain how permission for the Pioneer Park Camp was undertaken without legal Local Gov approvals, including Licences and Permits?	Response 2. The City did not provide permission for camping at Pioneer Park.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox (on behalf of the Greater Fremantle Community & Business Association)	Question 3. Please explain how the documented COVID-19 plan was presented, enacted and monitored during the entirety of the Camp?	Response 3. The City was not responsible for the camping at Pioneer Park during late December 2020 until 23 January 2021.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox (on behalf of the Greater Fremantle Community & Business Association)	Question 4. Please explain when the Council will begin the necessary Independent 'Enquiry' into the events before during and after the Pioneer Park Camp was installed from 26th December 2020 to January 29th, 2021?	Response 4. Council considered the request for an independent inquiry on the "Tent City" camping at Pioneer Park between 26 December 2020 and 23 January 2021. The Council did not support an independent inquiry
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 1. In light of the recent resumption of Pioneer Park by the State Government our members are asking as to how the City of Fremantle in the first instance enabled the know activist Jesse Noakes to engage and be allowed to set up the unregistered, unlicensed Street Kitchen, without any of the correct health or park usage permits? Why were they not directed to the endorsed and City funded charity St Patrick's?	Response 1. Detail surrounding the erection of the camp at Pioneer Park known as Tent City is outlined in the CEO Report presented to Council at its Ordinary meeting in February.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 2. When it was first identified that the activist were setting up tents why did the City Community Compliance team not put an end to it under the current bi-laws and policies?	Response 2. The City decided a multi-agency response was needed to close the camp at Pioneer Park which was commenced on 4 January and finalised on 23 January, 2021.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 3. Given the risks to the local businesses, public safety, health and well being of the inhabitants, Ratepayers, the cost to the City and the clear operation of the kitchen outside of City policy, why did the Mayor and council not convene an emergency meeting several weeks ago to prevent the subsequent complaints to Police, serious charges and rape of two teenage girls?	Response 3. A multi-agency response to close the camp at Pioneer Park was commenced on 4 January and finalised on 23 January 2021.

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24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Additional question: From recent media reports it has become evident that this was politically motivated to support Mayor Brad Pettitt's campaign. What is the City position on political party policies being actively campaigned on by/for a sitting Mayor or Councillor? Why are the City assets and Ratepayers funds being used for political campaigning of the Mayor? From page 132 of attachments to the agenda "the City would offer limited support for the 24 hour event through the provision of water, power and waste collection." It has also been advised from the City that over \$10,000 of Ratepayer support has been provided, not including the ongoing risk and rectification of damage to the park.	The City does not make any comment on political party policy. The costs associated with the camp at Pioneer Park are yet to be considered and will be published once known.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1. Please answer individually each of my questions included below from the 20 January FPOL meeting which have not been answered in full, but 'Generally' referred to in the CEO report on Tent City? The CEO report is vague with what appears to be excuses rather than an inquiry and has glib responses that do not directly answer my questions. Ratepayers deserve to have questions answered in good faith by the city. This has not occurred. It is inappropriate, insufficient and possibly unlawful, council minutes are a legal document, and as such produced in the public interest and the answers are for public record. Therefore it is not appropriate to use a CEO report rather than answering the questions appropriately. You have had these for 5 weeks and request they be answered individually.	Response 1. Noted.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2. Why when Jesse Noakes is a known convicted activist working with Councillor Pemberton on the Mayors Green Party campaign, would the city engage with this kind of person who is not even a resident?	Response 2. Mr Noakes was not known to City officers prior to the meeting held on 21 December 2020.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3. No due diligence was followed, there is already processes in place under the city guidelines, we have an arrangement with St Patricks, and that the Freo Street Kitchen is an unregistered, un-incorporated organisation and was unlicensed to operate as a charity collecting funds. This is currently under investigation by the department responsible.	Response 3. Noted.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 4. Would the city afford Ratepayers or residents like myself the same eleventh hour meeting with senior city staff, without first following due diligence of completing permits Etc.?	Response 4. This is a speculative question that is not able to be answered.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 5. In the CEO report it states: "The meeting was attended by Manager Field Services, Manager Community Development, Manager Facilities and Environmental Management, Cr Rachel Pemberton and Mr Jessie Noakes, who represented FSK." This contradicts Councillor Pemberton's response in the agenda that she only facilitated a meeting. Why was only Councillor Pemberton at this meeting and not referred to all Councillors to respond considering this was outside the remit of the normal policies set by council? Is not the procedure for such things that fall outside the procedural governance of the city be referred to a full council meeting to be debated on changing the local laws to allow this?	Response 5. Cr Pemberton provided a response to her involvement with Mr Noakes at the Ordinary Council meeting in February 2020. This response is noted in the minutes of this meeting.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 6. Is it not the truth that this was a political stunt for the benefit of the Mayor Brad Pettitt's Greens party campaign organised with the full knowledge of his campaign team in Councillor Rachael Pemberton and Deputy Mayor Andrew Sullivan (Who shared his office and stored FSC tents)? Both responses from Mayor Pettitt and Councillor Pemberton are a cut and paste copy showing full knowledge of this event in the week before "Jesse Noakes contacted me about a week before Christmas saying he and some local volunteers were planning to set up a street kitchen to feed people experiencing homelessness on Boxing Day." (Pages 2-3 of Agenda)	Response 6. This is a speculative question that is not able to be answered.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 7. Why would the Mayor bother to introduce a known convicted activist like Jesse Noakes to the Chamber of Commerce CEO Danica Quinlan? What would be the purpose of this for the Chamber?	Response 7. The City does not provide collective responses for elected members. A question may be raised to individual members, which may then be responded to by that member.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 8. If no written approval was given then how does the City allocate Ratepayers funds for what appears to be a Clayton's approval? "City would offer limited support for the 24 hour event through the provision of water, power and waste collection." (Page 132 CEO Report). It has already been advised by the City of Fremantle endorsed charity's CEO of St Pat's Michael Piu that food services indeed were available during this period.	Response 8. The provision of these services was considered generally incidental and very short term at the time.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 9. Why was no mention in the CEO report made that the FSC was shut down by the McGowan State Government which has taken over management of Pioneer Reserve or the process to follow?	Response 9. The CEO report spoke from the perspective of the City only and did not make comment for third parties.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 10. Will all costs incurred by the City be charged to the organiser FSC and Jesse Noakes?	Response 10. Recovery of costs is not being considered at this stage.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Clayton Gunning	Question 1. How much support does the City give, in total, to sporting groups each financial year?	Response 1. - The City provides community wellbeing programs, such as: Bike Month: Ride to Work Breakfast, Cycle School - Confidence, Cycle School - Balance, Bike Repair Workshops Freo Fit: Park Fit, MindFit Health & Wellbeing: Sound Healing, Self Care Series, Dance Inclusion - Support Community and Sporting Groups: Support Kidsport, Writing Successful Grant Applications workshops, Financial Management workshops, Club Renovation Toolkit, Improved lighting system at Bruce Lee Oval. - Allocate Youth Sports grant funding and travel assistance opportunities.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Clayton Gunning	Question 2. Which sporting groups benefit the most from City of Fremantle Support?	Response 2. The City in its pursuit to encourage healthy lifestyle choices for all City residents provide support to a range of sporting clubs and recreational organisations in the City including (men's, women's, juniors and children's) AFL, soccer, cricket, netball, rugby league, dancing, martial arts, golf and fishing in the form of grants, donations, club development workshops and in-kind support offered by the City's Community Development Officer – Health and Wellbeing as well as the maintenance of facilities and playing fields.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Clayton Gunning	Question 3. Can I have a copy of the details, organised by each group/sport, of all funds, including in-kind support, provided to sporting clubs in the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years?	Response 3. Due to the expansive nature of this question a comprehensive response will take more time to compile. A response will be made available at the next Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 28 April 2021.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Clayton Gunning	Question 4. Which sporting groups pay rent/rates (and how much) to the City of Fremantle for using Council owned or managed facilities?	Response 4. • Royal Fremantle Golf Course responsible for rental charges as per lease terms and conditions. • There are 9 sporting leases that operate on peppercorn leases and are responsible for their outgoings. • There are 13 clubs that currently use the these leased spaces. There are approximately 30 clubs who use Fremantle Netball Association • Rate concessions provided to a number of Sporting Clubs as per annual budget document ("Attachment 1 – Responses to previous questions")
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Clayton Gunning	Question 5. Does the City participate in any partnership with Sporting Clubs?	Response 5. The City does partner where appropriate with sporting groups, a good example is the Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club to deliver lifesaving services at Leighton and Port Beaches during the summer months.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1. Can the Council please explain to the impacted community, who gave permission for use of Pioneer reserve on the 26th of December 2020?	Response 1. Support was provided from the City for a 24 hour "Boxing Day Feed" on Pioneer Park. No permission was provided for camping.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2. Can the council please explain to the impacted business community, under what authority was given permission given to use pioneer reserve on the 26 of December?	Response 2. Support was provided from the City for a 24 hour "Boxing Day Feed" on Pioneer Park. No permission was provided for camping.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3. Can the council explain how the councils risk management policy was applied to the allowed use of pioneer reserve on the 26th of December?	Response 3. The City decided a multi-agency response was needed to close the camp at Pioneer Park which was commenced on 4 January and finalised on 23 January 2021.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4. Can council explain to the electors how the council allowed its no camping policy to be violated on the 26/27 and of December 2020 onwards into Jan in pioneer reserve till the state government took over its management? Did any councillors have prior knowledge of this and did they inform the COF professional staff of any concerns?	Response 4. The City does not have a camping policy. Camping is dealt with by state government legislation. A multi-agency response to close the camp at Pioneer Park was commenced on 4 January and finalised on 23 January, 2021.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 5. Can the council confirm or deny that the police were told to allow campers in pioneer reserve by Councillors of Fremantle City Council?	Response 5. No.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 6. Can council explain how its events policy was adhered to by council in regards to the event at pioneer reserve?	Response 6. Support was provided from the City for a 24 hour "Boxing Day Feed" on Pioneer Park.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 7. Can the council please inform the rate payers and residents of the cost of the pioneer reserve debacle over December 2020 and January 2021 to the COF?	Response 7. These costs are yet to be considered and will be published once known.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 8. Can council please inform the community of the legal costs to the COF, associated with the pioneer reserve event?	Response 8. These costs, if any, are yet to be considered and will be published once known.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 9. Can the COF inform the rate payer of the liability issues to the City, as it's been clearly linked by State Government, only worsen by the states take over due to the reserves mismanagement, with the long list of violent assaults that police have linked to Pioneer Park, from the 26th of Dec till its closure in January 2021?	Response 9. The City decided a multi-agency response was needed to close the camp at Pioneer Park which was commenced on 4 January and finalised on 23 January 2021.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 10. Is the City confident that councillors have put the cities best interest 1st, over the clearly political agenda that has been run in the exploitation of our cities most vulnerable. If so, what investigation has the city take to ensure it has a true understanding of the event that led to the pioneer reserve debacle.	Response 10. The CEO has provided a report to Council at its Ordinary meeting in February 2020.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 11. What independent investigation will be run by the City to ensure this sort of incident can't happy again?	Response 11. Council considered the request for an independent inquiry on the "Tent City" camping at Pioneer Park between 26 December 2020 until 23 January 2021. The Council did not support an independent inquiry.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 12. How will the City handle this issue as a Mayor steps back and a Deputy Mayor has already declared a conflict of interest?	Response 12. The nature of this query is not entirely clear, please can further detail be provided?
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 13. How will the City reassure the electors that it actually has control of the City after the State Government removed authority of part of the CBD?	Response 13. The nature of this query is not entirely clear, please can further detail be provided?
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 14. How can the electors have any faith in a council that is clearly not trusted by the State Government to manage such a small area as pioneer reserve?	Response 14. This question is taken as rhetorical.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 15. Can the City explain why councillors are dealing with groups that are listed as anarchist and professional protestors, that have clearly been reported as exploiting the vulnerable, by attracting them away from recognise and trained professional organisations that provide outreach services, to a place that advertises on-line for enforcers for security at a make shift camp?	Response 15. The City does not provide collective responses for elected members. A question may be raised to individual elected members, which may then be responded to by that elected member.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 16. Can the City explain to the electors, how the none of the electoral commission guidelines have been breached in regards to the activities at Pioneer reserve from December 2020 to its closure in Jan 2021?	Response 16. The City is not aware of any breaches and has not received any submissions of breaches.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 17. Can the City confirm, non if its code of conducts have been beached by councillors in regards to the Pioneer reserve incident and how it has ascertain this?	Response 17. The City is not aware of any breaches, is there a particular breach that is being queried?
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 18. Can the City justify its response to my Australia Day questions from the Jan 2021 full council meeting: <i>Can the City explain how its cancelling of Australia Day celebrations benefits Fremantle businesses when other cities are attracting huge crowds for their events, while Fremantle has lost this attraction since it cancelled the 26th of January events? How is this in the best interest of rate payer and businesses in Fremantle?</i>	Response 18. The context of this query is not clear, please provide some further detail?
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 19. As the citys own documents stated and quoted the then acting Mayor Josh Wilson on the success of the 2015 Australia Day event and that, it attracted about 50,000 people to the city and injected over +3 million dollars into the local economy. While in 2020 it attracted about 5% of the 2015 numbers. Further can the City show documentation to support its claims and what interaction it has had with local business to support their claim? The City's 2015 Australia Day event was opened with a aboriginal cultural event, how is this not inclusive? Is the City suggesting to add more additional cultural events, perhaps a lion dance? How can it be more inclusive when the City's new event attracts less than 10% of its past numbers?	Response 19. The nature of this query is not entirely clear, please can further detail be provided?
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 20. Can the city explain to the rate payers why its website has removed documentation, like the media section which only goes back to 2018 and the finances section is back to 2015/16?	Response 20. The City has updated its website to make its content easier to navigate. A note is provided on the website as to how to request older content.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 21. I see on the minutes from the Jan 2021 meeting of full council meeting, Councillor Vujcic's motion and preamble was not recorded in full but summarised. To have an accurate and true record surely that can be stated in full, why is that not so?	Response 21. Minutes of all council meetings are a summary of the meeting and it is not standard to record verbatim comments. Only decisions are recorded verbatim.
24 February 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 22. Again, the same concern for people who come to council to ask questions or make statements. Why is this not properly recorded in the minutes? When referring to Minutes from 2009 questions were better recorded in the Minutes. Why has council lowered their standard, surely council can't claim this is good governance?	Response 22. Minutes of all council meetings are a summary of the meeting and it is not standard to record verbatim comments. Only decisions are recorded verbatim.

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3 March 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	(In relation to the proposed disposition by way of licence of a portion of former Naval Store Land, 141 Queen Victoria Street) Question 1. Please advise who is the person in charge of this project or joint project?	Response 1. The manager responsible for administering City properties is the Manager Economic Development and Marketing.
3 March 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2. What is the reason for not providing a contact person to provide information on the matter?	Response 2. Officers can be reached by contacting the City of Fremantle via its standard contact details.
3 March 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3. Are 8 working days a reasonable time frame to make a submission, given there is no background information or contact person provided?	Response 3. Under the Local Government Act Section 3.58 (3) (a) (ii) the City is required to advertise the disposal of property by public notice for no less than 2 weeks. The City advertised this public notice for no less than 2 weeks via the City's website, the City's notice board outside of the library, the West Australian Newspaper and local newspaper.
3 March 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4. Is this lease arrangement already in place since it is effective 17 Feb 2021?	Response 4. The arrangement is not a lease. The license advertised referred to the renewal of an existing license that was in place between 17 August 2020 and 16 February 2021.
3 March 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5. What portion in M2 of the former Naval store land is proposed to be leased or sub leased?	Response 5. Approximately 130 m2 of a 2m wide external outdoor area to the rear of the building was proposed to be licenced.
3 March 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6. White is it going to be used for?	Response 6. The permitted use is a storage yard and fabrication.
3 March 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 7. Will there be any costs to the ratepayers associated with this arrangement?	Response 7. No. Should the City incur any costs as the direct result of the property's use by the licensee these costs will be recoverable from the licensee.
3 March 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 8. How will the community be impacted by this arrangement?	Response 8. The City does not expect this arrangement to have any undue impact on impact the community.
3 March 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 9. Can anyone lease a portion of the former Naval store land?	Response 9. The Naval Store is currently leased. The current arrangement which is in conjunction with the current leaseholder is a license that is temporary in nature.
3 March 2021	24 March 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 10. How much documentation is required to put in place such a lease arrangement?	Response 10. A licence agreement is put in place between the Licensor (The City) and the Licensee.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Michelle Sheehy	Question 1. If there is no risk to the city and that actually no real cost to your budget why has the CEO not fixed this issue?	Response 1. The CEO has indicated to the Unions consistently both in writing and in meetings that if the Unions are prepared to negotiate on the Annual leave clause in line with the changes already put forward by the City then he is prepared to do this. On 6 October, following a conciliation conference before the Fair Work Commission during which the Union and the City agreed to consider an amended clause that both parties could live with, in good faith the City put forward an amended annual leave clause. This amended clause was rejected out of hand by the Unions and the Unions refused to put forward any other alternative. To date, it has only been the City that has attempted to resolve this issue.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Michelle Sheehy	Question 2. The CEO has been requested to fix this issue this week and has not yet done so. The CEO reports to Council, so how long are you going to give him to fix this issue?	Response 2. The issue of employment and negotiating EBA's is the responsibility of the CEO. The Council is not involved in staffing matters.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mick Kitson	Question 1. Are you aware that the fair work act provides protections to employers who are subject to genuine financial disruption?	Response 1. The City has always been aware that the Fair Work Act has a stand down clause. The City's EBA does not contain a stand down clause and if the City needed to stand anyone down it would do so under the stand down clause of the FWA. The EBA contains an annual leave clause (has done so with union approval for more than 10 years). The City applied the clause in the EBA in March 2020.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mick Kitson	Question 2. Given this, do you think it is acceptable that the CEO is trying to hold on to employment conditions that are not needed by the City and do great damage to the reputation of the City?	Response 2. An agreement in principle on the whole agreement was reached in March 2020, following negotiations that had occurred for over 6 months during which both parties had made concessions to their positions without any discussion regarding the annual leave clause. In June 2020 the Unions withdrew from this agreement and have not been prepared to come back to the table on anything other than the City removing the annual leave clause in dispute but still want the benefit of the concessions already made.. The clause in dispute has been in the EBA, agreed by the Unions for the last 10 years. The City does not agree that the clause is not needed, however it has attempted to resolve the issue proposing an amended annual leave clause and later offering to commence discussions whereby the Union's position to withdraw the clause could be discussed in the context of renegotiating the whole agreement. The Union's position to try to obtain the change without agreeing to further negotiation on the agreement as a whole is not agreed by the City.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Michelle Mackenzie	(In relation to the removal of the gates at Stevens Reserve dog park.) Question 1. Who did council consult with regarding the removal of the gates at Stevens Reserve?	Response 1. For the past 3 years City officers have been consulting with the Fremantle Cricket Club and educating Stevens St users about being responsible dog users, this has been increased over the past 6 months. It has been mentioned on the City's social media channels, interaction with residents at the reserve, and information leaflets distributed.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Michelle Mackenzie	Question 2. What notification was provided to residents about the removal of the gates- where and when. When did the trial start?	Response 2. A sign was placed at Stevens Reserve the day the gates were removed – 17 March 2021.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Michelle Mackenzie	Question 3. What is the evaluation framework to measure the trial - who is doing the evaluation, where can it be found, will the results be made public?	Response 3. There is no formal evaluation, the removal of the gates was a trial to assist in the control of dog owners who weren't complying with the City's Dog Local Law. Feedback will be gained from the Fremantle Cricket Club and residents who use the reserve at the end of the period to determine the success of the trial.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Michelle Mackenzie	Question 4. Is this the thin edge of the wedge - will the gates at the pool be removed to improve the management of children?	Response 4. No, this is considered to be a rhetorical question
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1. When will the council know the cost of the tent city expenses and when will the rate payers be informed, refer to my questions from February 2021?	Response 1. Tent City costs are being finalised this month as the City was waiting on a returfing program to occur.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2. Has the council looked at the expense of rebranding Kings Square with the proposed name change?	Response 2. Any cost implication will be considered as part of the draft budget process.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3. Has the council sought any professional advice on the positive and negative impacts of changing the name of Kings Square and the impact it would have on the CBD businesses, visitor and foot traffic numbers for the city?	Response 3. No.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4. Has the city done a cost benefits analysis to the city for the expense of changing Kings Square name?	Response 4. No.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 5. When will the city call an annual general electors meeting, In 2015 it was in Dec, 2016 was in Dec, 2018 it was in Feb, 2019 was in Early Feb, 2020 was in early March, we are not at the end of March and still no notice for the Fremantle.	Response 5. The City has experienced a considerable delay in obtaining the results of its 2020 financial audit from the Auditor General. The City's Annual Report and Annual General Meeting of Electors will be presented to council for consideration of adoption and date setting as soon as possible following Council's adoption of the City's 2020 financial audit report. The AGME will be held in accordance with Part 5, Division 2, Subdivision 4 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Part 3 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1995
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1. When are we likely to see an audited report on the financial and governance health of the City?	Response 1. The City undertakes a program of internal auditing of its systems and procedures in alignment with legislation. The City of Fremantle carries out the following review/audit functions and the corresponding reports are presented, in the first instance, to the Audit and Risk Management Committee through its Agenda. These reports can also be made available upon request. In common with other local governments the City has experienced a considerable delay in obtaining the results of its 2020 financial audit from the Auditor General. The Audit Report and financial statements will be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 April 2021.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2. Why has there not been a Ratepayers General Electors Meeting Scheduled as required under the Local Government Act?	Response 2. The City has experienced a considerable delay in obtaining the results of its 2020 financial audit from the Auditor General. The City's Annual Report and Annual General Meeting of Electors will be presented to council for consideration of adoption and date setting as soon as possible following Council's adoption of the City's 2020 financial audit report. The AGME will be held in accordance with Part 5, Division 2, Subdivision 4 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Part 3 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1995
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3. Why is there focus on supporting non ratepaying residents with legal assistance on renting and how to work the system against ratepaying landlords? Ratepayers are the funders of the City, not to mention supply the much needed rental accommodation that they are being victimised and demonised for providing. I find this disrespectful to your ratepayers and don't understand the focus, so can you please explain?	Response 3. The Fremantle Community Legal Centre is funded primarily by the state government. The service is provided in accordance with State Government legislation, policies and procedures.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1. Please explain why in the past questions on notice were accepted by 5pm, without personally submitting them on a piece of paper at the meetings?	Response 1.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2. Why would the City not advise with a reply that there is a cut off time of 3pm when this had not been the case previously?	Response 2. In order to accommodate public question time requirements during the Covid-19 related lockdown/limitations the process was temporarily suspended. The City has now reverted to its pre-Covid requirement that questions and statements are to be made at a meeting. A report clarifying Public Question Time processes will be presented to Council for consideration in May.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3. Could the City please explain how it is that questions on notice asked in person after 6pm on the meeting day, are tabled in the minutes but not the questions on notice submitted electronically at 4.52 pm on the meeting day?	Response 3. Electronic questions were only received by the City during the Covid-19 related lockdown/limitations. Questions not asked at a meeting will be responded to as general communication and will not be included in the Minutes of a meeting
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4. Given elected members as well as staff have advised (24 February) that questions on notice need to be presented in person either verbally or in written form at the meetings, could the City please explain how the living principles of the One Planet policy and strategy are compatible with the cost associated of appearing in person at your meetings, as compared to an electronic submission of questions on notice?	Response 4. The context of this query is not clear, could you please provide some further detail?
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5. Could the City please explain whether having to appear in person to submit a question on notice is inclusive and equitable? What if I have young children, cook dinner for family, am a carer, have a disability, no transport available, at work, am ill?	Response 5. The City may allow the submission of questions in extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the presiding member. Members of the public may arrange for someone to ask questions on their behalf at a meeting or submit their questions electronically as general communication.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6. Could the City please clarify what the procedure for submitting questions on notice is?	Response 6. TA member of the public may ask a question or make a statement at a public meeting of council during 'Public Question Time' (outlined on the Agenda to the meeting) in the following ways: • By registering their intention to ask a question at the meeting venue before the meeting starts (a sign-in sheet will be provided, and the presiding member will call them forward to address the meeting); or • By raising their hand when the presiding member asks if there are any additional questions and or statements from members of the public
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 7. Please explain what proposal the Fremantle Biennale submitted to the City to be granted funds?	Response 7. The Fremantle Biennale is funded through the City of Fremantle Public Art Program. The Fremantle Biennale presented and submitted a proposal to the City of Fremantle in May 2020 that was accepted by the City.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 8. Given the Fremantle Biennale is responsible for leaving ratepayers with a clean up bill in excess of \$200 000, would the City explain what if any consequences were imposed on Fremantle Biennale?	Response 8. The artwork by Felice Varini, titled Arc D'Ellipses was installed on facades on High Street for the inaugural Fremantle Biennale in 2017. The extension of the installation from 3 weeks to 12 months was supported by the City of Fremantle in recognition of the success in the artwork attracting visitors to Fremantle. The removal of the artwork saw much needed restoration works of the facades of these heritage buildings resulting in a substantial improvement to this heritage precinct. This was supported by the City of Fremantle and individual owners of the High Street buildings.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 9. Could the City please clarify where posters may be attached to? (e.g., private fencing/wall. Public fences (along railway lines), on residential/public buildings, in windows, etc).	Response 9. The Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law states that a person shall not post any bill, or paint, stencil, place or affix any advertisement on any street or on any building, structure, fence, wall, hoarding, sign, post, blind or awning in, or within fifteen metres of any street. There are exceptions to this in certain scenarios with licenses and or owner/occupiers advertising in or on their occupied premises.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 10. Would the Council please explain the reasons for not including community representatives in the Kings Square Place Development Working Group membership?	Response 10. The question is taken as being a request regarding non-commercial community representation. The working group membership includes elected members and it is considered that this membership represents all community members.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 11. Could the city please explain the need for establishing a working group and spending more money on another place management plan if the place is already 'revitalised'?	Response 11. The completion of the broader Kings Square development presents a significant opportunity to promote the current revitalisation of Fremantle's city centre and build positive perceptions among potential visitors, residents and investors. The ongoing development and success of the Kings Square precinct will provide strong consideration and planning around the following: •Place management priorities and principles inclusive of design, activation, events and prioritisation of infrastructure for the urban realm. •Development and delivery of brand, marketing and communications strategies including the establishment of a brand narrative for the precinct for both destination and investment marketing. •Ongoing engagement and collaboration with adjacent and surrounding businesses. •Enabling access to, engagement with and community ownership of the space for the broader community. •Leveraging the significant investment made to date in order to attract further external investment into the City Centre and greater Fremantle. •Enabling opportunities for the private sector, major existing stakeholders and other partners to contribute to and participate in the ongoing activation of the precinct. contribute to and participate in the ongoing activation of the precinct.

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24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 12. Please would the City clarify what specific jobs the following entities perform or provide and for whom: a. Bliss Media b. Data#3 c. Detailed Marketing d. Esri e. First Dat Merchant Solutions Australia f. Envisionware Pty Ltd g. Marketforce Productions h. MetroCount i. MG Group WA j. More Then Ideas Pty Ltd	Response 12. a.Website redevelopment – Economic Development b.Various IT support – IT c.Social Media Monitoring – Economic Development d.Graphical Information System (Mapping) – IT e.Merchant payment solutions (NAB Bank) – Various City Payment devices f.Library Software – Library g.Advertising – Various h.Traffic Counting Services – Infrastructure and Projects i.Construction Company – Infrastructure and Projects j.Strategy Consultant – Council
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 13. The City makes payments for the Norfolk Street Syndicate, who are they?	Response 13. Privately owned car park the City manages
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 14. What are the rent payments to Sullivan Commercial Pty Ltd for?	Response 14. Government owned car park the City manages.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 15. What are the payments to SKS Land Pty Ltd for?	Response 15. Privately owned car park the City manages.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 16. A Community Grant (\$4400) was paid to Tender Funerals Perth Ltd, please clarify if this ‘Tender Funerals’ is a community group (not a franchise of a business with the same name)?	Response 16. Tender Funerals is a not-for profit organisation that provides affordable funerals for people experiencing hardship.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 17. Regular payments to the Child Support Agency are made, what it this for?	Response 17. Payroll deductions for the tax office.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 18. A payment (\$823) was made for a lease variation with the Enkel Collective, what new lease arrangement is between the City and Enkel?	Response 18. To amend the lease with Enkel at Naval Stores to include the mezzanine floor into the lease.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 19. Regular payments in February (in excess of \$14500) were made for ‘alcohol stock for events’, what are these events? Is this considered a justified expenditure given increased rates and cut services because of a lack of available funds?	Response 19. For public events at Fremantle Arts Centre.
24 March 2021	28 April 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 20. What are payments to Burgess Rawson (WA) Pty Ltd of almost \$50000 for?	Response 20. Government owned car parks leased by the City.
28 April 2021	26 May 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1. FPOL2104-12: It was noted on the council website that the 2020-2021 Rates notice that the Rate in the dollar would increase 10%. From the council site “Ten Percent will see an increase of less than two percent, and 16 percent of ratepayers will see their rates go up by more than two percent.” A) Will this be reflected when advertised to the public? B)can the city publish the rate increase over the last ten years at current NPV? C)Why when on average ratepayers saw a 10% reduction in property values and GRB assessment by the Valuer General last year but no respite was given as many suffered during the COVID pandemic, do we see multiple businesses get tens of thousands of dollars for rates Etc. waived, and up to \$5000 grants for street parties? D)In light of COVID hardships, Will all ratepayers be given payment concession options without penalty for quarterly of 6 monthly or discount if paid in full similar to other councils like Rockingham did last year?	Response 1 Please note this question is regarding this year’s rates (2020-2021). In response: A)Rates 2020-2021 were advertised to the public on 16 May 2020. B)The City does not have an NPV calculation for past rate increase but does have the below information: C)The City provides various support for businesses and open opportunities to receive financial support for events. These are provided in accordance with the terms and conditions at the time. The City provides an option of fortnightly and weekly direct debit payment for rates to allow ratepayers to spread payments over the year to ease their financial burden. The City has also developed a Hardship Policy accessible to all ratepayers to ensure that those in financial stress or position of vulnerability have the
28 April 2021	26 May 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2. Why was my question from last Ordinary meeting dated 24/3/21 regarding FPOL2103-11 not reflected accurately as written on notice and verbally on the night to show this motion and who the motion was from being Councillor Pemberton?	Response 2 Your Question is provided on page 20 of the Minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on 24 March 2021. The City’s response to the question is provided at page 6 of the Agenda of the ordinary council meeting held on 28 April 2021.
28 April 2021	26 May 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3. FPOL2104-3: The Fremantle oval master plan mentions “Optional underground parking” Why when Fremantle has lost so much parking and revenue to the City, along with increased density and population/visitors would the City not make this a mandatory requirement?	Response 3 The estimated cost of providing underground parking below the new club facilities is in excess of \$2.7m. This would only deliver approximately 70 bays. This would be a very expensive option per car bay. The City is currently looking at other car parking options, within the Fremantle Oval precinct and at a broader level across the city centre, to investigate better value for money solutions, should an increase in parking bays be determined as necessary. However, the option of building an underground carpark under the new club facilities is not yet ruled out.
28 April 2021	26 May 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 4. PC2104-9: A)Why has a traffic study not been done with respect to this Heart of Beaconsfield Master plan to ensure with increased density and population better transport infrastructure is put in place for vehicle traffic? Wouldn’t the previously proposed Roe8/9 and the Fremantle bypass have resolved any future concerns? B)What other plans does the City have to engage the State/Federal Government on ameliorating this problem for the future considering South Street and other arterial roads are already clogged with traffic?	Response 4 A)The Heart of Beaconsfield Masterplan is a non-statutory masterplan seeking to guide and assist to coordinate various redevelopment proposals anticipated in the area. It will be a point of reference for landowners and the City as they undertake more detailed planning for development of their sites. Some of the development shown is already provided for in statutory plans. Where new/additional development is proposed, it will require further statutory plans to be produced for approval and traffic impacts will be assessed as part of that process, when further detail and greater certainty of likely density, form and layout can better inform the traffic assessment. From a general perspective, the additional development indicated in the Heart of Beaconsfield is considered unlikely to be beyond the capacity of the local road network. The Roe Highway was planned as part of a cross-metropolitan regional road network, and freight route - it was not intended to service local mainly residential movement and cannot be regarded as a solution for localised congestion and traffic concerns. B)Improved public transport is already identified as a priority along South Street through the transport plan component of the State’s Perth and Peel @ 3.5 Million plan, and the master planning project has supported and recognised this. The City has been working with the South West Group and adjoining Councils to advocate advancement of second tier public transport improvements for some time. The Fremantle-Murdoch (South Street) route was recently listed as a priority project by Infrastructure Australia as a result of some of the work being done by this group.
28 April 2021	26 May 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson on behalf of the Fremantle Society	Question 1. During FY2019-20 there were 3 significant asset devaluations. These significant loss adjustments are fundamental in understanding the council’s FY2019-20 comprehensive loss of \$32,886,286. Why is no commentary provided on these adjustments in the monthly agenda in the month they happen, particularly the \$59,528,111 devaluation? Please provide details of these new valuations: (1)devaluation of land \$59,528,111, (2) loss on disposal/demolition of property \$6,843,638, and (3) devaluation of investment property \$6,391,253.	Response 1 The change in asset revaluation surplus was a net decrement of \$24,403,166 in 2019-20 due to the fair value adjustment for land asset and building asset classes. These revised fair values are as at 30 June 2020 which were finalised and processed at the end of October 2020 as part of end of financial year. The issue regarding notification was raised by an elected member at the March Ordinary Council meeting and follow-up information was provided via supplementary advice. The spreadsheet in the additional information document provides a complete picture of these adjustments. (1)Details in attached spreadsheet (2)Details in attached spreadsheet (3)Details in attached spreadsheet
28 April 2021	26 May 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson on behalf of the Fremantle Society	Question 2. How is the council satisfied there is no fraud (even immaterial) given significant weaknesses identified in the audit report, plus all the Information System weaknesses and poor IS rating identified by the auditor?	Response 2 The City has provided various audit reports by the Auditor General to the Audit and Risk Committee over the past two years. The Audit Committee has asked for the list of actions from these reports to be included and updated at subsequent meetings so the Committee may keep abreast of the City’s progress towards completing these actions.
28 April 2021	26 May 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson on behalf of the Fremantle Society	Question 3. What is the formula calculation (actual figures – starting point plus adjustments) to show how council has imputed new (but contradictory) unaudited ratios that now meet expected standards?	Response 3 The formula’s for the ratios with the calculation based on audited figures and calculation with adjustments are as follows: 1.Debt Service RatioFormula Calculation with audited figures: Annual operating surplus before interest and depreciation(5,625,883)=–2.457 Net result(8,483,120) - less: non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions-(4,389,469) - add: interest expense+351,141 - add: depreciation+6,895,565(5,625,883) Debt service cost2,289,8582,289,858 - principal repayments on loans+1,973,881 - add: interest repayments on loans+315,977 Calculation with adjustment for one off book entries (loss on sale of assets and fair value of Investment Property): Annual operating surplus before interest and depreciation7,609,008=3.323 Net result(8,483,120) - add: one-off loss on sale of assets+6,843,638 - add: one-off fair value Investment Property+6,391,253 - less: non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions-(4,389,469) - add: interest expense+351,141 - add: depreciation+6,895,5657,609,008 Debt service cost2,289,8582,289,858 - principal repayments on loans+1,973,881 - add: interest repayments on loans+315,977

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28 April 2021	26 May 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson on behalf of the Fremantle Society	Question 3 cont.	2.Operating Surplus Ratio Formula Calculation with audited figures: Operating Revenue Minus Operating Expense(12,872,589)=-0.190 Net Result+(8,483,120) - less: Non-Operating grants, Subsidies and contributions-(4,389,469)(12,872,589) Own Source Operating Revenue67,665,86967,665,869 - add: rates+46,963,336 - add: fees and user charges+18,479,788 - add: service charges+8,596 - add: interest income+1,297,001 - add: profit on disposal of assets+43,901 - add: reimbursements and recoveries+873,247 Calculation with adjustment for one off book entries (loss on sale of assets and fair value of Investment Property): Operating Revenue Minus Operating Expense362,302=0.005 Net Result+(8,483,120) - add: one-off loss on sale of assets+6,843,638 - add: one-off fair value Investment Property+6,391,253 - less: Non-Operating grants, Subsidies and contributions-(4,389,469)362,302 Own Source Operating Revenue67,665,86967,665,869 - add: rates+46,963,336 - add: fees and user charges+18,479,788 - add: service charges+8,596 - add: interest income+1,297,001 - add: profit on disposal of assets+43,901 - add: reimbursements and recoveries+873,247 Further details on all financial ratios are available on the department of local government's webpage.
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1 - (Question 1 FPOL2104-12) A)The advertised rates (Which was actually in the Herald on 8 May 2021) did not reflect the increase from last year or the increase for this year as indicated last year on the website. This should be more transparent in the newspaper advertising. B)The true reflection of increase is aa below in the graphs. The orange line in the second chart shows a constant increase on the Improved Residential rate trend line (Not including commercial or other special rates categories). This includes the GRV calculations and rate in the dollar increase over the 11 year period. I am asking please for the City to present me with a NPV on this period to reflect the true increase at today's value. C)I was referring to a comparison that other City councils offered payment terms without penalty for every ratepayer, not just a selected few. What the City of Fremantle offered is no different to any other year outside COVID.	Response 1 - A)Noted – the advert includes only the proposed RIDs and minimums for the new financial year as require B)The City does not have an NPV calculation for past rate increase C)Noted
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2 - (Question 3 FPOL2104-3) – Wouldn't the city gain revenue from paid parking for a new underground parking site at South Fremantle oval?	Response 2 - The City generates revenue from the provision of all publicly available paid parking options
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3 - (Question 4 PC2104-9) – With regard to the city response "The Roe Highway was planned as part of a cross-metropolitan regional road network, and freight route - it was not intended to service local mainly residential movement and cannot be regarded as a solution for localised congestion and traffic concerns." On surveying people on a Build Roe 8 Facebook site and including my own experience residents and visitors are using local roads to get out of the area instead of the "transport road". Public transport does not help residents wanting to get to work in the Eastern Suburbs or well away from the normal public transport, especially shift workers, sales reps, and tool of trade vehicle users. It is only logical that if you increase the density and amount of residents living in Fremantle (plus Heart of Beaconsfield) you are going to get more traffic. It is nonsense to think everyone is going to use public transport all the time. I would request that the City ensures proper traffic modelling is done when the time comes to implement the Heart of Beaconsfield.	Response 3 - Any new structure plan(s) advancing implementation of the Heart of Beaconsfield masterplan would involve an assessment of traffic and transport implications.
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 4 - FPOL2105-7 GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP POLICY Recommend that 6. Neighbourhood Quick Response grants are not ongoing due to budget constraints and that to be eligible for any City grants you must be an incorporated group. We cannot afford to be funding boozy street parties when residents like myself can't even get a street tree planted because of funding issues. It is essential that these are not available in the lead up to Local, State or Federal elections to avoid covert campaigning using Ratepayers funds.	Response 4 - The purpose of the Quick Grants program is to support diverse activities, build community networks and build capacity. Grant applications are assessed using adopted guidelines and criteria to ensure alignment to the City's goals and objectives.
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 5 - C2105-1 KINGS SQUARE – 'WHAT'S IN A NAME?' PROJECT FINDINGS I do not support the renaming of King's Square. After consulting a Noongar Elder they are of the opinion that this particular site has no cultural or spiritual significance to their heritage. In fact they say it would be offensive after colonial settlement had establish its own use for the site and would only be a slap in the face to the reconciliation that has been achieved so far. It is perhaps different for a significant site or area that hold meaning to the Wadjuk people. For example the Flinders Ranges National Park was officially renamed to incorporate the traditional Aboriginal name of the area. The park was renamed Ikara - Flinders Ranges National Park, incorporating the Adnyamathanha word 'Ikara' which is their name for Wilpena Pound and broadly means 'meeting place'.	Response 5 - Opinion noted. The City consulted with Traditional Owners, nominated through South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, as well as Elders and local Aboriginal representatives through the Walyalup Reconciliation Action Plan reference group. This resulted in full support from all Aboriginal people we consulted with to change the name.
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 6 - Cash for Cans What other councils in WA contribute to this program?	Response 6 - Bunbury Harvey Regional Council City of Swan Shire of Irwin City of Bunbury Shire of Chittering Shire of Leonora City of Fremantle Shire of Corrigin Shire of Mundaring City of Perth Shire of Denmark Shire of Quairading
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	C2105-1 Kings Square – "Whats in a Name?" Project Findings Question 1 - Please explain why was the wider community of Fremantle, give they are the major financial stakeholders in the entire project, excluded from the initial discussions about place names in February 2019?	Response 1 - The topic of the name of Kings Square arose as part of general discussion about the Public Realm Concept Plan in 2018-19. This was formally considered by council in May February 2019, when Council resolved to note continuation of investigations into opportunities to incorporate Whadjuk Noongar culture in the public realm project . There was no formal decision that re-naming should progress as a specific project until February 2020 when the Council considered the naming of the building and potentially renaming the public space. At this meeting the council decided to consult broadly to understand community sentiment around making a change to the name – before any formal decision was to be contemplated.
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2. - Who specifically was included in the initial conversations about place names in February 2019?	Response 2 - Elected Members, staff and community members who engaged with the City in the early development stages of the Public Realm Concept Plan.
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3. - On what basis did Council conclude that they were justified in imposing a name change for Kings Square as a forgone conclusion on the community?	Response 3 - The council made a decision to support the idea of changing the name and to seek State Government approval, following broad community engagement. The final responsibility for approving a name change is rests with the Minister for Lands.
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Greater Fremantle Community and Business Association	Question 1. - The previous questions asked by John Dowson by the FS are supposedly answered per page 4 of the Council Agenda by reference to "the attached spreadsheets". There do not appear to be any spreadsheets attached, are they available?	Response 1 - These have been provided directly to Mr. Dowson on 8 June 2021 & again on 16 June 2021. They are also available online
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Greater Fremantle Community and Business Association	Question 2. - Is the art portfolio of \$2,647,954 at 30 June 201 still in existence? If so, what are the art works and where are they kept? Why is it no longer disclosed in its own right but has been absorbed into Fixtures and fittings?	Response 2 - The City of Fremantle Art Collection is still in existence. The Collection was established in 1958. The collection has holdings of paintings, prints, drawings, ceramics and sculpture tracking the development of artists and visual arts practice in Fremantle over the last sixty years. Fremantle Arts Centre is the primary exhibitor of the Collection with its dedicated gallery and program of Collection Exhibitions. The Collection is stored at an offsite specialist facility. The development of the Collections WA portal is progressing and will make the entire Fremantle Art Collection available digitally. A review of the Financial Assets structure was conducted year ending 2018 to align the financial asset classes with the Department of Local Government "WA Local Government Accounting Manual". As part of this change Art was included under the new asset class of Furniture and Fittings
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Greater Fremantle Community and Business Association	Question 3. - Per note 9 (a) of the 2020 Financial Report, in the 4th column, buildings non-specialised, the gross carrying amount brought forward at 1 July 2019 was \$125,492,999. Additions were \$25,843,811 and disposals were \$6,841,877. This would give a gross carrying amount at 30 June 2020 of \$134,494,933. Why is the gross carrying amount shown as \$265,143,718? Where has the gain of \$120,648,785 come from?	Response 3 - This appears to be a miscalculation on behalf of the requestor. Refer to working below. 125,492,999 +25,843,811 -6,841,877 \$144,494,933
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1. - When will the council know the cost of the tent city expenses and when will the rate payers be informed, refer to my questions from February 2021 and April 2021, How can it take the council so long to establish amount of money spent on tent city debacle, considering it was 3 Months ago?	Response 1 - A cost of \$10,322 to the City was incurred for activities required over and above normal operations. A breakdown of these costs has been provided below. Maintenance and repair required •Staff costs - \$2,872 •Staff costs included site inspections; correspondence and liaison with the users of the reserve; and coordination of required maintenance with contractors. •Contractor costs - \$3,047 •Contractor costs included engagement of an electrical contractor to address issues with usage of power; out of schedule mowing required due to significant pressure placed on turf, in areas that became inaccessible within normal mowing schedules; and over seeding due to damage incurred on the turf. •Waste Management Costs - \$4,403 •Waste Management costs included labour cost for collection of additional waste created over the period of the event; disposal cost of additional waste and labour cost associated with the close and removal of the event.
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2. - Can the City explain why the annual general electors meeting has still not been announced considering it is now months late, why is it taking so long?	Response 2 - The City experienced a considerable delay in obtaining the results of its 2020 financial audit from the Auditor General which delayed the production of the Annual Report and hence the setting of the date for the Annual General Meeting of Electors. The City's Annual Report and date for the Annual General Meeting of Electors have now been approved by Council, at its Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 May 2021. The City of Fremantle Annual General Meeting of Electors will be held on 21 June 2021, at 6.00pm in the North Fremantle Community Hall, in accordance with Part 5, Division 2, Subdivision 4 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Part 3 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3. - Considering the council has stated it has not sought any professional advice on the positive and negative impacts of changing the name of Kings Square and the impact it would have on the CBD businesses, visitors and foot traffic numbers for the city? How council assure its Kings Square and surrounding businesses will not be negatively impacted by councillor's agenda, to change the name of Kings Square?	Response 3 - The City consulted with stakeholders in the immediate surroundings of Kings Square, as well as inviting key stakeholders, including the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce, to be part of the process. This process of including key stakeholders arrived at a recommendation to council to proceed with supporting a name change. This is in addition to publicly inviting the broader community to participate in the debate
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4. - Why has the city not done a cost benefits analysis to the city for the expense of changing Kings Square name to justify the expense of the changing of Kings Square name?	Response 4 It is not considered to be a good spend of ratepayers money when the engagement process provided a clear indication of community sentiment in support of changing the name

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26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 5. - In this week's agenda the city has stated there is not significant cos to the name change. Considering the hundred of staff hours needed to produce the survey mail outs, it sent to some residents, printing cost of the Kings Square booklet, the cost of the survey monkey, cost of multiple stake holders events, that had no real representation from the general rate payers or historical groups like the Fremantle society. Can the council inform the rate payers of the combined costs of aforementioned expenses and under what cost centre such expenses are charged without a dedicated budget?	Response 5 - Costs incurred specific to this engagement were: •Postage \$1300.00 * •Printing costs \$1800 * (+ stage one materials need info from Paul D) •above costs rounded to nearest \$100 These costs fall into the overall Communications budget and are approved by Council on an annual basis. The engagement process made use of existing platforms and the only other costs are associated with staff time to run the process. The City does not identify these costs separately on a task by task basis as it is all part of the City's ongoing function of consulting with its community and the budget for all staffing costs is approved by Council on an annual basis.
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 6. - On page 3 of this weeks, Agenda 26 May 2021, council has stated "The Roe Highway was planned as part of a cross-metropolitan regional road network, and freight route-it was not intended to service local mainly residential movement and cannot be regarded as a solution for localised congestions and traffic concerns." Can council explain the logic of this statement as Roe 8&9 was clearly designed to improve traffic flow, lower congestion and improve safety, by removing traffic that simply travels thru Fremantle suburbs, to go east, north or south, which have no choice other then to drive on roads like Carrington Street, South Street, Hampton Road, High Street etc, to complete their journey. How would Roe 8&9 not help fix local traffic congestion, getting cars and trucks off local roads and making our community safer, as there would far less private vehicles and port traffic, on local suburban roads? As their choice would be traffic light free connection like Roe8&9 if it was available, to Stock Road, the Freeway, or crossing over on to Roe7. This clearly would remove traffic from local roads, contrary to council's statement, or can council explain why it wouldn't, as that's the logic behind the current government and the last government logic for billion in new road infrastructure?	Response 6 - Traffic modelling and behaviour is complex, influenced by many factors. Access and connections into new freeways, for example, frequently experience increased volumes, whilst severance of local road connections through the construction of new regional linkages can increase local travel distances. Both High Street and South Street are regional roads for the majority of their length.
26 May 2021	23 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 7. - What is the latest date for the Council's new Civic Centre to open?	Response 7 - An estimated opening date for the Walyalup Civic Centre will be confirmed upon the appointment of a new main contractor for the project.
8 June 2021	8 June 2021	Special Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Ms Elisabeth Megroz asked a question in relation to comments in the officer's report about how the City determines the works are of high quality	Each month, prior to progress payments being made, qualified Engineers assess the progress of works and undertake quality inspections. Inspection reports are then produced to certify that the works have been undertaken in accordance with specifications. I would confirm that the City monitors the quality and progress of the building through its consultant team. Works are specified and checked against the relevant Australian Standards. Kerry Hill Architects is the City's Architect and they lead a team of specialised consultants who regularly inspect and report to the Client's Representative on the quality of workmanship and materials across the various disciplines.
23 June 2021	28 July 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	The City was unable to provide responses to questions at the Annual General Meeting of Electors on 23 June 2021 on the total project civic centre construction work in progress as at 30 June 2020 and current date, so I ask again. 1. What is the cost of the total civic centre project (not just the building but all components of the project) as at 30 June 2020 within the amount capitalised of \$38.4m?	Response 1 -The amount of capital expenditure on the construction of the new civic building as at 30 June 2020 is; Preliminaries \$3,091,241 Demolition \$2,504,791 Consultants \$2,660,015 Newman Ct \$647,272 Construction \$23,878,810 TOTAL \$32,782,129
23 June 2021	28 July 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	2. What is the cost of the civic centre project (not just the building but all components of the project) as at the current date within the amount capitalised of \$56.7m?	Response 2 - Please provide some clarification for the figure provided in your question if you would like a more focused response to be provided.
23 June 2021	28 July 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	3. What was the original budget for the total project as it appears the budget has already been exceeded and is apparently only 90% complete?	Response 3 - This question was asked at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 29 January 2020 and again at the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 9 March 2020. The response provided on both occasions is as follows: Expected renewal project costs are: Demolition \$2.40m Building construction and fit out \$44.98m Public realm (Business Plan) \$2.20m Other public realm (trees and furniture) \$0.50m Playground \$0.40m TOTAL \$50.48m
23 June 2021	28 July 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	4. What was the revised budget for the total project with the collapse of Pindan as it appears the budget has already been exceeded and is apparently only 90% complete with additional costs still to be determined? 5. Why has the City avoided answering these questions given the importance of the project and impact on City finances and the information not readily to hand?	Response Questions 4 & 5 The remaining construction project budget for the City as of 19 May (time of Pindan stopping works) was \$3.64m. As of 19 May the building was approximately 90% complete by price against the contract sum. Remaining works include: •External façade / building envelop works. •Roofing works and PV array installation. •General interior fit out works, inc carpet installation, painting, cabinetry works and cleaning. •Exterior works, i.e. paving installation works, soft landscaping works, cleaning, defect inspections. •Final testing, witnessing, and commissioning works. A revised estimated completion date has yet to be determined. Cost increases (beyond the \$3.64m) will be covered by the insurance bonds the City has already accessed. As of the 19 May, the construction project remained within budget. It is anticipated that there will be increased costs as a result of the collapse of Pindan (beyond the City's agreed contracted sum), however, these costs will be offset against the insurance bonds.
23 June 2021	28 July 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	6. The original Kings Square project originally stated there would be no pressure on rates as the lease income from rented areas in the building would cover loan repayments. This has not happened with the stalled building progress. What is the revised lease income expected over the next 10 years including fit out costs and rent free periods?	Response 6 The revised lease income expected over the next 10-year period has yet to be determined as the City is still in the progress of tenanting the remaining leased spaces.
23 June 2021	28 July 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	7. If the revised lease income over the next 10 years has not been prepared when will it be prepared?	Response 7 Revised lease income over the next 10 years will be determined when further negotiation with prospective tenants has been progressed. This is likely to occur in the period following the practical completion of the building.
23 June 2021	28 July 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	A number of financial accounting questions were asked at the Annual General Meetings of Electors on 21 June 2021 which received unsatisfactory or dismissive responses from the City. For example why doesn't the City of Fremantle disclose separately in the financial statements amounts attributed to Heritage Land, Heritage Building, and Construction Work in Progress (which is actually required by accounting standards), and noting that the City of Perth properly discloses these amounts. The City of Fremantle response being that this has not been asked for in the past. 1. So I now ask the CEO, will Heritage Land, Heritage Building, and Construction Work in Progress (as required by accounting standards) be disclosed in the notes to the FY20/21 financial statements? 2. If not disclosed, why not? 3. Given that the FY20/21 financial statements draft is not reviewed and based on prior year practice will not be reviewed by the Audit Committee members before being signed by the CEO, I ask will the Audit Committee members properly address my request as part of their oversight role?	Response to all 3 questions The City will consider these requests as part of the upcoming financial year audit and discuss with our Auditor as part of this process.
23 June 2021	28 July 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	1. What was the attendance figure for Monday night's Electors' Meeting?	Response 1 39 Members of the public attended the meeting.
23 June 2021	28 July 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	2. The proposed rate increase of 3.95% in tonight's agenda. This is quite shocking and unacceptable given rate revenue has increased from 2010 to 2020 from \$27.7 million to \$46.9 million, a 70 % increase. 3. Why did councillors seek a greater increase than that recommended by staff?	Response to Questions 2 & 3 The rates in the dollar of 3.95% increase to be adopted in budget 2021/2022 have varied to the advertised rates in the dollar of 3.25% due to the City's intention to address the backlog of asset renewal required because of its aging infrastructure. The increased rates will help fund additional asset renewal projects and City's operating expenses with respect to planned and preventative maintenance of its infrastructure assets.
23 June 2021	28 July 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	4. Given that the City waived debts for former councillor, Mr Grey Smith and that the officers state in their report that should circumstances change, they will seek to claim debts waived, will officers be pursuing Mr Grey Smith as it appears that his circumstances have changed?	Response 4 Waivers have been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Commercial Tenancies (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020. Independent legal advice was also sought as to recoverability of debt which confirmed that the City has no prospect of recovering monies owed from the debtor.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	1. What due diligence was done in respect to the tenancy that the City of Fremantle took over management at time of purchase of 2 Jones St, O'Connor?	Response 1 The City received an independent valuation and advertised a business plan prior to purchase. The size of the site suited the proposed future requirements and a previous site being considered was sold to another entity. The main structure on the site suited the intention for development as an operation centre, albeit the cladding is asbestos and needed replacement as part of the development for this purpose.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	2. Did this due diligence undertake any ASIC or related checks to verify whether or not there were any commercial or company links between the vendor and the tenant?	Response 2 No.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	3. A Landgate valuation in 2017 showed a GRV of \$410,689 for the site yet apart from the original tenant who had been paying rent of \$639,984 – upon their departure in 2014, the rental income obtained is akin to a "peppercorn" rent – particularly given the \$7.8M purchase cost? Why is the rent so low, when other similar properties can be expected to obtain or are receiving in income much higher?	Response 3 The City makes no comment on the value placed by Landgate as it is a Landgate process. The original purchase of the site was undertaken with the intention to develop it as the new Council Operations Centre. Whilst having a tenant in the short term was favourable to assist with holding costs, it was not the original intention to hold the site for a significant period. This position has changed since the purchase and the property is currently being held. The main building contains asbestos and therefore the City has not sought to use it on a general commercial basis, The City has considered commercial opportunities that would see the building let under condition of replacement of this material. This outcome has not yet been achieved. The City currently only makes available hardstand for lease. Licenses and associated rental charges are offered commensurate to the size of the portion of hardstand being provided. Other similar properties may be receiving higher income due to being let as an entire site with the inclusion of buildings.

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21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	4. Planning for a new depot site started in 2005 with the eventual purchase of the above site in 2014. SPD Committee minutes (12/9/2016) show a schedule in which City was to move to depot to the Jones St site in mid-2018. Costs were incurred in relation to options (etc) – why did the move not occur?	Response 4 The timeline to relocate depot operations referred to was part of a report to the Council’s Strategy and Project Development Committee on a proposed business plan process to facilitate redevelopment of the depot site at 81 Knutsford Street. It was an indicative timeline assuming the successful execution of an agreement with a developer to transfer the Knutsford Street site for redevelopment on terms that achieve a satisfactory financial return to the City. Subsequent reports advised the Council that agreement to transfer of the land on terms acceptable to the City had not been achieved. In light of this, in August 2018 Council resolved to agree to retention of 81 Knutsford Street as an operational depot and recycling facility for City of Fremantle services in the short to medium term future, and also resolved that 2 Jones Street, O’Connor is surplus to the City’s future operational requirements.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	5. Is a reason for the non-relocation to Jones St due to the expense of site remediation given the level of contaminants?	Response 5 No, the reason for the non-relocation of the City’s depot to 2 Jones Street was the resolution of Council in August 2018 referred to in the response to question 4 above.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	6. Isn’t the statement by Cr.Pemberton contradicted by the minutes of the aforementioned SPD minutes?	Response 6 No, this comment is related to the response to item 4 above.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	7. If Cr.Pemberton’s comment is not contradicted how can an organisation go through a several year process, purchase a multi-million dollar site – only to eventually realise that the purchase was premature?	Response 7 The requirement to move will be based on the sale of the current depot site and subject to the answer in question 4 above.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	8. Given that 2 Jones St was intended to be the depot site from mid-2018 onwards, and then possibly a film studio site can you please confirm what the specific plan is in regard to the site going forward?	Response 8 Further to the council resolution in August 2018 and until such time as the decision is made to relocate the depot, 2 Jones street will continue to be made available for short term hardstand leases, licenses and storage for City materials and infrastructure.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	9. What is the Year-on-Year income generated by 2 Jones St from the date of purchase benchmarked against the City’s internal benchmarks (if any) as well as accepted industry benchmarks for such a property? NB: In respect to the latter, by benchmarks I refer to what other similar properties can be expected to obtain or are receiving in income. Could the site get benchmarked against the industry?	Response 9 The site currently generates \$11,994 pa in rental income from 4 hardstand licenses. The City currently only makes available hardstand for lease. Licenses and associated rental charges are offered commensurate to the size of the portion of hardstand being provided. The City could benchmark the site against other similar properties if they are only offering hardstand leases
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	10. What are the Year-on-Year costs generated by 2 Jones St from the date of purchase?	Response 10 Average annual expenditure on the site since date of purchase is \$142,459 pa.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	1. Can you advise the number of attendees at the Fremantle Festival when it was run in summer for the years 2014 to 2018?	Response 1 Unfortunately, these number are not available for 2014 – 17. There were approximately 20,000 in 2018 (NB this included Fremantle Biennale, Blessing of the Fleet and Wardarnji).
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	2. Cr.Sullivan advises in the Fremantle Herald (18/6/2021) that the first winter version of the Fremantle Festival in 2019 had 11,000 attendees – is this correct? If not correct can you advise the current number of attendees?	Response 2 Correct. This is a conservative estimate. It is difficult to accurately record attendance for free outdoor public events. The move to winter was to help consolidate Fremantle as a year-round cultural destination. The Festival brings audience to Fremantle in the depths of winter, a time when visitation is historically low.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	3. What was the estimated annual income brought into the City of Fremantle by the: a) Fremantle Festival in the summer for each of the years 2014 to 2018? b) the Winter version in 2019?	Response 3 The Festival is not commercial. It does have some income streams from grants and tickets. There are measures other than income. In 2019 there was diversity throughout the program in terms of artists and audience. The program was interspersed with some established interstate and international artists, but the heart of the program was site-specific, responded to Fremantle’s identity and provided an opportunity for community participation. The festival was ambitious, and its external partnerships were critical to its success. In 2019 the City partnered with external community groups, businesses and artists to be able to successfully deliver the Festival. These included: Hilton Harvest Community Garden, Stackwood, PS Art Space, Navy Club, The Buffalo Club, St John’s Church, The National Hotel, White Gum Valley Community Orchard, WA Maritime Museum, Freo.Social, and Fremantle College. The festival had a high social and cultural impact for the Fremantle community, artists and residents in celebrating Fremantle culture and creating new works, the demographic ranged from 0 to 100. Economically it impacted positively in terms of visitation, employment, income and profile. Festival Quick Stats: •10 days and nights – active program •82 multi art form/experiences •25 venues – Fremantle, Hilton, WGV, North Fremantle, O’Connor & Beaconsfield •15 community workshops •340 artists participated in the program •540 community members participated in workshops & contributors •10 organisation partnerships •30 technical and crew involved in delivery •11 116 audience – visitation to Fremantle •125 pieces of Media Coverage - total potential reach of 67.35 million
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	4. What was the cost to the City of Fremantle in running the Fremantle Festival in summer for the years 2014 to 2018?	Response 4 IncomeCost 15/16 (Nov 2015 Festival)Grants \$ 54,150 Tickets \$ 2,364\$314,424 16/17 (Nov 2016 Festival)Grants \$ 45,550 Tickets \$ 54,194\$334,367 17/18 (Nov 2017 Festival)Grants \$ 47,550 Tickets \$ 53,569\$352,011 18/19 (Nov 2018 Festival – Karla-K Koorling, Wardarnji, Blessing of the Fleet)Grants \$ 91,000\$325,642 NB: Fremantle Festival did not take place in summer. It was held spring prior to 2019.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	5. What was the cost to the City of Fremantle to run the winter festival in 2019?	Response 5 IncomeCost 19/20 (July 2019 Festival)Tickets \$ 92,548\$382,521 NB: Fremantle Festival did not take place in summer. It was held spring prior to 2019.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Sean Hefferon	6. What is the budget for this years winter Fremantle Festival?	Response 6 IncomeCost 20/21 N/A COVIDN/A COVID 21/22 Projected tickets: \$25,575 Projected grants: \$70,892\$379,867
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Pindan With the collapse of Pindan and next steps apparently in place for the civic centre project delivery: 1What are the construction defect liability responsibilities the City has now taken on, and •over what period, and •what are the currently known defects in the building ?	Response 1 Defect liability responsibilities in respect to the building will be provided through the novated agreements with sub-contractors. Noting contractors are now novated across and/or are contracted by the City to complete the works will provide the usual warranties and guarantees in respect to their works through novation. Defects arising in the subsequent 12 month Defects Liability Period (DLP) would be expected to be covered by the usual subcontractor warranties. A process for diagnosing and coordinating the rectification of any defect works that may arise will need to be determined for the DLP. Any defects arising beyond the 12 month DLP will need to be addressed by the City. The City will consider a suitable budget retention as provision for this. The project is ongoing and has not yet reached practical completion – it is not anticipated there will be any defects at Practical Completion.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	2. Once appointed will the defects liability be passed back to a new building contractor?	Response 2 No, the City does not anticipate trying to pass this responsibility on to a third party Managing Contractor. However, the City may discuss a 12 month DLP coordination / facilitation role with a successful Managing Contractor
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	3. Are all subcontractors novated from Pindan to the City, and if not •how many are not and •what is their estimated value of works and •will their subcontract work go out to tender or result in increased costs?	Response 3 There are 29 sub-contractors still required to complete the works who operate under a novate deed. The estimated value of these works is \$1.29m. The City is in discussions with a further 23 contractors who are not under a novate deed - however, these works are of a lower value and there is no expectation of significant cost increases or tender requirements. The non-novated deed sub-contracts are being negotiated under the resolution from the Special Council meeting from 8 June, 2021, as a sole source supplier. The City has gained commitments from these contractors to continue the works as agreed. The vast majority of these contractors have works of a lower value and there is no expectation of significant cost increases or tender requirements.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	4. What is the current estimated costs as at 31 May 2021 to complete the civic centre project – within say +/- \$1m, •what is the percent complete for the construction costs by value, and •what are the main remaining areas left unfinished, and •what is the estimated completion date? •What happens when you over spend the \$3.64m? •Has the project gone over budget? •Is it anticipated to go over budget?	Response 4 The remaining construction project budget for the City as of 19 May (time of Pindan stopping works) was \$3.64m. As of 19 May the building was approximately 90% complete by price against the contract sum. Remaining works include: •External façade / building envelop works. •Roofing works and PV array installation. •General interior fit out works, inc carpet installation, painting, cabinetry works and cleaning. •Exterior works, i.e. paving installation works, soft landscaping works, cleaning, defect inspections. •Final testing, witnessing, and commissioning works. A revised estimated completion date has yet to be determined. Cost increases (beyond the \$3.64m) will be covered by the insurance bonds the City has already accessed. As of the 19 May, the construction project remained within budget. It is anticipated that there will be increased costs as a result of the collapse of Pindan (beyond the City’s agreed contracted sum), however, these costs will be offset against the insurance bonds.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	5. Are the 4 Pindan ex-employees which is a new additional expense and now on the City payroll expensed or are their costs capitalised to the project as construction costs? •Are these incremental additional costs?	Response 5 Costs associated with the City taking on and finishing the project will be held against the project and the relevant insurance bonds – this includes the cost of employing the ex-Pindan employees. These costs are incurred incrementally.

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21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	6. Is Ernst & Young approval required on any planned arrangements, and •what are the additional new legal and other consultant fees incurred by the City due to the Pindan collapse?	Response 6 The City has formally taken possession of the building / site. Ernst and Young have formally 'disowned' the project, no approvals from EY are required. The project will incur additional legal / consultant fees as a result of the liquidation event and prolongation of the project works. These costs will be held against the insurance bonds.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	7. What are the additional fees for extension of the project length such as Sirona's management fee and other ongoing project management costs?	Response 7 These are yet to be determined. (see 5a above re payment of additional fees)
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	8. What are the additional insurance premiums paid for the City taking on the project directly and what additional coverage?	Response 8 The previous insurance policy under Pindan ran until 30 June, 2021 and the insurer has confirmed this remained in place. The City has received insurance from 1 July, 2021 at a premium of \$95,000 for the current structure and \$8,000 for continuing works.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Property in course of construction disclosure 9. The project expenditure capitalised in the course of construction on the new civic centre has not been disclosed in the financial statements as at 30 June 2020. Why is there not proper disclosure of the expenditure in the financial statements as required by Australian Accounting Standards ? Refer to attachment extract AASB 116 para 74(b) ?	Response 9 These works were capitalised at the end of the financial year. The City has discussed this process with our Auditor and will look to review and change this for the coming financial year.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	10. Based on the buildings revaluation listing the construction in progress amount as at 30 June 2020 is \$38,380,135. How much of this amount as at 30 June 2020 relates to the new civic building project ?	Response 10 The amount of capital expenditure on the construction of the new civic building as at 30 June, 2020 is; Preliminaries \$ 3,091,241 Demolition \$ 2,504,791 Consultants \$ 2,660,015 Newman Ct \$ 647,272 Construction \$23,878,810 TOTAL \$32,782,129 These costs are a progression from FY17/18 to FY19/20 as follows; 2017/18\$ 3,486,450 2018/19\$ 7,470,399 2019/20\$21,825,280 TOTAL \$32,782,129
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	11. Based on the construction in progress listing as at 30 June 2020 (\$38,380,135) plus the amount shown in the May 2021 monthly accounts (\$18,275,154) gives a current construction in progress amount of \$56,655,289. How much of this amount relates to the civic building project and what is the budget as it currently appears the project budget has already been exceeded and the project is far from complete?	Response 11 Based on the civic building construction amount at 30 June 2020 of \$23,878,810 (identified in the response above) and the April 2021 monthly financial report figure of \$14,432,537 for the current financial year, the total progress cost for capital construction for the civic building as at 30 April, 2021 is \$38,311,347.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	12. Will the amount of construction in progress on the new civic ce ntre be properly disclosed in the upcoming financial statements as at 30 June 2021?	Response 12 The City will review its disclosures to provide detail on the progress of capital costs of the civic building with its 30 June 2021 financial statements. Discussion on this issue will occur in consultation with the City's Auditor.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	13. In addition to the direct civic centre project amounts capitalised, how much has been incurred in indirect project costs relating to the project and expensed through profit & loss up to 30 June 2020, and up to the current date?	Response 13 From an initial review, very little expenditure, other than the internal officer time fortnightly pay, is being expensed through operating accounts
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Property revaluation during FY19-20 14. The revaluation of property in the FY19/20 financial statements was booked in the City's accounting records 9 months ago in October 2020 (can be seen by comparing the asset revaluation reserve in the Nov & Oct 2020 attachments). The process for oversight by councillors seems backwards.	Response 14 The closure of the financial statements was the timing to provide information to council re financial statements for June 2020.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Why was there no explanation provided in monthly agendas in October 2020 when the adjustment was booked, or when the financial statements were signed in March 2021 by the CEO, or even when presented to the Audit Committee or even the Ordinary Council Meeting in April 2021, and why was a special confidential clarification meeting held on 16 June 2021 being 3 months after the financial statements were signed and why was that meeting not open to the public?	These valuations were discussed at the first available Audit and Risk meeting once the financial statements were signed off by the City's Auditor. Audit and Risk meetings are not open meetings as they do not have a delegated function identified under section 5.23 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act 1995. All agenda items presented to the committee are then considered at the following ordinary council meeting, which is an open meeting for public attendance.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Griffin Valuations 15. Griffin Valuation (refer attached page 12 para 2) of their report states heritage listed properties which cannot be reliably measured should not be recognised in the financial statements and a full description including reasons why a reliable value cannot be determined should be shown in notes to the accounts. As all heritage property has been recognised, does this mean all heritage land and heritage buildings have been reliably measured as at 30 June 2020 and why were there such large variations from the previous valuation in 2017, and was the last valuation reliable?	Response 15 Both financial years were signed by the relevant Auditor. The valuations for both years were provided by an authorised independent auditor. It is the City's understanding that the valuations provided for June 2020 are in accordance with the "fair value" provisions of the accounting standards.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	16 Can the City confirm to what value it insures buildings and are the values in line with the recent Griffin Valuation amounts?	Response 16 The City is Insured at \$230m against Griffen's value of \$157m. The insurance value estimates were required prior to sign off by the OAG (March 2021) of the new values. A review of the insured values will now be undertaken
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	17. Other local councils (such as City of Perth attached) disclose separately in their financial statements the amounts attributed to Heritage Land & Heritage Buildings and Construction Work in Progress so as to be much more meaningful to the readers of the financial statements. Meanwhile the City of Fremantle discloses none of these categories separately. Why are these amounts not shown separately and transparently in the FY19/20 financial statements to both highlight and showcase the heritage and other assets of Fremantle?	Response 17 The City will consider this request as part of the upcoming financial year audit and discuss with our Auditor as part of this process.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Quarry Street - Holdsworth Street 18. Quarry Street property has been earmarked for disposal and classified as land held for sale in the FY19/20 financial statements at \$4,243,000 (refer attachment) and was valued in the prior period at \$9,321,000. Given it is to be sold and the valuation important, why and how did the property lose \$5,078,000 in value during FY19/20 or since last valuation?	Response 18 The valuation provided as at 30 June, 2020 was provided by an independent valuer. They have determined that this value represents "fair value" in accordance with accounting standards at the time of determination. The proposed sale for 7-15 Quarry Street is being undertaken in an open market process and will be sold at market value at the time of sale.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	19. How did the 12 Holdsworth Street property sold during FY19/20 for \$1,084,886 be valued previously at \$3,107,875, and why is there such a large discrepancy between the fair value recorded?	Response 19 The valuation provided as at 30 June, 2020 was provided by an independent valuer. They have determined that this value represents "fair value" in accordance with accounting standards at the time of determination. The property was sold on the open market at the time and therefore sold on the basis of market value.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	1. Can the following documents be made available to the electors? •The Auditor general reports on the city's finances and operations •The city's business plans for the last decade, ie the Jones Street •The finalised report of the Tent City from the CEO •The city's set of master plans	Response 1 a.These are already currently publicly available b.The City has developed many business plans. The City would like to seek clarification on specific business plans being requested. c.Yes, this is publicly available through the March Council minutes. d.The City has developed many masterplans. The City would like to seek clarification on specific masterplans being requested
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	2. Can the council please provide the electors the following in relation to the purchase of Jones Street Property •A copy of the Business Plan and due diligence done prior to its purchase •The report on the asbestos issues •How much was spent on the planning of the site and depot works and what its current status is •The report on ground contamination •The confidential documents in relation to the site	Response 2 a.Yes, this is already publicly available b.Yes c.Since 2016 the City has reviewed the depot services, facilities, workstyles and equipment at both the Knutsford Street and Jones Street sites. The City has spent approx. \$162k on these studies including service area studies, high-level site evaluation, site testing and remediation (at Knutsford Street) and the development of initial concepts for potential project evaluation. The City is currently assessing the service areas, service levels and delivery models with staff and will reinstitute concept development and site option appraisals at the conclusion of these works. d.Yes e.No
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	2 Jones Street 3. What are the current plans for the sites future?	Response 3 The timeline to relocate depot operations was part of a report to the Council's Strategy and Project Development Committee in September 2016 and on a proposed business plan process to facilitate redevelopment of the depot site at 81 Knutsford Street. It was an indicative timeline assuming the successful execution of an agreement with a developer to transfer the Knutsford Street site for redevelopment on terms that achieve a satisfactory financial return to the City. Subsequent reports advised the Council that agreement to transfer of the land on terms acceptable to the City had not been achieved. In light of this, in August 2018 Council resolved to agree to retention of 81 Knutsford Street as an operational depot and recycling facility for City of Fremantle services in the short to medium term future, and also resolved that 2 Jones Street, O'Connor is surplus to the City's future operational requirements.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	4. Why did council pay above the reported valuers price?	Response 4 Valuations do not account for price variations resulting from the negotiation processes.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	5. What investigations has been done on the remediations of the site and removal of sites contaminations?	Response 5 The City is aware of the site condition and contaminates at 2 Jones Street. No works have been done to remediate the site. The site continues to be managed and monitored in line with the City's normal statutory / maintenance obligations.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	6. Does the city have costs for the aforementioned process?	Response 6 Costs for monitoring 2 Jones Street are included in the City's annual maintenance program. Approx. \$3,300 has been spent on monitoring/managing site contaminations at 2 Jones Street since 2016.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	7. What is the cities income from site annually	Response 7 The site currently generates \$11,994 pa in rental income from 4 hardstand licenses.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Elisabeth Megroz	1.On page 6, from the Toilet Block (House #9) to the end of the list, all of the items are now currently valued at precisely the same as the revaluation increments. Why?	Response 1 The revaluation increment is calculated as the movement between the current valuation and initial valuation. In relation to the buildings highlighted, the revaluation increment is the same as the current valuation as these buildings had an initial valuation of \$0. The movement is therefore calculated as the current valuation. The initial value of \$0 is attributed to either the buildings not being owned by the City of Fremantle at the time of the initial valuation or the building not being included in the initial valuation.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Elisabeth Megroz	2. On page 2 the Fremantle Oval Office value appears to have increased from \$2,530,958 to \$6,732,000: a staggering increase of 266%. It raises the question of how a modern building (not the land, just the building) can increase in value at all and least of all, by 266% in 3 years? How was the increase in value ascertained and calculated?	Response 2 The valuation provided as at 30 June, 2020 was provided by an independent valuer. They have determined that this value represents "fair value" in accordance with accounting standards at the time of determination. The subsequent (current) valuation for the property had a greater level of detail following a site inspection. Each component of the building structure was examined, a replacement cost & useful life estimated for each to provide a fair value for each component & the building combined. The initial valuation did not go to this level of detail.

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21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Elisabeth Megroz	3. On page 3, the Round House shows and increased value from \$1,159,632 to \$4,465,200 (an increase of 385%) when we are constantly being told that this building is in dire need of major repair work. How was the increase value calculated?	Response 3 The valuation provided as at 30 June, 2020 was provided by an independent valuer. They have determined that this value represents "fair value" in accordance with accounting standards at the time of determination.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Elisabeth Megroz	4. Why is the very last item on page 6 called 'Buildings WIP' included at the end of the financial year in this list, when it is by sheer definition, work in progress and not a building? Why is this item not disclosed and recorded separately in the accounts?	Response 4 The revaluation of the City's building assets is disclosed in the City's Annual Financial Statements for FY19/20, Note 9(a) Property, Plant and Equipment. These works were capitalised at the end of the financial year and represented the building works from this financial year as at 30 June. The City has discussed this process with our Auditor and will look to review and change how this information is presented for the coming financial year.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Andrew Luobikis	ARMC2106-3 – Overdue Debtors report 1. Why are we waiving these debts rather than put these businesses on a payment plan?	Response 1 Waivers have been provided as required under the provisions of the Commercial Tenancies (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Andrew Luobikis	2. Why has an Ex-councillor's business had its debts waived two years in a row? Why can't he be on a payment plan?	Response 2 Waivers have been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Commercial Tenancies (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020. Independent legal advice was also sought as to recoverability of debt which confirmed that the City has no prospect of recovering monies owed from the debtor.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Andrew Luobikis	3. Can we have the individual justifications for each business on this list with proof as to why?	Response 3 Waivers or deferrals were provided as required under the Commercial Tenancies (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020. Businesses were required to provide financial statements demonstrating direct financial impact from COVID-19 before a waiver or deferral was provided. A further report on the individual provision for each commercial tenant will be provided to Council through the next Audit and Risk Committee meeting.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Andrew Luobikis	Rates Questions 4. Why are we as ratepayers with ever increasing rates, required to pick up the tab for the Round house a State Heritage building?	Response 4 The State Government has contributed funds for the latest works being carried out on the Round House on condition that the City provides an equal contribution
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Petr Pacak	1. Is a Managing Contractor a fancy term for a Registered Builder	Response 1 - The City intends to engage a Contractor to 'Manage' the construction process - AS 4916 (Construction Management Contract) provides for this. A key aspect of a Managing Contractor would be they are a registered builder.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Petr Pacak	2. The construction team will essentially perform the same role that they have provided on the project to date and contractors who have already been working will continue with that under a new builder?	Response 2 - The emphasis in the wording there is Managing. A managing builder or Managing contractor will be engaged to take on the responsibility of the building site. The intent is to bring in a managing contractor to oversee the activities of the site as a whole. The City have employed 4 of the key ex-pindan staff that were essentially running the project and have been doing for the last 2 years they are quite capable of delivering and overseeing the works and managing the contractors that have been novated across. The City is seeking an oversight contractor with a Builders Registration to have a watching brief and to make sure we equate all the insurances and the health and safety and help with the financials.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Petr Pacak	3. How are you sourcing a new builder are you tendering?	Response 3 - The City has tendered for a Managing Contractor.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Petr Pacak	4. Who will take legal responsibility for the building? A similar situation with the City of Cockburn Medical Centre, where the builder went bust during the process, cost them Millions to change the builder and pretty much had to redo the entire contract. It seems from reading the website that this is a walk in the park.	Response 4 - A comparison has been made to the City of Cockburn Medical Centre that was around about 50% complete when they had problems with the builder. We are at more the 90% complete. The significant difference is that, thankfully with the foresight, the City initiated a contract with a project bank account and with requirement for novate subcontracts, so subcontracts with the builder at the time were given the option to have novated contracts, the vast majority of them took up that opportunity and had novated contracts and what that means is that those subcontractors are now contracting, essentially to the City of Fremantle. In a terminology sense it could be compared to the term Nominated Subcontractor, a nominated subcontractor in a contract where the owner nominates that person and the builder simply administers the overarching work of that person including insurances and making sure the work they do onsite is done in accordance with health and safety rules and the like.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Petr Pacak	5. What is the percent of the internal fit out is completed?	Response 5 - Internal fit-out is advanced. The City has secured all of the facades and these are on site. So effectively it is just about placing these façade panels in and around the building.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Petr Pacak	6. Can I visit the building on behalf of rate payers basically assess what council is telling us?	Response 6 - Every month the City has an independent quantity surveyor and an independent superintendent do exactly that, they access the value of works that have been completed and they certify before any payments are made, that's done every month and is on track. So, the answer is no.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Georgie Adeane	1. I run the South Beach Market, I spoke the Cr Sullivan some months ago and asked him why my business is going out to tender? His reply was that they site is an iconic site and that other people should have the option of using it as well. So my question is Fremantle Markets is an iconic building which has been let to the same tenant for going on 50 years and why shouldn't that be shared as well? Why have they been given a 50 Year lease when they normal lease is 5 years?	Response 1 - Cr Sullivan First of all I will state for the record that your question to me was sometime around October last year not a few months ago and I did try to talk to you about that matter at the time, prior to the report going to the Council and the time of last year's tender. CEO So, the current lease for the Fremantle Markets is in place till October 2026. There is a conversation going on inside council at the moment and there will be a tender released shortly to undertake some works at the Fremantle Markets, there is a conversation with the tenants about how those works are funded moving forward.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Georgie Adeane	2. How long have they been there?	Response 2 - The current lease was put in place in March 2008.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Georgie Adeane	3. Prior to that, they had a 30year lease prior to that?	Response 3 - Not the current owners but the current owners' family had partnership in the lease.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Georgie Adeane	4. I am a market holder and I am operating a business in Fremantle and the council has actually been quiet generous to me in the past but I just wonder why something I have created and worked very hard at can just be put on the table as a tender? Legally a commercial lease is 5 years, so legally the Fremantle Markets should have been put out for tender after at least 20 years.	Response 4 - A temporary open-air market held in a public reserve is considered an event and as such would operate under an event hire agreement and not a lease. The Fremantle Markets is a bricks and mortar business that pays commercial rent and rates and any other required charges under the terms of a lease. A commercial lease and any further optional terms within it must constitute a minimum of 5 years and not any less, if it is a lease defined under the Commercial Tenancies (Retail Shops) Agreements act.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Georgie Adeane	5. Some of their rent was waived, isn't this in breach of their lease?	Response 5 - Waivers have been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Commercial Tenancies (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Shirley Burbidge	Who is responsible for the upkeep of Wray Avenue road surface? Also, Hampton road between Scott St and Jenkins Street? Potholes appeared last year not filled very well. Holes appearing again after first bad storm.	Following inspection, it has been confirmed that the potholes on both Wray Avenue and Hampton Road are logged for urgent repair on the forward maintenance schedule.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Bill Burbidge	1. Why is this meeting so late compared to last year? Why don't we have a consistent time in the year as to when these meetings are held?	Response 1 - This year the financial statements were late in being finalised. There were late changes to the Local Government provisions and this year was the first year the City had the Auditor General's office undertake the audit. There was a change in the way in which the accounting practises occurred, these came through in November 2020, which required retrospective application, which required the statements and records to be adjusted to meet the new accounting practises. These were State Government requirements. It would be the City's preference that these meetings took place within 6 months of the end of the financial year.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Bill Burbidge	2. There is a rumour going around that council is no longer going to have a contractor that goes around and does bulk collections?	Response 2 - There has been a report that has been investigating verge side collections, so those reports are on the public record and we can refer you to those to see what the proposals are and comment to council accordingly.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	The City of Fremantle Annual Report is a detailed and interesting account, and the first page states that Fremantle is home to "the state's busiest and most important cargo port...Now the beating heart of Western Australia's economy" 1. Why then does Fremantle Council appear to be doing so little to keep the port in Fremantle when the state government has unilaterally made a decision to move it out of Fremantle? Where is the evidence of effort by Council to keep WA's "beating heart in Fremantle?" The Annual Report presented tonight states that one of the, quote, "Notable achievements" of the One Planet involvement is the roll out of the FOGO waste program, after a 2% rate levy was introduced to pay for the red bins.	Response 1 - Council has an adopted position in terms of its advocacy on the matters of the Port which is still current and includes that Council does not favour the relocation of the Port and would prefer the container port to remain in Fremantle. Council has made its representations and position abundantly clear, but this is a decision for the State Government which clearly has a different view. They have said in their most recent press release that they are steaming ahead with the relocation of the Port.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	2. Given that this is not a once off charge for a new bin, but an annual 2% tax on every ratepayer every single year for a single bin, and that inner city residents and businesses do not and have never received one of those bins, when will Fremantle Council rescind the tax for those who don't benefit, and refund their money?	Response 2 - Council is continuing to review the roll out of FOGO to as many properties as possible. Current review is to roll out to Multi Use Dwellings.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Suzanne John	1. What is the City going to do about stopping the anti-social behaviour around the Round House.	Response 1 - The City's Community Safety Officers will patrol and can keep an eye on this location. Our CCTV plan actually provides for more CCTV in this location. The City will continue to advocate for additional funding. However, it is not just about funding to put a new camera in, it is also a bit of a dead spot as far as the camera's connecting back to our monitoring room and they need to relay from each camera wirelessly to make that work.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Suzanne John	2. Are you suggesting with all the noise and carry on that we just call a ranger?	Response 2 - The City's Community Safety team can be contacted on 1300 360 666 if you wish to report any issues or require security patrols of a location. Police matters should be reported to the police by calling 131 444
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Richard Bartlett	1. What is the state of progress on remediation of the wall on rail side of Arthur Head?	Response 1 - Works are currently progressing on site. The wall to the rail side of Arthurs head has been delayed as a result of the poor condition of the cliff-face. The current revised completion date for this phase of works is late August.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Richard Bartlett	2. When will the cliff on the coastal side of Arthur Head be restored and why the delay, which has now extended to at least 4 years?	Response 2 - The steel canopy to the beach side of the tunnel is now being fabricated (off site). The current revised completion date for this phase of works is late August.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Richard Bartlett	3. What steps, such as CCTV and more lights are planned to address security issues and anti-social and criminal behaviour all around Arthur Head?	Response 3 - The City's Community Safety Officers will patrol and can keep an eye on this location. Our CCTV plan actually provides for more CCTV in this location. The City will continue to advocate for additional funding. However, it is not just about funding to put a new camera in, it is also a bit of a dead spot as far as the camera's connecting back to our monitoring room and they need to relay from each camera wirelessly to make that work.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Chris Williams	1. How many informal meetings took place between the former Mayor Dr Pettitt and representatives of Sirona Capital Management Proprietary Limited (Sirona) before Council signed a memorandum of understanding with Sirona in October 2011?	Response 1 - This is a matter for the former Mayor to respond to.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Chris Williams	2. Were all those meetings recorded in the Mayor's official diary? If not, why not?	Response 2 - As above.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Chris Williams	3. If yes, were notes of date, venue, who attended and any informal agreements, understandings or proposed motions to Council with respect to a memorandum of understanding with Sirona recorded by the Mayor?	Response 3 - As above.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Chris Williams	4. Give that it appears the partnership between the City of Fremantle and Sirona appears to have resulted in at least a \$40 million reduction in ratepayer assets of the city, and an estimated \$100 million capital gain to Sirona, has Council requested the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the partnership entered into by the City of Fremantle pursuant to the Kings Square Business Plan of November 2012? If not, will Council now request such a performance audit?	Response 4 - Council has not sought a performance audit on the Kings Square Business Plan from the Auditor General.

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21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Ken Adam	What is the actual position, who or what entity is going to take legal responsibility for the standard of construction of the completion of the Civic admin building?	The City has tendered for a new Managing Contractor to assist in completing the works.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Adele Carles	1. Several years ago Sirona Capital as we know was given more than \$40million worth of the City's properties with no public tender process and yet we hear tonight that Georgie Adeane who set up the Markets at South Beach, you have decided that she has to go out to tender and she has built all the relationships with the food holders and stall holders, it is her business, it's a small scale business compared to \$40 million of income producing assets. So why are you throwing the book at her and why wasn't Queensgate and all that other properties, why were they given to Sirona without a tender process?	Response 1 - The City undertook a process under section 3.59 of the Local Government Act 1995. Under the provision of this section of the Act, the City is not required to separately tender for the sale of property identified in this process. Only property nominated under this process was sold to Sirona.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Adele Carles	2. Why were Georgie Adeanes highly regarded South Beach markets put out to public tender?	Response 2 - The license to use South Beach for a "summer market" is yet to be placed for tender. Council resolved to undertake this process following the summer season - December 2020 to April 2021.
21 June 2021	28 July 2021	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Martin Lee	We have been told that Covid 19 is to blame for current state of affairs, it is not, the problem is you have sold more the \$50million worth of investment properties, you have lost more income from those investment properties you have from lost rates in Covid, in addition to that you have saddled us the another \$20million of debt that we did not need which was not in the business plan, because that business plan was supposed to be funded by cash flows that were with the business case itself, so you have actually added to the rate payers an addition \$20million. How much money have you lost through lost income and additional debt on an annual basis compared with Covid 19?	The Kings Square Project Business Plan included a provision to borrow funds for the project. The provision in the Plan was for loan funds of \$15m. This figure was subsequently adjusted to \$20m to account for CPI project cost increases between the adoption of the Plan and the awarding of the tender. The annual revenue for Queensgate Carpark at the time of sale was: Queensgate Car Park\$1,685,482(2015/16) Centre Park Shops \$ 104,209(2015/16) Total\$1,789,691 The annual revenue for Queensgate Commercial Complex at time of sale was: Queensgate Complex\$ 561,441(2015/16) The annual revenue for the Spicer property at time of sale was: Car Park 13\$ 427,755(2017/18) Warehouse rental \$ 70.908(2017/18) Total\$ 498,663
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	Questions 1 Rate revenue has grown from 27Mil in 2010 to 46Mil in in 2020 an increase 70%. Can the council please advise how much of the increase was organic growth from new properties and how much was due to28 rate increases on existing ratepayers?	Response to question 1: Rate revenue is calculated by multiplying a property's valuation by the differential rate in the dollar set by Council. The valuation of property is determined by the Valuer General at Landgate, a separate organisation to the City of Fremantle. Between FY09/10, the valuation of property within the City of Fremantle as determined by the Valuer General, increased from \$331,253,260 to \$550,840,835 and total number of rateable properties from 14,036 to 16,538. The average annual increase in the Valuer Generals property values across this period equates to 1.3% per annum. The City of Fremantle's differential rate in the dollar, which varies according to property type, has on average increased by 4.2% per annum across the 'Residential Improved' rate category over the period FY09/10 to FY21/22.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	Questions 2 Can the council please give a brief comparison of the rate increases since 2010 when compared to A)CPI B)Average Weekly earnings C)Local Govt Cost Index	Response to question 2: This information has been provided in the graph below.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	Questions 3 The 10 year plan currently shows rate revenue increasing to 66 mil by the end of 2025 which is an increase of 32% over the current revenue of 50 mil . Is this forecast still current and if so what is the split of the projected increase to Rate increase and organic growth? In short what are the projected rate increases say for the next 4 years?	Response to question 3: The forecast is no longer current. We anticipate an updated Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFF) to be adopted by Council later this year.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	Questions 4 The 10-year plan also has revenue form fees & charges increasing to 34 Mil by 2025 which is around 54% of current revenue around 22Mil. Is this still the current forecast and what is the plan to get there in 4 years?	Response to question 4: As detailed in the plan the previous forecast included: -projected rates from new developments to a value of \$3.6m of new rates. -a 3% increase per year which included a proposed new car park and commercial rent from tenancies in the new civic centre. -The forecast is due to be updated and we anticipate an updated Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFF) being adopted by Council later this year.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	Questions 5 In an email reply to me on the 30/6 the council stated "After receiving submissions from the community, Council made the decision that in order to meet community expectations " an increase over and above the advertised rate was required . Can the council give a brief explanation how it came to this view after reviewing 8 submissions which all unambiguously called for a smaller or no rate increase?	Response to question 5: The rates in the dollar of 3.95% increase to be adopted in budget 2021/2022 have varied to the advertised rates in the dollar of 3.25% due to the City's intention to address the backlog of asset renewal required because of its aging infrastructure. The increased rates will help fund additional asset renewal projects and City's operating expenses with respect to planned and preventative maintenance of its infrastructure assets.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	Questions 6 Can council please provide a brief explanation as the why the accelerated program of asset renewal was not included in the original budget that was used for the advertised rates. What changed between April and June?	Response to question 6: Rates advertised in accordance with the draft LTFF. Due to timing and ongoing uncertainty, the plan had not been revised with regards to the full effects of COVID-19 and loss of \$8m in revenue between FY19/20 & FY20/21. Review team prioritised asset projects in accordance with available funding in draft LTFF. The compounding impact of loss of revenue has an impact on asset management over the longer term that is not sustainable. Council workshopped strategies to address declining asset sustainability resulting in requirement for additional funds, in the absence of alternate funding sources, rates have been increased by more than forecasted in the draft LTFF.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	Questions 7 Can council please give a brief description of how it arrived at an interest rate of 5.5% for people taking the payment option. This rate is double mortgage rates and is 15 times higher than what the council would receive on a CBA 12-month term deposit. If the council wants to truly "ease the burden by offering a payment option" why is gouging on the interest rate?	Response to question 7: The City of Fremantle's interest charged on rates paid by instalment is in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 section 6.45(3).
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	Questions 8 Can council advise how many, if any, (say since 2010) properties it has taken possession of and sold to recover unpaid rates?	Response to question 8: Council will actively pursue the recovery of rates arrears as specified in the Local Government Act 1995 however as per City policy Debtor Management, this is done as a last resort and has occurred on one occasion during this period.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	Questions 9 At the recent 10 nights in free event I note Councillor Lang enjoyed a bath on South Mole for the cost of \$45 Can the council please advise? A)Who delivered the "event"? B)How were they selected? C)What was the total cost? D)How much of that cost was recovered via ticket sales?	Response to question 9: Councillor Lang purchased his own ticket to attend Soak and Steam at Fremantle Festival: 10 Nights in Port. The City of Fremantle produces and delivers 10 Nights in Port. The City commissioned Artist Jesse Lee following the artist commissioning procedure. The cost and income for this event is included in the operational Fremantle Festival budget.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	Questions 10 Also as I received my rates notices yesterday I noted that information that is required under the act was not provided within the rate notice nor in a document accompanying it . I did find a brief sentence about why they changed but I could not find the advertised rates Vs the imposed rates If a local government imposes a differential general rate or minimum payment that differs from the rate set out in the public notice, the Local Government (Financial) oInclude details of the rate or minimum payment advertised and reasons for the difference in the annual budget; and oInclude details of the rate or minimum payment advertised and reasons for the difference in the rate notice or in a document accompanying the rate notice. Why was the information required by the regulations not included with the rate notices?	Response to question 10: Information was provided in accordance with relevant legislation in the 2021-22 Annual Rate brochure that was included with physical paper notices or as a link with the notices delivered (as per the ratepayer's selection) by eRates or BPay.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	In response to my questions below from previous meetings and in specific to the chart showing the percentage increase over the last 12 years. In fact I purposely put in an obvious error for the current 2021/2022 year as 1%, not the 3.95% actual approved by the City. In fact when this was advertised the rate in the dollar was 0.084602 with min \$1388 (3.14%). It actually increased from the 8 May 2021 advertising to 3.95% with a rate in the dollar of 0.085176. One of the highest ever and in a COVID year of debt waivers! Apparently only some ratepayers qualify not to pay rates or their debts. This is reflective of questions asked by Elizabeth Megros at the recent Annual Electors Meeting in relation to questions not being answered properly or given glib disrespectful answers. My question was obviously not read properly as this simple mistake should have been corrected. Question 1 Why was this not corrected after it had been presented at two meetings?	Response to question 1: The City will only seek clarification if an error in the question means that it is incomprehensible and cannot be answered in its original form.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2 Why did the rate increase without being advertised again prior to final adoption?	Response to question 2: The Local Government Act 1995 allows council to advertise its intention and decide when setting the budget. That was the process followed on this occasion.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3 Why does the council keep cutting ratepayers amenity items in the budget, whilst at the same time waiving debts without expecting future payment, approving frivolous grants for street parties Etc, or no expenditure cuts in wages or employment? This when the finances are in obvious distress and the only mugs to bare the brunt are the ratepayers. Is this not unsustainable for Ratepayers to have year on year above CPI increases especially in tough times and most residents have not seen pay increases in years?	Response to question 3: Please provide some additional information about the specific amenities referred to.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1 In the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors Monday, 21 June 2021, 6.00pm, it stated on pg. 13, "The following questions that were not provided with an interim answer at the meeting were taken on notice. A written response will be provided to the speakers and recorded in the Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda of 28 July 2021." Can the council please point to the answers in this meeting agenda, where it said the answers would be published?	Response to question 1: Answers to the questions raised at the Annual General Meeting of Electors on 21 June 2021 were published in the report "C2107-1 – Acceptance of Minutes and consideration of Motions from the Annual General Meeting of Electors Held on Monday 21 June 2021", beginning on page 47, in the agenda of the Ordinary Meeting of Council, 28 July 2021.

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28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2 On the reported budget for 2 Jones St. The Project Budget for Financial Year 2016/17 is \$3,000,000. Twenty percent of this budget has been committed to architectural/superintendency and sub consultants to design and implement compliance requirements for the life of the project. In the Key Project Risks. Schedule risk. Financial risk. Increase in consultant fees due to investigation of additional design options. How much was spent on consultants for a project that was not completed? How much of reported \$3 million dollars spent on this project and what value has it brought the rate payers?	Response to question 2: To date, the City has spent approx. \$162k on consultants and studies – the earlier works included a high-level site evaluation, site testing and some remediation (at Knutsford Street). This spend includes development of initial concepts for location and space use evaluation in anticipation of a potential depot renewal project (for both the Knutsford St and Jones Street sites). The project is currently progressing through service level and delivery model reviews. Officers would look to recommence option appraisals for future consideration by Council at the conclusion of these works.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3 On the Jones St, topic, Jan 2017 meeting, the risk assessment, didn't mention asbestos contamination or ground contamination, why not? The report was repoted accepted by the following Councillors; Cr Bryn Jones Cr Andrew Sullivan Cr Rachel Pemberton Cr Hannah Fitzhardinge Cr David Hume Cr Dave Coggin Cr Ingrid Waltham Cr Sam Wainwright Cr Jeff McDonald No questions were recorded on this report in the minutes. Can't the Councillors still on council see that an independent investigation is needed into the purchase and management of this project to ensure the mistakes that have costed the city millions in losses aren't repeated?	Response to question 3: The report to the Strategy and Project Development Committee (16 January 2017) listed the following – as Key Project Risks: • Schedule risk. Late completion of Project due to delay in option confirmation; • Financial risk. Increase in consultant fees due to investigation of additional design options, funding of the entire project; and • Operational / Functional Risks associated with a reduced project cost. This was a high-level project summary - not a detailed risk assessment. The City is aware of the site condition and Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) at 2 Jones Street. ACM's at the site are managed and continues to be managed and monitored in line with the City's normal statutory / maintenance obligations.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4 At the Annual General Electors Meeting Mrs Burbidge, raised the issue of holes in Hampton Road, her Husband raised the same issues last Annual General Electors meeting, when will the holes be repaired so its last more than a few months, surely it is cheaper to do the job properly once, not repeatedly?	Response to question 4: Temporary repairs for potholing are typically used until a suitable budget is allocation for a longer-term solution. The City's Asset Management team monitor the condition of the City's assets and develop prioritised programs of work for Council to consider as part of the annual budget / grant application process. The condition of Hampton Road has been recorded and is listed for improvement within the 10-year financial plan.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	2 Jones Street. Question 1 What is the total remediation costs.	Response to question 1: The estimated cost for the removal of the asbestos cladding/roofing from 2 Jones Street is approx. \$140k. A project cost for full remediation and redevelopment will be determined once a preferred option for use is established.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 2 Can the public have access to following confidential documents? AC1604-1 SGS1404-6 FPOL1808-11	Response to question 2: Yes, these documents may be released to the public upon request, however, any attachment that has been created or contains confidential information of a third party, will require an FOI application.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 3 Is it true that the tenant paying over \$600,00 a year rent for the site when purchased was related to the owner? If that link was not known why not? Did City review rental records before making an offer of \$7.8m well above council's own valuation of \$7.1m?	Response to question 3: The property was leased by Fremantle Freight & Storage Pty Ltd. Fremantle Freight & Storage Pty Ltd occupied the entire property under an existing lease, with the exception of a former boardroom within the office (approximately 44 square metres) which was used by the owner for storage; and portion of the rear offices which were occupied by Quayside Transport under a sub-lease. The City undertook all usual due diligence associated with the purchase of a property prior to purchasing the site.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 4 In retrospect how successful has the purchase been in fulfilling One Planet Strategies?	Response to question 4: As the site has yet to be developed for its intended purpose, the site's role in achieving one planet strategies cannot yet be assessed.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 5 Why did council's business plan fail to address issues of asbestos?	Response to question 5: Site contamination was considered as part of due diligence activities carried out as part of the sale process.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 6 When was report sought on 22 August 2018 by councillors seeking sale of 2 Jones Street presented to council and why hasn't it yet been sold?	Response to question 6: A report is yet to be presented to Council as officers are still considering future use or disposal of the site. Any decision to dispose of this site would need to be based on a sound financial outcome for the City and the market conditions required to achieve this.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	Question 1 The City's response to the questions on the current capital work in progress breakdown continues to be evasive. Construction work in progress as at 30 June 2021 is \$62m – comprising the amount to 30 June 2020 of \$38.4m plus the amount to 30 June 2021 of \$23.6m. So I ask yet again, how much of this \$62m amount relates to the total civic centre project capital work in progress as at 30 June 2021?	Response to question 1: The City of Fremantle is currently finalising its FY20/21 end of year financial position. Once this position has been finalised and audited by the Office of the Auditor General, the requested figure will be made public.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	Question 2 Adding project extracts from the capex listing attachments the total civic centre project capital work in progress at 30 June 2021 approximates \$52m and yet only 90% complete and with more significant costs to come. So why has City response indicated that the \$50m budget has not been exceeded?	Response to question 2: Total costs incurred for construction of the Civic Centre & Library Building at 30 June 2021 were \$40,451,025. Remaining project costs are forecast at \$4,836,233 for delivery of the building at a total cost of \$45,287,258. Separate from the Civic Centre & Library Building construction are a number of projects, related to the Walyalup Koort precinct. These projects have approved budgets, separate from the Civic Centre & Library Building budget.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	Question 3 Given that City knows its disclosure for Capital Works in Progress is non complaint, when will the statement of financial position be corrected?	Response to question 3: We will work with the Auditors to provide that for 30 June 2021. We are working with the City's Auditors in relation to this issue.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	Question 4 The response to the questions about the expected lease income over the next 10 years for the commercial lease areas in the civic centre is unsatisfactory. Why can't an estimate be provided of expected lease income or best -worse case range?	Response to question 4: Based on the number of tenancies available, the particular uses/segments proposed for each, and the market conditions/expectations associated with each of those segments (i.e. retail, office, hospitality), conservatively the City would expect that if all spaces were leased, up to \$6 million in rent could be generated over a 10 year period. This could increase if market conditions were to improve. However, this does not take into account further capital investment or fit out contributions required from the City in order to lease the spaces in the current market.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	Question 5 There was a lack of transparency over the FY19/20 financial results where an unaudited profit of \$11.6m profit was adopted by council in July 2020 and yet an operating loss of \$8.5m appeared in the audited financial statements with no explanation of changes. So will the council provide explanation in the monthly agendas for changes made to the FY20/21 operating results presented tonight and the final results in the audited financial statements?	Response to question 5: A comparison has been made between two different financial statements. The first being the City of Fremantle's Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2020 (as contained in the FY20 Annual Financial Report) which records an operating result of -\$8,483,120. The Monthly Financial Report as at 30 June 2020 (adopted by Council in July 2020) provides an extract of the City's Rate Setting Statement and records an estimated profit of \$11.6m. The Rate Setting Statement includes both operating and capital activities undertaken by the City.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Hans Hug	Question 1 Given the information previously provided to Council regarding the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra (FCO) and in particular FCO's contribution to the City of Fremantle: Can the Council explain why the long-standing subsidy to the FCO for the hire of the Town Hall has apparently been withdrawn?	Response to question 1: The City has provided ongoing and recurrent financial support for the hire of the Town Hall to the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra from 2005 – 2018 through a number of arrangements including subsidy (2005 – 2014), grants and fee waivers. From 2018 the City has been unable to provide the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra with the Town Hall venue due to the construction of the Walyalup Civic Centre.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Hans Hug	Question 2 Can the Council explain why the City's previous support and cooperation, which signified a recognition of FCO's significant contribution to the City of Fremantle, has apparently been withdrawn?	Response to question 2: The Grants and Sponsorship Policy adopted on 12 May 2021 supports one off, ad-hoc grant, sponsorship and funding requests. This request sits outside of Policy. Requests that sit outside of Policy can be submitted to Council for consideration. The request from the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra was considered at the August Finance Policy and Legislation (FPOL) Committee meeting via an Officer Report on Annual Sponsorship Arrangements.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Hans Hug	Question 3 Given full Council previously voted to grant FCO subsidised use status, 15 years ago, and that this decision has been automatically applied every year since, is it the case that it would require a rescission motion to be passed by full Council for the subsidised use status to be revoked?	Response to question 3: The City has historically been strongly supportive of the orchestra, to the extent that we have waived hire fees for all FCO concerts held at the town hall since 2005 (see details below). The cost of cleaning the hall and other maintenance is considerable and it is considered reasonable that hall users – such as the orchestra, which charges a fee to patrons attending its concerts – contribute nominally to the cost of maintaining the venue to ensure it continues to be available for uses of this nature. Council has previously only approved subsidised use of the Town Hall by the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra for a period of four years when the Orchestra have requested a subsidy outside of the relevant City policy. All decisions of Council in this matter have expired so there is no ongoing direction of council that will need to be revoked. The Fremantle Chamber Orchestra requested a 100% subsidy outside of the 2010 policy (policy allowed for a 100% subsidy if the Town Hall was hired from Monday to Wednesday and a 50% subsidy on other days) so the decision was referred to Council. Council determined the following: The Fremantle Chamber Orchestra is granted a 100% subsidy off the hire fee of the Town Hall to hold up to three public concerts for the next four subsequent years. A previous subsidy was granted to the Fremantle Symphony Orchestra at the Council meeting of the 20 December 2006. At this meeting Council granted a 100% subsidy off the hire fee of the Town Hall for the Symphony Orchestra concerts in 2006 and the next 4 subsequent years. Council determined the following: 1. Council support the request to refund \$252 being the hire fee paid for the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra's performance at the Town Hall on the 12 th November 2006 (50% subsidy was granted). 2. The Fremantle Chamber Orchestra is granted a 100% subsidy off the hire fee of the Town Hall to hold up to three public concerts per year for the next four subsequent years.
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1 During the last year I have personally asked questions at council meetings and, also on behalf of the Greater Fremantle Community and Business Association (GFCBA). Repeatedly, the responses provided by the city have been either misleading or evasive, or my questions have been ignored all together. a)As a ratepayer, I am again asking if this ay of responding by City Officers is either a fair or transparent method of communication as expected by the City of Fremantle? b)Why do my questions still remain unanswered with responses received from the City of Fremantle to date tat do not relate to the relevance of the questions asked? c)Why was the above question and the one below not minuted?	Response to question 1: The City has provided a complete list of your 92 (not including your questions listed here) questions asked in the last 12 months and their response to you via email with a request that you advise the City of any questions that have not been responded to so that the City may provide a response. The City provides responses to the best of its ability but cannot guarantee that a response will be acceptable to the questioner. The City provide further information if the questioner believes that the City has misunderstood the question. The City does not record statements made during public question time and where possible will remove statements made during questioning to ensure that those members of the public who make statements are treated in the same way as members of the public who ask questions.

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28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	<p>Question 2 The example read out to illustrate the above point was: 3, Per note 9 a) of the 2020 Financial Report, in the 4th column, buildings non-specialised, the gross carrying amount brought forward at 1 July 2019 was \$125,492,999. Additions were \$5,843,811 and disposals were \$6,841,877. This would give a gross carrying amount at 30 June 2020 of \$134,494,933. Why is the gross carrying amount shown as \$265,143,718? Where has the gain of \$120,648,785 come from? The City officers response was to highlight a typographical error only: being the amount of 134,494,933 instead of \$144,494,933 (agenda 23 June 2021), while ignoring the purpose for an explanation of the question submitted. This question together with 4 previously ignored questions was resubmitted at the AGME. Why was it not minuted, and ignored for the second time? This question is now asked for the 3rd time; 1. Ordinary Meeting of Council 26 May 2021, 2. AGME 21 June 2021 and 3. Today at the Ordinary Meeting of Council 28 July 2021. Please explain how the One Planet sustainability philosophy and its living principles apply having to front up in person 3 times to ask the same question? A question in this regard was asked at the Ordinary Meeting of Council 24 March 2021. Your response was as follows: "the context of this query is not clear, could you please provide some further detail?" Simply put, how does the City justify this action under the One Planet policy and strategy (forcing ratepayers to behave in a more unsustainable way by giving up more time than necessary and travel by car to ask a question?)</p>	<p>Response to question 2: The Minutes of Council meetings are a summary only and the City does not capture statements made at the meeting by either members of the public or elected members as verbatim statements. When a question is unclear the questioner will be asked if they can provide more information or context to allow the City to answer the question in full. Responses to questions, including the request for clarification is emailed to the questioner as well as appearing in the Minutes of the meeting. A questioner does not need to attend a meeting to ask a question of the City the City will respond to questions received outside of the meeting processes.</p>
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	<p>Question 3 I sought clarification 3 times as to where specifically the amount of \$42,250 for Artist Exemptions of the 2020 – 21 Annual Budget is recorded: 25 November 2020 Please indicate where the Artists costs that were budgeted and approve at the 8 July 2020 Special Council Meeting are documented? 9 December 2020 October 2020 Exemption Category, p. 78 in the Ordinary Meeting of Council: a)Please indicate the page no. in the attachments of the Special Council meeting documents where the Artists Exemptions that have been budgeted and approved are recorded. 24 March 2021 ARMC2011-8 Purchasing Policy Exemptions August to October Given that page 48 of the 2020-21 Annual Budget does not budget and record the amount of \$42,250 for Artist Exemptions, would you indicate where it was recorded. Please indicate where (including page number) the amount of \$42,250 for Artist Exemptions of the 2020-21 Annual Budget was recorded, and for which arts project? Who was responsible for awarding the commissions? What was the process? Where is the documentation?</p>	<p>Response to question 3: 25 November Response provided in 9 December agenda "In the attachments of the Special Council meeting documents" 9 December Response Provided in 27 January agenda "Artist exemptions are reported quarterly at each Audit and Risk Management Committee and are then reported at the following Ordinary Meeting of Council. Agenda - Ordinary Meeting of Council 27 January 2021 Page 8 Engagement of artists is conducted by officers in line with the City's purchasing policy and artist commissioning procedure. The artist commissioning procedure outlines each program that engages artists and outlines targets, links to the Strategic Community Plan, selection process, and who can approve the commission (whether it be a panel or Director)." Additional Response provided 24 March 2021 agenda (image in 25 August 2021 minutes linke left) 24 March 2021 We cannot find any record of this question being asked again at this meeting.</p>
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Adele Carles	<p>Question 1 I have two questions about the Civic Centre – one about the state of the fit out and one about the continuing construction costs: Firstly, I see clarity about the state of the fit out. At the Electors Meeting last month, Graham Tattersall told us that the fit out was 90%-95% completed, incl carpets, some furniture etc. However, in written answers to this issue, you state that the remaining works for the building included and I quote: General interior fit out works, including carpet installation, painting and cabinetry works. So I ask is the fit out 90% complete or is it part of the remaining works yet to be done?</p>	<p>Response to question 1: The internal fit out works are now at approx. 95% complete overall. Approx. 5% is part of the remaining works still to be done.</p>
28 July 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Adele Carles	<p>Question 2 My second question relates to ongoing financing of the construction since the collapse of Pindan on 19 May: How much of your remaining construction budget of \$3.64 Million has now been spent? Have you spent any of the retained bonds of around \$3,673,000? If yes, how much has been spent and for what purpose?</p>	<p>Response to question 2: As of June, the City has paid \$40,451,233 against the construction project. •\$828,920 has been spent against the bonds, this is mainly against the façade, glazing and mesh works. •The remainder is spend against the remaining original works budget.</p>
21 July 2021	15 September 2021	Strategic Planning and Transport Committee	Isadora Noble	<p>1. Did the City of Fremantle commission its own Structural Engineer Report? If not, why not?</p>	No, because the bridge is not the City's property/asset, it is the State Government's. The State Government has done this work.
21 July 2021	15 September 2021	Strategic Planning and Transport Committee	Isadora Noble	<p>2. Did the City of Fremantle commission its own Heritage Assessment of the Bridge? If not, why not?</p>	No, because the existing bridge is already registered on the State Heritage Register and therefore has already been assessed as having State-level Cultural Heritage Significance. It's not a question of whether it has significance, clearly it does, it is more of a question to the State Government regarding how are they going to deal with either de-listing it, or conserving the cultural significance of the bridge as part of the project. The City has asked this question of the State Government but has not yet received a response.
21 July 2021	15 September 2021	Strategic Planning and Transport Committee	Isadora Noble	<p>3. Can the City provide any state government reports they have been provided, so that these can be reviewed to ensure their adequacy?</p>	The City has received the same reports and other documents as are already available to the public via the Main Roads WA website which has a dedicated page for the Swan River Crossings project. This page provides links to all available and up-to-date documents.
21 July 2021	15 September 2021	Strategic Planning and Transport Committee	Isadora Noble	<p>4. What alternative uses for the existing bridge (eg. For pedestrian and/or cyclist movement only) were considered?</p>	From the City's perspective, many options have explored at a strategic / high-level including retention of the old bridge as a pedestrian/cyclist only bridge. All ideas were conveyed to Main Roads WA in the early stages of project development. The City's FREQ 2029 document published in 2015 includes information on the City's ideas for re-purposing the bridge.
11 August 2021	8 September 2021	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	<p>Question 1: In relation to the officer's recommendations, that the One Planet is to be abolished and not replaced with a globally recognised system like Climate Active/NCOS certification. Why would the city commit to \$25,000 carbon offsets, \$10,000 for so called sustainability subscriptions and substantial investment to get to a zero carbon emission target by 2025 without the management and measurement process in place?</p>	<p>Response to question 1: One Planet is a holistic approach to sustainability, factoring in social, environmental and economic impacts. The City's zero emissions goals and carbon neutrality are a part of its commitment to environmental sustainability but are not a replacement for One Planet. The City does, however, have a framework to pursue these goals, in the form of the Corporate Energy Plan. The City maintains its carbon neutrality through an annual audit of emissions following the NCOS framework (but not currently externally certified). These provide a management and measurement process.</p>
11 August 2021	8 September 2021	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	<p>Question 2: The report also does not outline the many funds that have been allocated to initiatives under the "One Planet" banner. Would this not be considerable and why would such a major allocation of funds for an initiative that is imbedded in almost every project under the Strategic Community Plan 2015-2025 not have the proper checks and balances required to be easily audited for the total costs to the city?</p>	<p>Response to question 2: Council requested a review of two specific budget accounts, being sustainability subscriptions, and funds allocated to carbon off-set purchases: the report consequently addressed these two items. Many activities contribute either directly or indirectly to One Planet principles which, as the question notes, has strong alignment with the City's Strategic Community Plan. Because of this alignment, it is not feasible to meaningfully classify a project or activities as 'One Planet' or 'non-One Planet': their contribution to the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan represent the key considerations in determine their suitability for inclusion in the budget. Extensive checks and balances exist in the general allocation, expenditure and reporting of the budget.</p>
11 August 2021	8 September 2021	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Shani Graham	<p>Question 1: When putting the Budget together, are considerations, such as the latest ICC report, taken into account?</p>	<p>Response to question 1: In May 2019, Council declared that the world is in a state of climate and biodiversity emergency. Council's response to that emergency is outlined in its Climate Emergency Position Statement. This as well as the direction established in the Strategic Community Plan, supporting strategies and action plans, and the Corporate Business Plan are taken into account in formulating budget proposals.</p>
11 August 2021	8 September 2021	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Shani Graham	<p>Question 1: When putting the Budget together, are considerations, such as the latest ICC report, taken into account?</p>	<p>Response to question 2: In adopting the 2021/22 Annual Budget, Council requested that two specific budget items be reviewed to determine most effective allocation: sustainability subscriptions, and carbon off-set funds used to support carbon neutrality. In adopting the Climate Emergency Position Statement earlier this year, Council considered different responses to climate emergency and resolved to "confirm its commitment to a climate change response focussed on: a. Advocacy b. Climate change adaption actions (as per Climate Change Adaption Plan) c. Corporate carbon reduction initiatives (as per Corporate Energy Plan)". In reviewing these budget allocations, this direction and the stated desire to prioritise action over engagement and reporting was noted and reflected in the recommendation.</p>
11 August 2021	8 September 2021	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Shani Graham	<p>Question 3: Would the Council consider meeting more regularly with local sustainability community groups regarding supporting each other more effectively?</p>	<p>Response to question 3: Yes, officers will look at an approach to meeting and working more effectively with local sustainability community groups on climate change and other environmental responsibilities.</p>
8 September 2021	8 September 2021	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Felix Paul	<p>Question 1: I note the consultation process in the document, but I would like an explanation specifically to what the consultation process looked like as the team outreached to representatives from the cultural and diversity communities and queer communities? Question 2: Why is the overwhelming focus of this document about disability access and why this particular definition on disability?</p>	<p>Response from Manager Community Development: The 7 outcomes detailed in the document are derived from legislation provided by the Disability Services Commission and their wording is available for all public authorities to use. This Plan has been developed through the evaluation and engagement with an external consultant and a key stakeholder working group, representing people with disability, local service providers, community members and advocates. As part of our Working group, it is evident that we need to be more diverse and inclusive with full support to have Outcome 8. This is a high-level document and support for the City's implementation plan will include a set of actions that focuses on Fremantle increasing the visibility, social inclusion and health and wellbeing of the LGBTQIA+ community.</p>
8 September 2021	8 September 2021	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Maurice Overy	<p>Has the Fremantle City Council offered Perth Glory the use of Ken Allen Reserve?</p>	The item being presented for consideration tonight is on the license for 70 Parry Street, Fremantle, and (the license) does not include any commentary about a training facility for Perth Glory.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	<p>1. In respect to the civic centre building project, what are the current known building construction defects, who is liable and responsible for rectification (is it the City, CDI Group or novated subcontractors), including such items as the impact of the rain ingress affected areas (i.e., electrical installation issues in the basement area) and other defects? It's reported that the water table has aided in the flooding of the old basement, has the water table been an issue before for this location? Has construction work of the building damaged the integrity of this area. If so, who is liable for the repair work?</p>	<p>Response 1 •The building is still under construction and has not reached Practical Completion (PC) – there are no known construction defects. •Any issues or defects that may arise (after PC) during the defect liability period – and are the fault of a contractor or supplier will be addressed by that contractor through their applicable warranty or by the City – on behalf of Pindan. •The old basement area is an existing structure and houses a Westempower substation – this was not part of the new building structure / works; however, the new building (basement level) does now connect to the old basement area via a connecting doorway. •There is no evidence or report of the new building or works interfering or damaging the old basement. •Maintenance works have been carried out to the old basement area and the water ingress / dampness problem has significantly improved.</p>
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	<p>2. Has the fire protection installation and suppression system in the Fremantle Town Hall and the civic centre been completed yet, and if not and in the event of a fire what legal risks is the City exposed to and liable for, and is insurance in place to cover the impact of such fire risks? What are the additional expenses for this work and the changes needed and how does this impact the budget?</p>	<p>Response 2 •The fire suppression works have been completed in the Town Hall, the system will be commissioned and certified in conjunction with the new building. •The Town Hall building is still functional as a separate building with its existing fire provisions and operational procedures. •The building is insured. •The costs for these works was approx. \$580k and was covered by the new building contingency budget.</p>

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25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	1. Page 28 of the Index of Notes to the Financial Report for the Year ended June 2020 (meeting attachments AGME 21 June2021), Buildings - non specialised in the 4th column: Please demonstrate how you arrived at the figure of \$265,143,718 (the gross carrying amount 30 June 2020); given the gross carrying amount brought forward at 1 July 2019 was \$125,492,999, additions were \$25,843,811 and disposals were \$6,841,877? Can you account for the gain of \$120,648,785?	Response 1 The City has answered that question on two occasions now and have provided a response in the current agenda. Below is the reconciliation of the amount of \$265,143,718 Gross carrying amount for Buildings Non-Specialised in note 9 (a) in the Annual Financial Statements for 30 June, 2020;
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	2. Given the Financial Report was not accepted at the AGME 21 June 2021, is there an amended Financial Report available? If not, when will it be made available?	Response 2 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Glen Dougall provided the following response to questions 2 at the meeting: The financial report that was presented to the AGME on the 21 June 2021, doesn't necessarily need to be accepted by the AGME, and no amended report will be provided as the financial statements have been provided and signed off by the Office of the Auditor General and cannot be amended.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	3. Which one of your different versions of advice in relation to questions taken on notice is correct: Page 15, Agenda 25 August 2021 : Responses to questions, including the request for clarification is emailed to the questioner as well as appearing in the Minutes of the meeting. A questioner does not need to attend a meeting to ask a question of the City the City will respond to questions received outside of the meeting processes. Response 2. In order to accommodate public question time requirements during the Covid-19 related lockdown/limitations the process was temporarily suspended. The City has now reverted to its pre-Covid requirement that questions and statements are to be made at a meeting. A report clarifying Public Question Time processes will be presented to Council for consideration in May. Response 3. Electronic questions were only received by the City during the Covid-19 related lockdown/limitations. Questions not asked at a meeting will be responded to as general communication and will not be included in the Minutes of a meeting	Response 3 All three of these statements are correct: If a person asks a question at a meeting of council the response and any requests for additional clarification will be emailed to the questioner. In addition, the response will be included in the Minutes of the meeting at which the questions was asked or a subsequent Agenda if the question is taken on notice. If a questioner does not wish to stand up and ask their questions at a meeting of council then they can forward them to the City to be answered in the usual course of business. These questions and responses will not be recorded in Minutes or Agendas to council meetings. When lockdown limitations were in place, the City accommodated public question time, at meetings that were held electronically, by allowing questioners to send their questions to the City in electronic format to be to be presented to the meeting and responded to in the usual way. A report was not submitted to Council in May as anticipated as the information made available on the City's Website already provides adequate clarification.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	4. Artists exemptions - Where in the excerpt provided does it note 'artists exemptions'? Where is the amount of \$42,250 recorded? Where is the artist's name recorded?	Response 4 The Fremantle Biennale funded the artist fees. The Arcs d'Ellipses installation cost \$143,000. The removal and restoration of buildings cost approximately \$169,000, noting that this included some additional building restoration works funded by some of the residents (at their request).
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	5. What was the total cost (including the artist's transport, accommodation, the subsequent clean up and restoration of buildings, etc,) associated with the Fremantle Biennale project Arcs d'Ellipses (Yellow Stripes) of 2017?	Response 5 The Fremantle Biennale funded the artist fees. The restoration of buildings cost approximately \$145,000.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	6. Is the Fremantle Biennale project Yellow Stripes and its associate consequences compatible with the One Planet policy/strategy?	Response 6 We will assume you're referring to 2017 artwork Arcs d'Ellipses. The artwork and its associated consequences align with the One Planet Fremantle Framework: -Participation in the arts Inclusive communities (not-ticketed, accessible)
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	7. For the current Fremantle Biennale project what was the selection process for the commissioning of the artists?	Response 7 The Fremantle Biennale is a registered charity/not-for-profit organisation and is not part of City of Fremantle. The Fremantle Biennale is responsible for commissioning artists.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	8. How were the ratepayers involved in the decision making process for the current Fremantle Biennale project?	Response 8 The Fremantle Biennale is a registered charity/not-for-profit organisation and is not part of City of Fremantle.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	9. Given Fremantle council's decision to delete the firework display component of the Blessing of the Fleet, was there community consultation to determine whether ratepayers agree with such a decision?	Response 9 The Council decision was to continue to support the event (inc the fireworks display component). Council decided to continue the event sponsorship for the next three years as follows: Year 1 (2021-22) \$15,484.62 cash Year 2 (2022-23) \$15,484.62 cash Year 3 (2023-24) \$15,484.62.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	1. The total civic centre project costs have clearly exceeded the original 2012 Kings Square project business plan and revised budgets. The unwillingness to provide up to date information to ratepayers on the total expenditure continues, but now the City is using the excuse that figures are unaudited. So is now being asked for a third time. In a request for a one figure answer, of the approximate \$62m Construction work in progress amount (unaudited) as at 30 June 2021, how much relates to the entire total civic centre project construction work in progress as at 30 June 2021?	Response 1 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Glen Dougall provided the following response to Mr Ross's questions at the meeting: The City isn't hiding behind the auditor in any way. The City has provided information in relation to the work in progress in relation to the Civic Centre, which I think was the specific questions you asked and has provided an update that we will work through the auditor in bringing the prior year, that have been signed off by the auditor to account through the work in progress for the current financial year. Additional response provided after the meeting This information is provided again for your reference The amount of capital expenditure on the construction of the new civic building as at 30 June, 2020 is; Preliminaries \$ 3,091,241 Demolition \$ 2,504,791 Consultants \$ 2,660,015 Newman Ct \$ 647,272 Construction \$23,878,810 TOTAL \$32,782,129 These costs are a progression from FY17/18 to FY19/20 as follows; 2017/18 \$ 3,486,450 2018/19 \$ 7,470,399 2019/20 \$21,825,280 TOTAL \$32,782,129 Based on the civic building construction amount at 30 June 2020 of \$23,878,810 (identified in the response above) and the April 2021 monthly financial report figure of \$14,432,537 for the current financial year, the total progress cost for capital construction for the civic building as at 30 April, 2021 is \$38,311,347. The City of Fremantle is currently finalising its FY20/21 end of year financial position. Once this position has been finalised and audited by the Office of the Auditor General, the requested figure will be made public.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	2. The CEO is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the annual financial information, not the auditor, so why can't the unaudited expenditure figure in question 1 be provided?	Response 2 The City is reviewing its WIP for the period 1 July, 2020 to current period, as has been stated in our responses to date. This is being undertaken as part of the process of preparing the annual statements for EOY June 2021. The City will work with the City's Auditor to bring back any WIP from previous audited financial year/s. These changes will be provided in monthly financial reports as EOY progress occurs, as has occurred in past year processes.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	3. The Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2021 states 'Capital Work in Progress' as \$23m which is clearly incorrect (should be approx. \$40m higher) and when will this misleading figure be corrected?	Response 3 The WIP disclosed in the July 2021 Financial Statements refers to costs incurred on projects from 1 July 2020 until the time of reporting. As previously stated, correction to any prior WIP will be undertaken through the process of drafting the June 2021 EOY statements and worked with the City Auditor.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	4. In a yes or no answer, will the annual financial statements as at 30 June 2021 disclose Construction Work in Progress in the notes to the financial statements properly as required by accounting standards (AASB 116 74b)?	Response 4 Yes.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	5. Will the annual financial statements as at 30 June 2021 disclose Heritage Buildings and Heritage Land separately in the notes to the financial statements similar to City of Perth financial statement disclosure?	Response 5 A position on this request has not been determined. It will be reviewed and considered as part of the 30 June 2021 EOY statements. It is noted that this is not a requirement of the accounting standards.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	6. In the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the month ended 31 July 2021, depreciation is incorrectly stated as \$2,822 rather than approximately \$0.8m, and when will this be corrected?	Response 6 Depreciation calculation will be implemented from August 2021 Financial Statements.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	7. As required by local government guidelines was a fixed asset reconciliation actually prepared for the month ended 31 July 2021, and what was the depreciation amount in that movement table?	Response 7 No, EOY adjustments need to be completed and EOY of the Asset register needs to be rolled over first. This had not occurred by 31 July 2021.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	8. In the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the month ended 31 July 2021, employee costs, interest and insurance costs are all clearly incorrect and not properly accrued, and when will this be corrected?	Response 8 The City acknowledges that the accrual process for these areas was not implemented as part of the July monthly financial report for these areas. The City is in the process of revising end of month procedures to assist in providing accrual figures to better reflect the accounts in accordance with the accounting standards.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	9. The council has failed to properly respond to my question 5 (from the previous OCM 28 July 2021). To reiterate, an unaudited profit of \$11,626,192 (OCM 22 July 2020, refer Statement of Comprehensive Income, not Rate Setting Statement as council have incorrectly suggested) was disclosed in the council agenda on 22 July 2020. Yet an operating loss of \$8.5m appeared in the audited financial statements in March 2021 with no explanation of the \$20m decrease to arrive at this substantial loss. To avoid misunderstanding again by the City refer attachments provided. To prevent poor practice in the future, will council provide explanation in the monthly agendas for the changes made to the FY20/21 operating results presented in the council agenda on 28 July 2021 to the final results in the audited financial statements?	Response 9 The process for finalising the operating results for the EOY for June 2021 is currently being undertaken. There will be changes to the figures as EOY procedures are concluded and processed by the auditor and the figures are an estimate of the EOY position, based on the information known at the time, until finalised. These will then be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee. It is not uncommon for figures to change as the EOY process is undertaken and concluded. The City will report on the audit process though the Audit and Risk Committee.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	10. If no explanations are to be provided in the changes made to the FY20/21 operating results as the year end process is progressively finalised, why not?	Response 10 The process for finalising the operating results for the EOY for June 2021 are currently being undertaken. There will be changes to the figures as EOY procedures are concluded and processed by the auditor. These will then be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	11. Will the Audit & Risk Management Committee review the draft FY20/21 annual financial statements before being signed by the CEO, and what happens if the committee actually wants to make changes (such as preventing the poor Construction work in progress disclosure in FY19/20)?	Response 11 The Audit and Risk Committee will review the annual financial statements prior to final conclusion of the statements.
25 August 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	12. Why was the sale of 7-9 Quarry Street property considered a confidential item at FPOL on 11 August 2021?	Response 12 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Glen Dougall provided the following response to Mr Ross's questions at the meeting: The Quarry street item that was provided as confidential, was provided as confidential because there was information pertaining to a sale relating to a third party and Council may or may not have at that time wanted to proceed with that sale and we didn't want to disclose that confidential information. Because the Committee decided that they would provide a positive recommendation forward to Council, officers decided to rewrite the item slightly to remove significant confidential information whilst also providing the pertinent information in accordance with the sale proceeds which is a) the price and b) the valuation.
25 August 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	13. What financial due diligence has the council undertaken on the proposed buyer of the 7-9 Quarry Street property to ensure proposed conditions and development timelines will be met?	Response 13 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Glen Dougall provided the following response to Mr Ross's questions at the meeting: The due diligence as far as timelines go, would be included in the contract of sale. So, the contract of sale would require the purchases to abide by those timelines, like other sales in the past that Council have proceeded with.

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25 August 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Craig Ross	14. Why didn't the council engage an independent property sales agent in the sales advertisement process for the sale of the 7-9 Quarry Street property?	Response 14 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Glen Dougall provided the following response to Mr Ross's questions at the meeting: The independent real estate agent wasn't required initially because Council went through a) an auction process and b) an expression of interest process earlier this year and at that point we didn't decide to undertake the process required to use a real estate agent.
25 August 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Jason Amaranti	1. I can see that there is a budget and plan for underground power for Hilton. Will this be for all of Hilton. What is the plan and budget to extend underground power to Samson and O'Connor.	Deputy Mayor, Andrew Sullivan provided a response to question 1: The area is chosen by the state agency and is typically an area that suits their grid, so my understand is that it is not something we can negotiate. So, the area is the area, and we will participate in that, but its not the whole of Hilton. There is a map showing the area, but that area won't be amended. Director Infrastructure, Graham Tattersall, provided a response to question 1: There is a map defining the area and it is set by Western Power and it relates to the asset condition and is directed by them. So, we don't have the opportunity to extend it or add additional properties. Addition response provided after the meeting. For a copy of the area map covered by the current Western Power Network Renewal Undergrounding Program Pilot (NRUPP) in Hilton, please visit the following website; https://www.westernpower.com.au/media/4736/hilton-nrupp-project-boundary-map.pdf
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Jason Amaranti	2. I work with a number of businesses in Murphy Street in O'Connor and they have all made comments in regards to the parking and safety in the street. Is there a plan to look at this?	Response 2 The City has a Community Safety Plan and will review it to consider the need to include any adjustments for Murphy if considered necessary.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	1. Why does the council give evasive non answers to clear questions requiring me to resubmit them ?	Response 1 The City provides as straight an answer as it can.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	2. In the absence of a 10 year Financial Plan can the council please give an estimate of next years Rate increase	Response 2 The City will discuss this process with council over the coming period to establish principles for a new 10 year plan.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	3.Regarding the answer given to my question 5 last month . The answer given is just a repetition of the answer the council arrived at . Which submissions did the council review that led them to state that to meet the communities expectation a higher than advertised rate was needed (The 8 submissions in the minutes all called for no or a lesser increase)	Response 3 Council based its decision to set rates for 2021/22 based on their determined need to provide adequate services to the community and considered comments from the community prior to final consideration of the budget.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	4. Was the higher than rate increase due to the community submissions or was it due to the reasons outlined in the answer to my question 6 ? Which is the correct reason for the higher then advertised rate increase ?	Response 4 Council set the rates for the 2021/22 budget based on their considered need to provide services to the community.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	5.With regard to Q7: Does the council mean 6.45(3) of the local govt act 1995 rather than Local Govt (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 which simply states you can apply an interest rate ? The question was how did the council while trying to ease the burden at rates arrive at an interest rate double current mortgage rates and 15 times higher than the best deposit rate it could hope to achieve ?	Response 5 Council set interest rates at the maximum level allowed under Local Government Act and Regulations.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	6. Could the council please advise me what the cost and revenue from ticket sales was the "Soak and Stem event . This was asked for clearly last month	Response 6 This question was answered last month. The cost was \$13,716 The ticket revenue was \$10,620 Difference was \$3,096 This was budgeted in the operations budget.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	7. Regarding Q10 .Can the council highlight where in the information provided to ratepayer where the advertised rates are included as required	Response 7 As provided in the responses to question taken on notice section of the Agenda and Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 August 2021: "Information was provided in accordance with relevant legislation in the 2021-22 Annual Rate brochure that was included with physical paper notices or as a link with the notices delivered (as per the ratepayer's selection) by eRates or BPay."
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Brian Jury	8. Why is the council importing paving stone from China for the new civic centre ? Is Australian stone not good enough ?	Response 8 The quality and specification of the paving (and other materials) was developed by the architect. The contractor delivering the works is free to choose their preferred materials and supplier, provided it meets the required specification, quality and technical requirements.
25 August 2021	25 August 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Steven Pynt	1. Will Council's construction of the proposed new toilet and shower facility at South Beach commence and be completed within the next 12 months?	Response 1 Deputy Mayor, Andrew Sullivan provided the following response at the meeting: No, there wont be a construction of toilets in the next 12 months, the budget item is for design works and the like. Officers confirmed that the budget was extended to include temporary toilets. If temporary toilets are required the budget hopefully allocates sufficient money for that, but not for new construction or renovations.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Steven Pynt	2. What was the total legal expense incurred by the City during the year ended 30 June 2021, for how many separate instances was legal advice sought times during the year ended 30 June 2021, how much has been budgeted for legal expenses in the year ending 30 June 2022, and when was the last tender for the provision of services for the City's preferred legal advisor?	Response 2 The City's legal costs for the FY ending June 2021 was \$475,000. Approximately \$200,000 of this is recoverable through an outcome in the High Court. The legal budget for 2021/22 is \$424,000. The number of individual times legal issues were sought is approximately 60. The last CoF tender for legal services was undertaken pre 2015, since then council has used the WALGA tender panel process to purchase legal services.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	1. Please explain when a full report will be presented to Council in review of the City's own policies and practices of 'good governance' that resulted in Fremantle ratepayers funding of a so called 'unauthorised' 'Tent City' political protest?	Response 1 A report to council in relation to the camp out at pioneer park was received by council on 24 February 2021.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	2. Please also explain how and when the Fremantle City Council plans to allocate appropriate resources to ensure that the recommendations of that report are immediately implemented with planned, accountable actions that will clearly demonstrate 'accountability for performance' of the principles of continuous improvement and 'good governance' of our City?	Response 2 As per the Chief Executive Officer's report to council in relation to the camp out at pioneer park received by council on 24 February 2021 the "Next Steps" included in that report are as follows: 1. A further review will be undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer on the process of approval for voluntary goodwill groups seeking to undertake an activity in Fremantle; and 2. Any recommended changes in policy to support a change in process and/or compliance in dealing with matters associated with voluntary goodwill groups will be brought to council for consideration. In response to the "Next Steps": The City has reviewed it's process for Good Will Groups seeking to undertake and activity in Fremantle as indicated in the adopted policy "Grants and Sponsorship Policy" The process of approvals for Volunteer Good Will Groups is currently under review and a recommendation will be made to council in due course.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Barry Healy	1. I would like to ask about the approximate cost and wastage of Council staff workers hours spent in dealing with the campaign of vexatious questions that this Council	Response1 If an assumption is based on the last OCM - which generated approx. 48 logged questions (noting many included multiple questions): oGenerally, each batch of questions requires: <input type="checkbox"/> Post meeting assembly, checking and recording on one summary document •Estimated (average) officer hours - 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Circulation and allocation to relevant departments / officers •Estimated (average) officer hours - 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Enquiry, research and a written response •Estimated (average) officer hours - (48 x 15 mins a question) 720 mins - 12 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Director/Manger checking and sign-off •Estimated (average) officer hours - 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Collation, checking and final verification •Estimated (average) officer hours - 4 Say 24 staff hours per meeting. Assume questions asked is 25 meetings / year = 600 hours/pa.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	1. In relation to FPOL2108-3 the Review of Sustainability Subscriptions. If sustainability is such a high priority for the city, then was not a decision on this item and my motion from the Electors meeting not deferred to this full council meeting?	Response 1 Item FPOL2108-3 addressed the review of sustainability subscriptions as requested by the Council when it adopted the 2021/22 budget and also addressed the motion moved by Mr Loubikis at the Annual General Meeting of Electors on 21 June 2021. The matter for decision in the item was a matter that the Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee has delegated authority from the Council to deal with. The Committee used its delegated authority to make a decision on this item - no motion to defer the item or refer it to the full Council meeting on 25 August was moved at the Committee meeting.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	2. FPOL2108-18 . Considering the Fremantle community and businesses need some positivity, why has the motion by Councillor Vujcic been voted against, only to have a alternative watered down version? Surely an event as proposed by Councillor Vujcic would inject some much needed business into town whilst recognising the achievements of the local Olympians?	Response 2 Council requested the investigation of options to allow for further information to be sort on the likelihood of any Fremantle connected athlete having the ability to be present at such an event, what other similar events may have already been planned in other parts of Perth, and assessment of the benefits and cost related to delivery of such an event.
25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	1. Why is the City voting to scrap the Fremantle Heritage Conservation Grants Policy altogether?	Response 1 The purpose of the policy was to guide the operation of a heritage grants program established in 2010/11. Council decided to cease providing budget allocation for local heritage grants in its annual budget in 2012/13 and consequently the grant program has not been in existence since that date. The policy therefore currently serves no purpose. In the event of the Council deciding to re-establish a heritage grants program with a related budget allocation the City's administration could develop a new policy for Council adoption to guide the operation of the program

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25 August 2021	22 September 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	2. In relation to the Heritage Places Reserve Policy, how is it lawful for council to abandon a key policy without public consolation and council motion especially given the following clause in the policy?	Response 2 The policy has not been abandoned – the policy has been recommended for review in the context of a broader review of reserves. Council accepted this recommendation at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 August 2021. The policy sets out principles to guide decisions on the expenditure of funds held in the Heritage Places Reserve Fund. However the overall management of funds in reserves including the Heritage Places Reserve is dealt with through the adoption of the annual budget by Council. Council adopted the 2021/22 budget by a motion carried at its meeting on 23 June 2021.
22 September 2021	27 October 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	In the notes relating to the financial report, in column 4 of the table you have reported figures that do not add up, why don't they add up?	Below is the calculation of the reconciliation figure described as the Gross Carrying Amount in the fourth column from the left of note 9 – Property Plant and Equipment on page 28 of the City of Fremantle Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020. The Gross carrying amount at the bottom of the page is not part of the table immediately above it, it is a reconciliation of the "carrying amount" as at 30 June 2020 and reflects the values based on the revaluation of this asset class, the replacing the June, 2019, figure with the revaluation figure of \$226,650,800. Accumulated Depreciation is therefore also adjusted to \$107,821,000 reflect the new carrying amount.
15 Decemner 2021	19 January 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	1a. Why was the 'tent city' incident not reported to the CCC by the CEO?	Response 1a The matter was not referred to the CCC by the City as it was not considered to be an issue within the ambit of the CCC. It should be noted that members of the public are also able to refer issues to the CCC and this did not occur either as far as the City is aware. An internal investigation was undertaken by the CEO into Council process which included the recommendation that the City's policy position be reviewed
15 Decemner 2021	19 January 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	1b. Why has the City introduced a new policy related exclusively for this type of event?	Response 1b The Voluntary Goodwill Service Provider Policy has been introduced as a part of a wider strategy to provide support for people at risk of or experiencing food insecurities, homelessness and other levels of disadvantage. It is aligned with the State Government Strategy to end homelessness, with the role of Local Government articulated as: • Coordinating volunteer and charity groups through a place-based approach that better meets the needs of people experiencing homelessness; • Utilising land and assets to create places that are inclusive and can support vulnerable people.
15 Decemner 2021	19 January 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	1c. Can you please define 'Persons of Goodwill'?	Response 1c Goodwill groups are usually non-registered groups i.e. Church groups etc. who want to assist with helping disadvantaged people who are experiencing homelessness by providing food support and other donations.
15 Decemner 2021	19 January 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	1d. Under current City polices St Pats is listed as an authorised and supported charity by the City. Why has a new policy been created that appears to endorse unregistered non legal entities to carry out charity work using City assets and resources?	Response 1d This Policy will inform the development of a registration process. The City's registration process will achieve the role of Local Government as outlined in the State's Strategy and the Food Relief Framework in working towards ending homelessness.
15 Decemner 2021	19 January 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	1e. Why was my question about this policy not recorded in the previous minutes?	Response 1e A statement was made at the previous meeting of Council (24 November 2021) and was acknowledged in the Minutes of that Meeting. No questions were recorded as having been asked during the making of that statement.
15 Decemner 2021	19 January 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	1f. What protections are in place to avoid unscrupulous people using this policy for their own gain, or crimes as per Tent City?	Response 1f This Policy will guide the development of a registration process, where volunteer led groups and organisations operating (or intending to) in the City will need to apply for a permit to operate. This is a structured process that will provide opportunity for both goodwill and funded homelessness support services to support people with crisis support, and to link people to other social support services that will address the types and cause of their homelessness. This process will set an expected standard of service delivery that is safe, accessible, collaborative, and closely aligned to the strategic direction of the metro-homelessness sector and most importantly to the needs of people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity.
15 Decemner 2021	19 January 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	Question 2: FPOL 2112-8 Request for Sponsorship Winter World 2022-2024 2a. Why is the City supporting a successful private business to the tune of \$180, 000 over 3 years?	Response 2a The City is sponsoring the event due to the visitation it attracts to the City (over 100,000 people) and the economic benefit and dispersal of foot traffic associated with that visitation. The provision of support is in line with the City's Destination Marketing Strategic Plan and the City's grants and sponsorship policy
15 Decemner 2021	19 January 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	2b. Does this set a precedent that all events like the Beer Festival and other music festivals Etc. should be subsidised by ratepayers?	Response 2b No. Winterworld provides a different and more accessible family based offering as compared to fenced/closed off events such as beerfest and music festivals.
15 Decemner 2021	19 January 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	2c. Why did ratepayers not receive rebates or in-kind support over COVID?	Response 2c Ratepayers who experienced genuine financial hardship during COVID were able to access support in line with the City's financial hardships policy.
15 Decemner 2021	19 January 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	2d. Does this event bring in visitors from across Perth and how has this been measured?	Response 2d It brings visitors from across the entire state. This is measured via postcode data collected from ticket holders, and data collected via marketing campaigns. Results are made available annually via an extensive report provided by the event organiser, which is a condition of the sponsorship.
15 Decemner 2021	19 January 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	2e. Why does the City keep using COVID as an excuse to waive fees, rates, and offer in kind support for businesses quite evidently trading very profitably?	Response 2e COVID remains a significant risk and challenge for the entire world, it has not gone away. The event industry was and continues to be impacted significantly due to COVID restrictions. Large events offer an opportunity to reactivate the City and increase foot traffic after two years of significant decline in tourism visitation due to COVID.
19 January 2022	23 February 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	Question 1 Does the City as part of the Walyalup Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-22 (RAP) feel it has an obligation to reach out in support of the vulnerable indigenous girls that were reported to have been attacked during the camp at pioneer park to ensure their welfare has been taken care of?	Response 1 This is a Police matter. However, in line with the City's WRAP to advocate with local providers for culturally appropriate health and social services in Fremantle, Wungenging Aboriginal Corporation provided representation on the Tent City Pioneer Park Working Group and assisted with the provision of outreach services.
19 January 2022	23 February 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	Question 2 As per the City of Fremantle Aboriginal Engagement Plan and community matters dialogue have local Aboriginal Community leaders been contacted by the City to offer support for the two girls that were reported to have been attacked during the camp at pioneer park?	Response 2 This is a Police matter. Many Elders provided family support at Pioneer Park as well as there being Aboriginal representation through the Wungening Aboriginal Corporation on the Tent City Pioneer Park Working Group to provide guidance and direction on culturally sensitive matters.
19 January 2022	23 February 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	Question 3 Has an approach been made by the guardians of the two girls for compensation from the City?	Response 3 No.
19 January 2022	23 February 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Loubikis	Question 4 In relation to the girls that were reported to have been attacked during the camp at pioneer park: a. How has this event affected the relationship with the leadership of the Whadjuk community and the City of Fremantle? b. Has there been engagement as per the guidelines of RAP on this event and follow up for these girls and if so, is there a report on this issue as per section 19.4 RAP?	Response 4a The City continues to have an extremely positive and meaningful relationship with the leaders of the Whadjuk Nyoongar Community and is a leader in local government for its journey in reconciliation. Wungenging Aboriginal Corporation worked alongside other Crisis care agencies to provide support to those in need, in consultation with family members. Response 4b We report annually to Council and Reconciliation Australia on the actions and outcomes achieved in the Plan. Matters pertaining to the Police are not reported through the WRAP.
19 January 2022	23 February 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Michelle Sheehy	Question 1 Will Council conduct a process of community consultation to develop a policy position on the privatisation of Council services?	Response 1 The City has reallocated work for painting, carpentry and graffiti removal to existing contractors who already do the vast majority of this type of work. It was simply not cost effective to continue with continue with 1 internal FTE in each of these areas.
19 January 2022	23 February 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Michelle Sheehy	Question 2 The City's proposal document for the outsourcing of building maintenance states the decision follows feedback received from the community and elected members. Will Council publicly release this feedback in the interests of transparency to our community and to show the role Councillors have played in the decision to outsource this service?	Response 2 The City receives many forms of feedback, comments and suggestions in respect to its services – this comes from numerous sources over extended periods of time, much of this is via public forums. The City's management team is responsible for operational matters of this nature. The City always strives to respond to feedback and works hard to ensure services and service levels are appropriate, cost effective, and in-line with community expectations.
19 January 2022	23 February 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Michelle Sheehy	Question 3 Will Council direct the A/CEO to undertake a review of the decision to outsource building maintenance to ensure all costs, including financial, service quality, responsiveness and community accountability are fully considered and both short term and long-term consequences properly evaluated?	Response 3 The CEO has been briefed in respect to the proposal and is satisfied that the matter has been appropriately considered.
23 February 2022	23 February 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	In relation to item FPOL2202-9 North Fremantle Bowling Club - Expression of Interest Criteria Question 1 Can I get some clarification on point a of the expression of interest criteria, with regards to the 60% utilisation?	Response by Acting Director City of Business The 60% utilisation figure refers to the period of time per year that the entire facility would be used or activated.
23 February 2022	23 March 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2 Can the Council show what investigation has been done to ensure that ratepayers' facilities will remain easily accessible to residents and ratepayers, and not attract the problems of past leases, and how the lease is drawn up so the legal issues, that were reported to have happened, don't happen again?	Response 1 The Expression of Interest (EOI) criteria will ensure this is achieved as submissions will need to demonstrate: • The ability to demonstrate an ongoing utilisation of the facility that is equal to or greater than 60% • The facility is made accessible to the broader community and the extent to which a diversity of use will be achieved can be demonstrated • The proposal can demonstrate the local community has been consulted or there is an intent and plan to do so • The extent to which the proposal aligns with the City's Strategic Community Plan and other relevant informing strategies The criteria will work to achieve the objective of guaranteeing the equitable and appropriate allocation of tenant and usage, whilst maximizing community benefit of theNorth Fremantle Bowling Club.
23 February 2022	23 March 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3 Can Council inform the electors when the Annual General Electors Meeting will be?	Response 2 There is currently no date set for the Annual General Meeting of Electors (AGME) as the City is waiting for the final budget report from the Office of the Auditor General before it can adopt the report and set the date for the AGME.
23 February 2022	23 March 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4 Has Council taken any additional steps to ensure its pools water safety and quality has not been compromised by its cut in operating expenses?	Response 3 The question relates to a cost saving for the delivery of a project that was completed underbudget (quotations received were less than initially estimated); the project was successful and delivered to specification and scope. The City has not reduced operational expenses or service levels in any area relating to the swimming pools and continues to actively manage water safety and quality in line with relevant standards and guidelines.
23 February 2022	23 March 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 5 Early in 2021 after the illegal tent city event in Pioneer Reserve, the Council noted in the minutes that the CEO final report was pending. Can Council confirm if this is done, and provide a link to the finalised reports?	Response 4 The final report tabled at the Jan OCM 2021: Minutes - Ordinary Meeting of Council - 27 January 2021_0.pdf (fremantle.wa.gov.au).
23 February 2022	23 March 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 6 Is Pioneer Park still under the Minister's authority and if so, when will it be returned to the City of Fremantle authority?	Response 5 Pioneer Park is still under the Minister's authority, the City are currently carrying out due diligence in respect to agreeing a new management order with the City of Fremantle.
23 February 2022	23 March 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 7 What steps has Council taken to avoid an event like Tent City from happening again?	Response 6 Development of the Goodwill Registration Policy provides strategic guidance in the development of a co-designed registration process to better improve the coordination of providers. Ongoing liaison with service providers to ensure services are open over extended public holiday periods (e.g., easter and Christmas).

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23 February 2022	23 March 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Dominique Miminagh	Question 1 How long was the process of coming half an hour early and putting your name down on a list to speak in place for in the City of Fremantle?	Response 1 It was anticipated that there would be a lot of interest for attendance at the meeting, so attendance was restricted to those people with an interest in the business of the meeting. Significant time had already been given to COVID-19 vaccine mandate discussion at both the December council meeting and again at the January council meeting and it was important to address the regular business of Council.
23 February 2022	23 March 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Dominique Miminagh	Question 2 Why has public question time been removed from the agenda without sufficient notice to the ratepayers and by removing public question time, how is your decision all inclusive as per your vision statement?	Response 2 Public question time was not removed from the agenda, the number of people admitted to the chamber was restricted to allow those with an interest in the business of the meeting the opportunity to be heard.
2 March 2022	6 April 2022	Planning Committee	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1 (in relation to item PC2203-12) There is significant value in the fact the Policy is an explicit statement of policy which clearly sets out the desired outcomes of protecting the residential amenity and function of the hotel as a local community tavern. The proposed revocation would render the Policy implicit and would therefore obscure existence of the policy and greatly reduce its clarity. This will create ambiguity making it more likely that consideration of and the enforcement of the substance of the Policy is eroded over time. If it is agreed that the substance of the Policy is appropriate (which does not appear to be a contention) it should be clearly stated, as is currently done in D.G.S1, and it does not make sense to reduce its prominence.	Response 1 The fundamental role of a local planning policy is to guide decision making under the planning scheme. This policy acknowledges the role of the existing Seaview Tavern (now 'The Local') as a neighbourhood tavern and states a presumption against its expansion outside the current site boundaries due to the inconsistency of this with its neighbourhood role, and its location in a predominantly residential area. Whilst it is arguable that there is no particular harm in retaining the policy, the position outlined in the report is that it provides no constructive benefit either: the zoning of the adjoining car park lot already precludes expansion of tavern use onto it and the physical constraints of the lots to the north provide a practical constraint. Further, the objectives for the Mixed Use zone reinforce the intent that development within the zone be compatible with residential uses and not detrimental to the area's amenity. In the view of City officers, any proposal to expand the tavern onto adjoining land (in terms of built form and increased scale and intensity of use) would not be compatible with this objective of the scheme. The scheme provisions (zoning controls and statement of objectives) provide statutorily much stronger controls than the policy which can be varied at Council's discretion.
2 March 2022	6 April 2022	Planning Committee	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2 (in relation to item PC2203-12) The argument relied upon by the officer to revoke the Policy is that it is superfluous. This seems to be primarily based on the zoning of the Seaview Tavern/Local Hotel. However, this is not a particularly robust protection, given that there is no guarantee that an attempt will not be made to change the zoning in the future. In this context, the Policy is an important safeguard to ensure that the tavern's role as a neighbourhood tavern is considered in any future application to change the zoning. Further, the current zoning restrictions only address the issue of use and not the separate issue of encroachment of the footprint of the tavern into the residential area.	Response 2 A local planning policy operates under the planning scheme so does not normally inform the content of the scheme - i.e. the scheme is the higher order statutory document. It is the role of the Local Planning Strategy to set strategic direction which forms the basis of future land zoning, and the Strategy would be the primary document that would guide assessment of any future proposal to rezonethe lots on which the tavern is located. The current zoning of the tavern car park lot as residential (and the residential zoning of lots to the east) would address the issue of encroachment of the footprint of the tavern (as well as use) into the residential whether the policy exists or not, as a tavern is an 'X' use (meaning not permitted) in the residential zone under the local planning scheme, and therefore a development application to extend the tavern building onto land which is zoned residential would not be permitted to be approved due to the planning scheme controls.
2 March 2022	6 April 2022	Planning Committee	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3 (in relation to item PC2203-12) The officer's comments on the lot to the north of the Seaview/Local, seems to be aimed at explaining why a separate policy is not required to address the issue of encroachment. The officer notes that a heritage duplex is located on this site and the implication appears to be that this prevents the Seaview/Local expanding to this site. This logic is flawed because (1) expanding the Seaview/Local to this site would not necessarily require demolition of the existing duplex; and (2) the officer's comments themselves acknowledge that while support for demolition would be "highly unlikely", rejection of such a proposal is not guaranteed. Therefore again, the Policy is an important safeguard to protect the existing character of the tavern and the interests of the surrounding residents.	Response 3 Officers acknowledge the mixed use zoning of the lot to the north of the existing tavern does not preclude an expansion of the tavern use in the same way that the residential zoning of the lots to the east does (see response to question 2 above). However in the view of officers the practical constraints and the heritage status under the planning scheme of the property to the north carry sufficient weight to guide Council's assessment of any such proposal, if it were to occur in the future, without the provisions contained in the policy. Further, the objectives for the Mixed Use zone reinforce the intent that development within the zone be compatible with residential uses and not detrimental to the area's amenity. As stated in the response to question 1 above, in the view of City officers any proposal to expand the tavern onto adjoining land to the north (in terms of built form and increased scale and intensity of use) would not be compatible with this objective of the scheme and this factor would weigh heavily against the approval of any future development application proposing such an expansion.
2 March 2022	6 April 2022	Planning Committee	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4 (in relation to item PC2203-12) Further, on the issue of encroachment, the officer's comments only refer to the lot immediately to the north of the Seaview/Local and nothing is said about the current carpark and other surrounding residential lots. Whilst the view may be that the current residentially zoned lots would not be re zoned, the Policy is an important safeguard to prevent this from ever happening.	Response 4 See response to question 2 above.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lisa Barnes	Question 1 As parking pressures in South Fremantle are currently a very real issue that are experienced by many of our residents and car use has increased. Is there an option of having at least 50% of available bays in a street dedicated to residents (that could be one side of the street for example)?	Response 1 This option is not recommended by City officers as restricting on-street parking to one user group only (residents) reduces the public parking supply, impacting on other residents and activities in the area as parking demand is transferred onto other streets, and introduces inequities in the allocation of what is, ultimately, a public asset. An alternative approach, supported by Council as one of the principles to guide further development of the Parking Plan in Council's resolution on 23 March 2022, is to set a target for maintaining reasonable access for residents to on-street parking bays within 200m (ideally 100m) of any house through the use of controls such as time limits and parking fees (variable for resident parking permit holders).
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lisa Barnes	Question 2 It is anticipated that paid parking will further exacerbate residential street parking pressures. Can the City conduct a comprehensive Parking Strategy, with community consultation, prior to a decision on this matter?	Response 2 Community consultation is envisaged as part of the next stage of developing the precinct-based parking management approaches that will ultimately make up the overall Parking Plan. Any community engagement will occur before a final decision on the matter.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lisa Barnes	Question 3 Instead of expecting residents, within 400m of the CAT, contributing to its costs, can the City look at getting others to contribute including the State Government, Notre Dame, neighbouring Councils who benefit (East Fremantle, Cockburn), the Education Department, Tourism WA, etc.	Response 3 Council's resolution on the CAT Bus review on 23 March 2022 included a request that the Mayor and CEO seek to secure additional funding, with options to be explored including a contribution from Fremantle Ports/State Government as part of activation of Victoria Quay, and a contribution from major Educational Institutions. The officers' report to Council noted that discussions had already been held with the City of Cockburn and Town of East Fremantle regarding potential funding contributions but these discussions had not led to any commitment to funding contributions from other local governments.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lisa Barnes	Question 4 Can we please bring back the CAT in 10 min intervals? 20 mins is unreliable and does not attract sufficient traffic to keep it sustainable.	Response 4 Council's resolution on the CAT Bus review on 23 March 2022 included a request that a report be brought back to Council to finalise the preferred CAT Bus routes and service frequencies once the cost of the service under the new PTA contract is known, and other funding sources have been identified in late 2022, based on agreed, prioritised principles
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1 Why is the following document confidential? Homeless Services: City's 'Bespoke' submission to the enquiry. Terms of reference document – Confidential attachment 1.	Response 1 The Estimates and Financial Operations Committee has started its inquiry into the financial administration of homelessness services in Western Australia and has called for submissions. The Committee has advised that submissions are to be confidential until the Committee releases them and that submissions should not be disclosed until the Committee authorises public release.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2 Why would angle paid parking not be implanted along the Marine Terrace rail line to discourage campers and all-day parking unmonitored?	Response 2 The City will be implementing paid parking requirements on Marine Terrace (western side) by the commencement of the 2022/23 financial year, with payment required to be made using the PayStay parking app. Parking bays will be parallel to the kerb line as vehicle manoeuvring space required for angled parking cannot be accommodated without major realignment works to the road carriageway and median on Marine Terrace.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3 Would this (angle parking) not take the pressure off the residential areas surrounding the South Fremantle entertainment precinct?	Response 3 See answer to previous question above.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 4 Council talks about tight budget constraints however real amenity for ratepayers such as the CAT service does not get priority. I would think the CAT is essential for the opening of tourism post COVID. More funding from state government for tourism is required. How is it in the best interest of Fremantle or the Ratepayers by removing more amenity, especially something resident want?	Response 4 Council's resolution on the CAT Bus review on 23 March 2022 stated that Council supports the retention of a CAT bus service for reasons including that it: a. reduces traffic congestion and parking pressure in central Fremantle; b. provides alternative transport options for high density residential areas to access the CBD and key destinations; and c. transports visitors around the city and between key destinations. The Council resolution also included a request that the Mayor and CEO seek to secure additional funding, with options to be explored including a contribution from Fremantle Ports/State Government as part of activation of Victoria Quay, and a contribution from major Educational Institutions.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 5 What are the protections for residents in these heritage areas in lieu of these policies?	Response 5 The provisions of the Local Planning Scheme (zoning controls, development standards and statement of objectives) provide statutorily much stronger controls than these relatively old policies. Additionally, a new Local Planning Policy 3.6 'Heritage Areas', adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 March 2022, provides more up-to-date guidance on development in heritage areas such as South Fremantle to ensure that development proposals respect the heritage character of these areas and the amenity of residents.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 6 The Seaview as an example should be updated not deleted. Is this just a precursor to a development approval for this parking area with even less parking available for the hotel or future development?	Response 6 The deletion of this policy is not a precursor for any development approval. The City is not aware of any proposals for development of this property. The current zoning of the tavern car park lot as residential (and the residential zoning of lots to the east) would address the issue of encroachment of the footprint of the tavern (as well as the use) as a tavern is an 'X' use (meaning not permitted) in the residential zone under the local planning scheme. Therefore, a development application to extend the tavern building onto the tavern parking area which is zoned residential would not be permitted to be approved due to the planning scheme controls.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 7 To give power to the Mayor to make decisions on changing the format to public meetings is undemocratic and lessens the ability for our councillors to have input on why this should occur, so why can't the protocols of the first council meeting under COVID be applied?	Response 7 Regulations 14C and 14D of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996</i> give the Mayor or Council the power to determine if attendance via electronic means or the holding of electronic meetings will be permitted. At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 March 2022, Council determined to allow attendance via electronic means and the holding of electronic meetings, the Mayor will simply determine the method in which they are to be held.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 8 With the design of the chamber to be more inclusive to the wider community why could the public not just sit outside the glass door area until they are called to speak, just as happened before?	Response 8 No particular arrangements have been ruled out as the administration get to know the new chamber and try to adapt to changing conditions. Current focus is complying with State provisions and supporting the health and safety of all meeting attendees.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 9 Is this just a way of controlling a narrative without being questioned by the residents?	Response 9 No.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 10 How is this inclusive for all including the elderly, handicapped, or technologically challenged to participate?	Response 10 Questions and statements can be submitted before the meeting and will be responded to in the same way as they would if asked at the meeting. The meeting was also displayed on screens in the library.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 11 The Video Conference tech in the new Chamber seems inadequate, sound is poor and patchy and not all councillors could be seen on screen at the last meeting. What additional was spent on conference equipment for the Chamber?	Response 11 There have been some initial minor issues with balancing sound through the microphones in the chamber – officers are currently working through this with the suppliers. The video streaming service and set up is new and configurations / seating arrangements are still being tested. The audio-visual equipment for the building (including the Council Chamber) was part of the main building works.

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23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 12 Why was there such a delay after opening of the Civic building to have such basic video conferencing set up in comparison to other WA local governments?	Response 12 Officers only arranged to provide live streaming once the building's meeting functionality had been tested, the appropriate procedures were developed and approved, and also suitable training provided to users.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1 How can the Jan 2021 report, relating to the illegal tent city event in Pioneer Reserve, be the final report when in April 2021 you were still working out damage and repair cost to the park, which the city wasn't even then in charge of and still isn't?	Response 1 A breakdown of costs was provided in response to a question taken on notice on 23 June 2021, as shown below. A cost of \$10,322 to the City was incurred for activities required over and above normal operations. A breakdown of these costs has been provided below. Maintenance and repair required <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff costs - \$2,872o Staff costs included site inspections; correspondence and liaison with the users of the reserve; and coordination of required maintenance with contractors.• Contractor costs - \$3,047o Contractor costs included engagement of an electrical contractor to address issues with usage of power; out of schedule mowing required due to significant pressure placed on turf, in areas that became inaccessible within normal mowing schedules; and over seeding due to damage incurred on the turf.• Waste Management Costs - \$4,403o Waste Management costs included labour cost for collection of additional waste created over the period of the event; disposal cost of additional waste and labour cost associated with the close and removal of the event.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2 Do we have different understanding of the word/term final report, or is it standard procedure for the city to table a finalised report without expenses, costs or finalised details?	Response 2 As above.
23 March 2022	27 April 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3 Will the city commit to a community consultation process before implementing more parking policies, this new policy change will impact residents greatly, so will the council commit to an open community consultation around future parking plans and an open discussion on its current state?	Response 3 Community consultation is envisaged as part of the next stage of developing the precinct-based parking management approaches that will ultimately make up the overall Parking Plan. The details of the methodology and scope of community consultation have not yet been determined.
13 April 2022	11 May 2022	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1 Irrespective of what the state government reforms are to ward boundaries and number of councillors, with the City of Fremantle overrepresented already in each ward, should the review not go ahead anyway?	Response 1 Council has determined to postpone the Ward Boundary and Representation Review to occur in 2026/2027 or after the outcome of the latest package of local government reforms (2021) is formally amended, whichever is earlier.
13 April 2022	11 May 2022	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2 Is this just a political move trying to push this out past two more elections so that this can't be addressed?	Response 2 As outlined in the officer report, the recommendation for Council to postpone the ward and representation review was made in order to avoid potential upheaval and confusion from two reviews, and any knock on changes for the community, in a short period of time.
13 April 2022	11 May 2022	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3 Should the council, due to ongoing costs, leave the management of Pioneer Park to the State Government?	Response 3 At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27 April 2022, Council resolved to accept the Management Order for Reserve No. 35677 (Pioneer Park).
13 April 2022	11 May 2022	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	Question 4 If not, with the State Government calling for reductions on bores and use of our aquifers, should a re-assessment be made of a new plan for the park to be more waterwise reducing the amount of grassed area and replacing with waterwise gardens, pathways and benches and just some grassed areas amenity and entry statement from the train station?	Response 4 Pioneer Park is identified within Freo 2029 in the City Centre projects as part of the Railway Station Forecourt. The strategy notes the " <i>Railway station forecourt and new city square - Relocation of the bus interchange entry to Queen Street will remove buses from in front of the railway station and enable development of a new public square and significantly improved pedestrian connections between the city centre, rail station and waterfront</i> ". An upgrade of Pioneer Park is included in this project and is <i>considered to be a key part of the gateway to the City from the station precinct</i> . While Freo 2029 provides visioning, the design for Pioneer Park has not been developed further. However, it is anticipated that the redevelopment of the Railway Station Forecourt, including Pioneer Park will contain garden areas, trees and turf as part of the design. During the design process it is anticipated the landscaping will consider the efficient use of water, including water wise planting, trees and the use of turf only where it is appropriate.
4 May 2022	1 June 2022	Planning Committee	Deborah Friedmann	Can the City advise when old street lighting columns on Stirling Highway in North Fremantle will be replaced?	Main Roads WA in conjunction with Western Power is in charge of the project to upgrade lighting along Stirling Highway. It is the City's understanding that there are no current plans to upgrade lighting in North Fremantle north of Queen Victoria Street.
11 May 2022	8 June 2022	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1 Being told year after year that individuals can apply for hardship does not cut it. Considering this council has used provisions of COVID to waive rates and charges for certain inner city businesses, when are individual residential ratepayers going to see some respite to alleviate household expenses and pressure on family budgets?	Response 1 Council is proposing to increase rates in line with CPI increases to address the increasing cost of materials, fuel, machinery, equipment and utilities. The Valuer General has advised that the GRV revaluation for 2022/23 has been postponed by 12 months.
11 May 2022	8 June 2022	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2 Are these increase due to the sell off of assets for the Kings Square/Walyalup development and that the city finances are drained?	Response 2 A rate rise of 6 per cent (compared with inflation levels at around 7.6 per cent) has been proposed to combat the increasing cost of materials, fuel, machinery, equipment and utilities. WALGA has forecast that councils can expect most key local government expenses to cost at least 5.7 per cent more than they did last year.
11 May 2022	8 June 2022	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3 What is being implemented to ensure ratepayers are not continually burdened with hefty increases?	Response 3 If ratepayers are unable to meet any of the payment options included on their rate notice, under certain circumstances, the City can offer alternative payment arrangements. If ratepayers are experiencing financial hardship, they can also apply for support under the City's Financial Hardship Policy which is available on the City's website.
11 May 2022	11 May 2022	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	Question 4 Regulation 34D Local Law & Not Policy now written into the LG Act 1995 as an amendment. Apparently, City of Fremantle is the only Local Government with only a policy and not a local law as required to bring in line with the LG Act 1995.	Response 4 The Local Government Act 1995 does not require that a Local Government has a Meeting Procedures Local Law in place. It is customary but is not a requirement.
11 May 2022	11 May 2022	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	Question 5 Is the City of Fremantle in the process of implementing this as a local law?	Response 5 Not currently, Council has previously expressed an interest in developing a meeting procedures local law, consistent with other local governments. However, following the recent news of proposed local government reform and the possible introduction of a set of meeting procedures meant to apply State wide, it is not considered time or cost effective to continue until the outcome of the proposed reform is known.
11 May 2022	11 May 2022	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	Question 6 Can the policy just be converted to a local law?	Response 6 Theoretically yes, as it was based on the format of the model local law. However the policy would need to be reviewed to ensure currency before any attempt to convert it.
11 May 2022	11 May 2022	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Andrew Luobikis	Question 7 What are the implications of doing/not doing this?	Response 7 The only impact on not having a Meeting Procedures Local Law in place is that there are no applicable penalties and sections 10(d) and 13(1)(a)(ii) of the City's Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates Code of Conduct are not applicable. Meaning that a complaint about an elected members behaviour at a meeting cannot be dealt with under minor breach provisions of the local government at this time. Complaints can still be considered under the Council code of conduct Division 3 Complaint Handling Policy.
25 May 2022	22 June 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kersten Norlin	Question 1 How much does it cost the Council to run Stevens [Reserve] every year?	Response 1 The City spends approximately \$35,000 on the maintenance of turf and irrigation annually at Stevens Reserve. In addition to these items there is the scheduled inspections and reactive maintenance is provided by City staff to the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playground equipment• Dog exercise equipment• Playground and carpark surrounds• Stevens St and Swanbourne St verges Additionally, the City contributes \$55,000 p/a to the Stevens Reserve Joint Management Committee for grounds maintenance for the cricket and hockey fields which is used for the employment and associated costs of a specialist ground curator.
25 May 2022	22 June 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kersten Norlin	Question 2 How much of that cost is borne by the rate payers vs. other parties such as the cricket club?	Response 2 As above, the City contributes \$55,000 p/a to the Stevens Reserve Joint Management Committee (JMC) for grounds maintenance for the cricket and hockey fields which is used for the employment and associated costs of a specialist ground curator. All other maintenance costs associated with the cricket ovals, wickets and hockey fields not covered by the \$55,000 contribution are borne by the Stevens Reserve JMC. Research into the open market approximately 3-4 years ago indicated that to subcontract the maintenance works undertaken by the Stevens Reserve JMC would cost in the order of \$110,000 - \$130,000 per annum.
25 May 2022	22 June 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kersten Norlin	Question 3 Why has there been no community consultation on this decision [to install open gates at Stevens Reserve]?	Response 3 Refer to response to Question 4 below.
25 May 2022	22 June 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kersten Norlin	Question 4 Can we establish a process to gather community consultation that will be taken into consideration prior to that decision being made [to install gates at Stevens Reserve]?	Response 4 The City is currently finalising the community engagement for Virginia Ryan which will provide contextual information for dog exercise at Stevens Reserve.
20 July 2022	20 July 2022	Special Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1 Why do we still not have access to the COF audited financial report for the period of 2020/21?	Response 1 The City is waiting for the Auditor's Report to be finalised by the Office of the Auditor General. Under the Local Government Act 1995, a local government cannot call an Annual General Meeting of Electors until it has received its Auditor's Report. There is a process under the Act to undertake the Annual General Meeting of Electors which states it must happen within two months of receipt of the Auditor's Report.
20 July 2022	20 July 2022	Special Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2 When will we have annual general electors meeting?	Response 2 The City is waiting for the Auditor's Report to be finalised by the Office of the Auditor General. Under the Local Government Act 1995, a local government cannot call an Annual General Meeting of Electors until it has received its Auditor's Report. There is a process under the Act to undertake the Annual General Meeting of Electors which states it must happen within two months of receipt of the Auditor's Report.

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27 July 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Susan Allwood	Question 1 Who are the driving forces behind these developments, please?	Response 1 The City described its ambition to have the Oval Precinct redeveloped in its 2014 public document FREQ 2029 TRANSFORMATIONAL MOVES. The City has since been working with the following key project partners: South Fremantle Football Club; WA Football Commission; and Fremantle Football Club, in developing the idea into a project plan.
27 July 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Susan Allwood	Question 2 Why is Council endorsing oversized boxes in our heritage precinct and ignoring our World Heritage Listings in this area?	Response 2 Future plans for the oval are being carefully prepared with due regard to planning and heritage legislation, guidelines and processes. The City is also funding a Conservation Management Plan for the Oval by external professionals that will provide very specific guidelines for future development.
27 July 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Susan Allwood	Question 3 What are Council's intentions, and again, who are the people behind this?	Response 3 The Council intends to progress with developing the idea of redeveloping the Oval precinct into specific plans that it will share with the community, as the project planning continues. The elected members who form the Council are supportive of the plans being developed and will continue to work with the City's administration and with key project partners to advance the planning stage of the project.
27 July 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Susan Allwood	Question 4 Why is Council still going ahead with more developments within our heritage precincts while still failing to declare full financial disclosures and financial audits upon the new Council Chambers building and library, and FOMO?	Response 4 The City is of the opinion that all elements of the construction of the new civic building have been provided through public reports to council. The City is working with the Office of the Auditor General to finalise the audit for the financial year ending June 2021 and will provide this audit as soon as complete. A draft set of financial statements have been provided through the March round of council meetings. The 'FOMO' building is a development by a private company, not by the City of Fremantle, and the Council has no authority to undertake a financial audit of this development.
27 July 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Susan Allwood	Question 5 Why is Council still going ahead with more developments within our heritage precincts while still failing to declare full financial disclosures and financial audits upon the new Council Chambers building and library, and FOMO?	Response 5 See response to question 4 above.
27 July 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Susan Allwood	Question 6 In future, can Council please include the description [of endorsed developments] on social media?	Response 6 The City always endeavours to clearly describe the subject matter of media releases and social media posts. In the case of development projects, the description aims to make clear the status of the project, for example whether it is a proposal subject to public consultation, a proposal about to be reported to Council for a decision, or a development that has been granted approval.
27 July 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Susan Allwood	Question 7 Does Fremantle council planning embrace and ensure the inclusion of the studies of the effects added high-rises within our heritage CBD upon these: • The increase in temperatures in our city. • A study to avoid the unfortunate effects of the wind tunnels such as what we have here between the FOMO and the Council building. • A study on the increases in our carbon footprint when these buildings are constructed of concrete.	Response 7 The need for technical studies on the likely environmental impacts of a proposed development to be provided to support consideration of the proposal is assessed on a case-by-case basis taking into account the scale and location of the proposal. The Council has adopted a local planning policy 'Sustainable buildings design requirements' which requires development applications for most new developments over 1,000 sq m in gross floor area to demonstrate how the development will be designed and constructed to achieve a certain sustainability rating using a recognised rating tool such as Green Star or One Planet Living. These rating tools take into account carbon emissions and thermal performance of a building's design, construction and operation.
27 July 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Susan Allwood	Question 8 What is Council giving to offset this carbon increase?	Response 8 The Fremantle Oval project has not yet reached the stage of proposing specific building designs so the carbon emission implications of redevelopment plans cannot yet be assessed.
27 July 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Susan Allwood	Question 9 Have studies been done on the effects and results from additional buildings upon our ancient sewerage and water systems, and the ongoing problems of finding parking, which increases with development?	Response 9 Service infrastructure requirements and impacts, and parking requirements directly associated with a redevelopment of Fremantle Oval, will be assessed further as concept development work on the project progresses to a more detailed design stage. The Council's resolution on this matter at the Council meeting on 27 July 2022 included an explicit requirement that future design aspects for Fremantle Oval redevelopment seek to ensure optimisation of parking within the redevelopment as part of the design.
27 July 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1 Why wouldn't the City properly investigate its options here? (in relation to item FPOL2207-5)	Response 1 The City is required to respond to the request from the owner in accordance with the Deed of Agreement signed between the City and purchaser. The City has considered its options in relation to this Deed.
27 July 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2 Why, at FPOL, didn't the Council supply more details of the buyback for consideration by Council? (in relation to item FPOL2207-5)	Response 2 Buyback was discussed with the item at Committee. The City has agreed to the transfer of this property and maintained a buyback provision similar to that of the original Deed.
24 August 2022	28 September 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rebecca Thompson	In 2011, the City of Fremantle commissioned a 'Strategic Recreation Needs Assessment Report' that made recommendations for evidence-based decision making about Council assets and facilities. The report questions the long-term viability of 3 bowls clubs in the City of Fremantle, due to "the changing demographic composition of Fremantle, particularly its aging, and changes in participation patterns." Given the findings of the 2011 report, what are the views of elected members on approving another single-use bowls club?	Both proposals put forward a multi-use offering made up of social bowls, community events, activities and programs as well as a food and beverage offering. There is no intention to re-establish a single use bowls club by either club.
24 August 2022	28 September 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Daniel Elias	Could the city's administration officers clarify the inconsistency found within the agenda, stating a strength of the New North Freo Bowlo is, on page 114, "...a not for-profit organisation and as such would be eligible for community rent with other remuneration options applicable as the operator establishes the premises." Indeed, such concessions are consistent and normal with not-for-profit organisations; it is all a matter of course. Then later the city officers contradict themselves. Remarking on page 116 that their not-for-profit status is a weakness. Could the city administration officers explain this inconsistency behind their rationale?	Not for Profits (NFPs) may be eligible for a range of tax concessions including sporting and recreational clubs. This then allows NFPs to put their profits back into the organisation to further the aims of the organisation, as well as pay for activities and functions. The comment in the reports reflects North Freo Bowlo's lesser reliance on external financial support.
24 August 2022	28 September 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Harold Davies	Would the council consider delaying their decision so a more in-depth analysis can be undertaken?	Council agreed to delaying the decision to the September Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee meeting.
24 August 2022	28 September 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ella Churchward	Can the city administration officers clarify how a non-for-profit, namely, North Freo Bowlo, whose financial sourcing and activity objectives are premised on alcohol consumption be better suited the criteria of fostering a family friendly environment?	The North Freo Bowlo's financial sourcing includes events, community hire, grants and commercial partnerships as well as the food and beverage offering. The activity objectives are broader than alcohol consumption as their submission includes a diverse mix of events, programming, community hire and recreational activities.
24 August 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Clint Clarke	Question 1 Why has Mayor Fitzhardinge left the chamber when I have come to speak in relation to a post she made with comments about my business and Cr Vujcic?	Response 1 Deputy Mayor, Cr Frank Mofflin responded and stated that the Mayor had declared and interest in this matter when it previously came to Council and she is being consistent by leaving the Chamber during this discussion.
24 August 2022	24 August 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Clint Clarke	Question 2 My next questions is to Mr Dougall; I gave you a letter of demand on 26 June 2022 and met with you two weeks ago, in regards to this parking matter and requesting I get my money back from last year due to all the discrepancies, can you please explain why I have not received a response?	Response 2 The Chief Executive Officer, Glen Dougall responded stating that he did meet with Mr Clarke two weeks ago and I advised that I would provide a response. Up until this time I haven't had officers available to undertake research in regard to this matter. He advised that Mr Clarke's question during this meeting was in regard to when this matter was first raised with the City, of which I advised that I would investigate this matter, provide a response and deal with the matter accordingly. He then advised Mr Clarke that this process has only commenced this week.
28 September 2022	28 September 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1 How and when will the City of Fremantle involve the community in responding to the changes to the Local Government Act announced by the Local Government Minister on 21 September, particularly noting that it will involve reductions in the number of councillors and consequently the ward changes, which will be very significant?	Response – Chief Executive Officer Officers will put a report up through the Council process in the October round of meetings, and Council will have a debate on how the City will go about and what decisions are made at that time. Response – Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge I think we are required to do community engagement, and we will do it anyway given the magnitude of the change.
28 September 2022	26 October 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2 Will the City of Fremantle act on its position as stated at the Design Freo Forum on 30 July 2020, that Main Roads "be asked to put at least two options out there for real discussion"?	The Council will be considering its formal position on the current Bridge Design proposal, and whether it calls for multiple options, at its meeting on 26 October 2022.
28 September 2022	26 October 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Allie Messenger	What is being done to improve the LGBTQA+ experience in Fremantle through simple things that could be introduced on a very small scale; that should be minimal effort but would have such a major impact, both on how the City is viewed and the experience of LGBTQA+ people.	In late 2021, the City of Fremantle endorsed an Access & Inclusion Plan (2021-2025). The City's Access and Inclusion Plan focusses on people living with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and people within the LGBTQIA+ community. It has three focus areas; 1. Diverse, inclusive and thriving communities 2. Access places and spaces 3. Equitable access to services. The City has begun to implement a range of initiatives to ensure Fremantle provides a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQIA+ community. This financial year we are focussed on a number of deliverables from the Access and Inclusion Plan which include • Celebration of days of significance through various initiatives for International Transgender Day of Visibility, IDAHOBIT Day and Pride Month, Wear it Purple Day. The City has flown the Pride progress and Transgender Flag within Walyalup Koort and social media campaign during the days of significance. • Introduction of pronouns and organisational wide training. This includes a review of forms associated a broad range of the City's business to include pronouns and awareness of the importance of this inclusion. • Providing and expanding All Gendered amenities within the City of Fremantle, especially when works, repairs, upgrades and changes consider inclusion. • Implementation of the City's Equal Opportunity and Diversity Management Plan and Action Plan. We do this by combining equal employment opportunity, diversity and inclusion principles through employment policies and practices, and delivering on the initiatives and targets • The City is committed to ensure programming by the City to include artists and performers with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) and Indigenous backgrounds, and people who identify as LGBTQIA+. The City is committed to a number of actions for the remainder of the Access and Inclusion Plan (2021-2025) which will improve the LGBTQIA+ experience in Fremantle. The City will continue to work with community, stakeholders and agencies to identify initiatives and opportunities to improve the LGBTQIA+ experience in Fremantle.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Shirley Burbidge	Why have the Council gone over to the green dog waste bags, when the yellow ones were sufficient? Have the City received a special deal from the people who make the green ones or are the yellow ones too expensive?	The City has tried to move towards biodegradable bags. The City has been trialling different types of bags and there were also some pretty significant supply issues with bags as well, so different versions have been trialled and the City has received feedback on each one, which it will take on board with the Parks Team.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 1 For what reasons is there only an incomplete 5 page extract of the FY21 financial report in the agenda notice and not the full and complete 62 pages of the FY21 financial report?	Response 1 It is usual practice for the City to provide an abridged version of the financial report in the annual report with a link to the full statements online. The full set of financial statements is provided on our website. The link to these was not clear in the agenda for this meeting and the City acknowledges and apologises for this inadvertent error. Best practice would suggest that full financial statements be clearly provided. This situation was rectified prior to this meeting and a clearer link is now provided on our website. This link is also provided below for your future reference. https://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/Financial%20Statements%20-%20City%20of%20Fremantle%20-%2030%20June%202021.pdf

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3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 2 How is this omission not a statutory breach for agenda meeting requirements?	Response 2 The meeting agenda includes a copy of the adopted Annual Report which includes an abridged financial report for the period. This is the requirement of section 5.53 of the Local Government Act 1995, and was provided with the notice paper for the meeting. "5.53. Annual reports (1) The local government is to prepare an annual report for each financial year. (2) The annual report is to contain — (a) a report from the mayor or president; and (b) a report from the CEO; and [(c), (d) deleted] (e) an overview of the plan for the future of the district made in accordance with section 5.56, including major initiatives that are proposed to commence or to continue in the next financial year; and (f) the financial report for the financial year; and..." It is noted a copy of the full financial statements were found for the period under review due to the nature of the questions provided to this meeting.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 3 The FY21 financial report indicates a \$10m net outflow deficiency of cash/term deposits during the FY21 year (\$6m net decrease in cash stated in the Statement of Cash Flows plus the \$4m decrease in term deposits). Refer to the Statement of Cashflows not Rate Setting Statement. How will the council be financially sustainable and balance its cash/term deposits inflows and outflows without the ongoing and continual disposal of assets from the investment property portfolio (such as Quarry St) to fund these unsustainable cash inflow shortfalls?	Response 3 Council will continue to develop balanced financial budgets in accordance with priority of services and projects in any given year. The financial year in review that your reference with this question included the significant development of the Walyalup Civic Centre, which was known to use City reserves to fund.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 4 Has the council for FY21 financial report purposes undertaken a review on the rehabilitation of landfills and other contaminated sites (South Fremantle landfill site, Jones St site, and others sites) ?	Response 4 The City works with the guidelines established by the state government (DWER) on the significant contaminated site of the former South Fremantle Landfill Site. Monitoring of this site has been and continues to be undertaken by the City and reported to DWER. Any further contaminated sites will also be managed through the requirements set out by DWER where and if necessary.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 5 For identified contaminated sites, when will the council properly recognise a provision for the rehabilitation of landfill sites and other contaminated sites as required by accounting standards?	Response 5 Council has not yet seen a need to establish a provision. If the need should arise in the future this will be considered by council at that time.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 6 Note 6 Trade and Other Receivables is non compliant with accounting standards disclosure for the Allowance for Impairment of Receivables movement in FY21 (AASB 137). As a consequence the movement for the allowance of additional allowances, written off amounts, and unused amounts reversed is not disclosed. Why is the allowance movement information particularly the amounts written off not properly disclosed as required by accounting standards in the FY21 financial report, and also not consistent with Note 30(b) details?	Response 6 The City welcomes the feedback and this query is taken on notice and will be discussed with our auditor for future reference. The City has and does provide details of any write-offs during the year through the Audit and Risk Management Committee.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 7 Note 27(c) of the FY21 financial report under Major Land Transactions discloses an amount of \$3m as an outflow in FY21/22 and \$nil in subsequent years. What does this amount of \$3m outflow represent and to which property does it relate to?	Response 7 The amount of \$3m is the estimated value to complete the construction of the Walyalup Civic Centre in the following financial year.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 8 In the FY21 financial report in Note 9(a) Property, Plant & Equipment the capital Work in Progress amount is stated at \$52m. Given the amount disclosed for Capital Work in Progress in August 2022 is \$77m how can the FY21 financial report disclosure in Note 27(c) of \$3m be accurate?	Response 8 The current WIP being reported in the monthly financial statements is subject to final conclusion of the previous financial year and will be adjusted for this period as part of that process. It represents multiple capital projects for the previous financial year and any works for the current financial year.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 9 What are the main reasons from the council side for the delay in finalising the FY21 audited financial report?	Response 9 The City was working with the OAG to finalise the statements, this included providing additional information to the OAG as sought to satisfy the auditor of the statements being provided. The City itself saw a number of changes to the finance staff from mid-2021 including the significant resignations of senior team members due to illness and another career opportunity. This situation always creates disruption and was further exacerbated by the current tight labour market (especially in the financial field) and the result on the city's capabilities during this period is not uncommon at the moment.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 10 For what reasons was the statutory deadline of 30 Sept 2021 for the City of Fremantle not met for the submission of the FY21 draft financial report to the Auditor General?	Response 10 The City provided the original draft statements in accordance with the required timeframe. Ongoing requests for further information and amendments from the OAG resulted in the City being unable to complete the statements by the required timeframe and resulted in the delayed completion.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 11 Why also was the extended submission date granted by the Auditor General for the FY21 draft financial statements not met?	The City provided the original draft statements in accordance with the required timeframe. Ongoing requests for further information and amendments from the OAG resulted in the City being unable to complete the statements by the required timeframe and resulted in the delayed completion.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 12 Unlike previous years, why was the full and complete listing of FY21 internal control weaknesses arising from the Auditor General interim and final audit visits not made public?	Response 12 The report on the weaknesses has been provided in the past and was not this financial year to allow the Audit Committee and opportunity to consider the items first. The report contains details of Information System items which are considered sensitive enough to warrant not publishing due to the current issues around Cyber security. Cyber security issues represent a challenge to the openness of council information and is something that is being seriously considered in the way the City reports this type of information moving forward. The Audit and Risk Committee has sought an outline of actions to remedy the items listed and it is considered that these will be made public once the Committee is satisfied of this.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 13 How is the City ensuring there are sufficient resources to address the significant weaknesses identified that appear to be happening year after year?	Response 13 The City is working on resolving the issues identified in our audits and will continue to review resources to support the achievement of this. As mentioned in response to question 8 above, the Audit and Risk Committee has sought further update on the City's approach to resolving these issues.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 14 For the City staff and CEO responsible for the internal weaknesses identified year after year are these failings addressed in their staff performance appraisals?	Response 14 The progress towards resolving issues identified in audits is reviewed through the Audit and Risk Committee.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 15 What are the reasons the architect costs of \$6.9m exceeded \$2.4m over the revised 2019 figure and \$5.1m over the clearly incorrect original business plan figure?	Response 15 The contract for architectural services included the cost of architect fees from multiple architects and use of sub-contracts within and separate to the substantive architectural contract. The substantive contract included provision for extension of time. Therefore, as the contract period continued so did consultant services in this area.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 16 Why was the architect contract structured by the council in a less than proper commercial arrangement so the architect be paid such high additional amounts for delays in project commencement and time delays ?	Response 16 The Architect was appointed (as lead consultant) through AS4122 – 2010, General conditions of Contract for Consultants.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 17 Why was only \$1.8m included as architect costs in the original business plan?	Response 17 These were the estimated architect fees at the time. These did not include sub consultant elements which were agreed to in the contract awarded in 2013. The architectural contract was awarded under an open procurement process.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 18 Why should the ratepayers accept a lack of business acumen, poor budgeting, and poor contractual control practices by the City?	Response 18 This question is considered to be rhetorical.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 19 Why is the information provided by the council to ratepayers in Feb 2020 so inconsistent with the actual civic centre project cost information provided in August 2022?	Response 19 The response indicated above was an outline of the actual or expected value of those contracts at the time. It is noted that consultants were left off this response and it is agreed that adding these would have provided a better response. It is also noted that other public realm and playground projects were included which are actually not part of the business plan so should not have been included. The queries in relation to the Kings Square Business Plan continued for some time after this question was originally asked and it is considered that the responses improved with each response as these questions continued and were understood better. The information provided in August 2022 was a report outlining the project after its completion.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 20 Why were the architect costs not disclosed properly during FY21 when asked by ratepayers or disclosed in project updates?	Response 20 All questions asked in relation to costs indicators reflected information of the time. The wrap up of these costs now reflects all provision of consultants and sub-consultants used in completion of the project.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 21 What and how was the payment or grant or contra-payment mechanism by the City for architect costs and why are the complete payments for architect costs not included in the monthly payment listings?	Response 21 Firstly for clarity, the costs associated with architectural services included fees to the architect and also sub-consultants associated with architectural services. So the quantum of these costs do not reflect payments to a single entity nor to the architect although sub-consultants arranged through the substantive architectural contract were paid to the lead architect. The wrap up of these costs now reflects all provision of consultants and sub consultants used in completion of the project and all of these costs would have been indicated in the monthly payments report provided to council at the time of payment.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 22 Which contractors or suppliers were paid from the Pindan insurance bond amount of \$3.7m claimed by the council?	Response 22 The City held and retained securities against the main contractor Pindan, and also for the façade works. The main suppliers and contractors who received payments through these bonds include: • LGIS Insurance Broking • Ralph Beatie Bosworth • Kerry Hill Architects • Sirona • The CDI Group • Secure Parking • The Griffon Alpha Group • Instant Waste Management • United Equipment • Bunnings Building Supplies • Ready Industries • Kennards Hire • Access Equipment Hire • Eire Total Access • Centurion Temporary Fencing • Diamond Trading • Vista Visuals • WA Refuelling • Inhabit Australia • RAC Facades • One Global Logistics • Dormakaba Australia • Façade Management & Design • Benjamin Dalpra • P&M Façade Installations • Fortune Crane Equipment • Cutting Edge Painting • CCS Group • Network recruitment • IPA Personnel Services

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3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 23 Given the inaccuracies in the business plan and secrecy in the revised 2019 figures, how will the quality of council business plans be improved in the future, and the culture to suppress any unfavourable information be improved?	Response 23 The City developed the business plan pursuant to the requirements of the local government act and in line with the professional advice sought and obtained at the time of writing. Any variances to figures reported in the business plan are considered as part of standard project close out and continuous improvement processes, noting that there was a significant period of time between completion of the business plan and commencement of the construction element.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 24 Why were these project budgets kept confidential and was the secrecy due to unfavourable information on the budget increases for architect costs and other projects costs?	Response 24 The budgets adopted by council in any given year are public documents. The information you refer to was provided to the Audit and Risk Committee in February 2019 as part of the oversight of the project for the committee/council. As reported previously, the project was the single largest project ever undertaken by the City and was undertaken over several years, which is unusual for the City – usually the City carries a project over two financial years at the most. Improvements in the future will include better reporting on Works in Progress to ensure the carrying costs associated with projects of this scale are better reflected for transparency.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 25 Other councils (such as City of Perth) disclose Heritage Land and Heritage Buildings so as to be more meaningful to the readers of the financial report and assist in the periodic valuation process. Meanwhile the City of Fremantle discloses none of this information in Note 9(a). This question was asked in the prior year with the response by the council ... “The separation of Heritage Buildings has not been asked for in the past” Why are these amounts not shown separately and transparently in the Note 9(a) of the FY21 report to both highlight and showcase the heritage assets of Fremantle?	Response 25 The City appreciates the feedback on ways information provided in these statements may be improved and this may well be a beneficial change to make so will be considered. It is noted this was raised by you last year. The City will take a look at this request once other more essential items are dealt with. There are audit issues to be reviewed first and as this issue isn't an accounting standards requirement it will be reviewed at a later time.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 26 Would it not be better practice that the CEO waits to sign the FY21 financial report until after the audit closing meeting discussions in case of any issues arising?	Response 26 The OAG or Audit representative require the CEO sign the statements before the OAG or auditor will sign and finalise them. This is usual practice.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 27 Were the FY22 draft financial statements provided to the Auditor General by the statutory deadline?	Response 27 The City met with the Auditor appointed by the OAG on the 28th September to confirm and agree on timelines for the audit. Some final adjustments were made to the statements following the close out of end of year processes and the final draft final statements were provided on the 4th October. All dates and timelines for submission of information, including that of the draft financial statements have been agreed upon by the Auditor appointed by the OAG.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Bill Ody	Is it deliberate or inadvertent that the Auditors Report wasn't included in the Annual Financial Statements provided tonight? Will it be made available in full on the webs	It was inadvertent. The Auditors Report is available on the website, and the Annual Financial Statements was made available with the agenda for the August round of Council meetings.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Why is the only major item in the heritage budget this year for the re-roof of the Fremantle Arts Centre in sheets of bright tin, instead of the material recommended by all Fremantle experts on this subject – shingles or faux shingles?	The City met with the Auditor appointed by the OAG on the 28th September to confirm and agree on timelines for the audit. Some final adjustments were made to the statements following the close out of end of year processes and the final draft final statements were provided on the 4th October. All dates and timelines for submission of information, including that of the draft financial statements have been agreed upon by the Auditor appointed by the OAG.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Trish Bevan	(in relation to motion 1) Do they really believe that we can use one bridge for four years to get all the trucks from the harbour, as well as the whole of Perth, to move everybody? Why, if they are talking and planning to move the harbour to Kwinana, don't they move the trucks down there first before they even consider that we have to share that one bridge?	It might be worth directing those questions to us because I do believe the bridge remains open during the construction period and trucks are not currently supposed to be using that bridge anyway, so hopefully it's not as bad as you worry.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Gina Blakemore	(in relation to motion 1) Question 1 How will this affect the businesses that are on Beach Street?	Response 1 The City has not received any economic impact analysis from the Swan River Alliance on this issue, noting that this is a State Government Project.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Gina Blakemore	Question 2 Will this look like the roundabout that was developed on High Street and Stirling Highway?	Response 2 The City continues to reinforce the need for the roads associated with the Swan River Crossing to be more like traditional streets, not the heavily engineered outcomes associated with key freight routes to the port, noting that this is a State Government Project.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Gina Blakemore	Question 3 Will we end up with sound walls?	Response 3 The City continues to oppose construction of sound walls in the vicinity of the Swan River Crossing project, noting that this is a State Government Project.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Bill Ody	(in relation to motion 1) Did Council have any prior information or knowledge that this route was going to be put onto or run as the route?	The elected members had a number of briefings about the options leading up to it. The agenda paper for Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee this month will go through the full engagement process and what options were considered by Council, to increase transparency.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	(in relation to motion 1) Question 1 I'd be interested to know if the Sea and Land Council have been consulted about this.	Response 1 The City understands that there has been ongoing engagement with key Aboriginal Elders on this project. Regarding which particular groups and organisations have been consulted is a question to be directed to the State Government / Bridge Alliance.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 2 I'd be interested to know if Cantonment Hill and the river are both Aboriginal Heritage sites.	Response 2 Yes, they are.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 3 From an Aboriginal perspective, I'd like to know what Main Roads has done in terms of consulting with relevant people on this.	Response 3 See response to Question 1.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Petr Pacak	(in relation to motion 1) Is the Council subsidising this or is this a profit arrangement?	The Containers for Change program did start quite slowly across the State; however, as the initiative has become more established the City has seen growth in participation and the facility is currently very popular and performing well. Officers will provide a report to Council to detail the service, and its costs and income.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Petr Pacak	(in relation to motion 2) Question 1 Have Council asked about the extra architect costs?	The Walyalup Civic Centre building is still in the 12-month defects liability period. The City's facilities team and the architects log defects arising, and these will be rectified as part of the final completion process.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Petr Pacak	Question 2 Is there a builder who will be responsible for issues with the building?	The City have provision through retentions to address defects or issues at the end of the 12-month defects liability period. The City allocate suitable budgets for building maintenance.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Petr Pacak	Question 3 Is there any budget for attending these issues? How will the building be maintained?	We have somebody to deal with any defects or design issues, which we deal with at the end of the 12-month defects liability period. Going forward we will have maintenance budgets to deal with them.
3 October 2022	26 October 2022	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Petr Pacak	Question 4 What would be the approximate annual budget for the maintenance?	The budget for the annual maintenance of the Walyalup Civic Centre building is \$60,000 for the 22/23 financial year.
9 November 2022	8 February 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Daphne Anderson	Question 1 What percentage of the members of the sporting club who use Stevens Reserve are residents or ratepayers of Fremantle?	The City does not request records of the number of residents or rate payers in any of our sporting clubs across the City of Fremantle. Below are the membership configurations for the clubs based at Stevens Reserve:- Fremantle District Cricket Club Total 180 – 70 junior, 100 senior Fremantle Cockburn Hockey Club Total 500 – 200 junior, 300 senior
9 November 2022	8 February 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Daphne Anderson	Question 2 What benefits do the sporting clubs provide to Fremantle and Fremantle residents and in particular what do the sporting clubs who use Stevens reserve pay to Council for use of the A class reserve.	The Fremantle District Cricket Club and the Fremantle Cockburn Hockey Club currently have a hold-over lease agreement with the City through a Joint Management Committee between both clubs. They are currently in the process of developing a new lease occupancy agreement. The Joint Management Committee, like many of our clubs and community groups who lease city facilities, pay \$1 per annum. However, under the terms of the current lease the club is responsible for managing the maintenance, upkeep and costs of the grounds at Stevens Reserve. This is undertaken by an onsite caretaker. The level of use on the ground is managed directly by the club. The benefit of sporting clubs includes community connection, physical and mental health improvements through a healthy and active lifestyle, provides a vehicle for inclusion and also creates employment opportunities, volunteer opportunities and economic growth through business investment, employment, major events and tourism.
9 November 2022	8 February 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Daphne Anderson	Question 3 What evidence are there that chicane style entry encourages dog owners to be more accountable for their pets?	The proposed use of chicane style entries is part of a broader strategy to encourage responsible shared use of the reserve, rather than being an isolated approach specific to the management dogs.
9 November 2022	8 February 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Daphne Anderson	Question 4 What justification is there to prioritise the wishes of the sports club over the wishes of residents who responded to this survey?	Changes have been proposed in line with the responses received as part of community engagement activities.
9 November 2022	8 February 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Juia Murphy	Question 1 Can the CoF please provide and publish the detailed breakdown of responses to Q13 of the [Virginia Ryan Park engagement] survey, and include this in an amended version of the Engagement Report? This breakdown should include the number of responses against each of the 10 levels of support and opposition.	Responses were provided as part of meeting attachments for item FPOL2211-10 as part of the November 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.
9 November 2022	8 February 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Juia Murphy	Question 2 (a) Will CoF please provide details of the criteria used and the assessment it made in relation to determining the suitability of VRP being made into a dog off-lead park? (b) Will CoF please provide details of what explicit consideration it made of each of the specific aspects of the park as noted above - namely small size, landscaping, irregular shape, multiple bisecting pedestrian pathways, children's playground, limited sight lines due to undulating topography? (c) Will CoF please provide details of what consideration it made in terms of the impact of off-lead dogs on the current users and uses of the park, which include passive, reflective recreational activities such as quietly sitting, tai chi as well as use of the children's playground?	Details of considerations made in determining suitability of Virginia Ryan Park as a dog off lead area were provided in item FPOL2211-10 and associated attachments as part of the November 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.
9 November 2022	8 February 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Juia Murphy	Question 3 (a) Can each member of FPOL please indicate how comfortable they are in making their decision tonight based on the information and advice provided? (b) Can each member of FPOL please answer the question : "Have you actually visited or spent any time in Virginia Ryan Park as part of your decision making deliberations on the question of whether turning it into a dog off lead park is an appropriate change of use?	Questions considered to be rhetorical.
14 November 2022	14 November 2022	Special Meeting of Electors	Hans Hug	Are there any documents or drawings where you can see more details, in terms of where the road is going (at the southern end of the bridge)?	The last motion passed by Council included a request that outlines the information that we want to provide or share with the community around the matters that you have raised.
14 November 2022		Special Meeting of Electors	Walter Yates	Question 1 How will access to the area between Stirling Bridge/Highway and Queen Victoria Street be managed to limit inconveniences to residents and businesses, especially when one or more roads has to be closed for emergency reasons?	
14 November 2022		Special Meeting of Electors	Walter Yates	Question 2 How will 5 be addressed?	
14 November 2022		Special Meeting of Electors	Isadora Noble	Question 3 We want to know why the Mayor and Council continues to ignore the wishes of these people who want to retain the bridge?	

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14 November 2022		Special Meeting of Electors	Isadora Noble	Question 4 And why the Council and Mayor do not engage with the Alliance and its engineering, heritage, planning and legal experts?	
14 November 2022		Special Meeting of Electors	Angela Bond	What is the plan for Burt Street to ensure this residential street does not become a thoroughfare?	
14 November 2022		Special Meeting of Electors	Martin Gelgyn	After so little consultation with close neighbourhood residents, why is there no left turn from the proposed bridge? Also, why design such a lazy idea, why not a suspension bridge as in Millan?	
23 November 2022	14 December 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kersten Norlin	Question 1 Why won't the cricket club enter in to compromise with the community and start by installing temporary mesh fencing around the pitch?	This is a question directed at the Cricket Club, not the City of Fremantle.
23 November 2022	14 December 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kersten Norlin	Question 2 Can the Council articulate who will be involved in developing the dog walking and exercise strategy?	City officers will prepare the Dog Walking and Exercise Strategy.
23 November 2022	14 December 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kersten Norlin	Question 3 Who be involved that will represent the concerns of the dog-walking community?	Consultation will be in accordance with the City's Community Engagement Policy.
23 November 2022	14 December 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kersten Norlin	Question 4 Will their input be recognised this time?	The results of the consultation, inclusive of submissions by the dog-walking community, will be considered by Council.
23 November 2022	14 December 2022	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tanu Hudson	Will the City of Fremantle review the J-shed Unit 1 tenancy to make sure that the space is activated and is it in the community's best interests, and maybe even readvertise for expressions of interest so that other artists can get an opportunity to apply for that space?	Studio tenancies including J-shed are being reviewed as part of the Creative Strategy development. The community will be invited to provide comment on the draft Creative Strategy in the first quarter of 2023.
14 December 2022	18 January 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tanu Hudson	Question 1 How was the selection process conducted [for the J-Shed tenancy]? Were all the applications looked at thoroughly?	In relation to the Expressions of Interest for J-Shed Unit 1, which closed in December 2018 for 2019 tenancy, the conducted selection process included the four received EOI's assessed by a panel of three City of Fremantle officers against criteria and in consideration of permitted use of the space, plus the council endorsed purpose and vision for the precinct. Applicants were asked to address the following criteria with scores for each criterion awarded out of 10, with a final score out of 50 for each of the four EOI's. 1. Nature of arts or cultural activity 2. Ability to fit in with the vision for Bathers Beach Arts Precinct 3. Requested license timeframe and requirements 4. Activation techniques 5. Any specific requirements associated with the activity.
14 December 2022	18 January 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tanu Hudson	Question 2 Why was the current tenant [of the J-Shed] selected when other applications more thoroughly addressed the criteria in particular, providing the space for cultural public activities, and offered to pay the full rent proposed?	The recommended application, which is the current tenant, was based on a several factors relative to the assessment criteria and purpose and vision of BBAP, these include • Quality of artwork and practice • Disposition • Work ethic • International profile • Industry connections (local, interstate and overseas) • Gender • Artistic medium • Proven ability to activate
14 December 2022	18 January 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tanu Hudson	Question 3 Has the city conducted any audit over the period of the lease [for the J-Shed] to ensure the space is open to the public and the proposed activation activities have taken place?	The City is in regular contact with the J-Shed tenants to ensure they are delivering the lease terms. The city is currently developing a Creative Strategy with a ten-year vision and accompanying implementation plan to recognise, support, and celebrate the cultural and creative life of the community, and ensure the arts, culture, and creative industries flourish in Fremantle. The City is in regular contact with the J-Shed tenants to ensure they are delivering the lease terms. The city is currently developing a Creative Strategy with a ten-year vision and accompanying implementation plan to recognise, support, and celebrate the cultural and creative life of the community, and ensure the arts, culture, and creative industries flourish in Fremantle.
14 December 2022	18 January 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 4 How are the palm tree replacements, jacaranda trees, better for protecting views to the prison?	They are not necessarily better or worse. The important aspect here is that the trees are under-pruned as they become well-established to frame / protect the view 'up the ramp' to the prison gates – whilst at the same time, provide much needed shade and pedestrian amenity.
14 December 2022	18 January 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 5 Why are there no replacement grassed areas but what seems like mostly harsh paving?	The areas shown on the plan inside the garden bed walls are proposed to be grass.
14 December 2022	18 January 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 6 Where is the interpretation of the significance of the site, its link to the prison, and the adjacent cottages?	The most important aspect of interpretation is the physical (re)alignment and establishment of the former ramp back into William Street, between the Warders Cottages. At this point in time, there is no proposed additional interpretation panels or signage.
18 January 2023	22 February 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1 Does the City of Fremantle have any information on: • When the Bridge Alliance is likely to "restart works" on the project? • Whether the Alliance's "addressing the community sentiment towards the project" is likely to result in changes to the proposed project and, if so, when such changes will be discussed with the community?	The City understands that the Alliance will soon commence public engagement on various options, no precise date has been confirmed. The City has not been provided with a response at this time.
18 January 2023	22 February 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2 Has the Bridge Alliance provided any response to the City of Fremantle on the resolution of 26 October 2022, especially the request for inclusive comparative assessment of options?	The City understands that the Alliance will soon commence public engagement on various options, no precise date has been confirmed. The City has not been provided with a response at this time.
18 January 2023	22 February 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3 If the Bridge Alliance is unwilling to undertake the requested multi-criteria assessment, will the City of Fremantle commission an independent assessment of options?	The City will first wait to see what options and analysis is prepared by the Alliance before considering further actions.
18 January 2023	22 February 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 4a Has the Bridge Alliance, Main Roads or the Minister for Transport provided any response to the community concerns expressed by the Special Meeting of Electors? If they have, will the City of Fremantle share that response with the Fremantle community? Question 4b If not, will the City of Fremantle urgently seek responses so that the Fremantle community is treated with respect and is able to play an informed role in the further development of the project?	Response 4a The City has not yet received a formal response to forwarding community concerns. Response 4b The City is currently following up on a response from the State Government.
8 February 2023	8 March 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Mario Pizano	Question 1 Can you please advise the number of residents the City has fined for illegal dumping on the verge in previous years?	In 2022, the City issued 36 Notices to comply for illegal littering and 4 infringements.
22 February 2023	22 March 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Gerard MacGill	Question 1 Will Council express the view that its nominees to JDAP focus their contributions on providing "local knowledge", which in the case of 130 was overwhelmingly that the proposal was incompatible with the social and environmental values of their community?	In addition to the Presiding Member and Specialist Members on the JDAP, two local members are nominated to sit on DAPs, administered by Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH), on behalf of the Minister for Planning. The DPLH state that "Local representation is a vital component of the Development Assessment Panel (DAP)." With regard to the appointment of four elected members to JDAP (two members and two deputies), the Council at its meeting 24 November 2021 nominated Cr Andrew Sullivan and Cr Rachel Pemberton (and Cr Ben Lawver and Cr Bryn Jones as deputies) as "the representatives of the City of Fremantle" for a two year term, commencing 27 January 2022.
22 February 2023	22 March 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1 Can council inform the rate payers, of the impact of the loss of parking to the business or the COF CBD, due to council decisions? • We have seen Bannister Street Parking close, sold off • The loss of Point Street, car park, sold, closed • Dozens of street parking with parklets and increased loading zones due to those lost to parklets. • Spicer site parking loss • Soon the loss of the synagogue parking area will be close for the Police Station, how does that impact either license? • The plans to move the oval field another, parking loss • Quarry street parking loss • The leisure centre parking still listed for sale • And others	Whilst the City has divested from some parking property around Fremantle, the great majority of these remain as car parks and have not significantly impacted on parking opportunities in Fremantle. The City continues to review parking within Fremantle and created the additional temporary car park (Cappuccino Strip Car Park) in 2017 as part of this review.
22 February 2023	22 March 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2 How much parking revenue has COF lost annually since its anti-car campaign began in the late 2010's?	The City of Fremantle has an Integrated Transport Strategy which advocates for and provides policy direction on management and provision of car parking and promoting public transit and active transport within Fremantle's CBD. As mentioned in the first question above, the City has divested from some of its former parking property and these parking bays remain in use. Much of this was to facilitate the renewal strategy in the centre of Fremantle in conjunction with the redevelopment of the former Myer site. This renewal has supported much of the improved economic activity in and around Fremantle. The revenue generated being generated from some of these sites was provided in a council report in August, 2022 (AMRC2208-7). As the City no longer owns these properties, they now provide rate income that was previously not provided. The current revenue is provided in the answer to the query below.
22 February 2023	22 March 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3 How much revenue has been produced from those revenue producing assets used and how much revenue are those investment producing annually now?	This question has already been answered previously in the item to council in August, 2022 (AMRC2208-7) as below; Income Generation – RatesThe business plan also considered the effect of the development generating additional rate revenue from the developed properties.
22 February 2023	22 March 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4 With the sale of Henderson St carpark the city has lost the ability to encourage shoppers to be the CBD. Can the council inform the rate payers where the revenue for the Henderson St carpark was invested and how much revenue that asset is producing currently?	The City of Fremantle has an Integrated Transport Strategy which advocates for and provides policy direction on management and provision of car parking and promoting public transit and active transport within Fremantle's CBD, in addition to the City's Destination Marketing Strategic Plan that outlines the overarching delivery and implementation plan for destination marketing activities to increase visitation along with other outcomes in line with the plan's seven strategic pillars. Revenue was from sale of Henderson Street car park was park of the former Kings Square renewal project business plan. The report to council in August, 2022 (AMRC2208-7) provides further detail on this.
22 February 2023	22 March 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 5 What is the sale price for this carpark that council is selling and how will that revenue be invested to improve parking in the city which is clearly lacking?	The sale of this site is in line with the former Kings Square Redevelopment Business Plan Council adopted in 2013 with the summary of the outcome of this project provided in a Council report in August, 2022 (AMRC2208-7).

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22 February 2023	22 March 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 6 What has the city planned to do to improve the terrible reputation COF has with parking in the CBD?	The City of Fremantle has an Integrated Transport Strategy which advocates for and provide policy directions on management and provision of car parking and promoting public transit and active transport within Fremantle's CBD. The City will continue to promote the City as a visitor destination in line with its Destination Marketing Strategy and continue to promote parking opportunities as part of this strategy.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1 When did the City go to tender for an organisation to provide the services for the initiative proposed "Delivers on its commitment to the Uluru Statement by supporting the "Voice to Parliament" campaign through the provision of community education and awareness of the Voice to Parliament conversation in the lead up to the referendum." As outlined in the agenda? The Yes Alliance was chosen (Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Ltd).	As detailed in the Ordinary Council Item 22 March, the \$35,000 budget amendment will be used to support activities listed below. - Kitchen table conversations - Staff and volunteer training - History Centre installation - Disclosure panel presentation - Communications campaign Any procurement for these activities will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Purchasing Policy.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2 Where was the advertised tender?	As detailed in the Ordinary Council Item 22 March, the \$35,000 budget amendment will be used to support activities listed below. - Kitchen table conversations - Staff and volunteer training - History Centre installation - Disclosure panel presentation - Communications campaign Any procurement for these activities will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Purchasing Policy.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3 How many respondents were there?	As detailed in the Ordinary Council Item 22 March, the \$35,000 budget amendment will be used to support activities listed below. - Kitchen table conversations - Staff and volunteer training - History Centre installation - Disclosure panel presentation - Communications campaign Any procurement for these activities will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Purchasing Policy.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 4 Where can I find a copy of the tender proposal?	As detailed in the Ordinary Council Item 22 March, the \$35,000 budget amendment will be used to support activities listed below. - Kitchen table conversations - Staff and volunteer training - History Centre installation - Disclosure panel presentation - Communications campaign Any procurement for these activities will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Purchasing Policy.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 5 What is the scope of the proposal?	As detailed in the Ordinary Council Item 22 March, the \$35,000 budget amendment will be used to support activities listed below. - Kitchen table conversations - Staff and volunteer training - History Centre installation - Disclosure panel presentation - Communications campaign Any procurement for these activities will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Purchasing Policy.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 6 Who was on the selection panel?	As detailed in the Ordinary Council Item 22 March, the \$35,000 budget amendment will be used to support activities listed below. - Kitchen table conversations - Staff and volunteer training - History Centre installation - Disclosure panel presentation - Communications campaign Any procurement for these activities will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Purchasing Policy.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1 How were the High Voltage organisers able to deliver a detailed traffic management plan before consideration by FPOL or Council?	The FPOL2303-8 item was in relation to the City's sponsorship for the High Voltage. The Perth Festival Special Projects team are organising this event and are experienced in running events of this size and all required traffic management plans are required as part of the process for approval.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2 Is the City of Fremantle happy with the distributed traffic management plan and the lack of consultation during its' development?	Yes, consultation was undertaken with the City of Fremantle, City of Cockburn, Public Transport Authority (PTA), Main Roads WA and WA Police.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3 Is the City of Fremantle happy with the total lack of consideration of how people attending the event will get there or, once there if coming by car, where they are going to park?	Event attendees are being encouraged to attend the event via public transport. Additional trains will be running during the event to Fremantle and Murdoch Stations. PTA will be supplying event shuttles operating from Fremantle and Murdoch Stations transporting attendees to the event sites. The schedule and stops will be published by PTA closer to the event day.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 4 How will all these buses get to and from Fremantle Station to Hampton Road – road closures preclude use of South Terrace and Wray Avenue and the nearest alternative is Queen Street/High Street turning a difficult crossfall at Hampton Road.	The Perth Festival Special Projects team have advised that shuttle buses will operate within the road closures to ensure the movement of event patrons. Regular bus timetables will be published by PTA closer to the event day.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 5 Where are the thousands of people coming to the event by car going to park?	There will be a number of carparks open to the public for parking on the day, and as previously noted, there will be shuttle buses transporting attendees from Murdoch Station into Fremantle.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lawrie Bugeja	Question 1 Is the Council aware that every second Case in the Magistrates court is a neighbour dispute?	No, the Council is not aware of this.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lawrie Bugeja	Question 2 The word May in the Building Act – unfairness of the word in boundary neighbour disputes – setting Neighbour against neighbour...	The Building Act is State legislation drafted by the State and you can contact the State Solicitors Office to clarify this matter.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lawrie Bugeja	Question 3 Why am I denied Council Policy 1.3 – Plans re build next door, etc?	Local Planning Policy 1.3: Local Planning Policy 1.3 - Community Consultation on Planning Proposals.pdf (fremantle.wa.gov.au) is available on the City's Website. The City applies the policy as required and when applicable.
22 March 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lawrie Bugeja	Question 4 Are you aware that 3 emails sent to the Mayor for a meeting, not responded. One question responded by Compliance but not answering questions?	Questions of a technical nature are responded to by the City and the matters you have recently raised are of a civil nature of which the City has no jurisdiction in determining the matters.
26 April 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	David Hudson	Question 1 Why is the footbridge to the passenger terminal closed?	The City is of the understanding that the Public Transport Authority has closed the pedestrian bridge due to structural safety concerns.
26 April 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	David Hudson	Question 2 Can Council and/or the CEO approach the PTA and see what's happening with the foot bridge?	The City has contacted the PTA to seek an update of the future of the pedestrian bridge. The response provided is that it is the intention to develop up some options with input from various stakeholders in the near future to put to their Minister.
26 April 2023	26 April 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	David Hudson	Question 3 Why don't the festivals reach the East end of Fremantle and surrounding streets?	The Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge noted that question 3 is considered a statement.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	David Hudson	Question 1 Who contacted the PTA from the Council?	Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge advised question is rhetorical and not something the Council needs to respond to.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	David Hudson	Question 2 What the response was and from whom? What is the time frame?	The response provided is that it is the intention to develop up some options with input from various stakeholders in the near future to put to their Minister. No definitive timeframe was given.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	David Hudson	Question 3 What are they going to do, and are they going to provide you with the engineering testing results to determine it was unsafe? How did they determine it was unsafe?	The City accepts that it is up to PTA to manage their assets and ensure the adequacy for use.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	David Hudson	Question 4 When there is an incident and something happens, who is at fault? Can you approach the PTA to get an answer?	This is an open question which will be taken as rhetorical.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	David Hudson	Question 5 Why isn't the east end in Fremantle included?	This event was conducted and organised by the state government.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	David Hudson	Question 6 Why was the City of Perth, Perth Fringe Festival organising an event in Fremantle?	The organiser of Perth Fringe Festival is an event provided by Art Rage and is a metropolitan wide event.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	David Hudson	Question 7, 8 and 9: David Hudson asked the same 3 questions (refer lines 678 - 6810) again at OCM 24 May 2023.	
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1 What was the terms of reference for this study?	The study is a culmination of work and review of the CAT service over 3 years. Please refer to Meeting Attachment of the ordinary meeting of council 24 May 2023 for full information.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2 Who did the study and why was there no community engagement?	The review was undertaken by various officers over the 3 year period, with inputs from elected members and local community precinct group meetings.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3 Why does the report not include any options with continued cat service for South Fremantle?	The Council has not ruled out the continuation of the Blue CAT to serve South Fremantle – this is still an option if the PTA agree to pay for it. The council is a strong advocate for public transport, however, does not believe the current Blue CAT service is something that should be primarily funded by all ratepayers.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 4 Why do the maps in the report variable cut off North Fremantle?	The Council has not ruled out the continuation of the Blue CAT to serve South Fremantle – this is still an option if the PTA agree to pay for it. The council is a strong advocate for public transport, however, does not believe the current Blue CAT service is something that should be primarily funded by all ratepayers.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Jude Shapiro	Question 1 How will the homeless be serviced by a replacement if the cat bus is cancelled?	The intention of the council resolution is to enter discussions with the PTA to ensure that appropriate levels of service are provided by the public transport authority – for all members of our community.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Joel Rawlings	Question 1 Due to the financial constraints, how does this justify a \$330,000 rent reduction to the operators of the Fremantle Markets as proposed in the business plan?	There is no rent reduction being proposed. There is no relationship between the CAT Bus consideration and the Fremantle Markets business plan.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sof Ali	Question 1 Can the council approach Notre Dame and ask them for a fee towards the Cat Bus for the students that use that bus as well?	The City has previously approached Notre Dame University, as well as many other key stakeholders/destinations around the City Centre for financial contribution towards the CAT. To date, no financial partners have been secured.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sof Ali	Question 2 Could the council approach Mindaroo Project and ask them if they would be willing to contribute?	This is an option the City may consider in seeking donations / on-going funding partnerships from privately owned entities in the future.
24 May 2023	28 June 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sof Ali	Question 3 Can we approach City of Cockburn and extend beyond and take it down to North Coogee?	The City has previously approached City of Cockburn as well as Town of East Fremantle for funding partnerships for CATs. To date, no financial partners have been secured.

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28 June 2023	26 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Tonight's budget item states that no specific consultation has occurred on the draft budget, which it attempts to justify by saying that community consultation and engagement has previously occurred during development of the strategic community plan from which the corporate business plan was developed. Given that the very nature of the annual budget makes it high impact and city wide, why did council not engage at all four levels identified in its own community engagement policy for such issues, namely inform, consult, involve, and collaborate?	Officers consult on the budget via engagement with elected members in a series of budget workshops between January and June. Council is open to exploring alternative ways to engage the community in relation to the annual budget and will work with elected members in the forthcoming budget process to assess whether there are any suitable approaches to achieving increased engagement with the community.
28 June 2023	26 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Elected Members have no doubt had confidential briefings, but it's difficult for an outsider to weigh through the details in the short time available. Why does the City of Fremantle not publish the agendas of council briefing meetings open to the public, and livestream and post them on YouTube as the City of Vincent does, for example?	The briefings are informal and conversational in nature and do not include formal agenda papers for every single item.
28 June 2023	26 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3: Why has the 2023-2024 annual budget been buried in an unusually large agenda, instead of being discussed at a special council meeting as last year?	The budget was presented within the council delegation section of the agenda as it was an item requiring council delegation. Where possible council seeks to adopt the budget prior to 30 June in order to provide certainty on budget as early in the new financial year as possible, and the OCM on the 28th of June provided this opportunity.
28 June 2023	26 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 4: I ask for assurance that the annual budget has been adjusted to include \$84,000 for the additional three months of the CAT service, as resolved by Council at its meeting of 24th May 2023.	Yes, the additional three months of the CAT service has been budgeted for in the 2023/24 financial year.
28 June 2023	26 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 5: The budget includes \$2,150,000 from municipal funds for the South Beach toilets and change rooms. If this was funded by borrowings as a capital project as the Leighton Beach ones were, the rate rise would be reduced from 9% to 5.4%. Why is the City of Fremantle forcing the rate payers of today to fund the decades of benefits for residents of the future?	The South Beach Changerooms was just one of many projects that has been workshopped and prioritised by council prior to being included in the 2023/24 draft budget. The city has made good progress in finalising a number of existing loans and will be in a position to consider additional borrowing programs when interest rates begin to stabilise.
28 June 2023	26 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Paul Joens	Question 1: Will the council support short term solutions to the street flooding from the storm water pipe connected to the Swan River?	Engineering will commence designing civil engineering options for Johannah Street that protect residential housing from flooding. These options will be presented in the annual capital works planning process and inputted into the 10-year capital works programme. The project will then be subject to Council approval.
28 June 2023	26 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Paul Joens	Question 2: Will the council undertake long term solutions to combat rising sea levels inundating Johannah Street?	Yes, the Council will engage with State Government and other adjoining Councils to establish a working group to collectively identify long term solutions that combat rising sea levels.
28 June 2023	26 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cisca Spencer	Question 1: Can we have more information on traffic management in the McCabe Street/Stirling Highway area?	The City recently commissioned Stantec to undertake a Traffic Study for the McCabe Street area, North Fremantle. The report titled McCabe Street Area Traffic Study dated September 2022, assessed the impacts of demand growth along both Stirling Highway and McCabe Street in the context of traffic congestion and multi modal provision. The scenarios investigated include the full redevelopment potential for the Matilda Bay and OneSteel sites in addition to the projected growth of Stirling Highway. The full report may be viewed here (pages 1337-1456 inclusive) on the Department of Planning, Land and Heritage website.
28 June 2023	26 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cisca Spencer	Question 2: What powers do the City of Fremantle have to compel applicants for the development, to consider the whole area when it comes to traffic management and congestion?	Traffic Impact Assessments typically model future scenarios based on a growth assumption. In this case the Traffic Impact Assessment report dated April 2023, submitted by the applicant in support of the 140 Stirling Highway Structure Plan, considered 'traffic likely to be generated by surrounding developments'. It has been incorporated into background volumes, see Traffic Impact Assessment Part 6.2 – Key Assumptions Page 21. However, there is no statutory power that allows the City to make applicants consider the cumulative impacts or whole area in terms of traffic management and congestion.
12 July 2023	9 August 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Ian Ker	Question 1: Under the South Beach Plan - Movement analysis, it states pedestrians arrive on PTA buses at Fremantle train station but shows the Blue CAT will expire on 30 September. The only other PTA service is the hourly 532 which is hardly fit for purpose. What happens after the CAT is canned?	There has been a Community Reference Group working with the City to help negotiate an acceptable public transport outcome down South Terrace to coincide with the cessation of the Blue CAT. The City anticipates a formal announcement soon from the State Government with details of the proposed service changes.
26 July 2023	23 August 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Given that Perth Glory has gone into voluntary administration, what are the effects on the City of Fremantle's financial and other relationships with the club?	Based on information provided by the Club in an email dated 27 July 2023, the club has advised it is business as usual and that the administration oversight has been appointed to finalise the process for new ownership of the club.
26 July 2023	23 August 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Given that Perth Glory has gone into voluntary administration, how does it effect the proposed sponsorship to be discussed at tonight's meeting?	As above, the club has advised it is business as usual.
26 July 2023	23 August 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Council approved a budget for 2023/2024 that increased the amount to be raised by rates by \$5.3 m, a stated increase of 9%. At the same time Council say that this won't come as any surprise, and it can't continue it's funding of the Fremantle CAT bus. \$2.15 m or 40% of the increase of the rates was for the new toilets at South Beach, so I ask why is Council loading the whole cost of the South Beach facilities onto the rate payers of 2023/2024?	The South Beach changeroom project has a budget of \$3.04mil, and is funded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2,150,000 from the 2023/24 budget• \$500,000 reserve funds• \$393,387 carried forward funds from the 2022/23 budget The South Beach Changerooms, along with all other projects and expenditure that have been workshopped and prioritised by council prior to being included in the 2023/24 draft budget, contribute in some way to the overall budget deficiency to be made up by the imposition of rates.
26 July 2023	23 August 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Is Council confident that the South Beach facilities will be completed and paid for this financial year?	The first phase of the works is due to start over the next few weeks, with the demolition of the facility. Construction project is about to be tendered and works are due to commence around Christmas. The intention is for the project to be completed around mid 2024.
26 July 2023	23 August 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Jack Dowie	Question 1: The value up for endorsement for the Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club is \$34,500. Is the funding listed for endorsement inclusive of fully exempt rates or is it having the reduced rates incorporated into it?	This is not inclusive of rates. It is the full value of the sponsorship in cash, being proposed. There would still be rates payable by the club, and inclusive of the maximum rates waver. An item will be brought to council to discuss any further discount in the 2023/24 rate charge for the club.
23 August 2023	23 August 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: The rate payers of 2023/2024 are already getting negative benefits, as part of the South Beach reserve is a building site; and toilet and shower facilities are even more inadequate than they have been for the past year or so. In particular, there are no accessible toilets. How long must we put up with this state of affairs?	There are two phases to this project, with the first phase being the demolition of the existing facilities. There have been some changes to the provision of temporary toilets for the demolition phase - these will include disabled facilities.
23 August 2023	23 August 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Are there even firm project timelines for the construction of the new toilets and change rooms?	There is a program of works - the anticipated start for the construction works of the new facilities is currently planned for late November.
23 August 2023	23 August 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3: Have tenders been called for the toilet and change rooms project?	The second phase of the project has not yet been tendered; it is about to go out to tender.
13 September 2023	13 September 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Ian Ker	Question 1 (in relation to FPOL2309-4 - Fremantle Arts Centre Café and Fremantle Leisure Centre Kiosk): Who were the other tenderers?	A total of 3 submissions were received for the Fremantle Arts Centre Café and a total of 3 submissions were received for the Fremantle Leisure Centre Kiosk. This was inclusive of the submissions from G.A.P Kitchen. Due to the commercial nature of the process submissions are provided in confidence and as such we will not be providing the names of the unsuccessful proponents.
13 September 2023	13 September 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Ian Ker	Question 2: On what basis was G.A.P's Kitchen selected for (a) the Fremantle Arts Centre cafe (relative to the other two tenderers) and (b) the Leisure Centre kiosk?	All submissions were assessed by a panel and scored against a set of criteria. G.A.P Kitchen presented the strongest submission for both the Fremantle Arts Centre Café and the Fremantle Leisure Centre Kiosk, with final scores demonstrating G.A.P Kitchen is capable of delivering a relevant and sustainable operation for both facilities. This was reflected in the business plan provided by G.A.P Kitchen, which presented in detail, their financial capability as well as strategies relating to marketing, sales, operations, customer service and proposed menus and food offerings.
13 September 2023	13 September 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Ian Ker	Question 3: Are the officers confident that an out-of-state business with no apparent experience in fixed-venue catering would be able to re-establish two quite different fixed-venue businesses that have been dormant for a long time?	Based on the information presented in the submissions, G.A.P Kitchen (who are relocating to Western Australia) was assessed as being capable of re-establishing and operating both businesses. One of the applicants has worked in the hospitality industry for over 34 years & holds a Diploma in Hospitality Management. They hold a wealth of experience working in a diverse range of businesses from local pubs, cafes & restaurants through to 5-star hotels. The other applicant has more than 38 years' experience, working all over the world with the Intercontinental Hotel Group as Executive Chef and Director of Food & Beverage, which also involved setting up kitchens, and beverage outlets to redefine the operational cost effectiveness of his departments.
13 September 2023	13 September 2023	Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee	Ian Ker	Question 4: Are the officers confident that an out-of-state business with no apparent experience in fixed-venue catering would be able to successfully operate two quite different fixed-venue businesses for the full term of the leases?	As above.
27 September 2023	11 October 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: It is now 11 months and 1 day since Council last considered the Swan River Crossing Project. On the 26th of October 2022 it was resolved that Council requests a briefing on the key design options explored by the Fremantle Bridge Alliance following the previous public consultation in July 2021, supported by sufficient and publicly available information to enable the City and community to understand the options analysis; and requests that the Fremantle Bridge Alliance facilitate a multi-criteria assessment process involving key stakeholders and community representatives. When was this request presented to Main Roads?	The outcomes of the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 October 2023 were conveyed to Bridge Project Director on 10/11/23.
27 September 2023	11 October 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: In relation to the above, was a response ever received?	No formal position on the current status has been received by Council since this request was made. There were several discussions between the City of Fremantle and the Project Team to commence further community engagement on multiple options in early 2023. These plans did not eventuate.
27 September 2023	11 October 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3: If a response was received, why have Council and the community not been informed?	See response to Question 2 above.
27 September 2023	11 October 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 4: Did any such response include any of the information or assessments requested?	See response to Question 2 above.
27 September 2023	11 October 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 5: If a response has not been received, has a request been followed up with Main Roads?	Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge wrote to the Minister for Transport on 22/12/22, referencing the previous October Ordinary Council Meeting together with results from the Special Meeting of Electors.
27 September 2023	11 October 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 6: Has Main Roads sought to engage with the City of Fremantle about Swan River Crossing at any time since 26th October 2022?	Only to discuss opportunity to arrange further community engagement in early 2023, that did not eventuate.
27 September 2023	11 October 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Margaret Ker	Question 1: At the Council Meeting on 22 March 2023 the Council voted in favour of adopting a budget amendment of \$35,500 from unfunded expenditure to the 2022/2023 budget for mid-tier support for the Voice to Parliament; and delivery of outcomes that maximise community engagement and information from May to July 2023 and aligned with Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week. Can the Council advise whether this money was spent?	The City has spent a total of \$30,446.26

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25 October 2023	25 October 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Alan Greenwood	Question 1: Why did the council facilitate a referendum campaign which featured from the left side of politics?	The Mayor referred Mr Greenwood to the Council decision on the item (<i>linked within the minutes</i>)																																	
25 October 2023	25 October 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Alan Greenwood	Question 2: Why was the campaign funded at \$35,000?	Refer to the response for question 1.																																	
25 October 2023	25 October 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Heather Wright	Question 1: What will the Council do to rectify the misconduct of spending ratepayers' money on the referendum campaign?	Clause 17 of the Code of Conduct states that a council member (individual) must not, directly or indirectly, use the resources of a local government for an electoral purpose or other purpose unless authorised under the Act, or by the local government or the CEO, to use the resources for that purpose. The decision to commit \$35,000 to promote information in relation to the Voice referendum was the decision of the Council and not individual Elected Members. The minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 October 2023 feature a breakdown of where the funds were spent, within the public questions and responses item. (<i>linked within the minutes</i>)																																	
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22 November 2023	22 November 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Heather Wright	Question 1: In relation to the response provided to a question asked at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 October 2023, how is this not a breach of misconduct?	Clause 17 of the Code of Conduct requires individual elected members not to use resources of the Local Government in advocating for a referendum outcome. The exemptions to that clause are approval by the Chief Executive Officer, or approval by the Local Government. This Local Government made a decision to expend funds to promote notice of the referendum on the Voice. Under the Code of Conduct, the Local Government gave permission for the funds to be used.																																	
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22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Dominique Minnagh	Question 1: The acquisitions table states the annual budget \$25.79 m and the year to date actual at \$2.22 m representing a 9% spend. We're four months into the financial year, the spend should be at 33% or \$8.5 m. What are the reasons for the underspend?	For many of the capital projects the procurement strategy is to go out to tender early in the financial year and with action to occur later in the financial year. On that basis, budgets for capital projects are phased to increase spending progressively in the financial year. Furthermore, delays in supplier sending invoices will also account for some of the underspend. Budget phasing is based on an estimated project timeline and due to the nature of projects timelines change occasionally due to availability of suppliers and trades. Budget phasing is adjusted as delays or changes in timelines are identified throughout the year.																																	
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Dominique Minnagh	Question 2: The capital grant table states the annual budget of \$8.67 m and the year to date actual at \$0.46 m representing grants to the City of Fremantle at 5%. What are the reasons for the grant money being so low four months into the budget?	Grant acquittals are linked to the progress on capital projects. As projects progress and milestones are met, capital grants received will increase. Budget phasing is based on an estimated project timeline and due to the nature of projects timelines change occasionally due to availability of suppliers and trades. Budget phasing is adjusted as delays or changes in timelines are identified throughout the year. A change in the timeline of the delivery of a project is also likely to impact the timing in which grant income is received.																																	
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22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: In relation to the above, will the artwork be restored?	The work will not be restored. The work does not appear to be a registered asset on the City's Public Art Collection, nor does any approval appear to have ever been issued for the work to be placed in the public realm. It is understood the work is incomplete. It is understood that the work has been previously moved to accommodate concerts held in the area on at least one occasion. The work was not secured to the ground, meaning there was no engineered footing. The work was sitting on a loose limestone path on a slight incline. Efforts were made to contact the artist prior to moving the structure. Preparations were made to relocate the rock to allow for public access and sight lines to the Fremantle Biennale program.																																	
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: In relation to the above, what are the associated costs to the ratepayers?	No financial commitment has been made by the City of the Fremantle. We are waiting for the family to respond to our communications to understand their wishes on relocation.																																	
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: A 'Modern' city seems to be the new buzz word following on from a 'liveable', 'loveable', 'activated', 'revitalised city'. Where can I find the definition of what a 'modern' city is in the context of Fremantle?	This question is taken more as a comment than a question as it would require more context to answer																																	
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: Is there parking set aside for Fremantle councillors?	There are no reserved or allocated bays for elected members however they are able to access parking permits.																																	

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22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6: Is there parking provision for Fremantle staff and admin? If yes, how many parking bays does it amount to in total?	Staff can access public bays at the Beach Street car park adjacent to Captain Munchies. Staff who are required to work after hours in to the evening are also able to access car parking closer to the administration building.
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 7: In relation to question 5 and 6, is this parking available at anytime?	This parking is available to City staff in line with their working or rostered hours.
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 8: In relations to the above, what is the total cost to the City?	There is no direct cost to the City.
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Item C2311-11: Question 9: Given the existing parking stress in Fremantle, and the problem escalating by cramping in more residents into a building that provides not enough parking, is it then justified to ignore parking policy and accept the loss of on street parking to accommodate a developer's desire to extract as much profit as possible at the expensive of amenity?	The required number of car bays as assessed against the Residential Design Codes are provided for the residential apartments. The parking shortfall for the commercial tenancies has been assessed and supported against the Local Planning Scheme in the officer's report.
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 10: What evidence (data) is there of reduced car numbers and usage in Fremantle to support the rationale for ignoring parking policy and the loss of on street parking?	The applicant has provided a Transport Impact Statement to justify the shortfall, which has been assessed and supported by officers.
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 11: Will the lost parking from Point Street carpark be replaced?	This proposal is not proposing a public car park to replace the existing Point Street carpark.
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 12: The development proposes a height increase of 60%, from 5 to 8 storeys, and according to the developer (supported by a legal opinion) it is allowable because Johnson Court and Little Lanes nearby are equally as or taller. Where can I find the arguments that reason for compliance with the policy?	The officers report makes an independent assessment of the proposal against the requirements of the Local Planning Scheme and is informed by Design Advisory Committee advice and the position of the Heritage Council in regards to adjoining buildings.
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 13: How many units (number of bedrooms) are set aside for social housing?	Discussion regarding the height assessment commences on page 37 of the Council Agenda.
22 November 2023	22 November 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 1: What will happen when there is an outage again like we had with Optus recently? How did the City deal with it when the interest was down?	That has not been disclosed by the applicant.
22 November 2023	22 November 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 2: Can the cash payment option remain available, as not everyone has a mobile phone?	Our provider is not Optus, however, we will have measures in place. Almost all of the parking machines have mobile sims, which we monitor regularly. If the sims go down, we send someone out straight away to rectify the issue and get in touch with the telecommunication provider.
22 November 2023	22 November 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 3: What measures are in place to protect our data from being misused or profited from?	We are not abolishing cash. We are bringing in a range of machines which will allow payment by cash. We're assessing the utilisation of machines across the City to determine cash vs card usage. Where there is a high level of cash usage already, we will retain cash machines. Where there is a low usage of cash, we will introduce the card only or pay-by-phone machines.
22 November 2023	22 November 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 4: How much revenue has the City raised in the last financial year for parking and infringements?	It is part of the general contract of engagement with the provider, and they are bound by the Australia legislation standards for how to manage and secure data. The data is the property of the City.
22 November 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 5: Are we one step closer to CBDC?	Parking \$11.2M And infringements \$2.1M
22 November 2023	22 November 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 6: Can you explain the meaning of "the ability to offer dynamic pricing and response to trends and utilisation"?	The term CBDC requires further context to be answered.
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Who decides what is edited out of public comments/questions?	The concept of dynamic pricing is that given we're looking at implementing an integrated system, we will be able to monitor the utilisation and data captured through our system. At periods of low utilisation, we can drop prices to encourage people to come into Fremantle as an incentive. Its more about reducing prices rather than increasing, as there is no intent to increase prices.
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Who makes the judgement call that a question is 'taken more as a comment'?	The minutes generally keep a summary of any comments made with any questions and comments as possible. It is for this reason that the City appreciates questions in writing so that there is no ambiguity.
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Who provides the responses to questions?	Where the accurate context of a question is not able to be made it may be considered a comment.
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: Is this person formally responsible and accountable for the content of the responses?	Responses are provided by various officers and referred to the Executive Team for final review.
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: Where do elected members access parking?	Question 4: Is this person formally responsible and accountable for the content of the responses?
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6: Where is the car parking location closer to the admin building for staff working after hours?	See above
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 7: How many parking permits are on issue in total for the use of any person associated with the City of Fremantle?	Elected Members may access street parking or off-street parking depending on the timing and place of the meeting.
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 8: Are there any cars, other than service vehicles, provided by the City to any staff or elected members?	Where the accurate context of a question is not able to be made it may be considered a comment.
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Item C2311-11: Question 9: Refer to officer report, page 54 "With respect to the restaurant/café uses, many other individual restaurant/cafes within the Fremantle city centre do not in most circumstances provide on-site parking for their exclusive use and it is considered this principle is appropriate to apply here for the reasons listed below." Is the above a considered statement and in the best interest for the CoF, given the report says nothing about the 296 parking bays having been provided in this area by the Point Street car park (Westgate) owned by the City - providing also a revenue stream - until 2012 when it was sold for \$11 million; including the fact that the City will not replace any lost parking from Point Street car park?	Responses are provided by various officers and referred to the Executive Team for final review.
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Item C2311-11: Question 10: What are the expected returns for the City from parking across the City of Fremantle over the next 2 years?	Question 4: Is this person formally responsible and accountable for the content of the responses?
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Item C2311-11: Question 11: The cat bus was funded by revenue gained from Sunday parking in the City. Given that council has cancelled the cat bus, to what use has this money been reallocated?	Elected Members may access street parking or off-street parking depending on the timing and place of the meeting.
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 1: How will approvals of development applications pertaining to individual buildings located in the West End Heritage Precinct be carefully regulated to retain the historical integrity of height patterns and the amenity of adjacent buildings?	Question 6: Where is the car parking location closer to the admin building for staff working after hours?
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 2: How will the height and scale of renovated landmark buildings located on a corner or within the boundary of the Phillimore Street scape, be regulated to retain the historical integrity of the West End Heritage Area?	Staff typically utilise the Parry Street carpark when they are required to work after hours, depending on bay availability.
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 3: Research of minutes of Council Meetings identify that approvals to sell or manage Council assets of attributed Heritage Note at "Below Market Value" for development, is an adopted or preferred modern accounting practise by this Council. Please explain how and why the depletion of the City of Fremantle's property asset base and ongoing transfer of monies from the Reserve Fund contributes to the economy of Fremantle of benefits ratepayers and business owners living and working in a so-called modern city?	It is presumed this question refers to employees and elected members of the City. If this is the case then every staff member and elected member has access to a parking permit application if needed for their role.
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Margaret Ker	Question 1: I refer to a media release from City of Fremantle dated 31 August 2023 headed Visitors to benefit from new tourist bus. The release states that the City of Fremantle is currently seeking expressions of interest from experienced transport operators to provide a hop-on hop-off style bus service that takes in all the major tourist attractions. Could the City advise the date on which such expressions of interest were sought and progress if any, that has been made with this proposal?	Permit Type No of permits Fleet vehicles 47 Elected Members 11 Justice of Peace 32 CoF Staff247 CoF Volunteers146 Total493
6 December 2023	6 December 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting	Margaret Ker	Question 2: I refer to a media release from the City of Fremantle dated 9 August 2023 headed New South Beach change rooms a step closer. This noted that the tender for construction of the new change rooms is progressing to be put to the market in the coming months. Could the City confirm that the tender has now been let and that construction of the new facilities will commence early in the New Year as the community was previously advised?	The City allows some pool vehicles to be used for commuting to and from the workplace by officers, these are subject to a financial contribution by the officer. No vehicles are provided to Elected Members.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 1: If number plate recognition is installed, how are you going to deal with infringements?	Yes, the statement relates to providing a fair and equitable response to potentially new business owners in 8 Point Street being treated the same as existing city businesses. The question as to whether the City needs more public parking options for general vehicle parking is a matter that the City will consider as part of its broader transport and parking strategies.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 2: Will the fines cost be deducted directly from the credit card or digital wallet of the offending person?	The 2023/24 budget estimates parking revenue of approximately \$10.3m. It is expected to be similar for the following year.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 3: Will Fremantle residents still have access to free parking, and how will that work with the number plate recognition?	The CAT Bus was initially funded through the introduction of a charge for Sunday parking. City's contribution towards the CAT bus in recent times came from general revenue. Since the discontinuation of the CAT Bus, the funds that might have gone towards its funding have been reallocated across all aspects of city expenditure for 2023/24. See Budget 23/24.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 4: Is the City going to retain access where, at the moment, the parking is free?	The CAT Bus was initially funded through the introduction of a charge for Sunday parking. City's contribution towards the CAT bus in recent times came from general revenue. Since the discontinuation of the CAT Bus, the funds that might have gone towards its funding have been reallocated across all aspects of city expenditure for 2023/24. See Budget 23/24.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 5: How many facial recognition cameras has the City installed since Covid, and where are they located?	Individual decisions to sell council property will usually be based on the business case and need provided at the time. The usual practice is to sell property not currently considered to be achieving its potential or surplus to needs.

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20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 6: In related to question 5, who monitors the recording and what happens to the collected data?	The City does not operate facial recognition cameras.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 1: In relation to the “Drag Rainbow Story Time” event in Fremantle Town Hall on Wednesday 17 January 2024, was this event approved as an “Operational” or as a “Policy” issue?	All Library and Meeting Place programming is approved at operational level.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 2: Were all elected Council Members consulted about this event and did this item come to Council for approval? If no, why not? If yes, what date was this event approved by the Fremantle Council?	This event did not go to Council for approval. All Library and Meeting Place programming is approved at operational level.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 3: How much will this event cost the Ratepayers?	\$600 for the performer. \$242 for security.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 4: Will the fees for the Town Hall be waived for this event? If yes, why are the organised not obliged to pay? If no, how much will the fees for the Town Hall be?	This event is organised by the City of Fremantle, there are no fees for Town Hall usage.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 5: Do all Drag Queens, paid and voluntary staff who will be working at the event have current Working With Children clearances? If yes, were they current at the time of approval of the event from the Fremantle Council and the booking of the event? If no, why not?	The performer and city staff involved with the event have current WWC clearance.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 6: The invitation says that “everyone is welcome to join from young to old!”. How can adults, without children, register to attend this event?	Everyone is welcome to attend, there are no age restrictions and registration is free via the City website. The event is designed for children and guardians.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: In relation to the Sale of a portion of 5/15 Quarry Street to Golestani Developments Pty Ltd (Lot 1 and 2 on Plan 758, Certificate of Title Volume 545 Folio 181; and Lot 8 on Diagram 1451, Certificate of Title volume 241 Folio 32. Herald, Saturday December 2, 2023 p.10), given 46 Bellevue Terrace with 169 sqm sold for \$508,000 - being unliveable, unviewable and un-bankable (the Financial Revue, Nov 6, 2023)-, both a market valuation of \$3,800 000 and a purchase price of \$4,350,000 seem extraordinarily low for 3,244 sqm. Who provided the market valuation?	The valuation was provided by Hemsley Patterson who are licensed and certified practicing valuers.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: In relation to question 1, where and when was the sale of this property advertised?	A public sales process commenced on 16 March 2023 via the City’s appointed local Real Estate Agent, Belle Acton. Advertising methods included: -Advertisement on realcommercial.com -Sales prospectus -Signage -Distribution of prospectus to Belle Acton database
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: In relation to question 1, who sold the property?	The City Fremantle via its appointed local Real Estate Agent, Belle Acton, sold the property in line with the requirements of section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: In relation to question 1, how many offers were received?	A total of 6 offers were received. Two of those offers were deemed to be unsuitable due to the sales price being well below market value. Three of the remaining four offers were shortlisted and officers (via the appointed local real estate agent) commenced negotiations with the three shortlisted offers in line with the requirements of the council resolution from 23 August 2023.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: In relation to the Point street development, will these extraordinary parking concessions apply to every other future development in Fremantle?	These are not considered extraordinary concessions. Every DA is individually assessed on merit and Council may exercise its discretion – as authorised within the statutory planning framework – in what it believes is in the best interests of the community.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6: In relation to the city’s refusal to provide a definition of what a modern city is in the context of Fremantle (question on notice 22 November 2023), the City talks about ‘our modern city’ in the introduction to the Fremantle Oval Draft Conservation Management Plan, as an example. This plan aims to identify the heritage values of the place and provide a framework to manage change in a way that protects these values but allows for the regeneration of the site to meet the changing needs of our modern city. Again, what is the definition of modern city in the context of Fremantle?	In the context of the Oval Conservation Management Plan (CMP), it is understood that the author is using the term ‘modern’ to explain that a CMP is a tool to guide any future changes/upgrading to a historic site. In this context, ‘modern’ simply means contemporary or the needs of a city today and into the future. There is no broader or specific definition of Fremantle as a ‘modern city’ in common use or understanding within the Council.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 1: As elected custodians of our City, please explain how the height and scale of 49 Phillimore Street located within the most intact 19th Century streetscape in the whole of Australia will be retained to conserve the buildings integrity and the historical integrity of the West End Heritage Area?	It is proposed that the existing building (height and scale) will be retained and extensive restoration work will be undertaken on historic fabric. The proposed new-build at levels 3 and 4 is architecturally designed to (a) differentiate itself from earlier periods of design, and (b) is set-back to reduce visual impact and allow the original building to have the greater presence in the streetscape. Given the location and design of proposal the historical integrity of the West End is considered to be retained within acceptable parameters. The Heritage Council of Western Australia, the body responsible for places on the State Register of Heritage Places, have also provided their support for the proposal.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 2: How will future approvals of Development Applications pertaining to individual buildings located in the West End Heritage Precinct be carefully regulated to retain the integrity of heigh patterns within the environment of the street scape and the amenity of adjacent buildings?	All future development applications in the West End will be assessed on their merit on a case-by-case basis, against planning and heritage criteria that is set within the statutory planning framework.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: How much have temporary toilets, including those now removed, cost ratepayers, including sewerage, water and electricity connections?	The temporary toilets are on hire; to date the cost is \$15,663.00. Capital (installation and connection) costs are \$20,558.00.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: How much of the total budget has already been spent and how much of this would be wasted if the project were to be substantially changed?	The City has spent \$500,000 as part of the project to date. It is not anticipated that any changes would be significant in terms of design and documentation, and they would incur minimal re-documentation costs.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3: How much of the total budget has already been committed and how much of this would not be recoverable if the project were to be substantially changed?	In total, the City has committed \$516,000 to date. The committed costs are not recoverable. See question 2 above re: potential costs for changes in approach.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 4: In view of the history of this project, how realistic is it to “review the building design proposal” and “re-engage the market” with “timeliness similar to the current delivery forecast”?	The City will review the design and construction methodology with a view to simplify the approach and potentially shorten the construction time. It is hoped that this may offset some of the time lost in re-engaging the market. Officers will endeavour to minimise delays as much as practically possible.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 5: If Council adopts the officer’s recommendation, what happens to the Department of Communities grant which formed part of the funding?	Should it prove necessary, the City will engage with the Department of Communities and seek an extension to the acquittal for this grant funding.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 6: If Council adopts the officers recommendation, will the City of Fremantle refund to current ratepayers the \$2.5 million from the current budget from which they will get no benefit?	The City does not propose to cancel the project; the City will retain the budget and re-engage the market with a view to attaining a proposal that provides a value for money solution.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Saz Cole	Question 1: When can we expect to have the toilets there again?	The original program was for the toilets to be completed by August/September 2024; officers will endeavour to minimise any delay on those dates. An updated program will be provided in due course.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Saz Cole	Question 2: When will it be started?	The original works program was for the toilets to commence by February 2024. An updated program will be provided in due course.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Saz Cole	Question 3: Do you have any contractors in mind?	There is currently no preferred contractor. The City will review its options in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Saz Cole	Question 4: Do you have a risk management in place for that project, when you do assign a contract?	The City does have a risk management framework, and project risk assessments are an integral part of the City’s Project Management
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Saz Cole	Question 5: What is the City looking for, in the way of cost, and why were the applicants knocked back?	Officers sought to reject all proposals as the tender values were significantly above the City’s pre-tender estimate and available budget. The City seeks contactors who can effectively deliver the specified works through an affordable, value for money proposal.
20 December 2023	14 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Saz Cole	Question 6: Will the project be time sensitive (like Kerry Hill), which makes a huge difference to the cost?	The key timing issues considered as part of this project relate to works during the winter period and an aspiration to complete the works prior to the Summer busy period. A revised works program will be reassessed, but it is unlikely that the City will look to accelerate the program in a way that would significantly increase costs.