

Public Questions 2024 - Current

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5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 1: Page 23 of the annual report misleadingly refers yet again to only selectively the construction contract portion of \$43m for the new civic centre and disregards the architect fees of \$7m, management fees, fit-outs, still unfinished fit-outs and other blow-out project costs. How is this not spinning ratepayers given total project costs currently exceeds \$65m?	As quoted on page 23 of the Annual Report "A fixed contract for construction of the Civic Centre was awarded at \$43.05 million and commenced in 2019." This statement did not refer to the pre-construction costs. Additionally, this did not include the costs that resulted from the contractor entering administration and the resultant work to the Civic Centre to complete the project. A full breakdown of costs associated with the Walyalup Koort/Walyalup Civic Centre Project is publicly available in the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 August 2022.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 2: Page 36 of the annual report in the Finance section incorrectly refers to FY22 not FY23 and in other pages many figures quoted do not tie back correctly to the audited finance report. Has the annual report actually been properly proof-read by the finance department and when will the corrections be made?	The year ending shown as 2022 will be updated to 2023.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 3: Year on year budgeted capital projects are consistently and inefficiently delayed and FY23 is no exception. Why is the actual capital expenditure of \$10m so low compared to the budget of \$28m?	The construction industry has been highly impacted with staff shortages, cost increases on materials and transportations costs. These increases are impacting all entities that go out to tender for materials and constructions related services. The city has been experiencing cost increases and delays to capital works projects as a result of market conditions that are beyond our control. The city is continually considering different options to how we manage the market conditions and the impact on the city and will adjust our procurement practised where possible as appropriate. Noting that the funding related to underspend in capital works remains available to be spend in future years. Essentially, those capital items are budgeted for and would not impact budget setting decisions in a future year.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 4: With the sell-off of numerous income producing properties and car parks over the years, is the council deliberately raising rates and postponing budgeted capital projects due to a dwindling financial buffer which is highlighted by many examples such as cutting the CAT bus, inability to absorb South Beach changeroom costs, lack of maintenance of the Town Hall...etc?	Rates increases are imposed in line with the operational/project requirements of the City for that year, as well as market conditions which have included rapid inflation and increasing cost pressures across most developed economies. Further information regarding the rate increase is available in the media release on the City's website below, as well as the budget report adopted by Council in June 2023. Fremantle budget focuses on the fundamentals City of Fremantle
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 5: For the current year ratepayers have been levied rate increases of 9% based on budgeted capital expenditure that will not eventuate and no benefit received. Will ratepayers receive a refund in the next rates cycle?	It is the intention that all projects will be completed. However, for any projects that experience unforeseen delays the related budgeted capital expenditure is carried forward to the following financial year.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 6: In the council monthly financial update for the 5 months YTD FY24 capital expenditure is only a meagre \$2.7m. According to the council minutes response of 6 Dec 2023, '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'. Does the council still believe this is the best practice procurement strategy rather than a continuous rolling procurement program of capital projects?	Resource and capacity challenges has meant that there has been a tendency for Officers to design and deliver in one year; however there has been significant focus on better forward planning during this year's planning. Officers have lengthened project forecasting to 4 years as part of the annual business planning process, this will further improve project alignment, allow more time for scoping, tender documentation and cost estimating earlier in the project process.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 7: How are project managers held accountable for project delivery failures and poor budgeting such as the South Beach changerooms to ensure adopted capital expenditure budgets and project timelines are realistic and actually met?	Officers work within the parameters of the City's Project Management Framework, this includes project reviews and monthly project monitoring. Reasons for project delays and or budget challenges are reviewed and discussed as part of this process.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 8: Note 19 in the financial report refers to contaminated sites for remediation. In addition to the South Fremantle landfill site and the scandalous Jones St property acquisition what other sites are contaminated?	There are a number of contaminated sites across Fremantle falling under both State & Local Government ownership as well as private ownership. A database of contaminated sites is made available online by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. It is noted that Jones St Property is not a registered contaminated site.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 9: In FY23 the council has belatedly acknowledged for the first time in an audited financial report a contingent liability. What event or circumstances triggered the now more forthcoming contingent liability disclosure on contaminated sites in Note 19?	The Annual Financial Statements were audited by Grant Thornton on behalf of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG). Both Grant Thornton and OAG agreed that the city's Financial Statements accurately reflect the city's finances. The contaminated sites and revaluation of assets information included in the statements were reviewed in detail by both auditors and the financial statements and notes is an accurate reflection thereof. The city is aware of the contaminated sites within its boundaries as declared by Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER). For city owned properties, there are management plans in place that requires monitoring of these sites. There are no contaminated sites that have been declared by DWER to be remediated at this stage, to that end note 19 accurately reflects that there are no contingent liabilities for the financial year.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 10: What is the current preliminary best guess estimate of the remediation costs for these contaminated sites?	As per response to question 9.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 11: What is the expected timeline for agreeing with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation the costs associated with remediation of the South Fremantle landfill contamination?	There are currently no plans to remediate the site and will continue to be monitored in line with the agreed management plan.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 12: In which year will the remediation of the Jones St property contamination be undertaken, and how much is currently included in future budgets?	As per previous responses above, Jones Street is not listed as a contaminated site. The site does contain asbestos building. The asbestos located within the buildings at Jones Street will be addressed appropriately as and when redevelopment of the site occurs. There is no fixed date set for the redevelopment of the site.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 13: Note 17 of the financial report summaries a massive asset revaluation of \$241m containing multiple common-sense discrepancies, and given the paucity of public information, what were the valuation methodology/technique changes since the previous June 2020 valuation?	As part of the International Accounting Standards 16 Property, Plant and Equipment requires to be revalued at least every five years. As part of the Local Government Act 1995 the city is required to adhere to the International Accounting standards. The infrastructure assets were required to be revalued in the financial year ending 30 June 2023. The same methodology for revaluations was used, being replacement costs for infrastructure assets. The city engaged a registered valuer, Cushman & Wakefield, to undertake this work. The fair value increases are based on the City's infrastructure data. As part of the audit for financial statements ending 30 June 2022, OAG noted that if the city is aware of an assets class that might have significant changes in fair value, it is not appropriate to wait for five years to undertake a formal revaluation of that asset class. Accordingly, the city engaged with registered valuer to ascertain price per hectare for city owned land. Noting that the zoning for those land parcels was considered in deriving the price per hectare.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 14: For what reasons did the revaluation of Park properties in Note 9 inexplicably change from an opening carrying value of \$10m to \$70m in FY23?	During the financial year there were new assets to the value of \$2.8M added and existing parks assets increased in value due to revaluations of \$54M. Along with capitalisation of new assets to the value of \$4.2M and depreciation of (\$1.6M) the value of parks assets on 30 June 2023 is \$69.8M.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 15: Given the civic centre was specifically built for council purposes and will never have a ready commercial buyer now or in future years, why is this property valued purely at market approach?	It was valued based on building replacement cost in line with the Building Cost Index.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 16: What is the revalued amount for the disastrous multimillion dollar loss making Jones St property which has been sitting idle since 2014, and does the valuation take into account the required contamination rehabilitation?	The total value of land and buildings is \$8.8 million.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 17: In the absence of transparent information for the \$241m revaluation can a detailed property listing be made publicly available similar to three years ago (ARMC 2106-1 June 2021) for comparison?	While an extract of the list of building assets have been provided in the past, there is no requirement to make the list available as part of the annual financial statements.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 18: If the detailed property listing is not to be made publicly available, why not?	As per response to question 17.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 19: Given the Infrastructure carrying value doubled from \$158m in FY22 to \$339m in FY23, is the valuation technique wording actually correct in Notes 8 & 9 of the financial report?	Yes.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 20: Who was the independent registered valuer performing the valuation?	The city engaged a registered valuer, Cushman & Wakefield, to undertake this work.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 21: The majority of public sector restricted use land in Australia is valued taking into account the restricted use and for a better example refer to the City of Perth. For what reasons is Fremantle using a market approach valuation without properly taking into consideration the public sector restrictions?	Due to the changes experienced in the construction industry, buildings were also revalued by way of a management valuation. Based on the building construction cost index published by the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyor (AIQS) the city's building portfolio was updated to reflect the relevant replacement cost for the components of city buildings. The indices are based on projects for buildings procured by competitive tender. 12 Quantity Surveying firms in Perth contribute their advice and data to the AIQS in compilation of the index. Noting that the subcomponents of a building remains the same regardless of the purpose of a building, On that basis, the increase due to revaluation for buildings of \$ 55.1M is accurate.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 22: Apart from Quarry St, what buildings, land, parks and carparks is the council intending to sell in the coming three to five years?	This is a decision that will require determination by council.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 23: Is the council intending to sell the Leisure Centre carpark?	This is a decision that will require determination by council.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 24: When will the incorrect YTD FY24 monthly accounts be updated for the increased multimillion dollar depreciation arising from the FY23 revaluation which significantly decreases operating results?	The Ordinary Council Meeting in February 2024 is the first opportunity to update the monthly financial statements following the adoption of the annual report and audited financial statements. Depreciation will be reflected in the January 2024 monthly financial statements provided in February.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 25: Note 22 of the financial report refers to a total \$3m loss in FY23 for the Resource Recovery Group investment, and given the withdrawal by Fremantle from this agreement and associated liabilities, would it have not been more accurate to write-down to \$nil the remaining \$2.3m carrying value in FY23?	The OAG estimated that the financial impact of potential changes in the RRG financial statement to that of the city's financial statement were insignificant. On that basis, the auditors agreed that an emphasis of matter note in the audit opinion is sufficient to close out the city's 2023 financial statement. Along with the note 24 of events occurring after the end of the reporting period.

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5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 26: Given the auditor included an emphasis of matter paragraph in the audit report will the investment in the Resource Recovery Group carrying value now be written to \$nil in FY24?	As far as the city is aware the RRG financial matters are still to be resolved and the city will reflect future changes in the next years financial statements, once signed off by the OAG.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 27: Why is the \$3m investment loss and secretive significant variance to budget in FY23 not properly described in the council monthly financial updates and kept confidential?	As far as the city is aware the RRG financial matters are still to be resolved and the city will reflect future changes in the next years financial statements, once signed off by the OAG.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 28: As pointed out in prior years Fremantle fails to disclose Heritage Land and Heritage Buildings separately and loses meaningfulness to the readers of the financial report. So, asking yet again, why heritage assets are not shown separately and transparently in line with best practice in the Note 8 of the financial report to both highlight and showcase the heritage assets of Fremantle?	There is no statutory requirement to show heritage buildings separately and as such this has not been a priority, however the city is now considering this and will look at how it can be implemented in the future.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 1: What is the latest cost of the Kings Square project?	A full breakdown of costs associated with the Walyalup Koort/Walyalup Civic Centre Project is publicly available in the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 August 2022.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 2: How much of it is yet to be completed?	As per response to question 1.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 3: What is the estimated cost of to complete the Kings Square Project?	As per response to question 1.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 4: The Council's business plan was that the new civic centre was to make approximately \$900,000 annually, what is the actual revenue of the Kings Square business to date annually or year by year?	Two ground floor leases have been signed which generate 70K per annum in revenue. One of those leases is now open and operational the other will be open as at 1 July 2024 (fit out currently in process). The remaining space which is available to lease and currently being marketed via an externally appointed leasing agent is estimated to generate an additional \$544,950 per annum in line with current market expectations.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 5: What is the real total loss Resource Recovery Group to the city of Fremantle? Point 22 of the financial report refers to \$3 million loss in FY2023, given the withdrawal of East Fremantle this year, how much will this increase the operating loss for this facility and how much will this cost the rate payers?	The OAG estimated that the financial impact of potential changes in the RRG financial statement to that of the city's financial statement were insignificant. On that basis, the auditors agreed that an emphasis of matter note in the audit opinion is sufficient to close out the city's 2023 financial statement. Along with the note 24 of events occurring after the end of the reporting period. As far as the city is aware the RRG financial matters are still to be resolved and the city will reflect future changes in the next years financial statements, once signed off by the OAG.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 6: Why were the losses/next steps of the facility made confidential instead of opening discussing back in Mid 2023?	As per response to question 5.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 7: What other council properties/land are listed for sale in the coming 5 years?	This is a decision that will require determination by council.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 8: Is the Leisure Centre car park still for sale, and is the revenue for this sale listed in council documents or make up any part of future budgets?	This is a decision that will require determination by council.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 9: When will the council properly establish the History library it promised to the rate payers?	An engagement process has just been concluded and options will be brought to council for consideration in the near future.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Ian Ker	Question 1: Referring to the statement on page 38 of the Annual Report being that 18,790 emails were received and responded to, 11,160 service requests were created for City business units to action, and the number of service requests was 2,740 fewer than the previous year; how many of the emails received were repeat emails, in response to problems or dissatisfaction with the 10-day delay, including the need for earlier responses?	The city does not have capacity to measure the amount of repeat emails or determine how many emails were regarding concerns about response times.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Ian Ker	Question 2: The Annual Report further states that satisfaction with the City's response to service requests was rated at 72%. How does this 28% level of non-satisfaction compare to previous years?	The average satisfaction level for service delivery over the last 5 financial years is 76%.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Ian Ker	Question 3: In relation to question 2, how does this 28% level of non-satisfaction compare to other local governments?	We are not aware of any other LGA's that measure satisfaction with regard to service requests. The standard measure for local governments is customer satisfaction with regard to customer service (front counter and phones).
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Ian Ker	Question 4: In relation to question 2, does the City of Fremantle regard this level of non-satisfaction to be satisfactory?	City of Fremantle target is 70% satisfaction for service delivery and 90% satisfaction for customer service. City of Fremantle exceeds these targets.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Ian Ker	Question 5: In relation to question 2, to what extent is the reduction in the number of service requests a result of a high level of dissatisfaction with the City's response to previous requests, in other words, have people given up?	The city does not have capacity to measure this.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Will Ody	Question 1: In relation to parks infrastructure on page 82 of the Annual Report, can you explain how parks can go from a valuation of \$9.6m in 2021 and increase in value by \$54m? What caused that massive increase?	During the financial year there were new assets to the value of \$2.8M added and existing parks assets increased in value due to revaluations of \$54M. Along with capitalisation of new assets to the value of \$4.2M and depreciation of (\$1.6M) the value of parks assets on 30 June 2023 is \$69.8M. Current market conditions have contributed towards an increase in values.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Cathy Gavranich	Question 1: Did the City question the independent valuers valuation of the parks infrastructure and the massive increase?	As part of the process, the City assesses the reports and works closely with the consultant to verify the information. The City will continue to verify the information throughout the next year as well as in line with market conditions.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Alan David Greenwood	Question 1: Why was the decision to change the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony date made by a non-elected "City administration" and to which executive body does this title refer?	In December 2022, the Department of Home Affairs announced an update to the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code, removing the requirement for councils to hold Australia Day citizenship ceremonies on 26 January. The Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code sets out the requirements for conducting citizenship ceremonies in accordance with the Australian Citizenship Act 2007. Whilst the dates upon which to which schedule civic and community events does not require a council decision, Elected Members were informed of the scheduled date and no objections were raised.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 1: The Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries has recently undertaken a review, the Financial Better Practice review. Has the Council volunteered for an assessment and is there a report available from the department?	No.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 2: As a result of simplified financial reporting to commence from 1 July 2022, has the City implemented the changes as recommended by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG)?	Yes.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 3: Has the City adopted a Rates and Revenue Policy to link the costs of service and maintenance of assets to the setting of Rates?	Rates increases are imposed in line with the operational/project requirements of the City for that year, as well as market conditions. Further information regarding the imposition of rates for the year ending June 30 2023 is available in the media release on the City's website below, as well as the budget report adopted by Council in June 2023. Fremantle budget focuses on the fundamentals City of Fremantle
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 4: Are the financial metrics reported on MyCouncil adjusted to reflect the underlying position of the City?	The My Council website is managed by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 5: As some of the matters that form the review will be passed in regulation, what is the City doing to prepare for this?	The City plans for and implements all legislative changes as per timelines required by the State Government.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 6: Has the City prepared for the new Model Financial Statements?	The City already utilises the model financial statement and implements any recommended changes to that model on an annual basis.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 7: Is the City preparing for the separation of waste rates from the general rate as will be required by 1 July 2024?	Yes.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 8: With regard to waste services, does the City have a plan for the future delivery of services, in-house or contracted services?	The City has recently concluded a review of its waste (collection and disposal) arrangements. It is anticipated that a report will be presented to Council with proposals in respect to services moving forward.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 9: As can be observed, the City trucks are old and possibly no longer fit of service. What system does the City have to determine if these trucks are no longer assets?	The city's fleet is included in the City's asset management plan and there is a fleet replacement strategy; funding requirements are included in the City's 10-year financial plan.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 10: What is the City doing to ensure that the waste services delivered are efficient and the City waste rates will be competitive?	This has been addressed in question 8.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 11: What is the City doing to facilitate and manage fixed-interest loans to building owners undertaking environmental or heritage upgrades to their buildings?	The City does not currently have any programs it provides to financially support upgrades to heritage properties.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 1: If we are asked to vote on Annual and Financial Reports, and we are asking legitimate questions, we expect a professional response. Will you answer my questions and other rate payers' questions much more seriously?	Yes.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1: Why can't the costs for the South Beach toilet and showers be consistent with other WALGA Councils, when recent examples are a third of that cost?	The City has undertaken an extensive engagement process with the community in respect to the place plan and the facilities required at South beach. The scope and quality of the change / toilet facilities tendered reflect those requirements.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2: In relation to the South Beach toilet and changerooms, why such expenditure on consultants and architects?	Consultant expenditure and commitments for the project are in line with industry and officer expectations.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3: In relation to question 2, who are these consultants and are there conflicts of interest reported?	The consultants include an architect, inc sub-consultant services and a quantity surveyor. There are no reported conflicts of interest.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Cathy Gavranich	Question 1: Am I correct in my understanding that the former Committee meeting structure gave the community the opportunity to discuss and debate critical issues before they went to a full Council meeting? If so, what benefit is it to the community to no longer have this platform to engage with Council decision making?	The ability for the community to engage in Council decision-making is essentially the same. Members of the community can raise questions and speak on items for the same amount of time - whether it was at a Committee or full Council. When there were Committees, there was only one Council meeting per month. Now there are two per month (to replace Committees).
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Helen Cox	Question 1: Can you please inform the citizens of our city what new regulations you (the Mayor) have implemented to improve the hygiene and cleanliness of our streets and public amenities; in particular sidewalks/walkways located in the West End, used by patrons of cafes and bars?	The City has adopted precinct approach to cleansing across the city; service levels for the CBD have been developed to provide a fast response to incidents whilst also maintaining a regular (daily) cleaning regime across the CBD area. Higher use / busy areas have a higher level of service (more intensive cleaning approach).

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5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Helen Cox	Question 2: Which regulations and policy guidelines are business owners required to meet to sustain the use of public street amenities?	Al fresco licenses are regulated through a Local Law and Al Fresco Policy. These include a requirement on the business to keep al fresco areas clean. All complaints about specific al fresco areas should be reported to the City so that appropriate action can be taken.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Helen Cox	Question 3: How often are business owners required to undertake the cleaning of City sidewalks outside their premises?	The regularity of cleaning is not specified.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Helen Cox	Question 4: How often do Council employees or contractors conduct maintenance in the CBD area to ensure the highest of hygiene and safety is completed for the benefit of all residents, visitors, and tourists?	See response 1 above. Planned and responsive works and maintenance services are provided through the appropriate teams.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Chris Banasik	Question 1: Is there an updated timeline for the re-design and tendering of the South Beach Changeroom and Toilet Project?	The City is currently out seeking quotations for the works, the deadline for contractors to submit those is 5 March 2024. Following this, officers will go through an evaluation process, and we anticipate a report to come back to Council seeking approval for progression in April 2024.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Chris Banasik	Question 2: Has the cost of the recent construction of the six change huts and the landscaping of the demolition site, been deducted from the remaining approximately \$2.2 million dollar budget set aside for the construction of the new change rooms?	The six change huts will be funded through bought-forward funding, as they were part of a future phase of the South Beach plan, we have done this to facilitate the huts. The other maintenance of works and landscaping was dealt with through operation and maintenance budgets.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Chris Banasik	Question 3: If so, where are the extra funds to be sourced from to maintain the existing budget?	Please see above response.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Chris Banasik	Question 4: Has any thought been given to a community funding programme for part of the project (e.g. buy a brick)?	The City is not at that stage yet.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 1: Please state the reasons why the City of Fremantle has cancelled the Easter High Street Markets without consultation?	Since returning from the three-year Covid hiatus, the festival team have been working really hard to maximise the curatorial impact of the street arts festival. The better the overall project is, the more audience we attract into Fremantle, and the greater the benefit is to all businesses. Some costs have gone up greatly, in particular, travel costs for interstate and international artists. Those artists are key to maintaining the national and international profile of the event. Also, unfortunately road closure costs have increased considerably after an announcement from Main Roads WA earlier this year. Our focus is on building the best program of artists that we possibly can, rather than allocating resources across other events within the festival and an ever-expanding festival footprint. All businesses are invited to apply for an extended trading permit, which means they can come out in front of their premise and trade on the street across the whole weekend.																		
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14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Natalia Bozhanova	Question 1: We, the Artisan Store Fremantle, would like to know why Easter West End Markets were cancelled this year, considering the market was very successful in 2023 and that there is no additional work required for the Council to let us organise our traditional market with road closures already in place?	There is the opportunity for all the businesses along the street to come out in front of their own business and trade on that day. It was a programming decision to concentrate our resources on making the wider program, which attracts people to the City, the best we could possibly make it.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 1: If the Council cares so much about trees, why don't you start with the CBD? Most trees have their root covered right up to the trunk, and if this is removed the trees would be much healthier and have an increased life expectancy.	City trees are inspected and maintained as part of the City's urban forest program, inclusive of town centre trees.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 2: I have a pink pepper tree on my verge. It continuously sends out suckers, which need constant pruning. It is an invasive species and has reached the height of the powerline. Why does the Council refuse to remove it and replace it with a smaller native tree?	Pruning of street trees near power lines is undertaken in accordance with Australian Standards AS4373: Pruning of Amenity Trees and Guidelines for the Management of Vegetation near Power Lines (Government of Western Australia).																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elizabeth Megroz	Question 1: It is of concern that the responsibility/obligation of creating an increased canopy across the city seems to have been shifted away from the council to ratepayers. It is a given that vegetation in built up spaces requires regular maintenance. Irrespective of who carries out the maintenance, it is a major financial and ongoing commitment, as also acknowledged by the proposed financial incentive as a way to help offset the costs currently shouldered by a landowner. I refer to p. 123 C2402-10 TREES ON CITY OWNED OR MANAGED LAND POLICY the 'responsible management of trees' and that the 'property line pruning has been removed as a valid reason to prune City trees'. Can you provide a definition of 'responsible management of trees'?	The "Trees on City Owned or Managed Land Policy" states trees will be pruned as part of the City's program to: •clear the crown from interfering with overhead powerlines, electrical feeder lines to individual properties and other utilities. •remove branches that present an unacceptable risk to road or pedestrian traffic, buildings or structures. •improve aesthetic form and structural architecture. •remove dead, dying, damaged or pest/diseased impacted branches or abnormal growth.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elizabeth Megroz	Question 2: Is it pruning off the entire canopy on the street side and leaving the remaining canopy on the other side to touch the power lines crossing private property of an already fragile tree?	Refer to the response for Question 1.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elizabeth Megroz	Question 3: Is disregard for a property line a move to confiscate private land to accommodate the canopy of City owned trees, so that the City appears to be increasing tree canopy coverage, while not actually having to plant the trees as promised?	Refer to the response for Question 1.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elizabeth Megroz	Question 4: Given that trees near buildings need regular pruning maintenance with regard to preventing costly maintenance works to roofs and gutters, and health and safety issues, and the fact that one is fined for pruning a City owned tree, can you advise and clarify what the practical and financial implications are for ratepayers, by covering all aspects that concern the removal of unwanted overhanging brunches from City owned trees into private property?	Refer to the response for Question 1.																		

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28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1: (a) Is the City of Fremantle willing to consider adopting the City of Mandurah's approach to toilet block construction, including design and vendor selection, to achieve similar cost savings for ratepayers? Provide the reasons why you will adopt or reject the City of Mandurah model. (b) Given the City's assertion that consultant expenditure aligns with industry and officer expectations, give a breakdown of the costs to date, and for F2324 for the design and vendor can it be clarified why Mandurah achieved similar outcomes for \$35,000 while Fremantle's costs differ?	(a) The scope, size and quality of the changeroom/toilet facilities at South Beach have been developed through significant consultation with the community. The City's project proposal reflects the requirements of the community; the budget and the cost of the works reflect this. (b) A detailed response with this information has been provided (page 20) of responses to previous public questions taken on notice, in the Council Agenda for 28 February 2024. The Mandurah toilet project is of a different scale and scope, and is not considered to be a similar outcome.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2: The City response to my second question from the Annual Electors meeting was "Consultant expenditure and commitments for the project are in line with industry and officer expectations." If this is so, then how can the City of Mandurah using similar industry expectations not be able to do for a similar amount of \$35,000? What is it with the City of Fremantle officer expectations that are so different to that of Mandurah and the expectations of the ratepayers?	The City is satisfied that the expenditure and commitments are appropriate for a facility of this size and nature. The Mandurah toilet project is of a different scale and scope, and is not considered to be a similar outcome.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3: The City of Mandurah accomplished similar project objectives for \$35,000 while adhering to comparable industry expectations. State reasons why the City of Fremantle cannot deliver similar costs for a comparative build. What makes the City of Fremantle unique?	As per response to question 1.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 4: Please provide the names, and roles of the consultants, architects, and quantity surveyors involved in addressing the inquiry from my third question at the Annual Electors meeting?	The City does not release consultant / third party information or their contact details.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 5: On 12 December 2023 at 3:54pm, the City of Fremantle was presented with a summons by The Greater Fremantle Community and Business Association to attend Fremantle Magistrates Court 10 January 2024 at 9:30am. (a) Why and what reasons did the CEO and the City have in not attending on this day? (b) Was a confidential meeting held to discuss this summons with was a decision made for Councillor Williamson Wong to show up with intentions as an interested party and is she being assisted by the City?	This process relates to the WA Electoral Commission and does not involve the City of Fremantle.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Question 1: In regard to the review for the cancellation of the Westend Weekender event, can you please advise: (a) Who conducted the review? (b) What data was utilised to compile the review? (c) Which High Street businesses were consulted? (d) What was the Executive Summary of the review?	(a) Staff from the Business Engagement and Festivals Team. (b) Feedback from businesses on High St within the road closure from the 2023 Festival and staff feedback including a review of the event budget, staffing allocations and communications, and Culture Counts audience survey. (c) Businesses were visited prior to the 2023 festival seeking feedback on the artisan market. In the last month staff have visited businesses in the High St road closure twice seeking further feedback on the artisan market and gauging interest in taking up the city's offer of extended trading permits for their own businesses. (d) The City has made a commitment to all businesses in the event road closure to allow them to trade with an ETP if they wish too and the set up is suitable for a festival environment. FISAF is in a re-build phase post the covid interrupted years and the City is focusing its resources on artist programming and a business engagement strategy to foster long term relationships with the festival across more businesses in a way that is fair and equitable for years to come.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 1: What do you mean by maximising our curatorial budget? What is the curatorial budget?	This relates to budget allocated towards artists and programming.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 2: How can you suggest the overall event will be better by cancellation of such a successful initiative, particularly one that has fostered such a strong sense of community among the west end businesses?	The City allows all businesses to extend in to and trade in the road closure area via the standard extended trading permit (ETP) process. FISAF is in a re-build phase following the impacts of COVID in prior years and the City is focusing its resources on artist programming and broader business engagement in order to grow the event.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 3: How could this decision be a greater benefit to all businesses when it negatively affects an entire street full of businesses, a couple of which when combined represent over 200 local artists?	As per response to question 2.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 4: How does the considerable increase in Main Roads closure costs transfer to Council costs and can we please be provided with these details?	Traffic management and road closure costs come directly out of the festival event budget.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 5: What did you mean by rather than allocating resources across other events within the festival, when this event comes to no cost to Council and the street will already be closed?	In 2023 Festival staff spent more than 50 hours facilitating the West End Weekender in addition to the event delivery itself. This included specific tasks related to setting up the market such as: •Coordination with Ms Mitchell's and other businesses; •Liaising with key stakeholders (Police, DFES, Community Safety, Environmental Health etc.); •Coordinating traffic management and providing safe access for stallholders, including providing a dedicated Event Marshall for the market. The city is responsible for safety and activity within the road closure; •Providing reserved parking bays to stallholders on Pakenham Street; •Extending private security to stallholders who left their infrastructure in place overnight; •A tow truck fee for abandoned vehicle
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 6: Please provide evidence of Council funds and resources that have been allocated to this event in the past?	As per response to question 5.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 7: What did you mean by rather than allocating resources to an expanding festival footprint, when in next sentence you said that all businesses have been invited to apply for an extended licence to trade outside their premises? How does this invitation decrease the Festival footprint?	An expanding festival footprint refers to the perimeter of the road closure and the 'pitch' (performance sites) located across the city. The City allows all businesses on the street to extend in to and trade in the road closure area via the standard extended trading permit (ETP) process.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 8: The City is funding International Street Arts Festival in light of Fremantle Council's stance on Climate change. Could you please justify the carbon footprint of this Festival?	A number of council policies are in place to ensure environmental impacts associated with any major event are mitigated.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Natalia Bozhanova	Question 1: Was the Artisan Store conducted in community consultation?	The Artisan store was engaged and corresponded with multiple times throughout the process.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Natalia Bozhanova	Question 2: What can local businesses do to reduce the cost for conducting Westend Weekender event?	There is no cost for non-hospitality traders to conduct business in front of their outlets as part of an approved ETP. Local businesses may wish to seek sponsorship from partners and participating businesses who are interested in running the event.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 1: Seeing the markets have been such a success and no cost to the Council, why have they been cancelled?	The City allows all businesses to extend in to and trade in the road closure area via the standard extended trading permit (ETP) process. FISAF is in a re-build phase following the impacts of COVID in prior years and the City is focusing its resources on artist programming and broader business engagement in order to grow the event.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 2: The rich heritage of the West End is one of the main reasons that live, work in and visit Fremantle, so why would Council want to close off access to this, by cancelling the markets when many visitors are visiting Fremantle?	As per response to question 1.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 3: Business owners and staff say that Easter is their best trading weekend of the year, due to the markets of the past years, so why would you want to stop this extra trade, by cancelling the markets?	As per response to question 1.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 4: What businesses were visited in the sample survey? Why was they Artisan store not visited during the survey?	Businesses were visited prior to the 2023 festival seeking feedback on the artisan market. In the last month staff have visited businesses in the High St road closure twice seeking further feedback on the artisan market and gauging interest in taking up the city's offer of extended trading permits for their own businesses.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Given that Victoria Hall was bought and restored by the ratepayers and meant to be used by the community, when will this national treasure be offered to interested/proven business/community enterprises to tender for, in return for a reasonable rent to the ratepayers, before it is proposed to be flogged off by this council and the City administration of Fremantle?	If a proponent is interested in leasing the property they can express interest in doing so via the expression of interest process that council have agreed to.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Why is the valuation and its author a confidential matter, not to be disclosed to the ratepayers who funded this asset in the first place?	It is standard practice that valuations remain confidential in the lead up to a potential sales process, as not to prejudice any potential future negotiation for the sale of the property.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Does the Fremantle Council, who has leased the space since 2021, pay also a peppercorn rent for the Victoria hall? What do they pay in rent?	The City of Fremantle owns the property and therefore does not pay rent. The organisation currently occupying the hall pays a peppercorn rent and holds a license for the premises for a 12-month period.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1: Can the City please advise how many millions have been spent on the Kings Square project since then (2022)?	Expenditure relating to the Walyalup Civic Centre building from 2022 onwards has included: -General maintenance expenditure as per the adopted budget. -\$187,000 for upgrades to tenancies as part of lease requirements for new tenants as per the adopted budget. -\$364,000 relating to outstanding Pindan contract works funded through contract retentions from the original WCC project budget.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2: Can the City please advise how does a question asked at OCM in February 24 about a current ongoing unfinished development warrant an answer from 24 August 2022?	See response 1 above.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: What, if any, community consultation the City of Fremantle envisage with regards to the current disposal of Victoria Hall?	The City will undertake any consultation that is considered appropriate in line with the outcome of the initial expression of interest process.

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28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: In regard to the South Beach Changerooms: 1.What changes were made to the Specifications? 2.When and by whom were the changes approved? 3. Was there any Council or community input to these changes?	The tendered proposal was developed by officers through engagement with the community; the design was further refined and developed following the schematic design report to Council. Increased changing areas / facilities were included via a CEO working group which involved representative Councillors and members of the community. This proposal was subsequently tendered.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Gary Adams	Question 1: (a)As it is unlikely that the owners will comply with the orders, what will be done in the meantime to secure the property and prevent access from both the front and the back? (b)As per the report, in 2016, the City previously issued building orders for this property that required the reinstatement of our shared driveway and parking area at the back. The work was not undertaken until 2021. What timeframe will the City give the owners to comply this time before prosecuting commences?	City Officers are in regular communication with Police and our community safety officers attend the site on a regular basis. The City is also in contact with the owners and we will continue the dialogue on the condition of the site and seek their cooperation in having it secured. Officers have also undertaken repairs to the front gate on a regular basis further to unlawful trespassing. In relation to the timeframe of the Building Order –12 months would be reasonable for the order to be complied with given the size of the building and demolition. If the Order is not complied with, Council has the ability to prosecute, which has been delegated to the CEO in part 2 of the Officers recommendation.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Donna Ayriss	Question 1: Will Council consider an additional recommendation that the owners keep the site secure and free of rubbish, squatters and debris and ongoing maintenance should the demolition occur?	Yes, this can be a condition of the building order.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Donna Ayriss	Question 2: Could we be consulted about future items coming to Council so that we have an opportunity to attend and make presentations on items?	Yes.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1: Will Council investigate ways to have 195 High Street valued as a future, significant tourist asset, given the magnificent tree, the story of the Phantom Planter who planted it and the rare pre gold rush villa he built on the same site?	This suggestion has been noted.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 2: (a)Will Council put together a brief that emphasises the values of Victoria Hall and Town Hall and invite the Minister of Arts to tour both properties with a view that the Government fund their restoration and help with maintaining the assets? (b)What grant applications have been made for securing funds for Victoria Hall and Town Hall?	The City is currently in discussion with State Government regarding opportunities for investment in to arts and culture related facilities in Fremantle such as the Town Hall.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Dr Robert Dobson	Question 1: Will Council consider looking closely at how effective radar would be in deterring Bats from the launchpad driving range.	Radar systems on golf courses are designed for low power use and are active only briefly when tracking golf balls. This intermittent exposure produces EMF levels significantly below thresholds considered to have any adverse effects on health, including that of wildlife such as bats. International bodies, such as the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) and the World Health Organization (WHO), have established guidelines that ensure EMF emissions from various sources, including radar systems, are within safe limits. These guidelines are based on extensive research and are designed to protect all living beings, ensuring minimal impact on bats and other wildlife. While specific research on the impact of EMF from golf course radar systems on bats is limited, the broader scientific consensus, backed by rigorous international guidelines, provides strong reassurance that any impact is minimal.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 1: Did Councillors follow due process in cancelling this procedure regarding the placing of the tree from a private property on the significant tree register at this time?	Further clarification is required in order to respond to this question. Officers will contact the Cattalini family for clarification.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 2: Was there a Council Quorum at the 14 February meeting when Council voted and endorsed report C2402-5?	Yes.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 3: When is a Quorum a Quorum? Can you please advise if this is now the precedence for the City of Fremantle decision making process and you will revoke decisions when all Councillors are not present or a larger cohort be of more benefit?	The quorum for a meeting of a council is at least 50% of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of members of the council. The rescission of decisions is not taken lightly and will not become the norm when all Councillors have not been present at a meeting.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 4: Is it the City of Fremantle intention to stop development on sites around Fremantle and to make it more difficult to take any action?	No.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 5: (a) In receiving the Petition has the Council, as according to their drafting a Petitions procedure dealt under part 5.15 of the City's meeting procedures been followed? (b)Can you please confirm as stated in the Petition, have we put in a proposal for the proposed demolition of the tree? (c)Is the Council bias and being led by an incorrect and misleading petition, along with signatures on it? (d)Please confirm on these grounds of this misleading and incorrect information on the Petition, if the Council will be accepting it?	(a) Yes (b) No proposal to remove the tree has been put forward at this time. (c) This question is considered to be rhetorical. (d) Council received the petition and officers will consider if any further action is required.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 6: Given that the demolition potential of the property is reduced by approximately 50% due to the tree and heritage house retention, it is only fitting that Council allow for doubling of plot ratio for the site?	Should the owner or any future developer seek to increase the development potential of the site via a plot ratio increase, they would be required to lodge an application to amend the Local Planning Scheme for consideration.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 7: Also given that the root locations, etc underground parking would be problematic and therefore car park relaxation would also be appropriate?	Car parking variations are considered on a case-by-case basis.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 8: Can the Mayor please provide us with a copy of the advice reasoning why the Morton Bay Fig tree could not be removed and transplanted to Walyalup Koort which outlines that the extensive root system would make it impossible?	The City received verbal advice that a number of trees were unsuitable because of their root system to transplant to Walyalup Koort.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 9: Why was this information not take into consideration when Council officers made their recommendation on our application to remove the tree from the Significant Tree Register? Is this an indication of bias by the Council?	As the proposal was to remove the tree from the Register with no formal proposal to transplant the tree, this was not relevant to the report.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 10: Can the Mayor advise why the resolution to remove the tree from the register has not been implemented?	The minutes of the 14 February 2024 OCM were not published until the 22 February. A motion to rescind the decision was foreshadowed at the start of the following week and it was decided to wait for the outcome before actioning any resolution.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 11: Can the Mayor advise if any other Motions from the Council meeting on 14 February 2024 have not been implemented?	The minutes of the 14 February 2024 OCM were not published until the 22 February and the implementation timeframe for each motion may vary depending on the action required.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 12: Can the Mayor advise the usual length of implementation of a resolution after a Council meeting and the minutes are posted?	There are no set times for the implementation of a resolution, though typically City officers will not implement a resolution until the unconfirmed minutes of the Council meeting have been published, however, the timeframe for implementation of council decisions may vary depending on the action required.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 13: Can the Mayor advise the timeframe of implementation of a resolution as required by the Act and the regulations?	As per response to question 12.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 14: Can the Mayor advise if posting of the Minutes does or does not constitute advertisement?	Publication of minutes would not constitute advertisement. There are separate regulated processes for the advertisement of proposals and public notice of determinations.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 15: Mayor you stated on 6PR and the Herald that the City does not have a policy that allows it to list trees on private property where the landowner does not give consent – since making this statement what Policy has appeared?	No new policy has been created. Notwithstanding, Council may rescind a decision. In this instance, rescission of the decision to remove the fig tree from the Register would have the effect that it had not been removed from the Register, meaning that owner's consent would not be required.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 16: Can you please advise, based on the reasons for the Motion, when a Quorum is not a Quorum?	A quorum for a meeting of a council is not achieved when fewer than 50% of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of members of the council are not in attendance.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 1: Would Council please itemise the key factors which lead to the cancellation of the Weekend Easter Markets for 2024?	A review was conducted post the 2023 FISAF event and the decision was made to concentrate staffing efforts and resources on the 2024 artist programming and allowing all businesses equal opportunity to trade via an Extended Trading Permit (ETP).
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 2: Would Council please also provide the data that supports these key factors?	Data referenced was gathered from feedback from businesses on High St within the road closure from the 2023 Festival and staff feedback including a review of the event budget, staffing allocations and communications, and Culture Counts audience survey.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 3: Would Council please provide the data collated on Council's 2 visits to the High Street businesses, in the last month, seeking further feedback about the cancellation, gauging interest in the 2024 event and businesses taking up the City's offer of extended trading permits?	Please see above. Data collected is provided anonymously and collated for internal use.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 4: This year did anyone from Council engage face to face with Rowena Mitchell, to talk to her about the event cancellation and reasons for it, before it was cancelled? And work on a solution with her, to promote business along High Street on the Easter weekend 2024, so that it is fair and equal for all businesses and so that it is a win/win outcome for everyone?	Staff communicated to Rowena via email to explain the City's decision and offer access to an ETP and suggest alternative funding for the markets.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 5: Why doesn't Council want to support these businesses by including their Easter Market event in the Fremantle International Street Arts Festival? Please clearly explain what was so wrong with this event over the past 7 years, for Council to cancel it this year?	The market event has changed over recent years, with interruptions due to Covid and a change in focus of the markets from the original event plan and footprint. The City is committed to offering the opportunity to all traders to apply for an ETP to trade during the festival.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 1: Could you please explain how the cancellation of the Westend Weekender contributes to "improving the overall FISAF event?"	A review was conducted post the 2023 FISAF event and the decision was made to concentrate staffing efforts and resources on the 2024 artists programming elements and allowing all businesses equal opportunity to trade via an Extended Trading Permit (ETP).
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 2: Please clarify how the Westend Weekender affects the "rebuild" of FISAF?	Please see above.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 3: Please provide the total curatorial budget, as well as the festival programming budget?	The City's adopted operational budget for FISAF artist payments, accommodation and travel is \$131,006.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 4: Please provide an itemisation of the costs for the national and international artists, including airfares, accommodation and any additional costs?	Please see above.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 5: Please provide information on what measures have been implemented by the City to mitigate the environmental impact associated with major events to date, as well as the specific measures implemented to mitigate the environmental impacts of the International airfares generated by FISAF over the years?	The City adheres to the City of Fremantle Sustainable Events Policy
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 6: Please provide a copy of the Main Roads communications in regards to the "considerable increase in costs" for road closures in 2024?	Please see link to the website, with an information sheet and supporting documents. Changes to the Traffic Management Company Registration Scheme Main Roads Western Australia

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13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 7: It is my understanding that if an announcement is made in early 2024, it would not take effect until July 21st. Is that correct?	The announcement was published in October 2023, to be implemented between that date to July 2024.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 8: Could you please provide more information on the towing of a vehicle mentioned in the answer provided to my questions at the previous council meeting?	All traffic management companies are to ensure they meet the new requirements conditions that include the increase in salaries and updating employment conditions.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Question 1: Who were the individuals responsible for the decision to cancel the Westen Weekender?	A tow truck was called to tow a vehicle left in the event area. The vehicle was eventually moved but the tow truck fee still applied.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Question 2: Can we meet with the decision makers to have a conversation?	Directors, Managers and operational staff from the Creative Arts and Community Directorate and the City Business Directorate.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Question 3: How do we get the Westen Weekender reinstated?	Yes, there will be an event wide business de-brief meeting post the 2024 festival, in addition to this staff can meet with you as an individual business owner.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Is it the case that questions asked by electors in person during official question time are required to be answered in the chamber at the time?	The City has made the decision not to proceed with the market for the 2024 festival.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: I note the outcome of the motion of the receipt of the Annual Report, moved by Cr Doug Thompson and Seconded by Cr Jennifer Archibald from the floor (as electors), was that it was not accepted by the electors for the 4th year, the matter remains unresolved, and •As such were voted for by all councillors in an enbloc process, as a mere "includes 19", without any verbal/visual reference to the item, and •Having observed that not one single elected member had anything to say to 44 questions in relation to the annual report, 21 general questions and 13 motion raised, State how this conduct is in accordance with the spirit of the legislated Local Government Act of dealing with all decisions made at the AGME?	In accordance with Section 5.24(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 7(1) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the procedure for asking and responding to questions is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting. Therefore, the Mayor as the presiding member, may choose to take questions on notice or ask an officer to respond to the question in the meeting. The Meeting Procedures Policy provides that reports to council may be voted "en bloc" if the meeting determines there is no debate required or questions to be asked on these items.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Has the officer the authority to act on behalf of elected members?	Officers author reports to council with recommendations, the role of the Council is to consider these recommendations and accept, amend or modify the recommendations as they determine.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: In relation to the Officer's recommendation to confirm the minutes dated the 28 February 2024, state on what grounds the officer is justified in recommending these minutes be confirmed? • in fact the heading and a question that I presented were readited and recorded incorrectly and in error, also • some 250 words (the entire context) in relation to my questions regarding Victoria Hall were excluded from the minutes, and • there is no record in the minutes that live-streaming was turned off during mine and other people's presentations, and • acceptance of minutes and considerations of motions from the AGME as presented in the minutes is false, as in fact it was a mere utterance of "includes 19" without naming the item, tagged on to an en bloc voting. • the outcome of the motion of the receipt of the Annual Report (that is, it was not accepted by the electors for the 4th year) remains unresolved, and excluded as a motion from the current minutes?	Minutes of meetings are not a verbatim record, questions are summarised as provided for under the Local Government Act.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 1: During the last Council meeting, any reference to the Annual General Meeting of Electors was noted with Number 19, no name or title and subsequently voted upon by Councillors and Mayor Fitzhardinge "En Bloc". Are these actions considered to be appropriate and do they "pass the pub test" by employees acting in good faith on behalf of the Fremantle City Council?	As per response to Ms Megroz above.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 1: During a meeting with the Mayor, CEO and Director of Planning, the Director of Planning stated that the tree at 195 High Street had been placed on the Significant Tree Register prior to the adoption of LPP2.23, meaning the condition to notify the owners and occupiers of the place where a tree is located was not applicable. Is the above statement by the Director of Planning correct?	These responses will be provided to you in writing before the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 10 April 2024 and will be tabled in the Agenda of that meeting.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 2: Can the Mayor advise by what mechanism the tree at 195 High Street was placed on the Significant tree register prior to the adoption of LPP2.23 on the 27/02/2019?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 3: Can the Mayor advise the date that the Moreton Bay Fig Tree located at 195 High Street was placed on the register?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 4: Can the Mayor advise if the Community Engagement carried out by the City through its Officers or any other means with regards to LPP2.23 between 06/11/2018 and 04/12/2018 met all the requirements as prescribed in LPS4 Clause 13(A)?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 5: Can the Mayor advise if all the occupiers of 195 High Street were contacted by the City through its Officers or any other means as prescribed in LPS4 clause 13(a) during the Community Engagement for LPP2.23 carried out between 06/11/2018 and 04/12/2018?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 6: If the Mayor can confirm that all occupiers were contacted by the City through its Officers or any other means as per question 5, can the Mayor provide evidence confirming the contact?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 7: Can the Mayor please advise if the occupiers of 195 High Street were given notice by the City through its Officers or any other means of the adoption of resolution SPD1902-3 as passed on 27/02/2019?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 8: If the Mayor can confirm that all the occupiers were given notice as per question 7? Can the Mayor provide evidence confirming the contact?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: The following question in relation to South Beach Toilets was not captured at the 28 February 2024 meeting therefore is asking it again. What changes were made in January 23 and hence in the tenders advertised in October 23 to the schematic design presented to council on 26 October 2022 and what further changes were in the revised tenders that closed in February 2024?	Following Council approval of the schematic design in October 2022, the following changes have been made to the design, in consultation with the CEO Reference Group: 1.The changing room layout was revised to provide a mix of open and enclosed showers, increased bench space and the facility was widened approximately 300mm to improve internal circulation. Privacy and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design was to be further developed through the Design Development phase. 2.The location of the Changing Place facility was tested and the Reference Group preferred it to be attached to the change facility. The legibility and access to the Changing Place facility was to be confirmed through Design Development with input from 'lived experience' facilitated by Community Development. 3.To increase gender-inclusive facilities accessible from the breezeway and add additional peak capacity one universal accessible family room was split in to two universal accessible toilets. This was supported by the incorporation of urinals in the men's bathroom space. 4.The desire to improve circulation in and around the hand basin while prioritising bench space was addressed. 5.The roof design achieved the requirements for natural light, ventilation and functional requirements. 6.The development of landscape and civil works design should provide informal meeting places suitable for a range of weather conditions (sheltered, open, shady, sunny etc.) and provision of sufficient foot wash and shower amenities located logically near the facility and path from the beach. The revised schematic design (as noted above) was used for the tender process in 2023 and the recent RFQ process that was undertaken. The contractors that were engaged as part of the RFQ process, were also given an opportunity to provide an alternative proposal that maintains quality and a value proposition within the allocated budget.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Response 1: How can we address the lack of action from the Council and ensure our voices are heard?	This question is taken as rhetorical.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Question 2: When can we expect a review and meeting to discuss the Westend Weekender and work a way forward?	Director Creative Arts and Community has corresponded via email with you to set up this meeting.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Questions 3: How can we get our council to engage on matters important to the local community?	This question is taken as rhetorical.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Cole	Question 1: What is the audited total project cost of the Walyalup Civic Centre?	This has been previously answered, please refer to the minutes from Council Meeting 24 August 2022
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Cole	Question 2: Why did you not consider remediation or fixing the amount of "concrete cancer" as a cost-effective option?	The condition of the South Beach toilets had been assessed as poor and there were a number of maintenance issues; this, coupled with the remediation works required to rectify the "concrete cancer" found within the building, concluded remediation was not considered to be a cost-effective option.

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27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Cole	Questions 3: Who in Council decided to demolish and replace the toilets instead of remediating?	Demolition and replacement of the building was considered as part of the South Beach Place Plan and subsequent design of the new South Beach change facilities, which included extensive consultation with the South Beach Place Plan Reference Group. The reference group included participants from various community stakeholder groups. As noted in the report to Council on the 26 October 2022 (Council Minutes - 26 October 2022), due to the poor condition of the building, demolition and replacement of the building was considered to be the most viable option.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Cole	Question 4: Why did the public not hear that there was another option to remediate?	As per the response to question 2 and 3.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Cole	Question 5: Can the Mayor confirm or deny that the ratepayers are paying the Hammond Legal fees of Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong's legal representation in the election challenge?	The City is not currently paying any legal fees for Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Given it is legislated that the matters to be discussed at an AGME, before anything else, are the contents of the annual report, and given the annual report - having been rejected for the 4th time at the AGME - remains with neither a consideration by council nor a reference as a motion in the minutes of the 28 February 2024 (a mere note in the minutes of the 5 February 2024 p. 14, not worthy of commenting!), explain the reasons why this motion was treated in such a dismissive manner?	The Mayor advised this question was asked at the Council meeting on 13 March 2024. The response can be viewed in the Council Agenda for the meeting held on 27 March 2024.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Given that live-streaming of 3/7 meetings did not live up to the minimum requirements of enabling people to actively watch and listen, explain the reasons why the meetings were unable to be broadcast according to the regulations as would be required from 1 January 2025?	The CEO responded advising the Act will require the City to provide live streaming as of 1 January 2025. The City has been experiencing some technical difficulties with the system and is working towards resolving these issues. This may require the City to upgrade the system and AV equipment in the chamber.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Questions 3: What was the 'improvised' recording as would be required from 1 January 2025?	As stated in response above, the review of the system is currently being undertaken and will be finalised before the required date.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: What is the cost of the livestreaming service to the ratepayers?	There are no costs associated with the livestreaming service to ratepayers at this point in time. The costs associated with upgrading the system and equipment is unknown at this stage.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: Again, the minutes from the 13 March 2024 to be confirmed tonight will be repeating the practice of including incorrect statements as well as omissions. I strongly object to the publishing of anything that is not in accordance with what I/others said or did, as it impedes transparency and accountability. Advise to whom I should direct my formal objections to the above matter, since you ignored my concerns?	The Minutes of a Council meeting is not a verbatim record of the meeting and is recorded in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6: You referred to the LG Act. There is no reference to questions on notice in the act. The minutes as presented, read as if the questions were responded to directly at the meetings. Clarify how the Act relates to questions on notice, and why do minutes not state when questions were taken on notice at meetings?	The procedure for public question time is dealt with in the City's Meeting Procedures Policy. As outlined in the City's Policy, 'A question may be taken on notice by council or committee for later response'. Questions taken on notice at a Council Meeting will be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting in which they were asked and a response to the questions will be provided in the Agenda of the next Council meeting, under the section "Responses to previous questions taken on notice".
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 1: Will item C2402-19 of the Annual General Meeting of Electors be revisited and the motion tabled in chamber at the 10th April 2024 Council Meeting for the consideration of each motion and question by elected members and be followed by a vote?	Mayor advised there is no mechanism under the Act for any item to come back given that we have already dealt with it.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Request that the recommendation tonight be modified to make signing of a contract be subject to final approval of the design and specifications including materials and timelines by Council and a requirement to actively inform the community of timelines and progress?	This question was taken as rhetorical to be considered by Council during debate on the item.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Request that the recommendation tonight be modified to make signing of a contract be subject to final approval of the design and specifications including materials and timelines by Council and a requirement to actively inform the community of timelines and progress?	This question was taken as rhetorical to be considered by Council during debate on the item.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Stacey Cattalini-Towne	Question 1: After a prolonged delay, we now have incomplete responses to questions raised at the OCM on 13 March 2024. According to staff, delays in getting our responses were blamed on the need for further investigation. We asked 8 questions on 13 March 2024 but only one has been satisfactorily answered. Please advise why the additional delays were required when they achieved no further outcomes or responses other than creating some obstruction to our family taking further action?	While we understand that the family is seeking answers, the City is undertaking a thorough investigation of the process to ensure all answers provided are correct as well as can be determined. There are no remaining staff members that were part of the process in 2018/2019. This means we are relying on the records in the City's system and then cross-checking it against other data. Once the investigation is complete, responses will be provided to the Catalini family in relation to any matters related to the questions where the response referred to the investigation.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Stacey Cattalini-Towne	Question 2: Local Planning Scheme No. 4 requires the Council to notify all owners and occupiers of a place where a tree is proposed to be included in the Significant Tree Register. The landowner has no record of correspondence being received regarding this initial proposal, nor the occupiers of 195 High Street. Can you please confirm if the City followed their own requirements of Local Planning Scheme No. 4 by notifying the occupiers of 195 High Street when creating the Significant Tree Register, or not?	This is one of the questions that will be provided at the conclusion of the investigation identified in question 1 above, and this advice has already been provided to Mr Tony Catalini.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 1: Local Planning Scheme No. 4 requires the Council to notify all owners and occupiers of a place once a tree has been included in the Significant Tree Register. The occupiers of 195 High Street were not notified that tree was determined to be listed on the register, as was required by LPS4. Can you please confirm if the City followed their own requirements of Local Planning Scheme No. 4 by notifying the occupiers of 195 High Street when the Significant Tree Register had been created, or not?	Please refer to the response to question 2 from Stacey Cattalini-Towne above.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 2: We believe that the Council did not carry out the procedure as required under the provisions of its own Local Planning Scheme No. 4 in creating the Significant Tree Register. Please confirm if this is the case?	Please refer to the response to question 2 from Stacey Cattalini-Towne above.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 3: Is the City aware that when a procedure outlined in a provision under a local planning scheme is not followed, that the outcome has no statutory effect and is null and void?	The City is aware of the need to follow statutory requirements and the outcome of not following process.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 4: LPP 2.23 clearly states that trees will not be placed on the Significant Tree register without the landowner's consent. This consent was not given. Can you please confirm that you have received legal advice to suggest that the landowner's permission was not required?	The City is not required to not generally shares its legal advice on matters and will not do so on this matter.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 5: Is the City aware and concerned, as the Mayor quite rightly commented at Council Meeting on 20 February 2024, that listing significant trees and vegetation without private landowner permission will encourage the removal of trees and vegetation that would have otherwise likely remained?	The City does not generally make comment on general debate commentary from Council meeting discussion.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 1: We are aware that the occupiers of 195 High Street were not notified of the proposed or final decision to list the Moreton Bay Fig tree on the Significant Tree Register. The Council is also aware of this. Why is the City refusing to be open, honest, upfront, and transparent by admitting to this?	As per the response to the previous council meeting query, the City is investigating the process undertaken in 2018/19 and the process for notification. A response will be provided when the investigation is complete.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 2: Is it true that the trees located on the park adjacent to 195 High Street are infected by the Polyphagous Shothole Borer, which is highly contagious and for which there is no remedy, and are to be removed over the coming weeks?	The City has been notified there are a number of trees in Queens Square which have been infected and we've been liaising with the relevant state government agency (DPIRD) in respect to when and how these will be addressed.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: What is the total cost of running an OCM, covering all elected members, all admin personnel present, and absolutely every other aspect that requires payment, for example catering, parking, serviced vehicles, travel allowances, childcare, and so on?	Note 13 of the 2023/24 budget identifies the costs associated with payments to elected members for the year. This comes to \$603,000. The City also has a catering budget of \$40,000. Generally, any other costs are incidental to the meeting and required for general operations of the City.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Livestreaming/recording was resolved to be implemented in the new Civic Centre at the AGME on 9 March 2020, where the first OCM was held on 15 Dec 2021. Is it reasonable that after 2 years in this new 20 plus million more than budgeted building, that ratepayers have to put up with 'technical difficulties' in livestreaming/recording?	Livestreaming will be compulsory for all Local Governments from the 1st of January 2025. The City have been livestreaming since occupation of the Walyalup Civic Centre. The system in place now will require an upgrade to meet requirements from 1 January 2025.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Who is funding the livestreaming and recording arrangements, if not ratepayers?	This is considered to be rhetorical.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: What were the considerations made at the OCM on 28 Feb 2024 by Council in relation to the motion of the rejection of the Annual Report?	A report on the AGM was included in the agenda of the Ordinary Council meeting for 28 February 2024. This report was provided for council consideration.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: To whom specifically will I formally address my grave concerns about your published minutes?	There is information on the website regarding complaints Feedback and complaints City of Fremantle
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Will Fremantle Council follow the lead of the City of Nedlands Council and appoint an independent forensic auditor to identify, and where possible, correct the many errors, inconsistencies, and other problems that have been identified by community members over recent years in the Annual Report/s?	No. The City of Fremantle, like all local governments, is independently audited by the Office of the Auditor General. The City has received unqualified audit reports from the OAG since this process began. It is not considered that there is a credible need to undertake further analysis beyond any matters raised by the OAG in its assessments. The City has also been identified by the Department of Local Government as having improved its Financial Health Indicator (FHI) to a rating of 94.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Is the construction budget now more than one of the original tenders? If so, why was that tender not revisited?	Yes, there was an increase in budget which was reported to Council on the 27th of March 2024.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Were both original tenderers given equal opportunity to respond to the recast tender specifications? If not, why not?	Our approach was detailed in the report to Council on the 27th of March 2024. Request for quotations did not include both original contractors, and the specifications and scope of the tender did not change in the recast tender.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3: Why has the construction time increased from the original estimate of 6 months to 12 months?	The construction timeline has not increased to 12 months, this report (C2404-13) references provisional dates and touches on site possession in June and completion early 2025.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 4: How did ICS demonstrate meeting the 'relevant experience' and 'key personnel, skills and resources' criteria?	All proposals were scored in accordance with the City's procurement policy, which was detailed in the report to Council on the 27th of March 2024.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 5: What similar projects (ablation block; exposed coastal location) is the City of Fremantle aware of that have successfully used Recycled Concrete Aggregate for the main structure?	The City can confirm that officers have researched materials and their use in coastal locations, and equally the contractor has experience in using recycled concrete on projects.

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24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 6: Does 'no reduction in building footprint' relate to external or internal area?	There is no reduction in the internal building areas.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 7: In relation to the above question, if it relates to external area, what is the reduction in internal floor space and how is this distributed?	Please see response to question 6 above.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 8: How does the corrosion resistance of High-Density Galvanised steel compare to the previously specified stainless steel?	Galvanised steel is commonly used in coastal settings, and with painting and coating is suitably protected. It is used in environments with poxy resin, which we anticipate will give a lifespan of 20-25 years. Stainless steel provides slightly more. It is important to note that both products require cleaning and maintenance. It is important to the City that regimes are put in place so that the City meet and exceed the anticipated life expectancies.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 9: Has the City of Fremantle budgeted for effective cleaning and maintenance of the new facilities to ensure the problems repeatedly reported on the previous facilities do not arise again?	The City has budgets for effective cleaning and maintenance of facilities. A suitable cleaning regime will be established once the facilities are constructed.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 1: Can you please advise why the City is stating that it "may not", with regard to the City having undertaken all administration processes in this instance, means?	The City has undertaken an investigation regarding who was notified of the plan to register significant trees in late 2018. At this time it is only owners that can be confirmed as being notified.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 2: Can you please confirm that the City contacted all owners in the 2018-2019 period?	Please see response to question 1.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 3: Would the City have used the same system for notifying owners and occupiers? If so, why is it that the City cannot confirm the occupier were contacted in the same way that the owners were contacted?	The City is of the opinion that the same system should have been used for notifying both owners and occupiers of a significant tree registration.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 4: Can you please advise how many, if any, occupiers were contacted during the process in 2018-2019?	Please see response to question 1.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 5: In relation to the above question, is the City going to continue with the investigation into this matter?	At this time, the City will pause any further investigation if council agree to undertake a new process for the registration of trees from the Heritage List to the Significant Tree Register.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 6: Would it be reasonable to assume that given the lack of evidence of contact with occupiers who were not owners, that it did not happen?	The City acknowledges there is doubt in this area of the process.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kristian Morris	Question 1: In relation to question 6 above, can you advise if this is the case with the trees in the motion being considered tonight?	Please see response to question 6 above.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kristian Morris	Question 2: Can you please provide the City's definition of "registration" and "re-registration" for the record? Please also advise where the definition is obtained from?	"Registration" is when the City places a tree on the Significant Tree Register, under provisions in its Planning Scheme No.4. The City is using the term "re-registering" in reference to re-running the administrative process to remove any doubt that may exist around the original process followed in 2018-19.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 1: While LPS 4 provides a process for the inclusion of trees of the Register of Significant Trees, there is no process under LPS 4 for the transfer of trees from the Heritage List to the Register of Significant Trees. Could the Council advise which clause of LPS 4 provides a transfer? Noting that the CEO is required to carry out the exact resolution of the Council, not the intent of the resolution.	The Scheme provides a mechanism to register trees. The reference to "transferring" is simply used to acknowledge that certain trees had already been identified as having cultural significance and that the Council's intention was to place these onto the Register to ensure they had a level of protection.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Pamela Cattalini	Question 1: Can you please inform me again why you are not following your own policy and processes?	Council will make a decision at the meeting tonight (24 April 2024) on undertaking the process again.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Pamela Cattalini	Question 2: Can you also please inform me why for the past five years after putting our tree at 195 High Street on the Significant Tree Register without my consent, has the Council only listed one other tree on the register, which has been nominated by the owner? Is it because you need the owner's consent to do so?	The Council approved one further tree being added to the Register which occurred earlier this year.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Pamela Cattalini	Question 3: Why are you still actively pursuing me in relation to my tree?	The Council is being asked to reconsider the process for registering all trees from the 2018 process as there is doubt as to whether all components of the process were followed.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Mr Ker noted that he believed the responses given to the questions asked at the last meeting failed to answer the questions, and asked that a proper response be given to questions 1,2,3,4,5,8 and 9.	The responses that were provided in the Agenda of the 8 May 2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council are considered to be sufficient.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Why is the service charge hidden in an item on differential rates, as there is no indication on the agenda that it is there at all?	The differential rate item is seeking approval from Council to advertise in accordance with the Local Government Act requirements. The City welcomes feedback from the community over the next few weeks. The City is not required to advertise service charges but has included these to be prudent in advising the community of the service charges that are being considered as part of this project..
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1: Why was the budgeted capital expenditure for 2023/24 reduced from \$25.8m to \$12.4m at the mid-year budget review?	This occurred due to some large and/or higher value projects being delayed. These funds were transferred to reserve but remain allocated to those projects. The level of capital expenditure is typically dependent on progress with project design, successful procurement, and contractor availability. Resourcing, market availability and some complex contractual and regulatory requirements has meant that some significant projects have been phased or re-phased, for spend/site works later in the year and will, therefore, carry into the next budget.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 2: Why is the actual capital expenditure for 9 months to 31 March 2024 only a mere \$4.3m?	Please refer to response to Question 1.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 3: Item C2405-9 refers to a proposed increase in rates of 5.4% for 2024/25 year. Combined with the 9% increase levied in 2023/24 represents an increase of 14.4% over 2 years based on budgeted capital expenditure projects that are delayed or simply abandoned and why don't ratepayers receive a refund in this rates cycle for those abandoned or non-existent projects that no benefit is received?	Notwithstanding some delays and as explained in the response to Question 1, the projects that have been budgeted for are required to be delivered and therefore still require the funding as originally allocated.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 4: Item C2405-9 refers to the proposed differential rates for the 2024/25 year. a)How much is budgeted depreciation for 2024/25 and is it approximately \$22m? b)The City has stressed the importance of the Asset Sustainability Ratio for the renewal of existing assets, and based on the proposed capital expenditure of \$8m what is the estimated Asset Sustainability Ratio of existing assets for 2024/25? c)Why does the City consider this a strong investment into the renewal of existing assets given renewal should be based on the City's suggested ratio range of between 90- 110% of depreciation? d)Will the South Beach Changeroom project receive half of the proposed \$6m in new capital expenditure projects for 2024/25 year? e)Why is there no commentary on improving the productivity of employees and operational efficiency of service delivery expenditure?	(a-e) As reported in the Mid-year Budget Review, depreciation for 2024/25 is currently estimated at approximately \$22 million. Asset sustainability ratios are a guide and provide a target range for the City to work towards. It is intended that the City will continue to increase investment in capital renewal as a way of working towards the achievement of this guiding range. The South Beach change rooms project is an existing project and already funded as explained in the response to Question 1. As such, it is not expected to receive any of the municipal allocations of \$6m proposed for new capital projects in the next budget. Workplace efficiency is always being considered in the delivery of every budget to ensure the most effective allocation of resources.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 5: Item C2405-9 refers to the Targeted Underground Power Project service charges. a)What is the total project cost including the Western Power component? b)What proportion of the total project cost is being borne by Western Power, City of Fremantle and ratepayers? c)How does the proportion borne by the City of Fremantle and ratepayers compare to other metropolitan councils? d)Has a cost benefit analysis or business plan been prepared and is the information available to ratepayers? e)Why was the repayment period of 7 years for ratepayers chosen and how does this compare to other metropolitan councils?	a) Current Estimate from Western Power – Note: this estimate is subject to review as further design and project development is undertaken: - Undergrounding = \$30.9m - Connection Charge = \$4.9m TOTAL = \$35.8m b) Undergrounding – Western Power Estimate = \$21.9m LG / ratepayers = \$9m Connection Charge = LG / ratepayers also pay + \$4.9m Current estimated LG / ratepayer cost = \$13.9m c) The TUPP uses the same methodology and approach across other LGAs. However, it is difficult to compare at this stage - under this scheme, the LGA/ratepayer proportion may vary. Factors that may affect this are: - the cost and complexity of undergrounding, and - where an area attracts a State Government funding contribution, which is determined against property values, Fremantle project does not fall within the eligible banding. d) This is a Western Power project related to the renewal of its assets. As such, a cost benefit analysis or business plan has not been prepared by the City. The options available are that WP will replace poles or is open to undertaking the underground power option if the City and community are supportive. e) The City is part of a working group for the TUPP project, which is organised through WALGA. Officers have looked at the cost per meter / year and benchmarked and liaised with other LGAs. Although some LGAs are proposing a shorter period, a 5-7 year repayment term is generally considered most favourable.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 6: In relation to the 28 Cantonment Street item, what is the Fremantle Council doing to protect the human scale of Fremantle from such outrageous proposals in the historic town?	Item C2405-2 Cantonment Street No.28 is solely related to whether the condition of planning approval for percent For Art contribution is retained or waived.

Meeting Date of Question	Meeting Date of Response	Meeting	Name	Question	Response
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 7: Can the developer be encouraged to spend the \$140,000 on heritage works, either for example inside the magnificent Town Hall, or as urban design enhancements along Queen Street with for example high quality appropriate lighting as exists in High Street in the West End?	The City's Percent for Art Policy stipulates that 1% of the estimated development costs of relevant development types within specified areas be attributed to commissioning an original site specific public artwork. The Policy also allows for contributions to heritage, this is at the discretion of the developer as to whether it is used for art or heritage.