



Western Australia

Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Friday **18th May 2012**, commencing at 10.00 am.

Note Mr Bernie Miller, MRWA Mid West, to meet Council 9.30 am this day in the Council Chambers.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Mr Bernie Miller, recently appointed Regional manager Main Roads Mid West has accepted the invitation to meet Council in Murchison. Mr Miller will be available at 9.30am having overnighted to Murchison en route Carnarvon to Geraldton.

Mr and Mrs Hook – Murchison Oasis Road House – have been invited to join Council for morning tea at 10.15am followed by a discussion in the Council Chambers. See letter from their solicitors e mailed am Wednesday 9th May. This *may* not now proceed. Advice from Solicitors Tues 15th May.

Arrangements are in hand to interview a candidate for the position of CEO at 1.00pm – being after lunch. Break for lunch at 11.45 am. Ms Lydia Highfield from WALGA Workplace Solutions to attend. Lunch in the Council Chambers.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Seaman has apologised for non attendance at the meeting.

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public expected at time of agenda preparation.

4.1 Standing Orders

Moved: Councillor

Seconded: Councillor

That the following Local Law-Standing Orders 2001 be stood down:

8.2 Limitation on the number of speeches

8.3 Duration of speeches

CARRIED

5. NEXT MEETING

This is schedule for Friday 15th June, 2012

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An application has been received from Councillor Seaman for the June and July meetings of Council.

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 20th April 2012

Background:

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**Moved: Councillor****Seconded: Councillor**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 20th April, 2012 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION****10. ACTION LIST****List ex December 2011**

No.	Item	Action	Status
1.	Clean out and dry out turkey nest water tank at Cockney Bills Corner	Alerted Squires Resources of this	Completed
2.	Emergency Management Plan	Met with Tex McPherson in Murchison on Thurs 10 th May, 2012	Commenced

This list has not been forgotten. Acting CEO trying to get to at least one 'old job' each month.

List ex March 2012

No.	Item	Action	Status
1.	Surrounds CEO's Residence	Remove old water tank Decorative front fence	Incomplete Incomplete

List ex April 2012

No.	Item	Action	Status
1.	Report on tackling 199-209 SLK Carnarvon-Mullewa Road construct and bitumen job	Report available this meeting	Complete
2.	Tender for the supply of a small Truck for maintenance person	Tenders called – to be considered this meeting	Completed
3.	New schedule of fees and charges	To be incorporated into the new Budget work and considerations	Incomplete (for June 2012)

List Resulting from 20th April meeting

No.	Item	Action	Status
1.	Regional Manager MRWA Mid West	Invitation for Mr Bernie Miller to meet Council this meeting	Completed. Invitation accepted
2.	FESA Financial Support Fire fighting	Account to be prepared for full cost less 20% contribution from Council	Completed Account sent
3.	Tender Beringarra-Pindar Road maintenance	Advise successful tender Advise CSIRO	Completed Completed
4.	JMG Electrical and Air-Con	Continue negotiations re Account for \$6492.62 January visit.	Continuing

5.	Astrofest	Advise relevant agencies of Astrofest decision of it becoming A bi-annual event next in 2013	Completed
6.	Prof Tingay presentation of Telescope	Organise event	Organised but Prof Tingay unavailable on this day
7.	WALGA Convention 1-3 Aug 2012	Obtain preliminary info inc accommodation options and advise Councillors	Completed
8.	Murchison Freight Service	Advise Mr Grey of Council's views of Easter deliveries	Completed
9.	Deputy CEO	Obtain draft contract document as basis for employment contract with Deputy CEO-elect.	Document obtained
10.	Circular letter to Electors	Prepare and mail circular letter	Completed

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Action List be accepted.

11. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None known at time of Agenda preparation.

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.1 Monthly Plant Report for April 2012

HEAVY PLANT			Start	End	Total		
Plant Item	Year	REGO	Hours	Hours	Total	Service	Ownership
Cat Grader 12H	2005	MU 141	7994.8	8079	84.20		
Cat Grader 12M	2008	MU 51	4104	4176	72		
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	MU 65	4068.7	4091.4	22.70		
Komatsu Dozer	1997		7653	7660	7		
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	MU 177	422	447.1	25.10		
John Deere Grader	2011	MU 121	1035.9	1150	114.10		
Bomag M/Tyre Roller			124	151	27		
Cat 938G Loader			3028.9	3103	74.10		

Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU000	242805	243912	1107		
Nissan UD	2009	000 MU	102688	104126	1438		
Iveco Tipper	2004	MU 00	154174	156300	2126		

Generator 2-100KVA	2005		1381.8	1664	282.20		
Generator 1-83KVA	2005		1835.2	2319	483.80		
Maintenance Genset			16793	17008	215		
Construction Genset			5228.8	5444	215.20		

Mitsubishi Canter	2011	01 MU	42530	45468	2938		
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	MU 140	121629	124456	2827		
Toyota Prado	2010	MU0	42100	45240	3140		
Holden Rodeo	2008	MU 167	148265	150000	1735		
Isuzu DMAX	2009	MU 300	119024	121079	2055		
Toyota Hilux	2011	MU 1018	38532	43372	4840		
Toyota P/T Vehicle	1986	MU 1017	21079	21079			

Side Tipper	2001	MU 2010	191549.8	191660	110.20		
Side Tipper – Evertran	2009	MU 662	40220.72	40627	406.28		
Tri-Axle Low Loader	2008	MU 663	35145.8	35822	676.20		
No. 2 float	2001	MU2004	13551	14965	1414		
30000lt Water Tank	2005	MU 2024	9775	10321	546		
Dog Fuel Trailer	1993	MU 658					
Dog Fuel Trailer	1972	MU 2005					
Dolly 1-Red	2001	MU 2003	11038	12282	1244		
Dolly 2-Black	2000	MU 2009					

New Holland Ford Tractor	2006	MU 380	1402	1421	19		
Forklift			11663.4	11677.3	13.90		
Caravans							
Various small plant							
Ride on Mower - JD			105.5	116	10.50		

12.2 Works Report – Works Supervisor

CONSTRUCTION CREW

The construction crew have finished the Greenough River job and it is looking very smart. All signs have been erected. Whilst crew were there they also put a culvert approx 20km north of Yuin in a bad dip. There has been good feedback already on the culvert as it has made the road smoother. This took approx. 2 ½ days to complete.

Anzac day – All crew had Anzac day off and spent the Thursday (26th) placing an apron on second grid at Wooleen. The Settlement refuse site was also given a good tidy up by John & Paul. The crew then went on break.

Whilst the flood damage crew were on break Greydon Meads from Bullardoo (who has been carting gravel for the flood damage) carted gravel for the construction crew in readiness for their return from break. Greydon was asked to cart gravel in readiness for their return as it is a 40km round trip.

Crew have now moved up to the Murgoo Sanford River job. This job consists of gravel sheeting bad slippery sections from Murgoo turn off north to the Sanford River and further north as far as funds will allow. This section is expected to be completed by the 6th - 7th of June. The crew will then move gear back to the settlement and Ross will give all plant a good check over before moving down to Billabalong on the Carnarvon Mullewa road where they will commence the 7km of construction in readiness for sealing as per my report.

MAINTENANCE CREW

Maintenance crew will finish the Erong Road to the Milly Milly junction and then move camp to the Byro woolshed and then finish off the Byro Beringarra Road from Milly Miily to the Byro T junction. They will then move camp to the Byro homestead. From Byro homestead they will take both graders to Mt Narryer and work for two days around Mt Narryer/Curbur as this section is getting quiet bad. Once completed they will start from Byro and head north to the Gascoyne Junction boundary and then start back from Byro and head south including the Byro Woodleigh road.

Roads Graded this month:

Beringarra Mt Gould
 Beringarra Cue
 Beringarra to Milly Milly on the Beringarra Byro Road
 Erong Road
 Innouendy Road
 Yunda Road

Patch Grade:

Patch graded north of settlement to Mt Narryer turn off.

FLOOD DAMAGE CREW

Wadjers have completed works at the Curbur Lake section, the Curbur homestead and the flood damage between the Curbur homestead and the settlement (3 small patches). Muggon road which entailed the use of a scraper has also been completed.

Wadjers crew have now moved to the old cottage at the back of the Wooleen homestead not the woolshed as they believe that the woolshed has bad spirits.

Gravel carting on the Twin Peaks Wooleen road has been completed and Greydon is now carting on the Mt Wittenoorn Wooleen road.

I have completed the flood damage pick up on the Mt Wittenoorn road and the Boolardy Wooleen road. While crew are working on these roads we will have a report on the Butchers Track road and if funds are still remaining we will go back and gravel sheet a bit more of that road.

PLANT

Iveco is still giving us problems and has been sent to Purcher for the fourth time and I have now decided to call in Page's Auto electrics to look at this truck. We will be disputing two bills from Purcher in relation to this.

30,000 ltr water taker was sent into Geraldton for repairs but this will require some serious work and may need to be booked in at a later date when convenient.

Iveco 6 wheeler will require a gear box repair which Ross will complete.

Gardeners ute has gone to town to be assessed for repairs after hitting a kangaroo. No panel damage but will require a new bull bar.

GRIDS

As mentioned earlier, a new apron has been put on one side of grid just east of Wooleen. We will require one more day to complete apron on other side.

The two contractors I had been in contact with to build 3 new grids have not responded and I am now in discussions with Squires Resources to use their cement truck and the job will be completed by Shire staff with use of Squires agitator.

STAFF

Neil Combe is back in the settlement and we have a meeting scheduled with Rebecca Hayward from APM, Neil, Dianne and myself to discuss his return to duties.

Ross (Fitter) has been to the Durack Institute in Geraldton with Neil on Monday and now has a training schedule to improve his qualifications.

All staff completed a hearing test on 10th May.

Staff (social club) are going on a trip to Shark Bay and are hiring a bus so this may be an opportune time to incorporate the road inspection.

10 km Construction/Reseal

This report is now completed as an attachment to the Agenda.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Work's Supervisor's report be accepted.

WORKS MATTERS WHILE THE WORKS SUPERINTENDENT IS IN ATTENDANCE**12.3 Tender for a Small Truck (Plant maintenance person)****Background:**

Tenders for this have been called, close 12 Noon Tuesday 15th May 2012 as per Council directions and as provided for on the budget.

Interest Declared:

None

Statutory Environment:

Calling Tenders for work related vehicles is well within Councils legislative boundaries.

Financial implications:

An amount of \$50,000 is provided for this on the budget.

Voting:

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

No recommendation as at the time of agenda preparation tenders had not closed.

12.4 Aboriginal heritage Act – Kalli Road

Background:

As directed by Council WALGA was written to in relation to the approx 5.8 kms of new (Kalli) road south of the previously existing road which ran very close to the homestead and sheds. A sketch of the area which indicates the 'old' road and the 'new' section of road has been provided.

WALGA letter reply attached to the agenda.

Interest Declared:

None

Statutory Environment:

The Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 provides that councils are requiredetc (see letter attached)

Financial implications:

There could be some costs if Council is required to comply with the Act retrospectively

Voting:

Simple majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That further advice on this matter from Mr Marcus Holmes of Land Equity Legal be sought as suggested by WALGA.

12.5 Mrs Emma Foulkes-Taylor – Dust Problem Beringarra-Pindar Road

Background:

Extract of letter-

'I am writing to remind council of the continuing serious dust occurring at Tallering and Yuin Homesteads and Pia Wadjarri from heavy trucks and fast light vehicle traffic associated with the ASKAP at Boolardy.

Various dust suppression solutions, including cement stabilizing and bitumen sealing have been mooted in the past at forums such as ratepayers meeting but the problem continues today.

Whilst a certain level of dust is expected in this country it is extremely disheartening to have such quantities settle on the homestead so regularly.

I strongly urge Council to include in next year's budget some form of sealing for these three sections of road east of the above dwellings.'

Interest Declared:

A declaration of interest is expected.

Financial Implications:

If Council decides to finance a remedy to this problem there will be costs involved. If this problem can be accepted by CSIRO a remedy may be possible with that agency funding some of the cost.

Voting:

Simple majority

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That correspondence be entered into with CSIRO in relation to the on-going dust problem in three areas (two homesteads and Pia Wadjari) of the Beringarra–Pindar Road which has been exasperated by ASKAP traffic and that enquiries be made as to whether CSIRO would assist in financing a remedy to this problem by special treatment of the three section of say one kilometre each on say a 50-50 basis.

12.6 Re-Schedule Date for Road Inspection

Background:

This item was fully considered at the February and April meetings of Council. It was not possible to stay with the 14th and 15th May dates selected. Council to decide on fresh dates. All other arrangements can remain the same.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That the annual road inspection be re-scheduled for.....with all other arrangements remaining the same as previously decided.

12.7 Health/Building Surveyor (visited Murchison 7th 8th May 2012)

Health/Building /Planning Report May 2012

Water Sampling

A series of water samples will be taken over the next six weeks to determine a consistency with the National Water Quality standards.

The reason for the six week term is to receive a better reflection of the water quality over a period of time and if possible keep the use of Chlorine out of the system.

Pia Rubbish Site

An inspection of the Pia Wadjari aboriginal community was carried out to investigate a new waste facility site. The community is virtually stuck on a rock so with this in sight the new site was selected some 100 meters to the West and out of any major water courses. Contact will be made with the appropriate authorities on the preference of site.

Council Chambers Exit signs

It was noted that the Council Chambers had no exit signs indicating passage of exit during an emergency. The Chambers and associated foyer is a class 9b building (Public Building) and under the Building Code of Australia require exit signs to be positioned at doorways giving clear unrestricted pathways to the exterior of the building.

The total occupancy for the building is less than 50 persons which will allow reflective exit signs to be use rather than the normal 240 volt type, it is recommended that the reflective signs be used in this instance, they can be purchased at any Fire service store at a minimal price.

Murchison Oasis Road House

An inspection of the above mentioned Roadhouse was carried out and was was found to be in reasonable order at time of inspection.

Items noted are;

- 1 The holes in the wall behind the vanity and stove are still there – item noted on previous inspections.
- 2 The chiller in the freight shed was not operating

- 3 Grime on the entrance door, fuel bowser and in the ablution facility were brought to the attention of the proprietor, only a minor issue but reflects what the visitor first see when entering town.

Towns Waste Facility

In reasonable order at time on inspection, it was noted that tipping items were spread over a larger area than in previous inspections. A more approved method of disposal is to place the rubbish into trenches or cells and cover it at least on a weekly basis.

Frogs

The ongoing concern regarding frogs in toilet cisterns has been brought to my attention. Frogs are more of a nuisance rather than a Public Health issue and their control is still yet to be determined. The use of Chlorine in the cisterns may alleviate the frog problem but creates other issues such as the destruction of Anaerobic bacteria in the Septic Tank and the erosion of plumbing fixtures due to the high CL2 reading.

Once an effective non polluting form of control is established a notice will be placed in the Murchison Monologue.

13. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

14.1 Shire President

14.2 Councillors

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15.1 Murchison Settlement Advisory Committee Meeting 25th April, 2012

Minutes e mailed to Councillors.

16. FINANCE

16.1 Financial Activity Statements 30th April 2012

File:

Author: Dianne Daniels – Senior Finance Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 15th May, 2012

Attachments: Financial Activity Statements for 10 months to 30th April 2012

Balance Sheet

Income Statement Detail

Income Statement by Nature & Type

Income Statement Summary

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider adopting the monthly financial statements for 10 months to 30th April 2012.

Background:

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. Regulation 34 requires that local government report on a monthly basis and prescribes what is required to be reported.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.4—Specifies that a local government is to prepare “such other financial reports” as is prescribed.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
Regulation 34 states:

(1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d) for that month in the following detail:

- (a) Annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c);
- (b) Budget estimates to the end of month to which the statement relates;
- (c) Actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
- (d) Material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and
- (e) The net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

Reports showing year to date financial performance allow monitoring of actual expenditure, revenue and overall results against budget targets.

Consultation:

UHY Haines Norton

Comment:

Summary of Financial Results April 2012

The Current Position at 30 April 2012 is a surplus of \$361,271, so a strong improvement on 1 July 2011 brought forward, which was a deficit of \$16,639, but down \$190,238 on March. May will see an improvement in the Current Position as the next grant from the Grants Commission is due and also in May we have received the R4R 2010-2011 Regional Component Funding of \$309,859 (earmarked for the new seal SLK 199-206 scheduled for commencement in July) and the R4R 2011-2012 Individual Component Funding of \$505,851, (earmarked for future sealing after completion of SLK 199-206).

This month we have again reviewed those expense accounts that are over budget by 10% or more and have inserted comments in the right hand column of the attached Income Statement by Program – Detail. As of the 31 March, Public Works Overheads were under-allocated by \$160,725 and Plant Operating Costs were under-allocated by \$57,173, distorting the Actual to Budget result. These amounts have been allocated pro-rata across the programs on 1 April, which has resulted in an almost perfect allocation of POC, but there is \$26,917 left in PWOH, so still some review required there.

Rates

2011 – 2012 Rates have not yet been issued, but the Shire of Murchison has been given approval by the Department of Local Government to proceed with the issuing of rates, despite the fact that they are still sitting with the State Administrative Tribunal. The SFO has commenced work on resolving the historic rates queries and will be in a position to raise rates on or before 18th May.

CSIRO

CSIRO are disputing SOM Contribution Claim 6, with payment being withheld by them until agreement can be reached. The point of contention is that the charges for November and December work were spread over two Claims (5 and 6) and CSIRO were of the belief that all 2011 charges had been finalised in Claim 5. We at no time gave them cause to assume that there would be no further charges for 2011 works when Claim 5 was issued. We have been corresponding with CSIRO in an effort to resolve this quickly and have offered to cover the entire cost of Administration and Overheads, which might otherwise have been claimed, on Claim 6.

We have been in contact again with CSIRO in May and received correspondence that the matter would be discussed at executive level within CSIRO, but have had no feed-back on this to date.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 30th April 2012, as attached.

16.2 Accounts Paid during the period since the last list was adopted/endorsed by Council

File:
 Author: Dianne Daniels Senior Finance Officer
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 15th May, 2012
 Attachments: EFT & Cheque Details for April 2012

Matter for Consideration:

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of April 2012.

Background:

Accounts paid are required to be submitted each month.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
 Reg 13(1)–Requires that where the Chief Executive Officer has delegated power to make payments from the Municipal or Trust funds a list of accounts paid is to be prepared each month.

Strategic Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Financial Implications:

Payment from Council's Municipal Account

Consultation:

None

Comment:

Payments made during the month of April, 2012 as per attached schedule.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**Moved: Councillor****Seconded: Councillor**

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$250,173.27 be passed for payment/endorsed by Council.

CARRIED

16.3 Shire of Meekatharra – Distribution of Regional Component of Royalties for Regions Funds**Background:**

Some time ago we wrote to the Shires of Meekatharra and Upper Gascoyne asking that, following the agreement whereby the Shires of Meekatharra and Murchison assigned their approx \$500,000 Regional Component of Royalties for Regions funding for 2011/12 to Upper Gascoyne, the Shire of Murchison would be pleased to receive the (approx \$500,000 each) Royalties for Regions Regional Component for 2012/13 in order that this can be applied to the Ballinyoo bridge project. A similar gesture would occur in 2013/14 when Upper Gascoyne and Murchison would assign their approx \$500,000 to Meekatharra.

Meekatharra has advised by 'phone that no formal agreement of the kind described above existed and have expressed reluctance to be part of the arrangement described. See letter and finance distribution chart attached to the agenda.

In addition the Shire of Meekatharra has proposed by telephone that for the next two financial years a fairer way of Meekatharra and Murchison sharing the three (MK, GU and MU) Regional Components is to share 50:50 the amount of the three components. This should be acceptable to Murchison especially as it seems now the bridge project will not proceed until the 2012/13 financial year.

Interest Declared:

None

Financial Implications:

Council may not recoup the full \$505,851 made available to Upper Gascoyne in 2011/12.

Statutory Environment:

Funding considerations for L.G. projects are well within Council’s legislative boundaries.

Voting Requirement:

Simple majority

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That the communication from the Shire of Meekatharra in connection with distribution the three Councils distribution (MK, GU and MU) of the Regional Component Royalties for Regions funding 2011/12 – 2013/14 be received and that Council, recognising the gesture in favour of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne in the 2011/12 financial year and the possible unknowns in R for R funding in future years Council favour a 50:50 split, Meekatharra and Murchison of the 2012/13 and 2013/14 Regional Component R for R funds of the three Shires Meekatharra, Upper Gascoyne and Murchison.

17. DEVELOPMENT

18. ADMINISTRATION

18.1 WALGA Local Government Convention 1-3 August 2012 Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre

Background:

The annual Local Government Convention is on in Perth 1-3 august, 2012. Council should confirm its delegation to attend this convention and authorise the completions of registrations and booking of accommodation. Full information available to each Councillor today.

Interest Declared:

None

Financial Implications:

The cost increases according to the size of the delegation. The budget provides for this expenditure.

Voting:

Simple majority

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

That council appoint Councillors.....and as Council’s official ‘voting’ delegates at the 2012 Local Government Convention with Councillors..... and the Acting CEO as attendees.

18.2 Murchison Freight Service

Background:

In August 2011 Council accepted the tender of Grey’s Freight Service of \$1150 per month (Exempt of GST) for the Freight Service to Murchison. This contract was for one year to 31st August, 2012.

It may be an appropriate time to consider calling tenders for a continuation of this service. A period of say two years could be considered as the period tenders for this service are called for.

Interest Declared:

None

Statutory Environment:

Calling tenders for this service is well within 'normal Council operations'

Financial Implications:

Any additional costs can be provided for in the 2012/13 budget if a decision is made by the July meeting of Council.

Voting Requirement:

Simple majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That tenders be called for the once each week Murchison Freight Service for the period 1st September 2012 to 31st August, 2014 and that the document on which tenders will be based fully detail the requirements of the service including the kinds of goods to be transported, time and regularity of the service etc.

19. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Seaman has submitted the following motion for consideration by Council at this meeting:

Background:

'City of Greater Geraldton – Agricultural Precinct 2009 and Beyond

The City of Greater Geraldton has published a document headed "A unique opportunity for the development of an Agricultural Precinct" stating "A vision by and for the community of Greater Geraldton City region."

Under a heading "Geraldton, Ripe for the future", the city has stated that 'a host of major projects will see Geraldton continue to build on the modern city it has become'.

- * Oakajee Port and industry precinct
- * Broadband network
- * In contention to be "home of the largest telescope ever created"

The SKA project, nor the Oakajee Port are situated within the city Local Government area and the use of other Councils infrastructure projects for the promotion of the City of Greater Geraldton is considered both desperate and misleading.

There are no interest, statutory environment or financial implications issues with this item. Voting is by simple majority.

Motion:

1 That the Shire of Murchison write to the City of Greater Geraldton to remind them that, if the project is successful, the city will not be "The home of the largest telescopes" being the SKA project, situated some 300 km's from the City of Geraldton, in the Shire of Murchison.

2. That the CEO indicate to the City of Geraldton that the Shire of Murchison will expect a retraction or revision of this "Agricultural Precinct" document.

3. That the CEO ask for a formal apology by the City of Geraldton for this blatant misrepresentation of where the Future SKA project could be situated, if the Australian bid is successful.

20. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

Date	Activity
25 th April	Attended the Murchison Settlement Development committee
25 th April	Discussion with the President and Deputy President in connection with J N Warne continuing as Acting CEO. Satisfactory arrangements were made.
25 th April	Participated in Anzac Day in Murchison Settlement. An excellent 'Murchison' event.
9 th May	Inspected road sealing works with Works Supervisor 10-20 kms south of Murchison Settlement on Carnarvon-Mullewa Road. Excellent weather for laying bitumen and a very organised bitumen crew on the job.
10 th May	Met FESA Officer Tex Mc Pherson in Murchison to discuss re-commencement of the formation of an updated Emergency Management Plan for Murchison. This is ex December 2011 CEO Action List.
11 th May	Attended Murchison Zone of WALGA Conference in Cue with Councillors Foulkes-Taylor and Halleen.
14 th May	Council business in Geraldton including MU 0 service, collect books and records ex Bird Cameron's and visit Durack Institute of Technology with Council Fitter Ross Collins.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

21. URGENT BUSINESS**Town Planning**

Report on the Shire of Murchison Town Planning Scheme preparation.
Tony Turner, Director, Geraldton Independent Planners carrying out this task.

FESA Meeting

Date to be selected for Murchison Emergency Management Plan Meeting – Suggested (by FESA Officer Tex as Noon Tuesday 12th June, 2012.)

22. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**23. MEETING CLOSURE**