

**12.2 MINUTES AND MOTIONS FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2023**

**Attachments:** 1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors Held on 2 February 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council:**

1. **RECEIVES** the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors (AGME) held on Thursday 2 February 2023, included at Attachment 1; and
2. **NOTES** that due to the short turnaround responses to the General Business motions carried at the Annual General Meeting of Electors will be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held 14 March 2023.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To receive the minutes of the City's Annual General Meeting of Electors (AGME) and to note the motions carried.

**BACKGROUND:**

The AGME was held at the Mount Hawthorn Main Hall on Thursday 2 February 2023 at 5:30pm. There were 24 electors present, as well as seven Council Members and eight City employees. 16 electors raised 24 general business motions, 20 of which were carried at the meeting. One motion was combined with another as it was of a similar intent. Three motions were submitted in writing, but in the absence of a mover or a seconder from the gallery, they lapsed.

**DETAILS:**

Other than the motion carried to receive the Annual Report 2021/2022, the following motions were carried at the meeting:

**Motion 1**

1. Mount Hawthorn RSL request City-of-Vincent consider the permanent display of the R S L logo above the entry to the Lesser Hall and renaming to RSL Hall Mount Hawthorn.
2. Request a flag pole at the hall entry which would add ceremony to local commemorative festivals, community and RSL events.

**Motion 2**

That developers, both private and public, be required to set aside or allocate a certain percentage of the land to be 'green space', not covered by roads/driveways or building footprint for each new development or extension.

**Motion 3**

That the use of rodenticides be strongly discouraged, and in particular, the use of second generation rodenticides be banned from use in the City.

**Motion 4:**

1. That Vincent Council does not hold citizenship ceremonies on 26 January
2. That citizenship ceremonies be held before 26 January
3. That the Vincent Council voice their support for the movement to change the date of Australia Day

**Motion 5:**

That the City limit the pathway within Britannia Reserve to Pedestrian use only, enforced by use of signage.

**Motion 6:**

1. That the City of Vincent addresses the safety issues for pedestrians at the corner of Fitzgerald Street and Newcastle Street in this financial year 2022/23.
2. That the City of Vincent places a bollard or visual deterrent to offer a pedestrian refuge and protection of the Heritage listed building on the corner Newcastle Street and Fitzgerald Street. (similar to what exists on the City of Perth side of the fore mentioned intersection).

**Motion 7:**

That the City Review current access and traffic flow at Menzies Street, North Perth. Consider changing to cul-de-sac or one way to reduce "rat run" effect and speeding cars.

**Motion 8:**

1. That Council immediately APPROVES the removal of the \$1 levy at the View Street and Rosemount Hotel car parks and does not discriminate between the parking facilities at Flinders and Coogee Street, Mount Hawthorn and the aforementioned in the heart of North Perth.
2. That Council APPROVES the parking facility at View Street and the Rosemount Hotel receives the same FREE three-hour parking as those in the heart of Mount Hawthorn.

**Motion 9:**

I strongly advocate for the reduction and elimination of chemical sprays in local community parks, especially glyphosphates.

**Motion 10:**

That the City of Vincent engages in a comprehensive assessment of all existing speed humps, recently proposed speed humps and all future speed humps in order gain better results for the local resident efficacy and efficiency co-existing with ease of movement in their own neighbourhood, the potential for removal of older speed humps and the adherence to Australian standards when implementing/planning any new speed humps.

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If 2.1% (of rates) is to fund longer payback periods to Western Power for other upcoming Underground Power Projects, I move that ratepayers within the previous Highgate East State Underground Power Project be refunded or credited towards their rates next year.

**Motion 12:**

City of Vincent take action to address local traffic issues that will be caused by the Bunnings Development approval, prior to construction of the development. Council to consider a cul-de-sac at the laneway entrance approximately 50m from the intersection of Newcastle and Strathcona Streets.

**Motion 13:**

Council remove the giant jacaranda on the verge in front of 89 Carr Street, West Perth and replace with smaller species.

**Motion 14:**

Move that the City of Vincent commission a new conservation plan for Hyde Park, utilising funding that it qualifies for from the Heritage Council of WA.

**Motion 15:**

That Council returns to the former one hour complimentary policy as indicated being possible by Mayor Cole, in light of this significant loss of foot traffic Council acknowledge the loss of the competitive advantage, and therefore the former complimentary one hour free policy needs to be re-instated.

**Motion 16:**

That Council explain why commercial business were charged for a non-provided service, and advise how much money was collected in the rescinding of the commercial waste service and refund rates collected in the 2021/22 year for services that were not provided.

**Motion 17:**

That the City undertakes a reconciliation of its capital expenditure budget going back to 2014 that shows exactly where the unspent funds have gone and provides it to Council and the City's ratepayers. I also request that the City commits to seeking independent analysis and advice in relation to the budgeting skills and delivery capacity of its project management team.

**Motion 18:**

That the community expresses its disappointment at the continued failure of the Administration to publish or make publicly available the Tree Selection Tool in accordance with Council's decision of 5 April 2022 and requests that the tool be made publicly available by 31 March 2023.

**Motion 19:**

That the City provide E-waste drop off facilities in places that are convenient to City ratepayers.

**Motion 20:**

That the Code of Conduct be amended to make it clear that Council Members, in particular the Mayor, can not purport to speak on behalf of the Council on any planning issue being determined by a third party unless that issue has been formally considered by Council and a formal opinion adopted.

**CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:**

Nil.

**LEGAL/POLICY:**

The AGME was held in accordance with section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act). Section 5.33(1) of the Act requires that all decisions made at an Electors' Meeting are to be considered at the next practicable Ordinary Meeting of Council, which is the 14 March 2023 meeting.

Council must consider the motions from the AGME but is not obliged to make a decision on all or any of those Motions. If Council chooses to make a decision in response to an AGME Motion then reasons for that decision need to be recorded in the Minutes of the Council Meeting.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

Low: It is low risk for Council to consider decisions made at the AME in accordance with section 5.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028*:

Innovative and Accountable

*We are open and accountable to an engaged community*

*Our community is satisfied with the service we provide*

*Our community is aware of what we are doing and how we are meeting our goals*

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

This does not contribute to any specific sustainability outcomes of the *City's Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019-2024*. Any implications will be addressed in the responses to the carried motions.

**PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS:**

This item does not align with any of the priority health outcomes of the City's *Public Health Plan 2020-2025*.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.



CITY OF VINCENT

# **MINUTES**

**Annual Meeting of Electors**

**2 February 2023**

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF VINCENT  
ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS  
HELD AT THE MT HAWTHORN MAIN HALL,  
297 SCARBOROUGH BEACH ROAD, MT HAWTHORN  
ON THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.30PM**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cr Emma Cole Cr Susan Gontaszewski Cr Ashley Wallace Cr Ross Ioppolo Cr Jonathan Hallett Cr Dan Loden Cr Ron Alexander	Presiding Member South Ward South Ward North Ward South Ward North Ward North Ward
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	David MacLennan Tara Gloster  Peter Varris  Rhys Taylor Joslin Colli  Lisa Williams Peter Ferguson  Luke McGuirk Wendy Barnard	Chief Executive Officer A/Executive Director Strategy & Development A/Executive Director Infrastructure & Environment Chief Financial Officer A/Executive Manager Corporate Strategy & Governance Manager Marketing and Partnerships Executive Manager Information & Communication Technology Manager Engineering Council Liaison Officer
<b>Public:</b>	Approximately 24 members of the public.	

## **1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole declared the meeting open at 5.31pm and read the following Acknowledgement of Country statement:

"The City of Vincent would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging".

## **2 APOLOGIES / MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Alex Castle was an apology at this meeting.  
Cr Suzanne Worner was an apology at this meeting.

### 3 REPORTS

Mayor Cole spoke to the successes included in the Annual Report.

The CEO, David MacLennan, gave a short presentation on the Annual Report.

The Chief Financial Officer gave a short presentation on the financial report.

#### 3.1 2021/22 ANNUAL REPORT (INCLUDING 2021/22 FINANCIAL REPORT)

**Attachments:** 1. **City of Vincent 2021/22 Annual Report**

Presiding Member Mayor Emma Cole called for an Elector to move and second the motion.

**Moved:** Ben Hodsdon **Seconded:** Betty Bryant

**That the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2022, inclusive of the Audited Financial Report 2021/22 be RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

**NOTE:** Prior to putting the motion the Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, called for any further comments in relation to the annual report.

#### 3.1 Bronwen Tyson of Mt Hawthorn

Why have you put the rates up by 7.6% and how much has been retained for the Underground Power Project? What are the rates going to be this year, how much is the budget for underground power and how many of the vanity projects are going to be let go because of it?

*David MacLennan, CEO, advised that the current budget is a matter for next year's AGM. In relation to the current financial year rates, they reflected a number of considerations, one of them an increase in inflation and an overall increase in costs. There was also a strong commitment from Council to address a backlog of maintenance on a large amount of the City's assets, such as roads and footpaths, buildings, playgrounds and drainage. Significant commitment was required to ensure that those assets remain safe and usable and to the quality the community expects.*

*The Underground Power Project will be supported by a reserve, and a portion of this year's rates increase was held in this reserve to support financing of this major program over several years. The City was developing a financial model for how to pay for the underground power, which will be presented to Council. The property owners will meet the cost of the portion of the project not covered by Western Power. The underground power reserve will help support the gap between the City receiving invoices from Western Power and the City recovering the property owner's portion through a service charge.*

#### 3.2 Dudley Maier of Highgate

Queried the rates on page 69 of the Annual Report. When the budget was presented to Council in July the surplus was shown as \$5.6m. The final auditor's report shows the figure was actually \$6.6m, which means it was understated by \$1m when the rates were sent out, which meant that ratepayers paid \$1m extra in rates, in order to finance the operating capital reserve. So part of the 7.6% rate increase, which is actually a 20% increase if you account for the commercial waste removal, was because the staff made the \$1m mistake.

Why were the figures so far off the mark and what steps have been put in place to make sure this doesn't happen again?

Does the 10 year Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) include the impact of the redevelopment of East Perth Fire Station and Leederville Car Park, both of which have been significant contributors to the rates.



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*David MacLennan, CEO, mentioned that the LTFP lists the proposed rates for the next 10 years, which will be adjusted, if required, to meet the needs at the time they are approved by Council,*

*The East Perth Power Station and Leederville Car Park are not included in the LTFP. The State Government is committed to the redevelopment of the Power Station, but the project has not been confirmed yet. If it did go ahead it would have a huge impact on the City's rates revenue, as the development could include residential, office and commercial components. There is no agreement on the sale of the Leederville Car Park, and will not be until Council makes a final decision. It would be premature to include these projects at this stage as too much is still unknown.*

*The Chief Financial Officer stated that the \$1m difference was due to the timing of the different reports, as the first report included estimates and the OAG report had the confirmed figures. The \$1m difference is within the City's level of tolerance.*

**3.3 Ben Hodson of West Perth**

Stated that the LTFP and Annual Report are living documents and appreciate the effort that goes into creating them. I congratulate the Council for setting aside money for underground power. I understand that inflation is high and expect some rate increases. The increase for underground power, which is going to be ongoing, how will that be absorbed, what will happen to those funds at the end of the project?

*The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, mentioned that there will be underground power financial modelling done for the next financial year, which will be publicly available. Options to pay for underground power which are not from the rates are being considered. Payback periods for residents must be at a level that residents can achieve, and that period is not yet known. The cost is estimated to be \$3500 - \$5000 per household and the City is not sure how residents would prefer to pay this cost. The reserve is to cover project management and financing costs.*

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES****2 FEBRUARY 2023****4 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**NOTE:** Prior to receiving of motions the Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, called for any further comments in relation to the annual report.

**Phil Brown of North Perth**

Thanked the City on behalf of Tools n Things Library for their help and assistance over the last three years. This community product has come from nothing three years ago, to a place where we have 170 subscribers from the local community. Stated that the Library has loaned out 12,700 items, as varied as a macadamia nut cracker to a lawn roller, with bread makers and sewing machines as a side order. The Library has six community members on our committee and eight community members who volunteer in the day to day running of the Library. The building in which the Library operates has been improved as they have required more space. Throughout this period the City have been supportive and encouraging and have reacted promptly to any request. The Library thanked the Mayor, Councillors, Administration and the local community for their support.

*The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole congratulated Mr Brown on the impact he and the members of the Tool Library are having in the community.*

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES****2 FEBRUARY 2023****Motions with notice (Presented in person)****4.1 Lloyd Blake OAM of Mt Hawthorn****Motion – Mt Hawthorn Lesser Hall:**

1. Mt Hawthorn RSL request City of Vincent consider the permanent display of the R S L logo above the entry to the Lesser Hall and renaming to RSL Hall Mount Hawthorn.
2. Request a flag pole at the hall entry, which would add ceremony to local commemorative festivals, community and RSL events.

**Moved: Lloyd Blake Seconded: Ben Hodsdon**

Lloyd Blake made the following comments:

Stated that the RSL currently operates from the Mt Hawthorn Lesser Hall. Suggested that the name of the Hall be changed, as a marketing tool for veterans that are unaware of the location of the RSL. Mentioned that there are scholarships available for the children of veterans, which most people are unaware of.

**CARRIED**

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES****2 FEBRUARY 2023****4.2 Betty Bryant of Mount Hawthorn****Motion 1 – Requirement for Green Space**

That developers, both private and public, be required to set aside or allocate a certain percentage of the land to be 'green space', not covered by roads/driveways or building footprint for each new development or extension.

**Moved: Betty Bryant** **Seconded: Ben Hodsdon**

Betty Bryant made the following comments:

Stated that green space should be required for new developments, this would be better for biodiversity, shade and connection between the parks.

The following electors spoke in support of the motion.

Ben Hodsdon

Norelle O'Neill

Michael Rosario

*The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, mentioned that the City's Local Planning Policy Built Form has a requirement for development on private land to provide 30% canopy or 15% deep soil zone. This requirement has not been formally approved by the WA Planning Commission, and speaks more to deep soil, but deep soil means that there cannot be hardstand. She mentioned that as this would be a condition of approval it would be enforceable, but the City relies on the public to advise of any compliance issues.*

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2 – Rodenticides**

That the use of rodenticides be strongly discouraged, and in particular, the use of second generation rodenticides be banned from use in the City.

**Moved: Betty Bryant** **Seconded: Gary Bryant**

Betty Bryant made the following comments:

Stated that the rodenticides used, do not disseminate, so the rodents are poisonous when eaten, often poisoning owls, dogs and cats. Alternatives are available and should be considered.

**CARRIED**

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES****2 FEBRUARY 2023****4.3 Paul Kaplan of Leederville****Motion – Australia Day:**

1. That Vincent Council does not hold citizenship ceremonies on 26 January.
2. That citizenship ceremonies be held before 26 January.
3. That the Vincent Council voice their support for the movement to change the date of Australia Day.

**Moved: Paul Kaplan Seconded: Ashley Wallace**

Paul Kaplan made the following comments:

Congratulated Council for moving the citizenship ceremony this year from 26 January, and suggests that in future the ceremony is held before that date. The uncertainty felt by migrants would be alleviated by the earlier ceremony.

Stated that the date of Australia Day is a day of sorrow and pain, and this goes against our values. The date of 26 January represents the eradication and dispossession of Aboriginal people from their land, as well as the violence, discrimination and exploitation of the Aboriginal community since that date.

The following electors spoke against the motion:

Marie Slyth  
Don Barba

**CARRIED**

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES****2 FEBRUARY 2023****4.4 Linda Harris of Leederville****Motion – Pathway within Britannia Reserve**

That the City limit the pathway within Britannia Reserve to Pedestrian use only, enforced by use of signage.

**Moved: Linda Harris Seconded: Norelle O'Neill**

Linda Harris made the following comments:

Stated that for the elderly, people with prams, or in wheelchairs and mobility scooters plus toddlers learning to walk, Britannia Reserve is becoming quite dangerous. This is due to the increased number of speeding cyclists, e-scooters and skate boards. There is no need for these vehicles to go through the park, there are good alternatives. Mentioned that the legislation requires signage to stop cyclists using the footpaths.

Norelle O'Neill spoke in support of the motion

**CARRIED**

**4.5 Ben Hodsdon of West Perth****Motion – Pedestrian Safety:**

4.5.1 That the City of Vincent-addresses the safety issues for pedestrians at the corner of Fitzgerald Street and Newcastle Street in this financial year 2022/23.

4.5.2 That the City of Vincent places a bollard or visual deterrent to offer a pedestrian refuge and protection of the Heritage listed building on the corner Newcastle Street and Fitzgerald Street. (similar to what exists on the City of Perth side of the fore mentioned intersection).

**Moved: Ben Hodsdon Seconded: James McDougall**

Ben Hodsdon made the following comments:

Stated that he has noticed there is a conflict between vehicles and pedestrians. Cars turning the corner are not aware that the pedestrian has right of way, as the sign is very small and a distance away. Suggested that the sign be moved closer and made larger.

Mentioned that his building is heritage listed, and trucks cutting the corner have damaged his building. He suggested that a visual indicator would remind trucks of the danger.

James McDougall spoke in support of the motion.

**CARRIED**

**4.6 Jennifer Hart of North Perth****Motion – Menzies Street Traffic**

Request review of current access and traffic flow of Menzies Street, North Perth. Consider changing to cul-de-sac or one way to reduce "rat run" effect and speeding cars.

**Moved: Jennifer Hart Seconded: Paul Barankewitsch**

Jennifer Hart made the following comments:

Requesting review of existing traffic management treatments, there are issues with visibility when entering Menzies Street and there are many cars that speed down the street.

**CARRIED**

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## 4.7 Don Barba of North Perth

**Motion – Remove Parking levy of \$1**

1. That Council immediately APPROVES the removal of the \$1 levy at the View Street and Rosemount Hotel car parks and does not discriminate between the parking facilities at Flinders and Coogee Street, Mount Hawthorn and the aforementioned in the heart of North Perth.
2. That Council APPROVES the parking facility at View Street and the Rosemount Hotel receives the same FREE three-hour parking as those in the heart of Mount Hawthorn.

**Moved: Don Barba      Seconded: Jennifer Hart**

Don Barba made the following comments:

Mentioned that the Council recently introduced a \$1 levy for the first hour at the View Street and Rosemount Hotel car parks, with no consideration of and parking on adjacent streets. This has had a negative impact on businesses, the local community and parking on adjacent streets, which are being used for free parking. Stated that he feels that residents in all areas should have the same treatment, as parking in adjacent suburbs have no fees for parking. Stated that the CEO has advised that paid parking was introduced due to close proximity to the CBD, if that is the principle, why is it not applied to other car parks that are closer to the CBD? Are ratepayers in North Perth subsidising the free three hour parking in the Mount Hawthorn city centre? Mentioned that he feels the City is not complying with the City's Car Parking Strategy 2010.

Jennifer Hart spoke in support of the motion.

*David MacLennan, CEO advised that he had sent Mr Barba an email including the history of this levy. This decision is being presented to Council in April 2023, to evaluate the impact it has had. The City's approach to paid car parking is to respond to the situation in the area, not necessarily a blanket parking regime. The supply of bays reaching capacity in a car park also has an impact on the decision. The Rosemount Hotel car park is owned by the owners of the Hotel, and the City has a management agreement over it.*

*The City studies, identifies and tracks usage of the City's car parking, both on street and in car parks, and parking regimes will be rolled out to suit those areas. The City has appointed a consultant to update our precinct management car parks, which can be found on the City's website, which have dictated the current situation. The consultant will produce a series of recommendations which may result in Council possibly considering some changes in terms of parking restrictions on a precinct by precinct basis. The trend is that the closer to the CBD the higher the levels of traffic and the higher the level of paid parking.*

Michael Rosario spoke in support of the motion and queried what the cost of the consultant would be.

*David MacLennan, CEO, advised that the cost for the consultant would be just under \$50,000.*

*The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, mentioned that when this decision was made as part of the current budget, to introduce \$1 hour paid parking, it was always intended that this would be a trial and a further report will come to Council in April, which will include data from Rangers and ticket machines regarding occupancy and the impact the levy has had.*

Don Barba closed debate by mentioning that the key point was the discrimination against residents of North Perth. He is concerned that as a North Perth ratepayers he is subsidising the free parking in other centres. How can the City discriminate against one part of the City of Vincent in favour of another? Mount Hawthorn and North Perth ratepayers cannot be treated differently.

*A/Executive Director Strategy & Development advised that the decision was based on a study which showed that the occupancy of the car park was over the threshold for a parking intervention.*

**CARRIED**

**Motions with notice (not being presented in person)****4.8 Karen Shirley of North Perth****Motion 1 – Chemical Sprays**

Strongly advocates for the reduction and elimination of chemical sprays in local community parks, especially glyphosates.

**Moved: John Viska Seconded: Greg Johnson**

John Viska made the following comments:

The use of glyphosates has adverse effects and Council should investigate alternatives, such as extreme heat.

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2 – Pedestrians Crossing Charles Street**

I am also in favour of better ways for pedestrians to cross Charles Street, particularly between Bourke and Vincent Street, for those of us who try to stay fit and walk from Loftus side of North Perth to Hyde Park. It is nearly impossible to cross safely in peak hour and Vincent traffic lights usually are congested and car fumes are high.

*The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, called for an Elector to move and second the motion. In the absence of a mover or seconder from the public gallery, Mayor Cole advised that this proposed motion would be considered a question and a response will be included in the report that goes to Council.*

**4.9 Ann Dragon of North Perth and Joe Courtney of Perth**

*The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, decided to combine the motions from Ann Dragon and Joe Courtney, as they relate the same issue.*

**Motion – Indigenous Voice**

1. That the City of Vincent conduct a Civic Awareness campaign surrounding The Voice Referendum.
2. That City of Vincent support YES for the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum.

*The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, called for an Elector to move and second the motion. In the absence of a mover or seconder from the public gallery, Mayor Cole advised that this proposed motion would be considered a comment.*

**4.10 Ian Scott of North Perth****Motion – CCTV rebate program**

Request the City adopt a CCTV rebate program for residents.

*The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, called for an Elector to move and second the motion. In the absence of a mover or seconder from the public gallery, Mayor Cole advised that this proposed motion would be considered a question and will provide a response in writing.*



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**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES****2 FEBRUARY 2023****4.11 Colin Scott of North Perth****Motion – speed humps**

That the City of Vincent engages in a comprehensive assessment of all existing speed humps, recently proposed speed humps and all future speed humps in order gain better results for the local resident efficacy and efficiency co-existing with ease of movement in their own neighbourhood, the potential for removal of older speed humps and the adherence to Australian standards when implementing/planning any new speed humps.

**Moved: Michael Rosario      Seconded: : Marie Slyth**

Michael Rosario made the following comments:

Stated that if Council is moving to 40km/h in the City, speed humps may not be relevant.

Marie Slyth spoke in support of the motion

**CARRIED**

**Motions without notice****4.12 Ashlee la Fontaine of North Perth****Motion – Refund of rates**

If the 2.1% is to fund longer payback periods to Western Power for other upcoming Underground Power Projects, I move that ratepayers within the previous Highgate East State Underground Power Project be refunded or credited towards their rates next year.

Questions:

1. Why is the rise in rates so high at 7.6%? Particularly given the ever increasing number of ratepayers in Vincent from the increasing number of households?
2. Why were the residents of the Highgate East State Underground Power Project area, subject to the 2.1% of the 7.6% rise in rates for a service they cannot access?

**Moved: Ashlee La Fontaine      Seconded: Dudley Maier**

*David MacLennan CEO, provided a response to question 2 and advised that question 1 has already been answered with a similar question under 3.1. The City raises rates to fund a variety of projects and services. The rates are also used to build up reserves to meet future obligations, which include the Underground Power Project. The property owner will pay for the cost of the underground power related to their property, in order to make the cash flow payments in advance of recouping the money from the homeowner, the monies will remain in reserve. Council will decide every year the level of rates to cover the City's obligations.*

Ashlee La Fontaine made the following comments:

Stated that she believes that rates are for services such as maintenance, roads, traffic management and rubbish collection and ratepayers should not pay for a service they can't access. The 2.1% of the 7.6% increase in rates is to allow residents longer pay back periods for underground power projects, which is clearly a service not available to those that have already paid for underground power. It is not reasonable to expect residents of these areas to pay for a service they can't access, and makes me concerned about the management of the budget and the sacrifices that have had to be made by the residents, twice, and that these ratepayers should be refunded.

Dudley Maier spoke in support of the motion

**CARRIED**

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES****2 FEBRUARY 2023****4.13 Marie Slyth of West Perth****Motion 1 – Creation of cul-de-sac**

City of Vincent take action to address local traffic issues that will be caused by the Bunnings Development approval, prior to construction of the development. Council consider installing a cul de sac at the laneway entrance approximately 50m from the intersection of Newcastle and Strathcona Streets.

**Moved: Marie Slyth Seconded: Michael Rosario**

Marie Slyth made the following comments:

Mentioned that the timber yard means that timber trucks go down their streets, causing traffic jams. The additional traffic could ruin the precinct.

Michael Rosario spoke in support of the motion

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2 – Removal of tree**

Council remove the giant jacaranda on the verge in front of 89 Carr Street and replace with smaller species.

**Moved: Marie Slyth Seconded: Michael Rosario**

Marie Slyth made the following comments:

She loves trees but the jacaranda tree outside her house could cause damage to her house.

Michael Rosario spoke in support of the motion

**CARRIED**

**4.14 John Viska of North Perth****Motion 1 – Conservation Plan Hyde Park**

Move that the City of Vincent commission a new conservation plan for Hyde Park, utilising funding that it qualifies for from the Heritage Council of WA.

**Moved: John Viska Seconded: Ashlee La Fontaine**

John Viska made the following comments:

Hyde Park was put onto the State Register of Heritage Places in 1998. The conservation management plan was passed in 2003. This should be revisited in case it needs to be updated, the plan specified that it should be reviewed later 5 years, but this has not happened. As Hyde Park is in the register the City can apply for funding to create this plan.

Ashlee La Fontaine spoke in support of the motion.

**CARRIED**

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES****2 FEBRUARY 2023****4.15 Greg Johnson of Mt Hawthorn****Motion 1 – Complimentary parking**

That Council returns to the former one hour complimentary policy as indicated being possible by Mayor Cole, in light of this significant loss of foot traffic Council acknowledge the loss of the competitive advantage, and therefore the former complimentary one hour free policy needs to be re-instated.

**Moved: Greg Johnson Seconded: John Viska**

Greg Johnson made the following comments:

Stated that at the June 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting a proposal by an agenda item was put to rescind the long standing carpark policy from complimentary first hour, to it being ceased altogether. Prior to council voting on the agenda item members of small business constituency verbally addressed the meeting, pointing out the competitive advantage this existing policy brought to the City of Vincent. Further the council's own commissioned survey came back overwhelmingly in favour of retaining the one hour free parking.

Consequently in response the CEO David MacLennan proposed, without notice, a compromise of a \$1 fee for the first hour and Mayor Cole affirmed the compromise with a provision for a future review, noting the former policy could be re-instated. The Council now has a report on the Barlee Street carpark, indicating that an additional revenue of \$6,000 was collected and it was defined as 'significant', but at the expense of approximately 1,500 less patrons using the carpark due to this disincentive.

No commentary was observed in respect of the loss of approximately 1,500 patrons in the use of the carpark. Parking is critical to the success of the businesses in the City. Getting it wrong will jeopardise a lot of businesses, especially as there are other places to shop and online shopping is becoming more popular.

Dudley Maier spoke in support of the motion

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2 – Commercial Waste**

That Council explain why commercial business were charged for a non-provided service, and advise how much money was collected in the rescinding of the commercial waste service and refund rates collected in the 2021/22 year for services that were not provided.

**Moved: Greg Johnson Seconded: Dudley Maier**

Greg Johnson made the following comments:

Stated that in 2021 the City of Vincent cancelled all waste services to commercial businesses, thereby requiring the businesses themselves to undertake their own arrangements in respect of their waste disposal.

This has had a considerable cost impost on the small businesses of the City of Vincent and a commensurate cost decrease in respect of the Council's waste budget for this service.

In that year a credit to recognise the change was issued on the Rates Notice for 'Commercial waste rebate' for the cancelled waste collection service.

Why was the commercial waste not refunded in 2022, or the rates reduced by the amount of the previous rebate?

The 7.6% rate levy is the same gross rate as the previous period, even though the service has not been provided.

Dudley Maier spoke in support of the motion

**CARRIED**

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The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole called for further speakers, and Mr Caraher requested permission to make a statement, which Mayor Cole granted.

**Damien Caraher of Perth**

Expressed his thanks for the Council's help with the development at 48 Egina Street, Mt Hawthorn, which will be completed this year.

**4.16 Dudley Maier of Highgate****Motion 1 – Capital Expenditure**

**Moved: Dudley Maier     Seconded: Marie Slyth**

That the City undertakes a reconciliation of its capital expenditure budget going back to 2014 that shows exactly where the unspent funds have gone, and provides it to Council and the City's ratepayers. I also request that the City commits to seeking independent analysis and advice in relation to the budgeting skills and delivery capacity of its project management team.

Dudley Maier made the following comments:

Stated that historically the City's capital expenditure budget has far exceeded what is actually spent each year on capital works. Since 2014 it has budgeted for approximately \$50M that it has not spent. Understand that budgeted works that are not spent should be kept in reserve for future capital expenditure projects. The \$50M has not shown up in a reserve over the years and movement in the reserve does not mirror movement in the capital expenditure. Since 2014 the average contribution to the reserve has been around \$0.5M. Queried where the underspend is going if it is not going into the planned projects or the reserve. Requested a review of the project management team that is responsible for the gross overstatement in the budgets.

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2 – Street Tree Selection Tool**

**Moved: Dudley Maier     Seconded: Jonathan Hallett**

That the community expresses its disappointment at the continued failure of the Administration to publish or make publicly available the Tree Selection Tool in accordance with Council's decision of 5 April 2022 and requests that the tool be made publicly available by 31 March 2023.

Dudley Maier made the following comments:

Stated that Council resolution was that the Tree Selection Tool should be made publicly available. The risk of not making this tool available gives the impression that the City has something to hide.

**CARRIED**

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES****2 FEBRUARY 2023****Motion 3 – E-Waste****Moved: Dudley Maier   Seconded: Greg Johnson**

That the City provide e-waste drop off facilities in places that are convenient to City ratepayers.

Dudley Maier made the following comments:

Stated that at the moment if ratepayers have any e-waste they have to take it to Tamala Park or Balcatta Recycling Centre, which is not convenient, especially if you do not have a car. This leads to most people just adding it to the general waste. If the process was more convenient it may improve the recycling rates of e-waste, suggested the Admin Building or Beatty Park as collection points.

Greg Johnson spoke in support of the motion

**CARRIED**

**Motion 4 – Code of Conduct****Moved: Dudley Maier   Seconded: Greg Johnson**

That the Code of Conduct be amended to make it clear that Council Members, in particular the Mayor, can not purport to speak on behalf of the Council on any planning issue being determined by a third party unless that issue has been formally considered by Council and a formal opinion adopted.

Dudley Maier made the following comments:

Mentioned that the Mayor spoke at two JDAP meetings recently, in her role as Mayor. On 1 November 2022 relating to the Bunnings development and on 16 December she spoke in favour of the Celsius development in Fitzgerald Street. On both occasions the documents showed that she was speaking as the Mayor, not a private citizen. and she spoke without Administration recommendations being considered by Council as a whole. Presenting these items to Council allows ratepayers to see where individual Council Members stand. Stated that if the the Mayor does present to these meetings, she should only speak on behalf of Council, which is the approach that other Councils have taken.

**CARRIED**

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**5 CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, declared the meeting closed at 8.26pm with the following persons present:

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cr Emma Cole	Presiding Member
	Cr Susan Gontaszewski	South Ward
	Cr Ross Ioppolo	North Ward
	Cr Jonathan Hallett	South Ward
	Cr Dan Loden	North Ward
	Cr Ron Alexander	North Ward
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	David MacLennan	Chief Executive Officer
	Tara Gloster	A/Executive Director Strategy & Development
	Peter Varris	A/Executive Director Infrastructure & Environment
	Rhys Taylor	Chief Financial Officer
	Joslin Colli	A/Executive Manager Corporate Strategy & Governance
	Lisa Williams	Manager Marketing and Partnerships
	Peter Ferguson	Executive Manager Information & Communication Technology
	Luke McGuirk	Manager Engineering
	Wendy Barnard	Council Liaison Officer

**Public:** Approximately 10 members of the public.

These Minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true record and accurate of the Ordinary Meeting of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on 2 February 2023.

Signed: . Mayor Emma Cole

Dated