



**CITY OF VINCENT**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF ELECTORS**

**28 NOVEMBER 2011**

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors of the City of Vincent held at the Administration and Civic Centre, 244 Vincent Street (cnr Loftus Street), Leederville, on Monday 28 November 2011 commencing at 6.00pm.

**1. (a) DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Presiding Member, Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan, declared the meeting open at 6.00pm and read the following Acknowledgement of Country Statement:

**(b) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY STATEMENT**

*"Today we meet on the lands of the Wadjuk people and we honour them as the traditional custodians of this land".*

**2. APOLOGIES/MEMBERS ON APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**(a) Apologies:**

Cr Matt Buckels – apologies due to personal commitments.  
Cr Joshua Topelberg – apologies due to personal commitments.  
Cr Julia Wilcox – apologies due to personal commitments.

**(b) Leave of Absence**

Nil.

**(c) Present:**

Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan	Presiding Member
Cr Warren McGrath ( <i>Deputy Mayor</i> )	South Ward
Cr John Carey	South Ward
Cr Roslyn Harley	North Ward
Cr Dudley Maier	North Ward
Cr John Pintabona	South Ward
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**3. RECEIVING THE 2010/2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Moved Colin Scott, Seconded Graham Lantzke**

**That the Annual Report 2010/2011, as “Tabled”, be received.**

Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan spoke and stated that she is very pleased to have been elected as Mayor of Vincent – it is a great community and she knows it has the potential to be one of WA’s most dynamic councils. She also stated that she is aware that the Annual Report 2010/2011 related to the year preceding the current Council. On behalf of the City and Vincent community she thanked the retiring Mayor Nick Catania (2001-2011) and Councillors Anka Burns (2007-2011), Steed Farrell (2003-2011), Taryn Harvey (2009-201) and Sally Lake (2003-2011) for their service to the Vincent community over many years.

She stated that there is a great energy on Council, with our new Councillors John Carey, Roslyn Harley, John Pintabona and Julia Wilcox, joining Deputy Mayor Warren McGrath and Councillors Matt Buckels, Dudley Maier and Joshua Topelberg to take our community forward. She also stated that they will strive with the dedicated Administration to set some new directions for Council and she looks forward to working with and for all.

The Chief Executive Officer, John Giorgi spoke and highlighted significant awards and achievements as detailed in the Chief Executive Officer’s Report. The Chief Executive Officer expressed his appreciation to the Mayor, Councillors, Directors, Managers and Staff for their assistance and support during the year and looked forward to working with the newly elected Council in the exciting times that lie ahead.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

4.1 Graham Lantzke of Egina Street, Mt Hawthorn – Spoke on the following:

(a) Infrastructure Assets

Stated he was concerned about the asset evaluation and depreciation and the investment profile of the City Capital Infrastructure. Asked for the Council to strategically review it. Stated he drove around the roads of Mt Hawthorn and noticed about 30-40% of the roads have moderate to severe cracking. As an Engineer, this worries him as when the roads start to crack. He has done some research on Council reports and road and footpath repairs are valued at \$85 million and have a current depreciated value of \$45 million which sounds alarm bells to him and he believes this may be misleading or misinterpreted as to what it should be. He would like the Council to take this onboard and strategically review the Asset Investment Profile, not just with roads but with all the other assets and make sure enough is invested in maintaining our existing infrastructure rather than investing it in the sports stadium.

Director Corporate Services’ Response:

*The Director Corporate Services advised that the City was taking a Strategic View of it’s assets with preparation and revision of the Asset Management Plans for each class of asset held by the City. Stated that the City is not providing any funds to the Sports Stadium.*

*The current valuation for the City’s Road is a management valuation which is currently being revised with the installation of the new version of the ROMAN system.*

Director Technical Services' Response:

*The Director Technical Services advised that the City spends approximately \$1.5m on road resurfacing/rehabilitation per annum. While this may not be enough to maintain the road network to the optimum level of service, the funds allocated for roads needs to be considered in the context of the overall annual capital budget allocation.*

*The City has many competing needs and improvements to the road network is 'managed' to ensure that the funds available are distributed throughout the City and not spent in one area e.g. Mount Hawthorn only.*

*While there is cracking in the roads, the free draining subgrades of the Perth coastal plain means that the roads do not display the other common attributes of a deteriorated road e.g. shoving, rutting, depressions etc.*

*Also the City did have a "crack-sealing" program to treat these roads however it was discovered once the roads were later resurfaced the crack simply penetrated through the new seal layer. The crack sealing program was subsequently discontinued and replaced with simply applying Stone Mastic Asphalt (in lieu of Dense Graded Asphalt) straight onto the cracked road surface. This has been very successful and this is now the standard practice for resurfacing works.*

4.2 Norelle O'Neil of Matlock Street, Mt Hawthorn (also Chair of the Mt Hawthorn Precinct Group) – Spoke on the following:

(a) Community Perception Survey – Page 9

Referred to page 9 of the Annual Report 2010/2011 which states: "...Amongst those surveyed the overall satisfaction with the Town was seventy-three per cent...". It does not state that that is actually an increase in dissatisfaction – it could create the impression that 73% is things are going well. The Perception Survey quite clearly showed the levels of dissatisfaction within the community. Believes that given it took 10 months to be made public. It would have helped if the community was given more information. It also states: "Town could do more and ways to better manage service delivery are being investigated and implemented to ensure continuous improvement" – believes it could have stated that given that it took so long to be made public as by then she would have presumed that in that 10 month period, the investigations would have been completed – things would have been implemented and successes would have been reported.

4.3 Colin Scott of Deague Court, North Perth – Spoke on the following:

(a) Tamala Park Regional Council

Asked the Chief Executive Officer if there have been any new developments or if an update can be given on the City's 1/12 share land holding in Tamala Park Regional Council.

The Presiding Member, Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan's Response:

*The Presiding Member advised that she was able to respond as she is the City's Representative on the Tamala Park Regional Council. The Presiding Member advised that it is anticipated that land sales will commence early next year (2012) therefore, hopefully within the next year to 18 months that we might start seeing some income returning to the City. The Presiding Member advised that just last week she was appointed Chair of the Management Committee that oversees the actual practical implementation and they are looking to ensure that there is proper sustainable development. Within local government there is a responsibility to ensure that we are high is sustainability and development but at the same time that we get a good return on that investment. We are hoping that land sales will commence early next year and the income stream perhaps starting as early as 2012/2013.*

Mr Scott asked: Is there going to be an further input or discussion by the general community of how the funds are to be split?

The Presiding Member, Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan's Response:

*The Presiding Member advised that there would certainly need to be a discussion about that and whether or not it may be profited for a particular end or whether or not it helps us just do some of the things we are currently doing better. One of the possibilities that the Council has discussed (recently raised at the last meeting), the Council have asked the Officers to prepare a plan for underground power as there seems to be a strong desire for there to be a program for this and it does not seem likely for there to be a significant contribution from the State Government for this. Therefore this is being looked at to see how a plan can be drawn up that would see the City be able to use some of that Tamala Park asset to underground power and, perhaps put that out to the community to see if that is something that they want this money invested in.*

Chief Executive Officer's Response:

*The Chief Executive Officer also advised that this was included as a strategic item in the City's Community Strategic Plan and there has been some preliminary work. Some preliminary figures have been given about income, but as the Mayor has indicated, at this stage the earthworks are proceeding well. The final costing has not been progressed to the stage where the Director Corporate Services can make any decisions.*

Mr Scott further stated that of course there would be differing views on how the money should be spent however, he would like to reinforce that he would like to see the invitation for the public to participate. He in particular believes that for the sake of synchronicity, the little problem could be looked at further.

The Presiding Member, Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan's Response:

*The Presiding Member advised that obviously this is something that the Council will need to develop some strategy for however, there seems to be a high degree of interest in the Council to go out and consult the public. Not pre-empting what the other Council Members are thinking, but from discussions had, there is a view that this is capital asset that is coming in and it should be used as, perhaps not just to defray ordinary expenditure but it does present the Council with an opportunity to do something that may otherwise be outside the City's financial capacity. Therefore there would seem to be some merit in quarantining that for a special purpose – whatever that may be, whether it is upgrading Beaufort Street or the Leederville Station, bridge over Leederville, anything – there are a number of possibilities or, it may be that, underground powering is something that is important to people.*

Mr Scott also stated that he wanted to publically acknowledge the work that is being done down at Charles Veryard Reserve with the new path and lighting as, this has gone a long way to not just improving facilities but encouraging people to take their children to the park. In turn, the children are learning to ride bicycles on dual use pathways, which is a very important aspect of life in the community, especially in an urban area where children do not go on the roads – and these sort of footpaths are perfect.

4.4 Norelle O'Neil of Matlock Street, Mt Hawthorn – Spoke on the following:

(a) Next Annual General Meeting

Requested that draft Annual Report be made available on the internet prior to the meeting as she objects to having to pick up something of the size of the document to go through, just before the meeting, as it is not available. She is aware that it has not passed until accepted at the meeting, however, it could still be in draft form.

**5. CLOSURE**

**There being no further General Business, the Presiding Member, Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan thanked the Electors, members of the public, Council Members and Officers for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.22pm with the following persons present:**

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These Minutes are confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 28 November 2011.

Signed: .....Presiding Member  
Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan

Dated this ..... day of ..... 2011