

8.4 RESPONSES TO MOTIONS CARRIED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2023

Attachments: 1. Annual General Meeting of Electors Minutes 2 February 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council **NOTES** and **ENDORSES** the responses provided by Administration to the General Business motions carried at the Annual Meeting of Electors held on Thursday 2 February 2023 for the reasons outlined in the report.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider:

1. the motions carried at the City's Annual Meeting of Electors (AME); and
2. the responses prepared by Administration addressing those motions carried.

BACKGROUND:

The AME was held at the Mt Hawthorn Main Hall on Thursday 2 February 2023 at 5:30pm. There were 24 electors present, 16 of which raised 23 general business motions, 20 of which were carried at the meeting. One motion was combined with another as it was of a similar intent. Two motions were submitted in writing, but were not moved at the meeting.

DETAILS:**Motion 4.1 – Renaming Mount Hawthorn Community Centre Lesser Hall**

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

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motions is set out below:Background

Through generosity and City-Of-Vincent guidance; Mount Hawthorn Returned Services League enjoys regular access to Lesser Hall, Mt Hawthorn Community Centre. Given the number of organisations using the lesser hall, a change to *RSL Hall* would bring awareness and promotion of just where our local RSL meetings occur.

Hundreds of young families regularly enjoying Braithwaite Park would be alerted to the presence of the RSL sharing the information with eligible members of their families.

The soon to be established outdoor stage in Braithwaite Park would expose the presence of the proposed *RSL Hall*; the logo and flagpole would complement the outdoor stage.

Comment

The City has a long standing relationship with the RSL and is a strong supporter of its events and activities.

With regard to the City's policy 4.1.18 Naming of City Facilities, Streets, Parkes, Reserves and Buildings, and Landgate's *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia*, renaming of facilities is discouraged and should only be undertaken in exceptional circumstances.

Exceptional circumstances means if there is a high risk to community safety, such as, difficulty communicating a location to emergency services. Sufficient evidence would need to be supplied to support this claim.

Landgate's policy states that, "the changing of a name merely to correct or re-establish historical usage shall not be considered in itself a reason to change a name".

The Hall is provided by the City for community purposes the City must also consider other community groups who hire and use the facility, as issues could arise as a result of a facility name change for other community members and organisations who use the premises.

With regards to the request for permanent display of the RSL logo and for installation of a flagpole to display the RSL flag. As the facility is owned and operated by the City, signage relating to the RSL would be subject of the requirements of the Local Planning Policy: Signs and Advertising and would be classified as third party advertising which is prohibited. The City is unable to support these requests based on current policies.

Recommendation

Not Supported.

Reason for recommendation

While the City appreciates the role of the RSL and supports their continued use of the building, renaming of the Mount Hawthorn Lesser Hall is not supported by Administration as the proposal is not considered an exceptional circumstance and is therefore not consistent with Landgate's *Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia*.

Motion 4.2(1) – Development Green Space

That developers, both private and public, be required to leave 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.

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:

The State Government's Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) already sets the 'green space' requirements for developers of new dwellings.

The R-Codes Volume 1, which covers single dwellings, grouped dwellings and apartments in lower density areas, sets a minimum standard of one tree to be planted in a minimum tree planting area of 2 metres by 2 metres. This tree planting area is to be free of impervious surfaces and roof cover.

The R-Codes Volume 2, which covers apartments and mixed use developments, prescribes a minimum standard of 10 percent of the site area to be provided as 'deep soil area' – a soft landscaping area with no impeding building above or below.

The City has also included provisions for deep soil planting and landscaping in its Local Planning Policy No. 7.1.1 – Built Form (Built Form Policy). This sets out a standard that a minimum of 15 percent of the site area is to be provided as deep soil and planting areas, with a minimum dimension of 1 metre. These provisions require the approval of the State Government before they can be applied to development in Vincent. The consideration of these provisions has been deferred by the State Government due to its new Medium Density Code, which will replace existing development standards in the R-Codes Volume 1 applicable to new homes in medium density residential areas, including any provisions relating to landscaping.

Background

The City first adopted the Policy in December 2016. The Policy is in three volumes as follows:

- Volume 1 – Single Houses and Grouped Dwellings;
- Volume 2 – Multiple Dwellings and Mixed Use; and
- Volume 3 – Commercial.

The City submitted provisions relating to Landscaping for Volume 1 & 2; and relating to Environmentally Sustainable Design for Volume 2, to the State Government for approval.

The Statutory Planning Committee (SPC) resolved to approve elements of the Policy requiring Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) approval on 12 December 2017, noting that the Policy should be regarded as interim pending the finalisation and approval of the draft Residential Design Codes Volume 2 Apartments (R-Codes Volume 2) and at that point an holistic review of the Policy should be undertaken by the City in consultation with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH), to achieve alignment with the gazetted R-Codes Volume 2.

The R-Codes Volume 2 was gazetted in 2019 and on 18 July 2019, Council initiated Amendment 2 to the Policy, which included a holistic review of the Policy to ensure better alignment with the R-Codes Volume 2.

Following advertising, Amendment No. 2 was adopted by Council on 19 July 2020 and submitted to DPLH in September 2020.

The SPC considered the provisions relating to Landscaping and Environmentally Sustainable Design at their meeting on 19 July 2022 and deferred the item:

That the Statutory Planning Committee resolves to defer the City of Vincent - Local Planning Policy No. 7.1.1 - Built Form - Proposed modifications to State Planning Policy 7.3 - Residential Design Codes Volume 1 and 2, to allow negotiations between the City of Vincent and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and to discuss issues regarding inconsistency to the planning framework.

Details

DPLH released the Medium Density Code on 23 February 2023.

A review of the Medium Density Code will be undertaken to understand the changes made to the 'green space' requirements for developers. The City will then work with the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage relating to its Policy provisions to ensure that new developments provide sufficient 'green space' areas in order to support trees and that will make an effective contribution to the City's green canopy. The State Government would then consider any provisions in the City of Vincent's Built Form Policy that require additional 'green space' in Vincent compared to that required by their new Medium Density Code.

Comment

There are provisions in the R-Codes Volume 1 and Volume 2 for the provision of deep soil areas. The Medium Density Code includes the below deemed to comply requirements for deep soil area, which is considered suitable.

1.2 Trees and Landscaping (cont.)

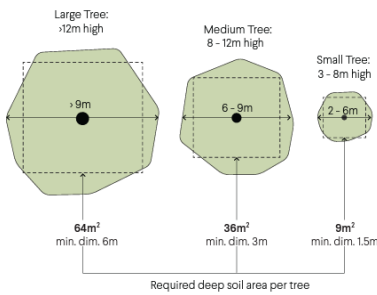


Figure 1.2d Deep soil area requirements by tree size

DEEMED-TO-COMPLY

Development satisfies the following deemed-to-comply requirements (C)

Table 1.2b Tree size and deep soil area

Tree size	Tree specifications			
	Canopy diameter at maturity	Tree height at maturity	Minimum deep soil area	Minimum deep soil area dimension
Small	2-6m	3-8m	9m ²	1.5m
Medium	6-9m	8-12m	36m ²	3m
Large	> 9m	>12m	64m ²	6m

Refer to Figure 1.2d for the provision of deep soil area for tree requirements.

Recommendation

Not Supported.

Reason for the Recommendation

The Medium Density Code requires that developers, both private and public, leave or allocate a certain percentage of the land to be 'green space'. The City's Built Form Policy also requires this and the City is already in the process of ensuring these provisions are applied to developers.

Motion 4.2(2) – Rodenticide

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

Administration’s response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:

Background

The use of rodenticide was subject to a motion through the Western Australian Local Government Association’s Central Metropolitan Zone which resolved in April 2022 –

That:

1. *WALGA undertake a campaign with the State Government to take urgent action to legislate to restrict the sale of Second Generation Anti-coagulant Rodenticides (SGARs); and*
2. *WALGA undertake a campaign with Local Governments which provide rodent baiting to residents for the Local Governments to not provide this type of poison and specify on demolition permits or for health orders that this type of poison is not to be used.*

In considering the above motion WALGA has resolved –

That WALGA:

1. *provide information to Local Governments through EnviroNews and LGNews and also consider disseminating social media collateral to Local Government; and*
2. *continue to monitor progress with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) review.*

The use of rodenticide by the City is addressed below.

Comment

1. As part of the demolition process, applicants are required to bait their premises for rodents prior to works commencing. In May 2022, the City’s Building Services updated the permit template for Demolitions, to include the following advice: *The use of first-generation anticoagulant rodenticides is strongly recommended to reduce secondary poisoning occurring in non-target animals such as native birds of prey.*
2. Since May 2022, the City’s Health Services have switched products and now supply only ‘first generation anti-coagulant rodenticides’ (FGARs) as part of the ‘free rat bait’ program available to the City’s residents.
3. The City’s website <https://www.vincent.wa.gov.au/animals-and-pests.aspx> provides information to residents on non-baiting options to control rodents, but also specifies that if baiting is required, the City recommends the use of FGARs.
4. The City’s own program for control of rodents around City buildings and facilities will limit rodenticides to FGARs.

Recommendation

Supported.

Reason for the Recommendation

The City currently takes the approach of limiting the use of second-generation rodenticides for rodent control.

Motion 4.3 – Citizenship Ceremonies

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.

Administration’s response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:**Background**

In 2019, the Federal Government introduced the rule that all local governments must hold citizenship ceremonies on 26 January.

On 16 December 2022, this decision was reversed and local governments were granted the freedom to hold citizenship ceremonies on three days either side of 26 Jan, from 23 to 29 January.

Comment

At its December 2022 meeting, Council supported a motion brought forward by Cr Dan Loden to change the date of the City’s 26 January Citizenship Ceremony.

The City was to write to the Federal Government to request the decision be put in the hands of individual local governments so their community’s wishes could be considered.

Prior to sending this letter, all local governments were notified of the change to the Citizenship Ceremony Code.

The City of Vincent Citizenship Ceremony was held on 27 January 2023.

Recommendation**Supported.****Reason for Recommendation**

That Council notes that:

1. The City of Vincent does not hold citizenship ceremonies on 26 January.
2. Ceremonies will take place either in the three days before or the three days after 26 January.
3. Council have voiced their support of this decision as can be found in the minutes of the December 2022 Council Meeting.

Motion 4.4 – Britannia Reserve Pathway

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

Administration’s response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:

Background

It is noted that the Under 12 Cyclist restriction in Britannia Reserve was installed by the City to discourage the use of the path by cyclists but the City’s officers have no powers to enforce this restriction. Only the WA Police have the power under the State Government’s Road Traffic Act 1974 (WA) to enforce restrictions on cyclists. This includes the power to address poor rider behaviour, such as reckless riding, which is an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1974 and can be enforced by the WA Police.

Britannia Reserve is predominantly used for active recreation which includes soccer, rugby, cricket and as a dog exercise area. The reserve is bounded by Britannia Road, Mitchell Freeway, Bourke Street and Brentham Street as shown within the map below.



Footpaths cannot be designated “Pedestrians only”. Footpaths can be used for different modes of transportation including eRideables which are covered under legislation (***details can be obtained within the Government of Western Australia Department of Transport website***) to include:

- electric scooters (eScooters);
- electric unicycles;
- electric skateboards;
- electric roller-skates;
- one-wheel electric scooters; and
- hoverboards.

Comment

The footpath will undergo a condition survey and following this there will be consideration for footpath users such as:

- Wheelchairs
- Walking Aids
- Children

Signage and linemarking will also be reviewed as part of the condition survey.

Recommendation

Not Supported.

Reason for the Recommendation

Restricting footpaths to pedestrians only is unenforceable by the City.

We encourage cyclists to be responsible and courteous of pedestrians at all times and share paths.

The City will conduct a condition survey on the Britannia Reserve pathway with the objective of creating a safer environment for all path users.

Motion 4.5 – Pedestrian Safety (Newcastle / Fitzgerald):

- 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).

Administration’s response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:Background

Signalised intersections are the responsibility of Main Roads WA (MRWA). MRWA acknowledges that the intersection requires review and upgrading. The City is working with MRWA on the current issues presented to the City of Vincent by concerned business owners. A Road Safety Audit will be completed in March 2023. It is expected that long term upgrades will take 18 months or more to deliver if approved by Main Roads WA due to the complexity of the area, being a signalised intersection and sharing a boundary with the City of Perth. (see below map of the intersection and area, marked by the red line boundary).

The City has reviewed the area for any high risk and immediate safety issues, with planned footpath renewal works scheduled March/April 2023.

Comment

There are challenges with installing bollards (to Main Roads WA standards) to offer a pedestrian refuge and protection of the heritage listed building on the corner Newcastle Street and Fitzgerald Street. The offset distance required for a bollard to be installed behind the kerb would also require the awning to be offset by a greater distance. Currently the awning protrudes to the kerb face, which is the reason why traffic can and has damaged the awning previously.

While a permanent solution may be found through the work anticipated to be undertaken by MRWA, an interim solution has been discussed with the proposer of the above motions involving the use of planter boxes on the footpath and possible signage.

Recommendation

Supported in principle.

Reason for the Recommendation

Improvements / modifications to the intersection of Newcastle and Fitzgerald Streets requires the collaboration of several stakeholders and is expected to take over eighteen months to achieve. The interim solution has the support of the proposer of the motion.

Motion 4.6 – Menzies Street Traffic

Menzies street - North Perth - Review current access and traffic flow. Consider changing to cul de sac or one way to reduce "rat run" effect and speeding cars.

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:

Background

The City has assessed the street and Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Warrant Scoring does not warrant any traffic intervention or treatments based on August 2018 traffic data.

Crash data for Menzies Street Mount Hawthorn is available from the Main Roads WA. There have been four crashes in total on Menzies Street, two off these four crashes at the intersection of Fitzgerald and Menzies Streets between 2017 and 2021 from Main Roads WA crash data (see map below)

There have been no crashes on the intersection of Woodville Street and Menzies Streets between 2017 and 2021 from Main Roads WA crash data.

**Comment**

Traffic counters are scheduled to be installed within the next 6 months to collect a new set of data on Menzies Street.

Subject to the results, the City will explore with Main Roads WA opportunities to apply for funding through the State Government Black Spot safety program towards treating any safety issues on Menzies Street or adjacent streets.

Recommendation

Supported in principle.

Reason for the Recommendation

Existing (2018) data does not support Local Area Traffic Management intervention on Menzies Street and a new road traffic data is required to reassess this. The City will further investigate the traffic movements in Menzies Street and potential for Black Spot Road funding.

Motion 4.7 – 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.

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motions is set out below.

Background

At its meeting held 5 July 2022, Council resolved to do the following:

- APPROVE a fee of \$1 for the first hour parking, as detailed in the Proposed Fees and Charges 2022/2023; and
- REQUESTS Administration monitor the impact to the number of transactions and revenue following the change to \$1 for the first hour. This is to ascertain any detrimental impact on occupancy or use in City car parks and provide a report back to Council by April 2023 in time for setting the fees and charges for the 2023/24 Annual Budget.

At its 18 May 2021 meeting Council adopted the *Accessible City Strategy* which included action item 3.3.1:

To establish a business plan for the management of parking within Vincent with a view to the following:

- *Prepare precinct specific parking management plans with priority given to precincts already at capacity; and*
- *Expand paid parking using the 'demand responsive pricing' methodology.*

Comment

Administration is currently preparing a report on the impact of the \$1 for the first hour change which will be presented at a Council Workshop in time for the setting of the fees and charges for the 2023/24 Annual Budget.

The City is currently guided by the City's Car Parking Strategy adopted in 2010, and the various Precinct Parking Management Plans. These Plans are prepared to address specific car parking needs across the City, including restrictions such as duration times and paid parking for car parks and on street parking.

The changes to parking in North Perth were driven by increasing community concern surrounding a lack of parking and low turnover of vehicles. Parking surveys conducted in 2016 identified that paid parking should be implemented where peak occupancy exceeds 85%. This was the case in both View St and Wasley St car parks.

At the same time in Mount Hawthorn, the Coogee Street and Flinders Street car parks had been unrestricted, and a three hour parking limit was introduced. That change resulted in the car parks occupancy levels being below 85%.

The Precinct Parking Management Review Plan (which includes North Perth) is currently underway and will be presented to Council later this year.

Recommendation

Not Supported.

Reason for the Recommendation

Following on from the Council decisions on 18 May 2021 and 5 July 2022, Administration and the external consultant are compiling all relevant data that is required to support Council in making an informed decision.

Motion 4.8 – Chemical Sprays

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

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:**Background**

Wherever possible the City's Parks Team limit the use of glyphosate through integrated weed management techniques including the use of organic herbicides, mechanical removal, and suppression (use of mulch and groundcovers).

In some instances, the use of glyphosate is required for the control of certain weeds as it the only effective treatment (i.e. control of woody perennial weeds and running grasses).

All Parks Staff are trained in the application of chemicals and when applying in public open space, signage is displayed to notify public.

Comment

The Parks Team is continuously investigating and assessing options to further reduce the use of glyphosate. In addition, the Team is in the process of improving methods for community education and notification on the City's use of herbicides in public open space.

Wherever possible alternative weed control methods are used in preference to glyphosate. However, it should be noted that glyphosate is the most effective treatment for certain weeds.

Recommendation**Not Supported.****Reason for the Recommendation**

Reducing the use of glyphosate in public open space is ongoing through the preferencing of alternative weed control treatments and methods.

Complete elimination of the use of glyphosate (and other chemicals) is not supported due to the requirement to use chemicals for certain weed control requirements (e.g. eco-zoning program implementation and maintenance).

Complete elimination would have significant budget implications and would likely result in poor weed control outcomes due to the ineffectiveness of alternative treatments and create an environment that is detrimental to community use and enjoyment of the City's green space and recreational areas.

Motions 4.9 and 4.10 did not have a mover, so they were dealt with as questions and responded to separately

4.11 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.

Administration’s response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:

Background

The City is currently undergoing a road condition assessment for all road assets. Following this assessment, a review of the current speed humps will be undertaken and a renewal program will be developed (review the need to have speed humps / approve to permanently remove).

Speed humps are designed to the applicable AS Standards and/or Main Roads WA standards.

Comment

The City has noted speed humps which need repaired, these are currently on the maintenance list of items to attend to through the Customer Request Management system (CRM). Administration intends to pursue a more holistic approach in respect to Local Area Traffic Management, with a priority based local area traffic study program laying the foundation for the review of existing and future traffic management interventions. Funding opportunities will be pursued to support this initiative.

Recommendation

Supported in part.

Reason for the Recommendation

The road condition assessment will underpin a program of maintenance and need assessment for speed humps and other traffic interventions in local areas.

Motion 4.12 – 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.

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:Background

In the 2022/23 Annual Budget the City included a 2.1% rate increase to build the underground power reserve to support longer payback periods to ratepayers. The underground power reserve will assist the City manage its cash flow requirements between the timing of cash calls from Western Power and the receipt of service charges from ratepayers.

Comment

The City raises funds through rating to deliver a range of projects to the wider Vincent community. The nature of these works means that at times certain projects will be geographically specific to a certain area and may not benefit all ratepayers at the time.

Similarly the ratepayers included in the previous Highgate East State Underground Power Project were provided with longer payback periods that were supported by all Vincent ratepayers at the time, even though there was no direct benefit to the broader community.

Recommendation

Not supported.

Reason for recommendation

All funds that remain in the Underground Power reserve at the completion of the project will be able to be used to support other projects at the City subject to a decision from Council.

Motion 4.13(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.

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:**Background**

The Bunnings Development application required the applicant to submit a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) report which was reviewed by the City. The applicant's traffic engineering comments relating to Strathcona Street are noted below.

Safe Active Streets – *Strathcona Street and Golding Street are located approximately 40 metres and 80 metres to the east of the subject site are both designed as Safe Active Streets. This includes treatments such as speed humps, raised intersection plateaus and red asphalt marking, along with a speed limit of 30km/h.*

Conclusion – *The proposed development would be complementary to the function of the adjacent road network and no material impact is anticipated."*

The City's comments in relation to the above findings are below.

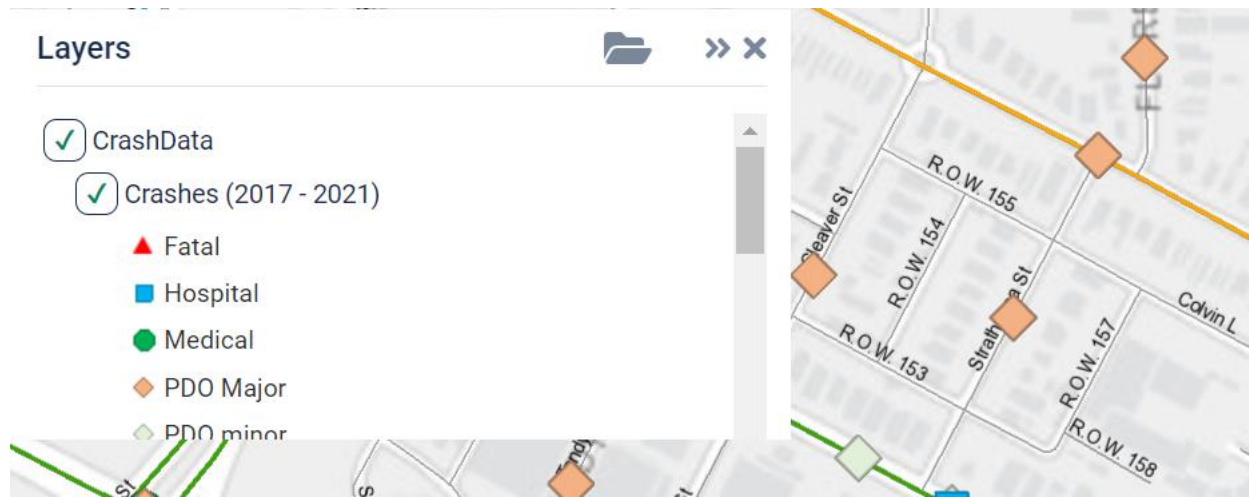
Vehicle Trips – *The Transport Guidelines state that an increase in traffic of greater than 100 vehicle trips in the peak hour would have a high impact. The applicant's TIA notes the development would result in 173 vehicle trips in the AM peak period, 290 vehicle trips in the PM peak period, and 368 vehicle trips in the weekend peak period, and would be considered to have a high impact based on this threshold.*

Trip Distribution – *These vehicle trips would be immediately distributed along Newcastle Street, Cleaver Street and Old Aberdeen Place. The use of these streets is consistent with this under the Main Roads WA road hierarchy which identifies District Distributor roads as accommodating high traffic volumes between residential and commercial areas, and Access Roads providing access to abutting properties."*

Comment

Reviewing the above information relating to the application, Administration does not believe any further Local Area Traffic Management is warranted on Strathcona Street. The Street has recently been converted to a Safe Active Street which has traffic calming throughout and has a posted legal speed limit of 30km/h.

Administration does not believe that projected traffic movements within the area necessitates the installation of a cul-de-sac on the laneway. The crash map from Main Roads WA does not show any crashes at the intersection of Strathcona Street and the laneway entrance (see crash map below).



Recommendation

Not supported.

Reason for the Recommendation

Projected traffic movements in the area do not warrant further intervention.

Motion 4.13(2) – Removal of tree

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

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:**Background**

The City carries out an annual street tree pruning program where trees are pruned to ensure appropriate clearances from powerlines and under pruned (if required) to ensure they are not obstructing the footpath. In addition, residents can request trees be cut back to the property line.

In accordance with the City's Street Tree Policy, tree removal is only supported for specific reasons including if the tree is dead, diseased beyond repair, structurally unsound or to allow for specific works where there is no alternative but to remove the tree (e.g. road widening, crossover installations).

Comment

The verge tree located in front of 89 Carr Street has been inspected by the City's Parks Team and is deemed to be in good health, pruned back from the property and providing the required clearance from the service power line.

Recommendation**Not supported.****Reason for the Recommendation**

The tree on the verge in front of 89 Carr Street has been pruned in accordance with the City's Street Tree Policy and does not present any issues to support its removal. The tree is in good health and contributing to the overall streetscape by providing greening and canopy coverage.

Removal of this tree is not in keeping the City's relevant policies, plans and strategies and would have an overall negative impact on the streetscape.

Motion 4.14 – 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

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:

The Hyde Park Conservation Plan June 2003 (Kelsall Binet Architects with Irene Sauman, Historian and John Viska, Horticulturist) was presented to Council at its meeting held 27 April 2004 where it resolved –

That the Council;

- (i) RECEIVES the final report of the Hyde Park Conservation Plan dated June 2003, as 'Laid on the Table'; and*
- (ii) ADOPTS IN PRINCIPLE the recommendations and guidelines contained within the Conservation Plan for the purposes of retaining and conserving the cultural heritage significance of Hyde Park, subject to consideration of other factors relating to economic, social and environmental matters.*

The State Government's Heritage Grant Program offers funding assistance for the conservation, future planning and promotion of heritage places. It is currently closed for applications.

The State Heritage Grants stream subsidises the cost of physical conservation works, documentation and professional advice relating to the conservation of State Registered places.

Comment

It is almost twenty years since the publication of the current conservation plan for Hyde Park and the subsequent 'adoption in principle' by Council in 2004.

Action #27 of the City's Public Open Space Strategy identifies the development of the Hyde Park Master Plan which is scheduled for commencement in 2026 as follows:

- Prepare and implement Hyde Park Master Plan
- Prepare a long term Plan that considers:
 - Alignment with levels of service as per POS hierarchy.
 - Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural history associated with the site.
 - Infrastructure upgrades aligned with regional POS and associated levels of service.
 - Improve amenities and capabilities to accommodate community events.
 - Improve key infrastructure including public toilets, path connections, gazebos, shade and playground/s.

A review or update of the Conservation Plan can be included in the above process (including seeking opportunities for funding).

Recommendation**Supported****Reason for the Recommendation**

Action #27 of the City's Public Open Space Strategy identifies the development of the Hyde Park Master Plan which can incorporate a review / update of the Conservation Plan.

Motion 4.15(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.

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:

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Recommendation**Not Supported.****Reason for the Recommendation**

Following on from the Council decisions on 18 May 2021 and 5 July 2022, Administration and the external consultant are compiling all relevant data that is required to support Council in making an informed decision.

Motion 4.15(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.

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:Background

<https://www.vincent.wa.gov.au/residents/waste-recycling/commercial-waste.aspx>

The previous commercial waste and recycling service was an extension of the residential two-bin system, rather than a separate and tailored commercial waste service. It wasn't designed to meet the needs of different businesses nor encourage the diversion of waste from landfill. Additionally, the City is implementing a three-bin FOGO system from October 2021 and this service is not suitable for commercial businesses. Commercial waste companies are better placed to provide this service to businesses. They have economies of scale and can provide competitively priced services that are tailored to the needs of your business.

These services are designed to maximise recycling and diverting waste from landfill, which is an important consideration for the City that has set a vision of sending zero waste to landfill by 2028.

Comment

https://www.vincent.wa.gov.au/Profiles/vincent/Assets/ClientData/Documents/Council/Agendas/2022/20220517_Council_Meeting/Item_10_1_Waste_Strategy_8_-_Commercial_Waste_Collections__Update_.pdf

Further transitional support

When the City of Vincent ceased its commercial waste services this did have an impact on local businesses.

In June 2021, 74% of business respondents used the City of Vincent's waste services for some or all of their commercial waste. However, only 39% of respondents used the City's commercial waste services exclusively and 35% used City services for some of their waste, with top up services from external providers. 21% of business respondents did not use the City of Vincent for their waste service needs and 5% were unsure.

Businesses reported that they had experienced some challenges with the transition to a new service, including higher costs, inconvenience, more complicated systems and insufficient bins.

While it was anticipated that a service change may impact businesses, in terms of the inconvenience of having to seek new contracts for their waste services, the reported higher costs are more reflective of the fact that the business had previously had multiple bins or collection frequencies under the old collection system; a system with was subsidised by all ratepayers.

Having reviewed the report and verbatim feedback comments, it was apparent that not all businesses had taken advantage of the tailored waste options available to them – particularly those where waste is managed by the landlord or strata management.

The City does have waste minimisation tips available on the City's website and does also update businesses on any sustainability matters as part of the Business E-Newsletter.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The City has frozen Commercial rates for the last 2 years which has resulted in the rate in the dollar for Commercial rates now sitting at 19% lower than Residential rates.

In addition, a commercial waste rebate of \$520 was provided in FY22 to assist with the changes in waste services.

Not repeating the commercial waste rebate in FY23 saved the City approximately \$920,000.

Recommendation**Not supported**Reason for Recommendation

It is not recommended that any further transitional financial support for commercial ratepayers is required. The City will continue to provide educational support as part of normal business to ensure businesses are maximising waste recovery and minimising associated waste processing/disposal costs.

Motion 4.16(1) – Capital Expenditure

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.

Administration’s response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:

Background

In accordance with s6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995, the City is required to prepare an Annual Budget that includes estimated expenditure for that year. During the budget year the City conducts budget reviews and makes adjustments to respond to changing priorities and account for any impact to the initial estimates included in the Annual Budget.

During the period 2014-2022 mentioned above, the City has undertaken an annual budget process each year in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.

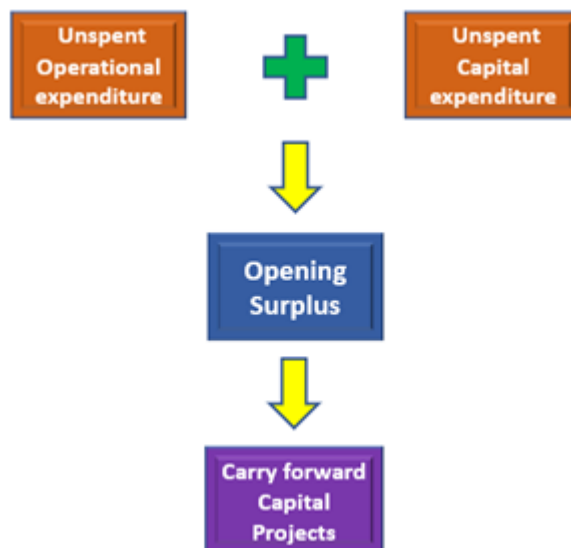
Comment

After the Annual Budget has been adopted by Council, the City is able to commence procurement for projects that are approved in the budget. The procurement timelines can range from a few weeks to several months depending on the size, scope and complexity of the project being undertaken by the Local Government.

The City conducts budget reviews during the year to respond to changing priorities and assess whether projects should proceed based on cost estimates received during the procurement process. All these factors can impact on which projects are delivered and in which financial year the funds are spent.

At the end of the financial year the City reviews unspent funds on capital projects. If a capital project is partially completed the funds will be carried forward to the following financial year to ensure the project is funded for completion. Capital projects that have not commenced and that will be completed in the future, will also be carried forward and included in the following year’s Annual Budget. The use of Carry Forward funds is approved by Council through an Annual Budget or a budget review.

As outlined in the diagram below, if unspent funds are carried forward they are included in following year’s Annual Budget. These funds will not be included in the following year’s rates charges as they have already been collected in the prior year. It is common for the same capital project to be included in more than one budget year through the use of carry forward funds.



Taking into account the use of carry forward funds and adjustments through budget reviews, the actual underspend in capital projects would be significantly lower than the ~\$49m calculated by comparing the original adopted annual budget and the actual spend for that financial year. Any additional unspent funds would have also been used to fund other services or projects and as a result would have reduced rate increases for the respective year.

The City has made a lot of improvement with the way it budgets and reports on capital projects. Details of actual spend and project status is reported on a monthly basis. Where funds are carried forward or an adjustment is required in a budget review, details are clearly outlined in the reports provided to Council.

The City of Vincent has had a history of low rating and under-expenditure on asset maintenance. This was identified in a series of external audit findings on the negative trend in the City's asset sustainability ratio.

The City has addressed this through a significant improvement in its long term financial and asset management capability including:

- A move away from annual capital works programs to a public Four Year Capital Works Program to provide greater transparency around projects and priorities: Corporate Business Plan and Capital Works Program
- Development of the Asset Management and Sustainability Strategy.
- An updated 10 Year Long Term Financial Plan
- A new Governance Framework
- A new Contract Management Framework
- A new Project Management Framework
- A new Risk Management Framework
- A new Property Management Framework
- A new Revenue and Rating Plan

These improvements are generating an overall increase in staff capability to manage the process of analysis, planning, designing, procuring, delivering and reporting on the capital works program.

Recommendation

Not supported.

Reason for Recommendation

The City has made significant improvements in the way it budgets and reports on capital projects. Details of actual spend and project status is reported on a monthly basis. Where funds are carried forward or an adjustment is required in a budget review, details are clearly outlined in the reports provided to Council.

Motion 4.16(2) – Street Tree Selection Tool

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.

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:Background

The City's Tree Selection Tool was developed in consultation with the community, Council and Administration to assist the City in selecting the right tree for each specific streetscape typology.

Comment

Since development of the tool, its use has generally been limited to new planting projects or when determining a replacement street tree theme in certain streets. In accordance with the City's Street Tree Policy, existing street tree themes are maintained and is not reliant on the tool.

Following on from the Council Decision of the 5 April 2022, the City's Parks Team have liaised with the ICT and Marketing Teams to determine the best way to make the tool public on the City's Website.

A new webpage has now been created that is dedicated to the Tree Selection Tool. The page which includes a link to the Tree Selection Tool, supporting Streetscape Typologies Map and instructions on how to use the Tool can be viewed on the below link:

<https://www.vincent.wa.gov.au/residents/environment/parks-and-streetscapes/trees/tree-selection-tool.aspx>

Recommendation**Supported.**Reason for the Recommendation

Following on from the Council decision on 5 April 2022, the Parks Team have completed developing a webpage on the City's website dedicated to the Tree Selection Tool.

Motion 4.16(3) – E-Waste

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

Administration’s response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:**Background**

The City of Vincent already has a convenient disposal option for E-waste, via the City’s Verge Valet Collection Service and other facilities are within reasonable travel distance.

Unlike larger local governments such as the Cities of Stirling, Wanneroo and Joondalup, the City of Vincent is relatively small and does not have the capacity to operate its own recycling centre without significant financial investment.

Comment

There are various options available for residents to dispose of their E-waste.

Vergeside Service

Residents can dispose of E-waste as part of the current on-demand verge collection service. Verge Valet Vincent: Verge Valet™ provides residents with year-round access to bulk collections at a time convenient to residents. E-waste items are part of the accepted items. For more information, see the City’s brochure here: https://www.vergevalet.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Verge-Valet_City-of-Vincent_6PP-DL.pdf

Recycling Centres

Free E-waste drop off for City of Vincent residents is also available at the Recycling Centre Tamala Park and the Recycling Centre Balcatta.

Retail

Dependent on material type, some private entities and commercial retail operators provide drop off options for e-waste. Office Works in Osborne Park and Subiaco offer “Bring it Back” options for Mobile Phones, Smart Watches and mobile phones accessories as well as Computer Recycling including computers, laptops, monitors, printers, keyboards, mice, hard drives, CDs, DVDs and cables (Limit of 5 computers or printers per customer).

The City of Vincent is also a member of the Recycle Right App which provides a simple and convenient way to find out which bin to put it in, find recycling centres and drop off points in Perth and get tips and advice on living more sustainably.

Recommendation**Not Supported.****Reason for the Recommendation**

There are various e-waste disposal options already available to residents. Administration will continue to advertise the existing e-waste disposal options to increase community awareness.

Motion 4.16(4) – Code of Conduct

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.

Administration's response to the above-mentioned motion is set out below:Background

Council at its meeting [23 March 2021](#) approved by absolute majority the adoption of the [Code of Conduct for council members, committee members and candidates](#). The Code of Conduct was developed based on the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 (Model Code)*.

The Model Code provides:

- *a set of overarching principles to guide behaviour of Council members, committee members and candidates;*
- *specifies the standards of behaviour which reflect the principles; and*
- *the rules of conduct that relate to the principles and behaviours*

The Model Code does not include definition of the role of the Mayor and Council, this is established under sections 2.7 to 2.10 of the *Local Government Act 1995(LGA)* and covered in the City's [Governance Framework](#);

In accordance with section 2.10 of the LGA the role of a Council Member, including the Mayor, is to:

- *represent the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents of the district;*
- *provide leadership and guidance to the community in the district;*
- *facilitate communication between the community and the council;*
- *participate in the local government's decision-making processes at council and committee meetings; and*
- *perform such other functions as are given to a councillor by this Act or any other written law.*

All Development Assessment Panel (DAP) meetings are open to the public. It is available to any community member to present their concerns or express their views at the scheduled DAP meeting that the application will be determined. It is also available to non-DAP Elected Members to attend and speak at DAP meetings in either their private capacity as residents and ratepayers, or as a Council Member representing the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents of the district. This provides the forum for these representations to be heard directly by the DAP decision makers in informing the determination of the application and would not conflict with the role of a Council Member including the Mayor.

Recommendation**Not Supported.**Reason for the Recommendation

Administration does not recommend Council resolve to amend the Code of Conduct, Model Code or Governance framework to modify the role of the Mayor or Council Members as the role of the Mayor and Council Members is clearly defined by the *Local Government Act 1995*.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

Nil.

LEGAL/POLICY:

The AME of the City of Vincent 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 5 April 2022 meeting.

Council must consider the motions from the AME 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 AME 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 AGM 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



CITY OF VINCENT

MINUTES

Annual Meeting of Electors

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ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES

2 FEBRUARY 2023

**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**

PRESENT:	<p>Cr Emma Cole Cr Susan Gontaszewski Cr Ashley Wallace Cr Ross Ioppolo Cr Jonathan Hallett Cr Dan Loden Cr Ron Alexander</p>	<p>Presiding Member South Ward South Ward North Ward South Ward North Ward North Ward</p>
IN ATTENDANCE:	<p>David MacLennan Tara Gloster</p> <p>Peter Varris</p> <p>Rhys Taylor Joslin Colli</p> <p>Lisa Williams Peter Ferguson</p> <p>Luke McGuirk Wendy Barnard</p>	<p>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</p>
Public:	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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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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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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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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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 21st 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

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:

PRESENT:	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
IN ATTENDANCE:	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