



CITY OF VINCENT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Minutes

2 FEBRUARY 2016

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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 Tuesday 2 February 2016 commencing at 6.00pm.

1. (a) DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member, Mayor John Carey, declared the meeting open at 6:05pm and read the following Acknowledgement of Country Statement:

(b) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY STATEMENT

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

2. APOLOGIES/MEMBERS ON APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(a) Apologies:

Nil.

(b) Members on Approved Leave of Absence:

2.1 Cr Harley on approved leave of absence until (and including) 9 February 2016 due to personal commitments; and

2.2 Cr McDonald on approved leave of absence until (and including) 7 April 2016 due to personal commitments.

(c) Present:

Mayor John Carey	Presiding Member
Cr Matt Buckels	North Ward
Cr Emma Cole	North Ward (from 6:10pm)
Cr Susan Gontaszewski	South Ward
Cr Dan Loden	North Ward
Cr Jimmy Murphy	South Ward
Cr Joshua Topelberg	South Ward
Len Kosova	Chief Executive Officer
Rick Lotznicker	Director Technical Services
Gabriela Poezyn	Director Planning Services
John Paton	Director Corporate Services
Ryan Hall	A/Director Community Services
Jerilee Highfield	Executive Assistant, Minutes Secretary
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9 Electors as follows:

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Stuart Lofthouse, 123 Oxford Street, Leederville;
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Jake Schapper, 65 Harold Street, Highgate;
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Dudley Maier, 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate;
Colin Scott, 17 Deague Court, North Perth; and
Alan Skinner, 5 Gill Street, North Perth.

3. Reports

3.1 2014/2015 Annual Report (including Financial Report 2014/2015)

Ward:	Both	Date:	27 January 2016
Precinct:	All	File Ref:	ADM0016
Attachments:	1 –Annual Report 2014/2015		
Tabled Items:			
Reporting Officer:	Len Kosova, Chief Executive Officer		
Responsible Officer:	Len Kosova, Chief Executive Officer		

The City of Vincent's 2014/2015 Annual Report was presented to the Annual General Meeting of Electors for discussion and the Presiding Member, Mayor John Carey invited electors to raise any questions, comments or motions as part of General Business.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Debbie Saunders – 150 Oxford Street, Leederville

Ms Saunders presented 1 motion as listed below:

Moved Debbie Saunders, Seconded Stuart Lofthouse

That Council make public the results of all community consultations and online surveys within a reasonable timeframe following the closing date of submissions.

CARRIED

4.2 Colin Scott – 17 Deague Court, North Perth

Mr Scott presented 1 motion as listed below:

Cr Cole entered the Chamber at 6:10pm.

Moved Colin Scott, Seconded Debbie Saunders

That a small portion of Tamala Park revenue stream is quarantined for future environmental projects in the next plan.

CARRIED

4.3 Jake Schapper – 65 Harold Street, Highgate

Mr Schapper presented 1 motion as listed below:

Moved Jake Schapper, Seconded Marie Slyth

That the City of Vincent no longer plants plain trees as a street tree and that those planted in the last two years be removed. Further to this, a street tree strategy be developed that takes into account three aspects equally – health, ecology and a sense of place with a priority going to native West Australian trees.

CARRIED

4.4 Marie Slyth – 89 Carr Street, West Perth

Ms Slyth queried whether there is a Heritage Tree Register.

Mayor Carey and the Director Development Services advised that there is a Heritage Tree Register and trees can be nominated to be listed on it.

Ms Slyth also thanked the Council for the steps taken about traffic calming devices in Carr Street.

4.5 Dudley Maier – 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate

Mr Maier presented 9 motions as listed below:

Motion 1

Moved Dudley Maier, Seconded Jake Schapper

Character Retention Area Policy:

1. That the City recognises that adopted policy 7.5.15 (Character Retention Areas) is totally different to the draft policy that was advertised for public comment; and
2. Requests that the City advertise the currently adopted Character Retention Area policy seeking community input in order to ensure that the policy conforms with the spirit of Clause 47 of the Town Planning Scheme.

CARRIED

Motion 2

Moved Dudley Maier, Seconded Debbie Saunders

Timely production of Council Minutes:

That the Chief Executive Office be requested to make public the draft minutes of all council and committee meetings within three business days of the meeting, rather than the current practice of releasing them at the latest time allowed for in the Act.

CARRIED

Motion 3

Moved Dudley Maier, Seconded Debbie Saunders

Parking Permit Technology:

1. That the City investigate the use of Radio Frequency ID (RFID) technology and Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology in the management of resident parking permits and visitor parking permits in order to provide a better service to residents and improve efficiency; and
2. The default duration of validity of Resident Parking Permits be set at 3 years in accordance with clause 10 (a) of policy 3.9.3 (Parking Permits).

CARRIED

Motion 4

Moved Dudley Maier, Seconded Debbie Saunders

Ex-Gratia Payments – Seniors Reserve:

In recognition of the fact that the transfer of funds from the Aged Persons and Senior Citizens Reserve which was approved in November 2014 was not valid, the City make ex-gratia payments to cover any verified legal costs that were incurred by members of the public in relation to the transfer of funds.

CARRIED

Motion 5

Moved Dudley Maier, Seconded Debbie Saunders

Review use of Street Prostitution web page:

That the City review the continued use of its "Street prostitution" web page.

CARRIED

Motion 6

Moved Dudley Maier, Seconded Marie Slyth

Weld Square Co-naming:

1. Notes that the proposal to co-name Weld Square was never referred to the Aboriginal Liaison and Reconciliation Advisory Group as required by the council decision of 12 July 2012; and
2. That the City recommence the initiative to place a name, which is acceptable to the Aboriginal community, at Weld Square.

CARRIED

Motion 7

Moved Dudley Maier, Seconded Debbie Saunders

Clarifying Discretion Policy:

That the City, as a matter of urgency, and as an interim measure until the planning policy review is complete, amend policy 7.5.11 (Exercise of Discretion) to make it clear that where a bonus is contemplated, the deemed to comply plot ratio will be modified in line with the proposed bonus (e.g. where a bonus is sought to allow an additional storey in an area with a prescribed height of three storeys, the deemed to comply plot ratio will increased by 33%).

CARRIED

Motion 8

Moved Dudley Maier, Seconded Debbie Saunders

Disability Access and Inclusion:

1. That the Council notes that the Oxford Street Park development did not meet universal access requirements and needed subsequent modification at an estimated cost of \$18,000;
2. That the City's adopted Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) states that infrastructure design will incorporate enhanced, as opposed to minimum, access standards, and therefore the omission of appropriate access was contrary to the DAIP; and
3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide details of the steps that were taken, and when they were taken, to ensure that this problem does not happen again, therefore demonstrating the City's commitment to the DAIP.

CARRIED

Motion 9

Moved Dudley Maier, Seconded Stuart Lofthouse

IT Allowance:

1. In keeping with the City's commitment to openness, accountability and transparency, Policy 4.2.7 (Allowances, Fees and Re-imbursment of expense) be amended to require elected members to provide, in a timely manner, the details of how the IT Allowance has been spent;
2. That elected members be required to provide details of how they spent the allowances they have received in the past; and
3. That the City review the above policy with a view to the City providing the required infrastructure, or to identifying the level of support that is deemed reasonable.

CARRIED

4.6 Colin Scott – 17 Deague Court, North Perth

Mr Scott presented 1 motion as listed below:

Moved Colin Scott, Seconded Debbie Saunders

That the City of Vincent provides feedback to the community regarding the benefits, the pros and cons regarding fixed traffic devices on roads within the City.

CARRIED

4.7 Debbie Saunders – 150 Oxford Street, Leederville

Ms Saunders presented 1 motion as listed below:

Moved Debbie Saunders, Seconded Stuart Lofthouse

The Council ensure that all Precinct Groups are not discriminatory to any business in their Precinct.

CARRIED

4.8 Jake Schapper – 65 Harold Street, Highgate

Mr Schapper presented 1 motion as listed below:

Moved Jake Schapper, Seconded Dudley Maier

That Council investigate amending the Planning Scheme so that new multiple storey developments on sites of 1,500 square metres and over need to have an equal amount of site area in greening on the building in the form of roof gardens, vertical walls and/or green balconies.

CARRIED

4.9 Marie Slyth – 89 Carr Street, West Perth

Ms Slyth presented 1 motion as listed below:

Moved Marie Slyth, Seconded Dudley Maier

That Council does what it can or takes steps to try and protect the heritage character building on the corner of Newcastle and Charles Streets.

CARRIED

4.10 Alan Skinner – 5 Gill Street, North Perth

Regarding the development at 92 Sydney Street, North Perth.

Mr Skinner queried why the current application for retrospective approval is not on the City's website. It is an application that deserves public comment.

The Director Development Services took the question on notice and advised that as far as she is aware the application has been advertised and would be on the website for the period of the advertising. It is possible that it has come to the end of the advertising or alternatively, that it has not started advertising yet. Either way, when a planning application gets considered for the period that public comment is being sought, it is published on the website.

Mr Skinner stated that he believed this is incorrect and that the application for retrospective approval was lodged some 3-4 weeks ago and has never appeared on the website and he was informed by the Director that it would be determined by Council in March 2016, but it has not yet appeared on the website. Mr Skinner advised that he wrote to the City more than 2 weeks ago asking the question as to why this application was not advertised and a response has not yet been provided.

The Mayor advised that a formal response will be sent and if it has not been advertised it will need to be advertised.

Mr Skinner was concerned with further delay because the development is continuing and will continue to fruition to ultimate completion and he is concerned for the owners of No. 92 Sydney Street, North Perth that they are continuing to spend money on a development which he believes is illegal which is half a metre above what is approved and any further delay is unfair to the owners and neighbours of which he is one.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he and the Director Development Services will meet with Mr Skinner to discuss this matter in more detail.

5. CLOSURE

There being no further General Business, the Presiding Member, Mayor John Carey thanked the Electors, members of the public, Council Members and Officers for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6:55pm 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 2 February 2016.

Signed:Presiding Member Mayor John Carey

Dated this day of 2016