

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors of the Town of Vincent held at the Administration and Civic Centre, 244 Vincent Street (cnr Loftus Street), Leederville, on Monday 13 December 2004 commencing at 6.05pm.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member, Mayor Nick Catania JP, declared the meeting open at 6.05pm.

2. APOLOGIES/MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(a) Apologies:

Rick Lotznicher	Executive Manager, Technical Services (on Annual Leave)
Cr Caroline Cohen	South Ward
Cr Maddalena Torre	South Ward

(b) Leave of Absence:

Cr Helen Doran-Wu	North Ward
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(c) Present:

Cr Simon Chester	North Ward
Cr Caroline Cohen	South Ward
Cr Steed Farrell	North Ward
Cr Ian Ker (Deputy Mayor)	South Ward
Cr Sally Lake	South Ward
John Giorgi, JP	Chief Executive Officer
Rob Boardman	Executive Manager, Environmental & Development Services
Mike Rootsey	Executive Manager, Corporate Services
Craig Wilson	Acting Executive Manager Technical Services
Matt Zis	Journalist – Guardian Express
Mark Fletcher	Journalist – Voice News

12 Electors (as per attendance list attached)

(d) Absent:

Cr Basil Franchina	North Ward
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3. RECEIVING THE 2003/2004 ANNUAL REPORT

Moved Cr Chester, Seconded Cr Ker

That the Annual Report 2003/2004, as "Laid on the Table", be received.

Mr Dudley Maier of 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate spoke about his concerns regarding the lack of financial return to the Council from Members Equity Stadium.

Mayor Catania and the CEO both responded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Mr Dudley Maier of 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate asked the following questions:

Q1. How many briefing sessions and forums have been held since 1 May 2003?

Response:

There have been 27 briefing sessions/forums.

Q2. How many of these have been attended by each Elected Member?

Response:

The following is the attendance of each Elected Member:

<i>Elected Member</i>	<i>No. of Briefings/ Forums Attended</i>	
<i>Mayor Catania</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>(1 x Leave of Absence)</i>
<i>Cr Chester</i>	<i>26</i>	
<i>Cr Cohen</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>(4 x Leave of Absence)</i>
<i>Cr Doran-Wu</i>	<i>25</i>	
<i>Cr Farrell</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>(1 x Leave of Absence)</i>
<i>Cr Franchina</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>Cr Lake</i>	<i>26</i>	
<i>Cr Ker</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>(1 x Leave of Absence)</i>
<i>Cr Torre</i>	<i>6</i>	

N.B:

Attendance at the Briefing held on 27 October 2003 relating to Elven on the Park Design Guidelines/Len Fletcher Pavilion is being verified and is not included in the above statistics.

Q3. How many dogs are registered in the Town?

Response:

As at 10 December 2004, the Town's Dog Register included 2,087 dogs registered.

4.2 **Moved** Dudley Maier of 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate, **Seconded** Dan Caddy of 1 Eucla Street, Mt Hawthorn

(1) That the community:

(a) recognises and values the community building aspects of dog off-leash exercise areas and that this community building include a diverse range of residents.

(b) accepts that the most efficient use of parks and oval involves the sharing of those resources.

- (2) *That the community requests the Town:*
- (a) *formally recognises the value of the community building benefits of providing dog off-leash exercise areas;*
 - (b) *formally recognises and respects the needs of dog owners to have access to dog exercise areas;*
 - (c) *engages dog owners within the Town to determine their needs;*
 - (d) *develops a programme to meet those needs;*
 - (e) *allocates sufficient funds and resources to meet those needs and that such funds and resources should be on par with those allocated to various sporting groups and facilities; and*
 - (f) *promotes and encourages responsible dog ownership within the Town.*

Mr Dan Caddy expressed general support for the motion, except for clause (e), which he considered too open in respect to funding.

AMENDMENT:

Moved Dan Caddy of 1 Eucla Street, Mt Hawthorn, Highgate, Seconded Shirley Benton of 41 Smith Street, Highgate

Amend clause (e) by deleting all the words after the word "needs".

AMENDMENT LOST (8 in favour, 9 against)

AMENDMENT:

Moved Cr Chester, Seconded Cr Farrell

That clause (e) be considered in two parts.

AMENDMENT LOST (4 in favour, 12 against)

AMENDMENT:

Moved Cr Chester, Seconded Cr Ker

That clause (e) be amended by deleting the word "allocates" and substituting the word "considers" in its place.

AMENDMENT CARRIED (9 in favour, 7 against)

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Ms Marie Slyth of 89 Carr Street, West Perth spoke as follows:

Spoke about the issue of consultation. Requested that the Town address the need for early consultation with the community for all developments of every scale and the corresponding need for the Council Executives, especially the Planning Department, collectively with the elected Councillors.

Also added that she believes the Council exists to serve the ratepayers and not to act separately or to assume a power role in any way.

Acknowledged the excellent achievements of the Council to date and also some of the recent attempts of improving community consultation.

Wants direct true democracy, with no hidden Council agendas, with no serious conflicts with the community.

Mayor Catania responded and reflected a number of statements. He stated that "robust" debate should not be construed as conflict as he believes none exists on the Council. He firmly stated that he and the Council operates to serve the community.

4.4 Ms Shirley Benton of 41 Smith Street, Highgate

Stated that she is on the Taskforce of the Town's Community Visioning Project and advised that a large number of people had attended the "walks of interest" and the full day workshops and Saturdays. Stated she believes the project to be a huge outstanding success and far outweighs other community consultation carried out before.

Moved Shirley Benton of 41 Smith Street, Highgate, Seconded Dan Caddy of 1 Eucla Street, Mt Hawthorn

Requests that the Council re-affirms its support for the Vincent Vision 2024 as a means of determining the community's desires and aspirations for the Town and that the outcome of the Community Visioning process be truly reflected in the amended Town Planning Scheme

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CLOSURE

There being no further General Business, the Mayor thanked the members of the public, Elected Members and Officers for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.55pm with the following persons present:

Cr Simon Chester	North Ward
Cr Steed Farrell	North Ward
Cr Ian Ker (Deputy Mayor)	South Ward
Cr Sally Lake	South Ward
John Giorgi, JP	Chief Executive Officer
Rob Boardman	Executive Manager, Environmental and Development Services
Mike Rootsey	Executive Manager, Corporate Services
Craig Wilson	Acting Executive Manager, Technical Services

These Minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 13 December 2004.

Signed:Presiding Member
Mayor Nick Catania, JP

Dated this day of 2004

