



**CITY OF VINCENT**

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

**3 FEBRUARY 2014**

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors of the City of Vincent held at the Administration and Civic Centre, 244 Vincent Street (cnr Loftus Street), Leederville, on Monday 3 February 2014 commencing at 6.00pm.

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

The Presiding Member, Mayor John Carey, declared the meeting open at 6.00pm and read the following Acknowledgement of Country Statement:

**(b) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY STATEMENT**

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

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

**(a) Apologies:**

Cr Laine McDonald	South Ward
Rob Boardman	Director Community Services
Rick Lotznicker	Director Technical Services

**(b) Leave of Absence**

**(c) Present:**

Mayor John Carey	Presiding Member
Cr Roslyn Harley ( <i>Deputy Mayor</i> )	North Ward
Cr Matt Buckels	North Ward
Cr Emma Cole	North Ward
Cr John Pintabona	South Ward
Cr Joshua Topelberg	South Ward
Cr Julia Wilcox	North Ward
John Giorgi, JP	Chief Executive Officer
Mike Rootsey	Director Corporate Services
Jacinta Anthony	Acting Director Community Services
Petar Mrdja	Acting Director Planning Services

3 Electors as follows:

Marie Slyth – 89 Carr Street  
Ian Ker – 92 Vincent Street  
James Peart – U6/7 Burgess Street

**3. RECEIVING THE 2012/2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Moved Cr Topelberg, Seconded Ian Ker**

**That the Annual Report 2012/2013, as "Tabled", be received.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10-0)**

#### 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

##### 4.1 Marie Slyth – 89 Carr Street

I wish to place my objection to the Scheme Letter by the South Ward Candidate Mark Rossi, which I found in my letterbox on the weekend, since I am referring to his flyer, *"I am against Heritage Restrictions being placed on your property without consent and Council plans for preserving the remaining Precinct Heritage Areas in the City of Vincent"* residents are not going to be approached in a threatening manner at all, people are to be consulted first and the fear this candidate has now put into the minds of the local ratepayers, creates a kind of uncertainty which now Council will need to address and clarify for those living in Heritage Areas.

I believe this could be clarified directly through the Media, Newspaper and also writing to those ratepayers likely affected. Some of you may also not be aware, but those who have been around for the last 10-15 years will remember how Council attempt to save at the time, was thwarted by an antagonist, who was anti heritage, on the Local Heritage Advisory Group at the then Town of Vincent. Some believing they have a right to ensure our Heritage History almost wiped out. I would just like to wonder, what would happen if some Australian or others went to certain overseas countries and started to demolish any historical Heritage places. Finally I now seriously question the integrity and loyalty of this candidate to generally represent ratepayers, after putting forward this information.

The Mayor advised Ms Slyth that the City will be holding a forum regarding the Heritage 2 issues in relation to what the City is doing? The rezoning, the ban on Multi-dwellings in certain Precincts, the current review of the municipal list and in addition to this Cowle Street as there has been much development. The Mayor advised that he proposed that the City creates a role of Heritage Champions.

##### 4.2 Ian Ker – 92 Vincent Street - Amalgamations

Mr Ker asked a question to the Mayor relating to provide further information on the progression of the Items relating to Amalgamations' raised at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 5 November 2014.

The Mayor advised Mr Ker that the Section of the Motion was in relation to a couple of issues regarding the City of Vincent Precinct. The Mayor provided a copy of the letter.

The first concern outlined and related to the Banks Precinct and the second concern outline the Governance Model for the proposed Perth as rumours were heard that a system put in place to benefit the City of Perth.

The Mayor received a reply on 5 December 2013 and he actioned it accordingly and was a reply that did not answer any of his questions. He was invited by the Minister with a few other Mayors for a meeting in relation to the Amalgamations. The Mayor advised that he will be seeking a private on one meet with the Minister Hon. Tony Simpson regarding the Banks Precinct and also the governance Model.

Regarding the second concern, I have begun to write a potential paper and i would be seeking to engage a consultant to assist and develop a Governance Model on the 'one vote, one value'.

The Governance Model that i am suggesting is that if the City of Vincent put forward a Governance Model, in some ways should there be consultation in sense that if the City prepares and lets City of Perth know what the City intends to do would that alarm them to fight us back. There is going to be a Community Meeting on Monday 10/2/14 at 7pm at the City offices and we will alert all the Street Co-ordinators to start encouraging getting everyone to the meeting. On Tuesday 4/4/14 the Chief Executive Officer and I will be meeting with the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of Bayswater.

Mr Ker asked the Mayor a further question in relation to the City of Bayswater proposal to the Local Government Advisory Board consultation with a number of neighbouring Local Governments but not City of Vincent. The Mayor advised the City of Bayswater Mayor that City of Vincent were not aware of the submission until it had been made public. Mr Ker stated that to some existent the Council pre-empted what Mr Ker intended to put in a Motion. The Minister letter makes the Motion actually more important that what it actually was.

It seems that the Minister is putting a lot of emphasis on the LGAB Process, therefore the more submissions we can get to the LGAB from residents and organisations the better it will be. But it's not a simple process. There are five proposals that affect the City of Vincent, including City of Vincent's own proposal. Indeed, there are effectively six - the sixth being the plebiscite, which favours staying as we are. This will require rejection of the other five, in which case the status quo would remain. In addition, the LGAB comment form does not make adequate provision for substantial comments and a more user-friendly version will be needed to assist people to make comments.

**Moved Ian Ker, Seconded Marie Slyth**

"City of Vincent encourages residents and ratepayers to make submissions on all five Local Government Amalgamation proposals. I know that it is a lot of work for some people, but the danger is if you don't address it is just simply not registered.

The second is that the City become a proactive and insists that residents and ratepayers to make submissions.

1. Make available to download on City's website as a user friendly template.
2. Provide precise information on website on each of the five proposals that could be included in each submission.
3. Ensuring such information reflects the City's revised position on amalgamations from 5 November 2013 and over whelming majority view on the plebiscite of 19 October 2013 for Vincent to remain it own Local Government entity."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10-0)**

4.3 James Peart U6/7 Burgess Street

Over nineteen years or so since Vincent existed how, we deal with certain arterial roads one of the issues that pop up when dealing with the community life is difficulty of pedestrians getting across. Specifically there seems to be a lack of pedestrian access at certain intersections.

**Moved James Peart, Seconded Cr Buckels**

“That the City of Vincent conduct an audit of all pedestrian facilities at signalised intersections, including but not limited to the following:-

- The number of intersections with and without pedestrian phase signals;
- The number of slip lanes that could have zebra crossings;
- The potential to increase the length of parallel pedestrian phases to maximise the safety of pedestrians, especially seniors and people with disabilities; and
- The potential to improve signage or marking to increase driver awareness of the requirement to give way to pedestrians when turning.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10-0)**

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that in order to conduct an audit it does need Qualified people to carry out. I believe if the Council is serious in carrying out the audit, it should be done properly, references and do exactly what Council wants, the infrastructure following on from this. Once the recommendations are received the infrastructure with Main Roads and any costs to make changes would be at Main Roads.*

*The City has done some works on pedestrian crossings and traffic signals and an indicative cost for a major to traffic signals is about \$40,000 per intersection, an example of this is corner Oxford and Scarborough Beach Road Minor works would cost about \$20,000 per intersection an example of this is Fitzgerald and Carr Street opposite Robinson Park.*

*My advice to the Council is going to be seriously look at proper terms of Reference and engage suitable Qualified personnel.*

**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 6.25 pm with the following persons present:**

Mayor John Carey	Presiding Member
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Cr Emma Cole	North Ward
Cr John Pintabona	South Ward
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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 3 February 2014.

Signed: .....Presiding Member  
Mayor John Carey

Dated this ..... day of ..... 2014