

MINUTES.

2019 Electors' General Meeting

9 December 2019

Notice of Meeting

Mayor and Councillors

Here within are the Minutes of the Electors' General Meeting of the City of South Perth Council held Monday 9 December 2019 in the Council Chamber, corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth.



GEOFF GLASS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

13 December 2019

Acknowledgement of Country

Kaartdjinin Nidja Nyungar Whadjuk Boodjar Koora Nidja Djining Noonakoort kaartdijin wangkiny, maam, gnarnk and boordier Nidja Whadjul kura kura.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians of this land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and their Elders past and present.

Our Guiding Values



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Electors' General Meeting – Agenda

In accordance with Section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Order of Business will be as follows:

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

2. DISCLAIMER

The Presiding Member read aloud the City's Disclaimer.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil.

4. ATTENDANCE

Mayor Greg Milner (Presiding Member)

Councillors

Como Ward
Como Ward
Manning Ward
Manning Ward
Mill Point Ward
Moresby Ward

Councillor Carl Celedin
Councillor Glenn Cridland
Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis
Councillor Blake D'Souza
Councillor Ken Manolas
Councillor Stephen Russell

Officers

Chief Executive Officer
Director Corporate Services
Director Development and Community Services
Director Infrastructure Services
Manager Governance
Manager Finance
Governance Coordinator
Marketing Coordinator
Governance Officer

Mr Geoff Glass
Mr Colin Cameron
Ms Vicki Lummer
Mr Mark Taylor
Ms Bernadine Tucker
Mr Abrie Lacock
Ms Toni Fry
Ms Lisa Williams
Ms Mieke Wevers

Gallery

There were approximately 6 members of the public present.

4.1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Mary Choy (6 December 2019 to 3 January 2020 inclusive)

5. CITY OF SOUTH PERTH PRESENTATION OF THE 2018/19 YEAR

The Presiding Member outlined the City's achievements and projects for the 2018/2019 financial year with a focus on: community, environment, major projects, strategic planning, our future and partnerships.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT, ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITORS REPORT OF THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

Mr Colin Cameron, the Director Corporate Services provided an overview of the Annual Report, Annual Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2019.

The Presiding Member called for questions relating to the Annual Report, Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2019.

As no questions were raised, the Presiding Member called for a mover and seconder to accept the Annual Report, Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2019.

Officer Recommendation AND COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Mr Chris McMullen of Elderfield Road, Waterford

Seconded: Ms Cecilia Brooke of Garden Street, South Perth

That the Annual Report for the City of South Perth for the year 2018/2019, the 2018/2019 Annual Financial Statements and the 2018/2019 Auditor's Report, be accepted.

CARRIED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Presiding Member invited questions and statements from the Public Gallery advising that these would be included in the Agenda for the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 25 February 2020.

7.1 MS CECILIA BROOKE

The following statement was read out by Ms Cecilia Brooke of Garden Street South Perth at the Electors' General Meeting held 9 December 2019.

Ms Brooke: I firstly would like to thank our outgoing elected members, especially our Mayor of the last eight years, Sue Doherty and long term council member Colin Cala. Mayor Doherty entered council after a turbulent period and has steadied the reins during her two terms. Councillor Cala has simply been a part of the furniture for almost 24 years and provided stable, reasonable judgement during his term. He has also mentored many new members of Council - and outlasted most of them!

Secondly, I would like to thank the City for stepping up its 'listening' over the past few years. Listening is hard when there are so many views being expressed on matters and not everyone gets the answer they want to hear. CoSPRA encourages the City to continue this practice so that it truly does understand what the community, rather than what is maybe a noisy few, want. This will also help our elected representatives defend themselves when the community asks 'What could Council have possibly been thinking...'

Careful listening will help the City as it continues with suburb changing projects such as the CBACP and introducing higher density as part of the local planning strategy. You only get one chance to get these projects right. And as we saw with changes underway on the South Perth peninsula there are many opportunities to get it very wrong.

2018/19 has been a big year of delivery for the City. We saw the first new homes being completed in the new Salters Landing subdivision, we saw adoption of the Waterford/Salter Point Foreshore Management Plan that described an environmentally sensitive future for our southern-most border.

We also saw the City introduce new events to our community calendar:

- Hello Manning – the first big community event using the new facilities at James Miller Oval
- And on a personal note, I would like to thank the City Officers and members of the Manning Tennis Club for helping put together the International Day for People with Disabilities tennis event at the Manning Tennis Club. As a mother of a disabled adult child, these sorts of events strike very close to my heart and having the ABC present Jessica Strutt's programme from this event spoke of its significance for this special week for disabled people.

Finally, to our new councillors. Many of you ran campaigns based on city spending, financial health and lowering rates. In many cases you won by a large majority. CoSPRA believes that this is our community speaking loudly in support of the goals you offered during the campaign. We expect you to uphold those promises and ensure that between Council and the City administration every dollar that is spent has a clear purpose, is used wisely, with a goal that everything you do is done better and more efficiently than last year.

On behalf of CoSPRA, I would like to wish our Mayor and Councillors, the CEO Mr Geoff Glass, City staff and the community a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous 2020.

Thank you.

7.2 MR ROGER ATKINSON OF COODE STREET, COMO

The following questions were put forward by Mr Roger Atkinson of Coode Street Como at the Electors' General Meeting held 9 December 2019.

Mr Atkinson: We have had the recent local government elections in which lower rates featured. Yet what we may not be able to get (and I hope we can get) is a very strong reassurance that the commitment to go ahead with the RAF as a City of South Perth investment does not lead us into paying higher rates to keep the thing going.

It is a facility that is likely to have quite high maintenance and operating costs and it might be very dependent upon not having to invest City of South Perth funding in the actual construction. So is there a prospect that we can be reassured that we're not going to be faced with ongoing rather high ongoing operating and maintenance costs that have to be funded by ratepayers?

CEO: The approach you suggest is the approach that we've taken to the planning of the RAF. The Council made a decision recently in relation to a site and once that site had been determined there is now a business case that is being prepared. That work is underway and it will probably be by mid next year that we will be coming back to Council. The business case will have the information available to Councillors and the public as to what those costs are likely to be or not. The intention has been to have it as a multipurpose regional scale facility modelled and operating so that it meets its operating costs in the long term in their various component parts. Some of those services, some of which we might provide at the moment, still incur costs. The challenge is how we bring them together so that there's a critical mass that ensures that this is a viable facility in an operational sense. Additionally that it is a facility that not only is operationally viable but one that can also contribute back to its replacement in terms of the sinking fund that will be set up for it. So that is the intent, and the business case will show whether that intention can be achieved.

Mr Atkinson: Concerning the Preston Street Revival, we've had a considerable amount of attention given to the City of South Perth's front door and perhaps sometimes, I feel less attention to other areas. Is the Preston Street Revival a project that is likely to get support from the City of South Perth by way of matters like appropriate rezonings and so on?

Director Development and Community Services: the Council resolved to support the Scheme Amendment at its meeting held 15 October 2019, so that process is underway and the next part of that process will be advertising in the new year.

8. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 5.51pm.