



**Annual General Meeting of Electors
Wednesday 4 December 2019**

MINUTES

of the **Annual General Meeting of Electors** held in the Function Room, Administration Centre, Orchard Avenue, Armadale on **Wednesday 4 December 2019** commencing at **7pm**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cr R Butterfield
presided:

Deputy Mayor, Cr C Frost
Cr M Silver
Cr K Busby
Cr G Smith
Cr C Campbell JP
Cr M Northcott
Cr D Shaw
Cr E Flynn
Cr J Munn CMC JP
Cr S Peter
Cr G Nixon

River Ward

Lake Ward
Lake Ward
Minnawarra Ward
Minnawarra Ward
Palomino Ward
Palomino Ward
Heron Ward
Heron Ward
Ranford Ward
Ranford Ward
Hills Ward

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms J Abbiss
Mr J Lyon
Mr P Sanders
Mrs Y Loveland
Mr T Naude
Ms K Kent
Mrs J Sutherland

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Development Services
Executive Director Community Services
Executive Director Technical Services
Manager Communications and Marketing
Executive Assistant Corporate Services

Public: 11

APOLOGIES:

Cr C Wielinga
Cr H Jones

Hills Ward
River Ward

Her Worship the Mayor, Cr Ruth Butterfield, welcomed those in attendance to the 2018/19 Annual General Meeting of Electors and addressed the meeting as follows:

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, Councillors and Staff.

Welcome to the City of Armadale's 2019 Annual General Meeting of Electors, which I now declare open.

Firstly, I would like to introduce you to your Councillors (members please stand as I introduce you). Deputy Mayor, Cr Carole Frost, Cr Kerry Busby, Cr Gary Smith, Cr Jeff Munn, Cr Shavanas Peter, Cr Michelle Silver, Cr Grant Nixon, Cr Colin Campbell, Cr Melissa Northcott, Cr Donna Shaw and Cr Emma Flynn.

Apologies have been received from Cr Jones and Cr Wielinga

Also present are our Chief Executive Officer and Executive Leadership Team Ms Joanne Abbiss, CEO, Mr Jason Lyon, Executive Director - Corporate Services, Mrs Yvonne Loveland, Executive Director - Community Services, Mr Paul Sanders, Executive Director - Development Services and Mr Theo Naude, Acting Executive Director – Technical Services.

I will conduct this meeting generally in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders. There are copies of the meeting rules and procedures available on the seats around you.

If there is a vote on anything, each elector is entitled to one vote. Only electors of the City are entitled to vote at this meeting.

Any decisions made by this meeting will be submitted for consideration at the February 2020 Ordinary Council meeting.

Could all speakers please state their name and address before they speak.

I also wish to advise that tonight's proceedings are being recorded for administrative purposes.

1 BUSINESS OF MEETING

1 Presenting and Receiving the 2018/19 Annual Financial Report

1.1 2018/19 Annual Financial Report

MOVED Cr Frost that the 2018/19 Annual Financial Report be received.
SECONDED Mr Grimwood

CARRIED

1.2 Auditor's Report

The Chief Executive Officer, Ms J Abbiss, read aloud the Auditor's Report (Pages 43 to 45 in the Annual Report).

MOVED Cr Nixon that the Auditor's Report on the 2018/19 Annual Financial Report be received.
SECONDED Cr Frost

CARRIED

1.3 2018/19 Annual Report (Remaining Parts)

MOVED Cr Shaw that the remaining parts of the 2018/19 Annual Report including the Mayor's report, be received.
SECONDED Cr Nixon

CARRIED

2 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 Questions of which prior notice has been given

Nil

2.2 Questions received from the floor

Mr D Grimwood – Sapphire Court, Mt.Richon

Q1: At the conclusion of question time will there be opportunity to raise matters for discussion at the end of the meeting?

Mayor: *In the past we haven't however I don't see a problem if you wish to have a discussion after the meeting.*

Mr M Mazega – 186a Jull Street Armadale

Q1: We would like to ask the City of Armadale what is being done to attract new investment and consequently facilitate employment opportunities and new businesses in Jull Street, which is the heart of the Armadale CBD?

CEO: *The City has an incredibly strong focus on trying to activate the City centre and particularly the CBD. The City has engaged consultants to prepare a business case that supports the Activity Centre Structure Plan. The Mayor and myself presented the plan recently at a meeting to Minister Saffoti seeking support for the undergrounding of the rail line through the City centre which has the potential to deliver an additional \$1billion worth of private sector investment into the City centre. It will double the number of jobs to 18,000 as well as allow for significant training opportunities to be facilitated in the City Centre.*

I have met with Southern Metropolitan TAFE. There is great alignment between their vision for the future of Armadale and the future skills training that can be offered to our community within the City centre. We are looking into their business plan that they have before Treasury for a \$21million investment.

I have also met with Invest and Trade WA to deliver to them the exciting vision of what the Armadale CBD has got to offer as they are going to be part of the investment at a State Government level into WA.

In addition, Councillors are having a workshop on 17 December to look at what they can do to catalyse the growth of the CBD. Topics to be discussed will include land holdings within the City centre, the Jull Street Mall options, employment and growth opportunities. There is also the Rowley Road Industrial Precinct and a current proposal which in itself will generate over 800 jobs which will also benefit the City Centre.

The City is very active and hoping to achieve some great moves with these partners in 2020.

Mr D Grimwood – Sapphire Court, Mt. Richon

Q2: In the City's Strategic Plan for the CBD which was submitted to WA Planning Commission earlier this year there is a map of the CBD which doesn't bear resemblance to the aerial satellite photo. Who is going to pay for these changes and any loss of business to business owners?

CEO: *The structure plan poses a concept where that could be an option for the land owner to explore if they wished to seek the development of their shopping centre.*

Q3: Has the landowner been consulted?

Mayor: *Yes, as previously stated it is a concept. It has been extensively consulted with the land owners and surrounding community on multiple occasions.*

Ms N Civa – 186b Jull Street Armadale

Q1: Does the City of Armadale have a plan to take steps to activate the Jull Street Mall in 2020?

Mayor: *This is something that we have been reviewing for a while now and with the Councillor Workshop in late December we will be bringing forward some of those ideas and looking to allocate funding. For example, the oversized benches have been brought up before as well as some other low hanging fruit for some short term solutions.*

CEO: *We are seeking direction from the Council and whilst the workshop is not a decision making forum it will assist in terms of canvassing the immediate, short and medium options and allow officers to gather research, obtain quotes or provide Council with further evidence for them to make their decisions.*

Mr D Foster – Albany Highway, Bedfordale

Q1: I would like to request a higher guard rail along Nerrigen Brook public access way No 3.

Mayor: *Officers will look into it.*

Q2: May I request the new CEO read through the files to review my questions over the years.

CEO: *Of course.*

Mr D Grimwood – Sapphire Court, Mt.Richon

Q4: In relation to Nerrigen Brook Reserve in the past I have asked if you would you consider installing a walking trail. Has anything been done to fulfil that request?

Mayor: *Taken on Notice*

Mr M Facey – 229 Jull Street, Dale Bar and Bistro

Q1: What is the City of Armadale's plan to address crime and antisocial behaviour in Jull Street?

Mayor: *Crime is Police matter. At a recent meeting with senior Police of the district they suggested that the crime was more of an anti-social behaviour not necessarily crime*

so I question if these instances have been reported to Police. I am not sure where the disconnect is.

CEO: *The Police have indicated they are willing to work with the City to find solutions moving forward as a partnership. It is going to take a whole of community approach to resolve this.*

D Carbonell – Hilarion Elbow, Hilbert

Q1: I would like to know more about the Rowley Road industrial estate, whether it is light or heavy industrial, the size and where it is going to be?

CEO: *It is on the corner of Rowley Rd and Tonkin Hwy in the north west corner of that intersection. It will be approximately 60% the size of Canning Vale industrial estate when it is fully developed so it is a significant area. Initial interest is mainly freight and logistics type use. The current structure plan is for around 16 warehouses so it is not a general industrial area but probably akin to the Forrestdale Business Park in terms of the types of uses. Given its location advantages with access to Tonkin Highway as well as access to the future port we are getting a lot of interest from freight and logistic companies for quick access to the north with the airport and to the south with Tonkin Hwy extension coming out at South West highway near Mundijong.*

Mr D Grimwood – Sapphire Court, Mt.Richon

Q5: Is there any explanation available that can be public as to the reason Ray Tame's contract was not renewed?

Mayor: *The CEO's contract expired. Council at that time decided not to renew his contract. We advertised and employed Ms Abbiss. We have employed her with a five year contract.*

Q6: Policy ADM 14, Safety and Health does not align with the Worksafe Act in relation to owners of premises and interfaces with the public and does have a management practice. Will Council undertake to review ADM 14 so it will prevent future problems?

CEO: *Since starting at the City I have taken a very firm view to occupational safety and health, starting with determining it is now one of the City's core values changing HARP- Honesty, Accountability, Respect and Professionalism to SHARP to include Safety first. Occupational safety and health is now the first item to be discussed at Executive meetings.*

I have engaged the City's insurance services to conduct an audit of the City with respect to occupational safety and health. In terms of responsibilities under the Act, I need to ensure that systems and procedures are in place. I take this incredibly seriously.

Council also have a role through the Audit Committee with a system of internal audit reporting in place. This will lead to improvements to policies, procedures and practices.

Q7: Will you build an Armco railing on the corner of Talus Drive near Treedale Park to protect the house on the corner?

Mayor: Taken on Notice

Q8: Will you look at intersection where Bedfordale Hill meets Talus Drive Bedfordale as it is dangerous and either make it a left turn only out of Talus Drive or put a stop sign on Talus Drive?

Mayor: Taken on Notice

Q9: Will you please advertise this meeting better next year as if you want everyone to know about it?

CEO: The Manager of Communications is in attendance this evening and will make a note for next year.

Mayor: That said, I'll repeat what the former Mayor has advised previously. There will be over 72 meetings of either standing committee meetings or ordinary council meetings throughout the year where the public are welcome to come, ask questions and connect with Council and officers. I don't think that we are trying to hide. I welcome anyone to come to any of those meetings and ask questions.

Q10: Are you aware that Council has determined that Committees have no powers or duties? So anything that a committee says in response to a question means absolutely nothing until it goes to Council. I will continue to attend Council and not the committee meetings.

Mayor: You can put questions to any of those meetings and if they are of a complicated nature and require some research then the answer will be given on notice.

The Mayor thanked her fellow Councillors for their attendance tonight and thanked the electors.

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED AT 8.08PM

MAYOR