



**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2021**

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CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON MONDAY, 11
OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00PM.

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Frost, declared the meeting open at 7.00 pm.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (previously approved)

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor, Cr C Frost
presided over

Lake Ward

Cr J Keogh

River Ward

Cr J H Munn CMC

Ranford Ward

Cr S Peter JP

Ranford Ward

Cr M S Northcott

Palomino Ward

Cr C A Campbell JP

Palomino Ward

Cr D M Shaw

Heron Ward

Cr E J Flynn

Heron Ward

Cr G J Smith

Minnawarra Ward

Cr K Busby

Minnawarra Ward

Cr M Silver

Lake Ward

Cr G Nixon

Hills Ward

Cr C M Wielinga

Hills Ward

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms J Abbiss

Chief Executive Officer

Mr J Lyon

Executive Director Corporate Services

Mr P Sanders

Executive Director Development Services

Mr K Ketterer

Executive Director Technical Services

Mr N Kegie

A/Executive Director Community Services

Mr R Porter

Manager Ranger & Emergency Services

Mrs M Todd

Manager Governance & Administration

Mrs S D'Souza

CEO's Executive Assistant

Public: 60

Press: 1

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

APOLOGIES:

Apology received from Cr R Butterfield

**3 ADVICE OF RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS
 TAKEN ON NOTICE**

The following questions were taken on notice at Council's Meeting on 28 September 2021 and responses (summarized below) forwarded in a letter dated 1 October 2021.

Ms Veronica Hansen

Question

Given the concerns raised by the public about the issue of bushfire mitigation around Roleystone surely those plans would have already been in place and once approved should be set to go? How soon would we know that there is a schedule for the controlled burns?

Response

The six reserves outlined in the council report detail the 2021/22 fire season hazard reduction burn schedule for City of Armadale managed reserves. The objective is to complete three of the burns during the 2021 spring burn period and the remaining three in autumn 2022.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**1 Questions re. Bushfire Risk Management Plan and Bushfire Response in the
Roleystone Turnout Area**

Veronica Hansen, 8 Protector Grove , Araluen – Roleystone

Q1 Re. The requirement for a Bushfire Risk Management Plan. The process started in 2014 and the City was offered support in 2016 after a number of other jurisdictions had already had support to develop their plans. The Plan was eventually commenced in 2018 (after 4 years) and it took till April 2020 for the plan to get through to OBRM to be ratified. Why did the City not accept the assistance and why did all this take so long and missed opportunities to get MAF funding? Would appreciate a response on all of the points around that timeframe because it is not just one particular part it is a series of activities that could have been taken place and would have allowed us to have that funding much sooner.

CEO: The majority of the timeline was prior to my commencement at the City hence the question will be taken on notice and responded to in writing.

Steven Daley, 77 Tyers Road, Roleystone

Q1. Are councillors aware that the simple answer to the simple question of handing over the management of RVFB to DFES is on page 156 2nd paragraph of the report? The simple answer doesn't require any MOU's or splitting the brigade or kicking out DFES or the BFB or building new stations or lengthy lawyer workshops or destroying the brigade or the community, it merely requires the councillors to vote for the first sentence in the second paragraph on page 156.

Deputy Mayor: Though I can't speak on behalf of Councillors, they have received the report and I assume are aware of its contents.

Peter Lawrence – 216 Croyden Road, Roleystone

Q1 The fire brigade situation has gone on far too long, brigade morale is suffering and our ability to perform our role for the community is deteriorating. Tonight you have an agenda with 4 options - Will a decision be made on the outcome of the RVFB this evening because deferring to next season is not an option. To do this would put the community at risk.

Deputy Mayor: The report is on the agenda for consideration tonight and it will be up to Councillors to decide which of the options that they choose to vote on.

Meg Travers, 12 Croyden Road , Roleystone

Q1 I also want to refer to page 156 paragraph 2 given that research into other local government experiences has identified questions with respect to legal and liability issues for DFES volunteers when responding to a local government bushfire response area. Does the City recognise that the inverse is currently true and that our volunteers are at risk already of being uninsured for any incident?

CEO: My understanding is that our volunteers are protected by the City's insurance policies but I will take that question on notice and investigate it further.

Mr Phil Davey, 12 Lenore St, Roleystone WA 6111

I would like to thank Crs Keogh and Campbell for bringing this motion forward on 21 September at the Corporate Services Meeting and getting it put through. Whilst there was opposition it was refreshing to have it agreed and carried unanimously. We are very happy to see this extensive report now available for everybody to have a look at the historical and graph data. Whilst the prime request by the RVFB was made to the City of Armadale in April 2021, pages 108 – 109 of the report does highlight this matter previously raised from the brigade as one of a few options of future direction. It was again highlighted in the 2019 survey score card from the brigade as one of the priority points. Subsequent meetings and discussions and meetings prior to April 2021 did not resolve the issue hence the April 2021 request to the City of Armadale.

Q1. After the time line of 3 years and the requested report now to hand, for the sake of our volunteers and the daily stresses experienced by all parties in this room can we now please finalise the matter tonight and agree on a decisive outcome not another delaying outcome?

Deputy Mayor: Thank you for your question, I am sure we all want to come to a resolution and that will be determined later during the meeting when we discuss the report.

Bryce Edwards, 6 Grovelands Way, Kelmscott WA 6111

Note that there has been several options put on the table in the report. The brigade management released a statement on the weekend that they are happy to work under the DFES model, they are happy to work with mitigation prescribed burning throughout the City of Armadale and maintain a working relationship with the City of Armadale Mayor and it councillors. How are you going to obtain this working relationship under a DFES model given the fact with the ferocity and harshness the management have absolutely slammed Council publicly?

CEO: That will be one of the challenges should that be the decision of Council tonight.

Brendan Leahy, 288 Churchman Brook Road, Bedfordale WA 6112

Q1 Given the report refers to no financial gain for the brigade to have committed to a future working relationship with and no lack of service to the City of Armadale from the Roleystone Fire Brigade - What reason do the City of Armadale have as to retain the RVBB?

CEO: Those are the questions the 13 Councillors in this chamber need to debate this evening and make a determination on.

Q2. My question is does the City have a reason to retain them?

CEO: That is what the Council will determine this evening.

Mr Peter Stewart, 317 Peet Road, Roleystone

My question is in relation to the map and the turnout area on page 94 that is labelled as the Roleystone BFB, my understanding is that it is a lot different to that for a turnout. For a bushfire where the rating is high that turnout is coordinated by DFES it triggers a Zone 2 response and immediately activates career fire fighters, volunteer fire fighters, water bombers and helitacks.

Q1. If that is the case should that be in the report to understand that when we do have a fire near Roleystone in that turnout area during high fire danger it is DFES that responds not RVBFB?

CEO: The question will be taken on notice and responded to in writing.

7.15pm Moved Cr Shaw that question time be extended - Carried

Maddy Daniell, 8 Grafham Road, Brookdale

Q1 I am a bit confused about this fire issue. I believe in the volunteer fire fighters, they have done lots to help our community. I have been here 30 years. I am a bit confused, can someone clarify it so I can have some understanding of what is going on? Are they 2 different organisations are they trying to combine to make a working sort of situation?

CEO: I can understand it would appear very confusing and is a complex issue and the report is very long. In a nutshell there is a Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service that report to and are controlled by DFES and a Volunteer Bushfire Brigade that report to and are controlled by the City. These two brigades at the moment are working out of the one fire station and they have an incorporated association and members of both brigades are also members of the incorporated association. The incorporated association have written to us and said that the members of the Bushfire Brigade would like for DFES to take over responsibility for bushfire brigades. One of the options is for them to merge with the other brigade called the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Brigade. Council needs to decide as to whether they want to do that or do they want to retain the City's volunteer bushfire brigade.

Barry Porter, 166 Heritage Drive , Roleystone

To the councillors not re-standing thank you for the service you have provided to the community it is a thankless task particularly when dealing with people like me.

Q1. What impact on the salaries and remunerations of the employees of the administration of the City of Armadale will the loss of the VFB have on their remuneration packages?

CEO: The short answer is absolutely none. The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal have classified the City of Armadale as a Band 1 local government and they set the salary range for the CEO and that will not be influenced by the decision tonight whatsoever in respect to whether we have 1, 6 or 10 fire brigades.

Veronica Hansen, 8 Protector Grove, Araluen – Roleystone WA 6111

Re. MAF funding, that program started in 2017 and as of July 2021 some 34 million dollars has been allocated to various local government authorities around the state to help them with their mitigation burning. One of the pre requisites, is that a Bushfire Management Plan needs to be approved by OBRM and there was quite a delay in your plan being created and then being approved in April 2020.

Q2. Why has there been no application for funds from this given the amount of money that is available. The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale has been getting roughly half a million dollars each round, and the City has only applied and put together an application around September 13th for the current round which closed on the 22 September but had been opened since the 18 August?

CEO: That question has been answered previously and we are happy to provide that answer again. Essentially, in short, the City was working with the Councillors in terms of developing the schedule of activities that would be attached to the funding application as well as dealing with COVID for much of 2020 meant that the September application was the first application that was made.

Brendan Leahy, 288 Churchman Brook Road, Bedfordale WA 6112

Q2 How accurate is this report? There is a map of a very large fire management area which actually shows 29,733 hectares if we take out what the shire doesn't look after which is looked after by the Department of Parks and Wildlife and the Water Corp land and then also the Department of Bio Diversity that area that the city actually maintains now drops down to 3,500 hectares. That is a big difference.

Q3. Why are the people in the shire office making the decision that I think only the Roleystone Fire Brigade should be making? I shouldn't be involved in it and I don't think any of you guys should. It is their decision, they are the ones out there doing the work. If they want to leave and work under DFES or not it should be left up to the fire brigade.

CEO: I have been advised by the City Officers that the map provided is the Roleystone Turnout Area but I will look into that and confirm. In terms of as to who makes the decision, it is Council's decision.

Peter Lawrence – 216 Croyden Road, Roleystone

The first part of the report talks about strategic implications and it says this report relates to the following objective in the City's 2020-2030 Strategic Community Plan for 4.1.1. Support a culture of volunteerism in the community and celebrate the contribution the volunteers make.

Q2. What does that mean?

Deputy Mayor: There are a number of volunteers in the City across a wide range of services however will defer to the CEO for further comment.

CEO: That was an objective set by this Council after extensive community consultation and it is captured in the City's Strategic Community Plan. In term of what does it mean? It is then translated into actions through the City's Corporate Business Plan and Council consider these actions when allocating resources. These strategic objectives form part of all Council reports to prompt councillors when they are making decisions as to the strategic objectives that they have set. In regard to this report, this strategic objective will be considered when the item is debated later tonight.

Q3. If the Volunteer Fire brigade was to go does that impact that strategic intent at all?

Deputy Mayor: Volunteerism goes across the whole of the city, in libraries, sporting, community services and this will remain as an objective of the City/Council.

Q3. So whether the Fire Brigade remains part of the City of Armadale or handed over to DFES has no impact whatsoever on the City's strategic intent for volunteerism.

CEO: No, I wouldn't go so far as to say it has no impact, it is an objective that must be considered by the Council when they are taking this decision.

Mr Barry Porter, 166 Heritage Drive, Roleystone

Q2 Given that the City of Armadale has received an application or request to develop further blocks of land at the Araluen Golf Resort, has the council undertaken or is the council requesting and requiring and undertaking of a full safety audit of the area in relation to the proposed expansion of the resort blocks?

CEO: I'm not sure if we have had a formal application in that respect and I will defer to the Executive Director Development Services.

EDDS: I do not believe we have received a formal planning application at this stage.

7.30pm Moved Cr Northcott that question time be extended – Carried

Meg Travers, 12 Croyden Road , Roleystone

Q2 In the report it referred to the City having received advice that 25 volunteers that would be willing to continue a VBFB, would that be enough to staff such a brigade? Now I know that a full turnout would be 8 people on the 2 trucks so that is roughly 3 crews. I am just wondering if anyone has given the City advice as to how long each crew is able to spend on the fire ground and how long 3 crews would last? In the deliberations this evening that is an important one to consider.

CEO: The question will be taken on notice and responded to in writing.

Mr Peter Stewart, 317 Peet Road, Roleystone

Q2. On page 119 of the report it talks about culture and approach and that is pretty much what Peter Lawrence was asking you about your approach to volunteerism and to the people who give their time and risk their lives in doing so. That is a very special volunteer and I don't think you are treating them with any respect. I don't agree with the Ferguson Report on the different culture and approach between brigades and DFES. Are you aware there is a whole division within DFES called the rural fire division? It is reactive it spends a lot of money, mainly through the MAF.

CEO: The question will be taken on notice and responded to in writing.

Lara Shelton, 989 Brookton Highway, Roleystone

Would like to seek permission to read a statement.

Deputy Mayor: Unfortunately this is question time but the statement could be forwarded to all Councillors to read.

Brendan Leahy, 288 Churchman Brook Road, Bedfordale

The report refers to 25 members wanting to be members of the stand-alone bushfire brigade. Can the City of Armadale answer the following questions on how this number was compiled?

Q4. Did the City of Armadale have confirmed that some of the Roleystone members support standalone bushfire brigade? Did they ask everyone in the brigade if they agreed with this or did they only ask some people in the brigade?

CEO: The City arranged a meeting between interested councillors and representatives and the 25 people that wanted to stay with the City, just as they arranged meetings with the representatives of the Management committee or the RVFB as part of their information gathering process leading to tonight.

Q5. So you haven't asked all of them?

CEO: The City has met with representatives of those members who have expressed an interest to stay with the City, just as they have met with representatives of the Management Committee of the RVFB who wish to go with DFES.

Q6. Of the 25 people how many are appropriately trained – basic leadership levels, truck driver operations available and ready to start?

CEO: The members that the City met with have significantly longer experience than the current serving management committee representatives that the City met with in terms of years of service.

Q7. Does the City have enough Personal Protective Clothing to fit all 25 or will you actually have to apply for funding to get that?

CEO: The question will be taken on notice. The City would be able to fund the PPE for the members should that be the decision of Council this evening.

Q8. So you don't currently have the equipment?

CEO: There are some current serving members that have that equipment that have indicated that they wish to join a City brigade.

Q9. Of the 25 that were eligible how many are eligible to join the City of Armadale bushfire brigade. Are they able to provide police clearances, obtain working with children cards, do they live within a reasonable vicinity of the station for effective response times, are they physically and mentally fit and able to fulfil their duties as fire fighters?

CEO: That is part of the application for membership process.

Meg Travers, 12 Croyden Road , Roleystone

Q3. At a previous meeting, that number of 25 was 17 at that time were all current members so I think that they have to have these things to be members is not actually addressing the question that was asked there.

CEO: Anyone that is not a current member will need to provide evidence of those matters to be a member and the number as I understand has grown since reported to 28.

Q4. That is 28 potential members not all currently members.

CEO: 28 persons some of whom are current members, some of whom are not current members but all of whom have expressed an interest in joining a City volunteer bushfire brigade.

Question time closed at 7.41pm

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6 PETITIONS

1 Roleystone Volunteer Bushfire Brigade (Cr Colin Campbell)

A petition with 293 signatories was tabled by Cr Campbell, the prayer of which reads:
"Hand the management of the Roleystone Volunteer Bushfire Brigade to Department of Fire & Emergency Services"

In regard to this matter, a non-conforming listing with 47 names was also included.

MOVED Cr C A Campbell

That Council receive the conforming petition.

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED

(13/0)

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2021.

MOVED Cr E J Flynn that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 September 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

1 Mayors Announcements

Saturday 2 October 2021

Attended an interview with RTR FM in their Beaufort St, Mt Lawley studio to promote the Armadale Highland Gathering and Perth Kilt Run. Ryan Bazzicca from the Bedfordale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade also attended, to talk about the Bedfordale VBFB team which has run in every Perth Kilt Run since it began.

Sunday 3 October 2021

Officiated at the Armadale Highland Gathering and Perth Kilt Run. Lead the Mayor's Procession with Cr Campbell, Cr Keogh, Cr Peter, along with Federal Member for Burt, Matt Keogh MP, and Hugh Jones MLA, Member for Darling Range. Gave a short welcome speech to begin the event. The event was a huge success, with 613 runners taking part in the Kilt Run and a crowd of approximately 20,000 attending the Gathering throughout the day. Councillors Busby, Smith, Nixon, Northcott and Wielinga (who ran in the Perth Kilt Run), also attended.

Monday 4 October 2021

Attended a regular meeting with the CEO to discuss local issues.

Thursday 7 October 2021

Performed 4 citizenship ceremonies in the Council Chambers with a total of 79 new Citizens being welcomed. Crs Smith, Nixon, Northcott and Frost also attended along with Dr Brian Walker MLC, Member for East Metropolitan.

Monday 11 October 2021

Deputy Mayor, Cr Carole Frost chaired the Ordinary Meeting of Council on my behalf.

9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

10 REPORTS

10.1 TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Report of the Technical Services Committee held on 4 October 2021.

MOVED Cr G Nixon that the report be received.

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation T57/10/21 - Long Term Tenure Considerations - Parks of the Perth Hills

MOVED Cr G Nixon

That Council:

- 1. Advise the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions that, if formally requested, the City will accept a Management Order for UCL PIN 11362845 conditional on:**
 - **Consolidation of the parcel into Reserve 4561 (Bungendore Park) with a designated reserve purpose (under section 41 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*) to include the functions of passive recreation and conservation; and:**
 - **The undertaking of bushfire mitigation activities on the parcel, to the satisfaction of the City, prior to acceptance of a management order.**
- 2. Advise the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions that, if formally requested, the City will accept a Management Order for R34471 and request that the designated reserve purpose (under section 41 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*) is amended to include the functions of public recreation, conservation and ecological corridor.**
- 3. Advise the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and Department of Planning Lands and Heritage of the City of Armadale's intent to accept a Management Order for Reserve 48674 and Lot 810 Carradine Road conditional on the following conditions being met:**
 - **A minimum of year 1 management costs (in the order of \$192,000 as projected in attachment 1.1.2, or the equivalent works undertaken prior to handover) to be provided as part of an asset transfer agreement**
 - **Designated reserve purpose (under section 41 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*) to include the functions of public recreation and conservation.**

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

Recommendation T58/10/21 - Wungong River Foreshore - Development of Detailed Design

MOVED Cr G Nixon

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the development of the detailed design of the Wungong River Concept Plan and allocate funding to an amount of \$225,000 to the project for this purpose.**

2. Pursuant to Section 6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (as amended) authorise* the following budget variation:

INCREASE IN THE TRANSFER FROM RESERVES:
Contribution from Wungong River Project Reserve \$225,000

INCREASE IN OPERATING EXPENDITURE:
Wungong River Regeneration Project \$225,000

***ABSOLUTE MAJORITY RESOLUTION REQUIRED**

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL (13/0)

Recommendation T59/10/21 - Councillor Item - Biodegradable Waste Bags

MOVED Cr G Nixon

That Council refer the matter of the purchase of fully compostable dog poo waste bags to Council's 2022/23 Budget and LTFP deliberations.

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

10.2 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Report of the Development Services Committee held on 4 October 2021.

MOVED Cr D M Shaw that the report be received.

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation D38/10/21 - Road Naming - Keane Road, Forrestdale

MOVED Cr D M Shaw

That Council:

1. **Approach Landgate's Topographic, Names and Addressing seeking approval for the renaming of the portion of Keane Road between Anstey Road and Armadale Road in Forrestdale, with 'MacFarlane' as the first preference and 'Pratt' as an alternative name, and the road type to be one deemed suitable by Topographic, Names and Addressing.**
2. **Note that once this portion of Keane Road is renamed, then the City will allocate new street numbers to the properties.**

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

Recommendation D39/10/21 - Sale of Lot 300 (16) Numulgi Street, Armadale

MOVED Cr D M Shaw

That Council resolve to:

- 1. Sell Lot 300 (16) Numulgi Street, Armadale by way of private treaty.**
- 2. Give local public notice, including an invitation for submissions (Notice), on the City's proposal to sell Lot 300 to Habilitas Pty Ltd (ACN 642 332 858) (Habilitas) on the terms set out in the letter from Habilitas to the City dated 23 August 2021 pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of section 3.58(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.**
- 3. Note that a report will be prepared for Council's consideration at a later date should any submissions be received during the public notice period.**

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

Recommendation D40/10/21 - Suburb Renaming - A portion of Forrestdale (Rowley Road Business Park)

MOVED Cr D M Shaw

That Council:

- 1. Support the proposal to consider a new locality in the area bounded by Tonkin Highway, Rowley, Oxley and unnamed Roads and Regional Reserve as proposed in the attachment to this report, and support the names of 'Doobarda'; and 'Salmeri' as possible options to name the new locality, and proceed with public consultation including:**
 - Letters be sent to all landowners within the proposed new locality, and Community Members of CHAG and History Reference Group seeking comment on the proposed new locality and its boundary and canvassing the suggested names.**
 - Advertisements be placed in the local newspaper seeking wider public support.**

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

10.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Report of the Community Services Committee held on 5 October 2021.

MOVED Cr K Busby that the report be received.

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation C33/10/21 - Naming of Facilities - William Skeet and Forrestdale Hub

MOVED Cr K Busby

That Council:

1. Receive further information regarding options and suggestions to consider in reviewing names of buildings and rooms within the buildings in the redeveloped Forrestdale Hub.
2. Provide feedback regarding names for buildings and facilities included in the Forrestdale Hub redevelopment.

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

10.4 CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Report of the Corporate Services Committee held on 5 October 2021.

MOVED Cr J H Munn that the report be received.

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation CS63/10/21 - List of Accounts Paid - August 2021

MOVED Cr J H Munn

That Council note the List of Accounts paid as presented in the attachment to this report and summarised as follows:

Municipal Fund

Accounts paid totalling \$9,253,095.27 on Batch 2640-2647, Cheques 033293-033296, Direct Debits & PY01.03 to PY01.04 and PY99.04 to PY99.08.

Credit Card

Accounts Paid totalling \$2,814.06 for the period ended August 2021.

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

Recommendation CS64/10/21 - Statement of Financial Activity - August 2021

MOVED Cr J H Munn

That Council:

1. Pursuant to Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* (Financial Activity Statement Report) accept the Statement of Financial Activity for the one (2) month period ended 31 August 2021; and
 - i. Note that there are reportable actual to budget material variances for the period

- ii. Note the \$5.88 small rates debts written off under primary Delegation 1.0 and Secondary Delegation CORPS 1.1.
- 2. Note the City's outstanding Rates and Charges debtors have increased significantly over the past year and that a report will be presented to Council outlining immediate options for a recovery strategy.

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

Recommendation CS65/10/21 - Business Recovery Account - Request for Funding Allocation

MOVED Cr J H Munn

That Council:

- 1 Agree to allocate \$677,000 from the Business Recovery Budget to fund short term contract staff resources for up to 24 months for:

Contracts and Procurement	\$255,000
Parks (Capital Projects)	\$422,000

- 2 Pursuant to s6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Amend* the 2021/22 budget as follows:*

Decrease from the Business Recovery Account

Business Recovery Account	\$253,000
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Increase in Operating Expenditure

Governance	\$113,000
Parks	\$140,000

- 3 Agree to set aside the balance of \$424,000 required within the Business Recovery Reserve Account to fund the positions for the financial years ending 2023 and 2024.
- 4 Amend the Four Year Budget accordingly.

***ABSOLUTE MAJORITY RESOLUTION REQUIRED**

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL (13/0)

Recommendation CS66/10/21 - Livestreaming of Meeting (Referral Item)

MOVED Cr C A Campbell that part (1) of Recommendation CS66/10/21 be amended by replacing 2021/22 with 2022/23

AMENDMENT not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

MOVED Cr J H Munn that Recommendation CS66/10/21, as amended, be adopted.

That Council receive a report on:

- 1. Identifying possible funding sources to amend the ~~2021/22~~ 2022/23 Annual Budget to upgrade the City's audio and visual system.**
- 2. The timetable to amend the City's Standing Orders, which would accommodate the live streaming of Council and committee meetings.**
- 3. The possibility of implementing the livestreaming of Council and committee meetings in the current (FY22) financial year.**

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

10.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
Report of the Chief Executive Officer.

MOVED Cr G Nixon that the report be received.

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13/0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation CEO1/10/21 - Bushfire Response - Roleystone Turnout Area

Cr Keogh disclosed that he is a member of the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade. As a consequence, he advised that there may be a perception on the basis of his non-financial interests that his impartiality on the matter may be affected but declared that he would set aside this association, consider the matter on its merits and vote accordingly.

Report Recommendation

That Council:

1. Determine which of the following options to pursue regarding the responsibility for bushfire response in the Roleystone Turn Out Area:
 - a. Seek further information prior to making a decision;
 - b. Retain the City's Roleystone Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade to be collocated with the Roleystone Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service;
 - c. Establish a stand-alone Roleystone Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade managed by the City; or
 - d. Commence negotiations with the FES Commissioner for DFES to assume responsibility for bushfire response in the Roleystone Turn Out Area.
2. Request further information regarding the transition to Council's preferred option including, as applicable:
 - a. How governance issues are to be resolved;
 - b. Options for fire station facilities in Roleystone;
 - c. What further decisions (if any) are required of Council in order to achieve Council's preferred option;
 - d. A plan for the transition to Council's preferred option including key tasks, risks, milestones and timelines; and

- e. How operational requirements will be met during the transition period.
3. Confirm that in the interim the status quo remains
4. Urge the Minister for Fire and Emergency Services to direct the FES Commissioner to ensure that his Department actively participates in the mediation as requested by the Acting Captain of the Roleystone VFRS and RVBFB brigades as a matter of urgency.

MOVED Cr G Nixon, SECONDED Cr C M Wielinga

OPPOSED Cr J Keogh

That Council:

1. Resolves as follows

- (i) to cancel the registration of the existing Roleystone Volunteer Bushfire Brigade in accordance with section 41(3) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* as it has formed the opinion the conditions of clause 2.6 of the City's Bushfire Brigade Local Law have been met.
 - (ii) to establish a bush fire brigade and to name that bush fire brigade the Roleystone Karragullen Volunteer Bushfire Brigade in accordance with clauses 2.1 and 2.2(1)(a) of the City's Bushfire Brigade Local Law 2019 respectively
 - (iii) in accordance with clause 2.2(1)(b) of the City's Bushfire Brigade Local Law 2019 establishes the brigade area for Roleystone Karragullen Volunteer Bushfire Brigade as the Roleystone Turn Out Area as described in this report
 - (iv) authorises the CEO to exercise all powers of the local government under clauses 2.2(1)(c) and 2.2(2) of the City's Bushfire Brigade Local Law 2019 with respect to the appointment of officers, and all powers of the local government under clause 2.7 of the City's Bushfire Brigade Local Law 2019 with respect to alternative fire control arrangements
2. Commence negotiations with DFES to dispose by way of lease, in accordance with s.3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the current Cross Park Fire Brigade facility for exclusive use by the Roleystone Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service
 3. Agree to allocate \$85,000 from the Business Recovery Account to construct a temporary facility for the Roleystone Karragullen Volunteer Bushfire Brigade at Springdale Park
 4. Pursuant to s.6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* amend* the 2021/2022 budget as follows:

Decrease from the Business Recovery Account

Business Recovery Account \$85,000

Increase in Capital Expenditure

Roleystone Karragullen Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Temporary Facility
\$85,000

5. **Agree to allocate funds from the Future Projects Reserve and to seek State and Federal Grants to construct a facility the same size and style of the Bedforddale Bushfire Brigade Station at Springdale Park for the Roleystone Karragullen Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.**

6. **Pursuant to s.6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* amend* the 2021/2022 budget as follows:**

Increase Transfer from Future Projects Reserve to Capital

Future Projects Reserve \$1,700,000

Increase in Capital Expenditure

Springdale Park Bushfire Brigade Station \$1,700,000

7. **In accordance with clause 14.3(3) of the City's Standing Orders Local Law 2000 directs the CEO to take immediate action to implement this decision.**

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY RESOLUTION REQUIRED

MOVED Cr Keogh that Clauses 9.5 (Limitation of Number of Speeches) and 9.6 (Limitation on Duration of Speeches) of the Standing Orders be suspended to allow free and open discussion on the motion.

SECONDED Cr C Campbell

OPPOSED Cr G Nixon

Motion Carried (7-6)

Outcome of voting recorded at the request of Cr Campbell

For: Crs Keogh, Munn, Peter, Campbell, Flynn, Shaw and Wielinga

Against: Crs Northcott, Busby, Smith, Silver, Nixon & Frost

Cr Keogh in opposing the motion foreshadowed parts 1(d), 2(a) to 2(e) and 3 of the Report recommendation.

There were questions and lengthy debate on the motion put by Cr Nixon as well as the options presented in the report recommendation with Council members conscious that a decision on this matter was expected at this meeting.

MOVED Cr Silver that Standing orders (Clauses 9.5 and 9.6) be resumed.

SECONDED Cr Busby

OPPOSED Cr C Campbell

Motion Carried (10-3)

Outcome of voting recorded at the request of Cr Campbell

For: Crs Munn, Northcott, Flynn, Shaw, Smith, Busby, Silver, Wielinga, Nixon & Frost

Against: Crs Campbell, Peter and Keogh

Cr Nixon's motion was put to the vote.

**MOTION CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY
RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL**

(9-4)

Outcome of voting recorded at the request of Cr Campbell

For: Crs Northcott, Flynn, Shaw, Busby, Smith, Silver, Wielinga, Nixon & Frost

Against: Crs Keogh, Campbell, Munn & Peter

Recommendation CEO2/10/21 - Councillors Information Bulletin - Issue No 17/2021

MOVED Cr D M Shaw

That Council acknowledge receipt of Issue 17/2021 of the Information Bulletin

MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED

(13/0)

11 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

12 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

Nil

13 MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO STANDING COMMITTEES – WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

14 MATTERS REQUIRING CONFIDENTIAL CONSIDERATION

Nil

15 CLOSURE

Acknowledgement from Cr Butterfield

The Deputy Mayor read aloud the following acknowledgement from the Mayor, Cr Ruth Butterfield

“I would like express my thanks to Councillors for your support over the past 2 years. Being Mayor of the City of Armadale has truly been an honour and I have been grateful for the ongoing support and expertise of the Executive team and CEO.

The COVID -19 pandemic added to the already busy program of works for the City. ‘Business as usual’ no longer exists where the threat of COVID outbreaks and the dramatic impact of workforce movement in WA, affect the way in which local governments deliver services. Despite these challenges the City has managed to complete many important infrastructure projects, community programs, events and policy reviews.

I wish our retiring Councillors, Donna Shaw and Colin Campbell, all the very best with the next chapter of your lives and thank you for your tireless work representing and advocating for your Community. We will miss you both.

To the Councillors who are facing elections next weekend, I wish you the best of luck, and thank you for the many many hours of time, expertise and professionalism you have given, to make the City of Armadale a better place.

Please stay safe and be kind."

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Frost, declared the meeting closed at 9.14pm

MINUTES CONFIRMED THIS 8 NOVEMBER 2021

MAYOR