

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
12 OCTOBER 2009**

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CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ARMADALE CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

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

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

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cr L Reynolds AM JP presided over	Heron Ward
Deputy Mayor, Cr J H Munn JP CMC	Lake Ward
Cr C J MacDonald	Lake Ward
Cr J Knezevich	Minnawarra Ward
Cr K Lethbridge JP	Minnawarra Ward
Cr H A Zelones JP	River Ward
Cr R Butterfield	River Ward
Cr L Scidone	Jarraah Ward
Cr P J Hart	Jarraah Ward
Cr J Everts	Palomino Ward
Cr W Mauger	Palomino Ward
Cr J A Stewart CMC	Heron Ward

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr R S Tame	Chief Executive Officer
Mr A F Maxwell	Executive Director Corporate Services
Mr I MacRae	Executive Director Development Services
Mr W A Bruce	Executive Director Technical Services
Ms Y Coyne	Executive Director Community Services
Mrs Y Ward	CEO's Executive Assistant (Acting)

Public: Nil
Press: Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Leave of absence previously granted to Cr Best and Cr Tizard.

APOLOGIES:

Nil

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

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6 PETITIONS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2009

MOVED Cr Stewart that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 29 September 2009 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

272/10/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (12-0)

**8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT
DISCUSSION**

8.1 Pioneers' Reunion

On 3 October 2009, the 47th Pioneers' Reunion was held in the Armadale District Hall and as usual, was a great success. The Mayor thanked those Councillors that attended – Cr Hart, Cr MacDonald, Cr Mauger, Cr Scidone and Cr Butterfield. Dale Cottages was presented

with a certificate noting that the organisation had been providing services to the community for 50 years and acknowledging that Dale Cottages now qualified as Pioneers.

8.2 Breaking the Ground Ceremony – Aboriginal Interpretive Centre Stage 1 at Champion Lakes

On 6 October 2009, on behalf of the Armadale Redevelopment Authority, Council organised a ‘Breaking the Ground Ceremony’ for the Aboriginal Interpretive Centre Stage 1 at Champion Lakes. This event was designed to be relatively low key, with the major celebrations reserved for completion date. It is understood that construction work should commence late this month or early next month.

8.3 Local Government & Planning Ministers & Australian Council of Local Government Steering Committee held in Darwin

On 7 to 9 October 2009, the Mayor attended the joint meeting of the Local Government and Planning Ministers’ (LGPMC) and the Australian Council of Local Government Steering Committee (ACLG) held in Darwin. ACLG Members also participated in a workshop with key personnel from the Australian Centre of Excellence. The Mayor will try to provide Councillors with a more fulsome report when the opportunity presents itself.

8.4 Dale Cottages – 50 Year Celebrations – Gala Ball

On 10 October 2009, the Dale Cottages – 50 Year Celebrations – Gala Ball was held and was deemed a great success, with Council and Armadale Rotary credited with making it possible. His Excellency, the Governor and his wife attended, as did a raft of dignitaries including Councillors Hart, Munn and MacDonald.

8.5 Presentation to the Winners of the Rates Incentive

Today (12 October 2009), along with Crs Munn and Scidone, the Mayor presented the winners of the Rates Incentives with their winnings at a small ceremony in the Function Room. As one might expect they were delighted with their good fortune.

8.6 Dog’s Day Out – Rushton Park

On 4 October 2009, the City held the 3rd annual Dog’s Day Out at Rushton Park, Kelmscott. The Rangers and staff involved in putting on the day are to be congratulated on the outstanding success of the event.

8.7 Karragullen Expo

On 10 October 2009, Crs Scidone, Butterfield and Hart attended the Karragullen Expo on behalf of Council.

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

Nil

10 REPORTS

10.1 TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report of the Technical Services Committee of 5 October 2009.

CORRECTION:

Front Page Observers:
The letter “h” to be removed from Cr Mauger’s name.

MOVED Cr Knezevich that the report, subject to the above correction, be received.

273/10/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (12-0)

BUSINESS ARISING:

Recommendation T83/10/09 – Review of Delegations of Authority Relevant to the Technical Services Directorate

MOVED Cr Knezevich that Recommendation T83/10/09 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn.

274/10/2009 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (12-0)

MOVED Cr Knezevich that Recommendations T81/10/09 to T84/10/09, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

275/10/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (12-0)

10.2 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report of the Development Services Committee of 5 October 2009.

MOVED Cr Zelones that the report, be received.

276/10/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (12-0)

BUSINESS ARISING:

Recommendation D114/10/09 – Attendance by Elected Members at Heritage Council of Western Australia Seminar in Perth on 5 & 6 November 2009

MOVED Cr Zelones:

That a Councillor be nominated to attend the Heritage Council of Western Australia Heritage Seminar 2009 to be held on 5 & 6 November 2009 at Council House, 27 St George's Terrace, Perth, with costs incurred to be charged to GL Account 210128.1046.02.

277/10/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (12-0)

Recommendation D115/10/09 – Review of Delegations of Authority Relevant to the Development Services Directorate

MOVED Cr Zelones that Recommendation D115/10/09 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn

278/10/2009 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (12-0)

MOVED Cr Zelones that Recommendations D99/9/09 to D109/9/09, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

279/10/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (12-0)

10.3 CITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Report of the City Strategy Committee held on 6 October 2009.

CORRECTION:

Page 43 Recommendation CS113/10/09 – Cr Munn - Alfred Skeet Reserve CSRFF Funding Application

The name Cr Butterfield to be deleted and replaced by Cr Munn in the first line of the item.

MOVED Cr MacDonald that the Report, subject to the above correction, be received.

280/10/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (12-0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation CS104/10/09 – Tender No. 36/09 – Management of Armadale Golf Course

MOVED Cr MacDonald that Recommendation CS104/10/09 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn.

281/10/2009 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (12-0)

Recommendation CS109/10/09 – Delegations of Authority

MOVED Cr MacDonald that Recommendation CS109/10/09 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn.

282/10/2009 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (12-0)

Recommendation CS112/10/09 – Review of Delegations of Authority Relevant to the Community Services Directorate

MOVED Cr MacDonald that Recommendation CS112/10/09 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn.

283/10/2009 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (12-0)

MOVED Cr MacDonald that Recommendations CS/104/10/09 to CS113/10/09, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

284/10/2009 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (12-0)

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

Cr Munn That the Community Perceptions Survey be referred to the City Strategy Committee.

14 MATTERS REQUIRING CONFIDENTIAL CONSIDERATION

Nil

15 CLOSURE

Cr MacDonald requested the opportunity to thank the members of the Community Services Committee for their work and support over the past two years and requested that her thanks be recorded in the Council Minutes, since due to the cancellation of the Community Services Committee on 6 October 2009, the ability to do so had been denied to her.

Cr Reynolds provided the following address to Council:

In closing the final meeting of this Council, I want to first of all reflect on what has been achieved over the last 30 months, and to then make some brief remarks about a couple of our members who are retiring from Council. More fulsome remarks about departing Councillors will be made at our Civic Dinner.

This morning I looked back through my photos to remind myself where we were positioned in May 2007 in our quest to revitalise our district.

The temporary Armadale premises for the Australian Technical College were only just completed – subsequently the permanent accommodation has been completed and despite the economic downturn, this institution is now firmly established in Armadale, providing an important alternative educational outlet for our youth, and a boon to the building trades in our region.

The ING redevelopment of Armadale Shopping City was only just into its third stage, with the Jull Street Mall a building site. This stage, which has provided an active front onto the Jull Street Mall, didn't open until 12th March 2008.

While more remains to be done to activate the bottom end of the Mall, and I do note the commitment made by Cr Zelones to have an active local business association based in the Mall now nears fruition with the cleanup and refit of the old Post Office. A small band of volunteers have over many weekends been cleaning and painting the inside of the original section of the building.

Westzone's development of the new Armadale Central was still largely an unfinished drawing, with construction work on stage 1 to house the Woolworths store only just begun following significant delays caused by unexpected soil conditions. You could still see the railway line from our building across a flat, cleared site.

Meanwhile in our north west corner, some early house construction was underway in the Newhaven, Orion, and Vertu subdivisions, and civil works were under way in Satterley's Heron Park. Something like a thousand houses are now occupied in these developments.

Kelmscott, or at least the part under Council planning control, has seen significant development of multiple dwellings and bulk goods shopping premises. The highway frontage to the town now has a very different appearance to the overgrown grass covered mounds opposite the tired, empty and dilapidated squash courts. I will acknowledge that not every resident of Kelmscott agrees with either the architectural elements or the colours used, but nor should they – as their view of what would be acceptable might be no more popular. The overall impact and the range of services delivered to our community are, however, in my view vastly superior to 30 months ago. We retain hope that the Armadale Redevelopment Authority-controlled area will find a new lease of life in the near future.

In addition, over the last 30 months, Council has:

- issued over 2,700 building licences for new dwellings which will house more than 7,000 additional residents ;*
- significantly enhanced our road network despite numerous delays brought about by bureaucratic stoushes with State authorities:*
- carried out major upgrades to our parks and in particular, provided a whole new dimension to the play equipment in those parks with more to come;*
- made a significant beginning to getting on top of infrastructure asset preservation issues including the imposition of Specified Area Rates in new residential areas for the first time;*
- maintained the courage of setting realistic rating levels which will ensure that our Council is financially viable as we go forward, wining major acclaim along the way for our budget process and documentation; and*
- punched above our weight in terms of the contribution made by both elected members and staff to senior policy forums affecting our industry*

I could go on for some time, as the last 30 months have seen more change to the built form of our district than any other time in my long association with Armadale.

I want to especially thank all of the Elected Members and staff who have worked so constructively as a team – each valuing the role played by others in the management of our community. Your continued focus on making decisions

that are fair to all parties, and that are legal, in my view sets you above most if not all other Councils that I have contact with – I am incredibly honoured to have had the opportunity to play a role in the team. I want to also again thank the staff led by Chief Executive Officer, Ray Tame, for their efforts during the year. Without their loyal support and hard work on a daily basis we would have achieved very little, and I would ask Ray and his Executive team to convey to them all our thanks.

Generally at this time, I would on your behalf make a few comments about our retiring members and close the meeting. However, SOHAG has recently decided that Councillors should be treated no differently than those staff who have provided long service to our community and so tonight we can also offer some concrete evidence of our thanks. We will be presenting a formal Certificate of Appreciation as is customary at the Civic Dinner.

Cr Jim Everts was first elected to Council on 2nd May 1992, and he retired briefly on 6th May 1995. He returned to Council on 5th May 2001 and will finish up this Saturday, 17th October 2009, having spent 11.5 years on Council. Jim was Chair of the Technical Services Committee for 2 years from May 2005 to May 2007, spending a large proportion of his time on Council on both the Technical Services and Development Services Committees. He was also a member of the City Strategy Committee from 2005 – 2007.

I would ask Jim to come forward to receive a gift from the community for his service.

Cr John Knezevich was elected to Council on 4th May 1991 and will retire on Saturday, 7th October 2009, a total service that spans 18.5 years. John's contribution, like Jim's has been in the more practical, hands on Committees of Technical Services and Development Services, and he was also a member of the City Strategy Committee for the last 2 and a half years.

I now ask John to come forward to accept a gift to recognise his service to our community.

It remains now only for me to again thank everyone for their efforts over the last two and a half years, and to offer my best wishes to those seeking re-election on Saturday.

Crs Knezevich and Everts thanked the Mayor and fellow Councillors for their support during their time on Council and reflected positively on their experiences as a Councillor with the City of Armadale. They wished those Councillors standing for election on 17 October 2009 every success.

Cr Munn responded to the comments made by the Mayor, advising that since Cr Reynolds' election to Council and in his role as Mayor, along with the Chief Executive Officer and others, he had put the City of Armadale in the forefront of local government, in terms of his leadership of this Council and

the Grants Commission. On behalf of his fellow Councillors he thanked the Mayor for his leadership during the past two years.

The Mayor, Cr Reynolds, declared the meeting closed at 7.27 pm.

MINUTES CONFIRMED THIS 19th OCTOBER 2009

MAYOR