

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
21 MARCH 2005**

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ATTACHMENTS

NIL

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ARMADALE CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON MONDAY, 21 MARCH 2005 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

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

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

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cr L Reynolds JP presided over	Westfield Ward
Deputy Mayor, Cr J H Munn JP CMC	West Armadale Ward
Cr J Knezevich	West Armadale Ward
Cr R J Tizard	Armadale Ward
Cr A L Cominelli JP	Forrest Ward
Cr G M Hodges	Forrest Ward
Cr H A Zelones JP	Kelmscott Ward
Cr V L Clowes-Hollins	Kelmscott Ward
Cr D L Hopper JP	Roleystone Ward
Cr P J Hart	Roleystone Ward
Cr J Everts	Seville Ward
Cr G T Wallace	Seville Ward
Cr J Stewart	Westfield 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 C Askew	Executive Director Community Services
Mr G Davies	Acting Executive Director Technical Services
Mrs S D'Souza	CEO's Executive Assistant
Ms A Ryalls	Corporate Relations Assistant

Public: 4
Press: 1

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

APOLOGIES:

Apology received from Cr Green.

MOVED Cr Tizard that the apology be received.

80/3/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

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

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Phil Aked.. – 12 Protector Grove, Roleystone

Q1 I have lived in the area for 9 years since the resort was built and there were strict covenants for development in the area. Are there any good planning reasons why these covenants now seem to have changed for the Araluen area?

The Mayor invited the Executive Director Development Services (EDDS) to comment.

The EDDS advised that the covenants expired last October but as there was still a need for development guidelines certain planning controls and standards have been incorporated into the new Town Planning Scheme and Residential Design Guidelines Policy.

This policy was advertised last year and following comments from the community most aspects of the covenants have been reflected within the policy.

The new Town Planning Scheme and the Residential Design Guidelines Policy will now guide Council in assessing applications in the Araluen Estate.

Ms P Crapper – 45 Ridgehill Rise, Roleystone

Q1 Where was the development proposal for Lot 273 Heritage Drive advertised?

The EDDS advised that the proposal was advertised to the abutting landowners and was also referred to the Araluen Estate Progress Association.

Q2 I represent the Association and did not receive a letter. How long was it advertised for?

It was advertised for 14 days but late submissions were accepted and a submission by the Association was considered at the Committee meeting.

Question time closed at 7.10pm

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6 PETITIONS

1. Traffic Calming Devices on O'Sullivan Drive

A petition signed by 49 residents was tabled by Cr Wallace, the prayer of which reads:

"We the undersigned residence of O'Sullivan Drive and adjoining streets in Westfield Western Australia 6111 would like the Armadale City Council to consider installing traffic calming devices on O'Sullivan Drive as it is used as a drag strip by some drivers and the speed limit of 50kmh rarely observed. A high number of children use this street to get to and fro to school, and it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.

MOVED Cr Wallace:

That the petition be received and be referred to the Technical Services Committee.

81/3/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON 8 MARCH 2005

MOVED Cr Stewart that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 8 March 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

82/3/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

8.1 Scholarship Presentation – Armadale Senior High School

On Wednesday 9th March, Cr Tizard attended Armadale Senior High School and presented a High School Scholarship to Christopher Capao who is now studying Year 11.

8.2 Meeting with Police District Superintendent

On Monday 14th March, along with the CEO, the Mayor met the new Police District Superintendent Shayne Maines from Cannington District Office and it was pleasing to note that most of the matters raised were acted upon

8.3 Parliamentary Bike Ride

On Tuesday 15th March, accompanied by the Executive Director Technical Services and Cr Zelones, the Mayor attended the annual Parliamentary Bike Ride. Cr Zelones has suggested that next year we could include a local ride in Bike Week program utilising the new principal shared path (PSP) along the Tonkin Highway, and the Council constructed path on Armadale Road. The ride could also utilise the connection between the Tonkin Highway and Gosnells to make it an Armadale to Gosnells event.

8.4 Concerts in the Park ‘ Jus’ Jump

On Sunday 20th March, the high energy swing band *Jus’ Jump* entertained a crowd of approximately 600 - 700 people in Minnowarra Park, the last of our stand alone Music in the Park events for this summer. There is one final musical treat this year during the Minnowarra Festival when three stages will be belting out music for the two days.

8.5 Young Voices of Egelu Choir from Germany – Visit to Council

This morning (Monday 21st March), along with Crs Clowes-Hollins, Tizard, the CEO and a variety of staff, the Mayor hosted the visiting Young Voices of Egelu Choir from Germany who entertained us. This reciprocated visit was organised by Mr John Christmass of Kelmscott. On behalf of the Council the Mayor took the opportunity to congratulate John on his WA Senior Citizen of the Year Award and made small presentations to both him, and the visitors.

8.6 ARA Briefing on Brookdale

Earlier this evening councillors attended the ARA Briefing in relation to Brookdale.

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

Nil

10 REPORTS

10.1 CITY AUDIT COMMITTEE

Report of the City Audit Committee held on 14 March 2005.

CORRECTION:

Recommendation No. CA1/3/05 to be added on Page 5 and Recommendation No. CA2/3/05 to be added on Page 9

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

83/3/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation CA1/3/05 – Compliance Audit Return for the Year 2004

MOVED Cr Hopper that Recommendation CA1/3/05 be adopted.

84/3/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

Recommendation CA2/3/05 – Tender for External Financial Audit Services

MOVED Cr Zelones that Recommendation CA2/3/05 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn

85/3/2005 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (13-0)

10.2 CITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Report of the City Strategy Committee held on 14 March 2005.

MOVED Cr Hodges that the Report be received.

86/3/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

Recommendation D37/3/05 – Proposed Modification to Urban Unit A15/A16 Outline Development Plan – Lot 31 and Part Lot 161 Wungong Road and Lot 11 Chiltern Avenue, Brookdale

MOVED Cr Zelones that Recommendation D37/3/05 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Knezevich

92/3/2005 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (13-0)

MOVED Cr Zelones that Recommendations D25/3/05 to D38/3/05, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

93/3/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

10.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Report of the Chief Executive Officer as at 17 March 2005

MOVED Cr Clowes-Hollins that the Report, be received.

94/3/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

10.4.1 Councillors' Information Bulletin Issue 6/2005

MOVED Cr Cominelli that Council acknowledge receipt of Issue No. 6/2005 of the Information Bulletin

95/3/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

10.4.2 2005 Sorry Day Commemoration (Late item tabled at the meeting)

WARD ALL
FILE REF: CTE 36
DATE 21 March 2005
REF YC
RESPONSIBLE Executive Director
MANAGER Community Services

In Brief:
This item recommends Council:

- Approve a request by the Bringing Them Home Committee (WA) Inc. to hold the Sorry Day commemoration on the 26th May 2005 in Minnowarra Park.
- Approve the erection of a Sorry Memorial Pole in Minnowarra Park.
- Approve a contribution towards the event.

Tabled Items

Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

Building our Community
Communicating and Marketing
Developing our Organisation

Legislation Implications

Nil

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Nil

Budget/Financial Implications

The Reconciliation Budget currently has a balance of \$11 096, which the ATSIAC has made the following provisional allocations:

NAIDOC Week	\$4 500
Armadale Indigenous Planning	\$5 000
Reconciliation Week – Sorry Day	\$1 000
Aboriginal Seniors Day	\$ 500
Total	\$11 000

An amount towards the Sorry Day event as depicted in this report could be accommodated from the Reconciliation Budget by delaying the Armadale Indigenous Planning to 2005/06, following consultation with Council's ATSIAC Committee.

Consultation

Technical Services
Recreation Services
ATSIAC

BACKGROUND

The Mayor has advised of an approach by the Bringing Them Home Committee (WA) Inc. requesting support and assistance for the 2005 WA Sorry Day event. The event is a ceremony of recognition of the hurt of the stolen generation by the "Bringing Them Home" report in 1997.

The first National Sorry Day was held on 26 May 1998 - one year after the tabling of the report *Bringing them Home* which was the result of an inquiry into the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. One of the recommendations of the report was that a National Sorry Day should be declared. The Day offers the community the opportunity to participate and be involved in activities to acknowledge the impact of the policies of forcible removal on Australia's indigenous populations.

The Bringing Them Home Committee (WA) Inc. is proposing that the 2005 event be held in Armadale on 26th May from 11.30am to 1.00pm. Minnowarra Park has been proposed as the venue for the ceremony that would include a Noongar Welcome to Country in the amphitheatre, a symbolic procession over the Minnowarra bridge, a "Sea of Hands" and some music. It has been estimated that a mixed crowd of approximately 200 participants, including school children, Indigenous and non-Indigenous representation.

It would culminate in the unveiling of a memorial pole which would serve as a reminder to indigenous persons that Armadale people have recognised their struggle with the historic policies of removal. The steel galvanised pole would stand approximately three metres high, have a 100mm sq profile, a 3mm wall thickness, be painted in bands of the Aboriginal national flag and carry the word "Sorry" and the date "26 May 2005."

A representative of the Department of Community Development raised the issue at a recent ATSIAC meeting and there was a general consensus of approval from the members, with a provisional amount of \$1000 being nominated from the Reconciliation budget for it, however no formal recommendation was made.

The Committee has requested the following support and assistance from the City:

- Mayoral Participation
- Use of Minnowarra Park, including the amphitheatre.
- In case of inclement weather the back up use of Armadale Hall or Function Room at the City's Administration Centre.
- Permission and assistance to erect the memorial pole.
- Assistance of a Council officer as a liaison.
- Provision of a Public Address system and lectern.
- Assistance with publicity for the event.
- Permission to erect a banner on Armadale Road two weeks prior to the event.
- Council donations for the production of banners, lunchtime refreshments, donations to school bands attending and the preparation of the Sorry pole.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

The City of Armadale has a reputation for working in partnership with its Indigenous community and the selection of the City for the 2005 Sorry Day event is an indication of that recognition. The ethos of Sorry Day has attracted political critique, however the event and the City's role in it can be considered as an expression of regret for past occurrences.

In regard to the Bringing Them Home Committee (WA) Inc request:

Minnawarra Park, Armadale Hall and Function Room are both available for the date and times required.

The financial costs of the event have been estimated to be:

Armadale Hall Hire costs:	\$ 50
PA System	\$ 250
Soft Banner	\$ 400
Sorry Memorial Pole	\$1500
Sundial Paving to base	\$ 500
Publicity Flyers	\$ 500
Refreshments	\$ 800
Music / Band donations	\$1000
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$5000

It would be possible to make a contribution of up to \$5000 to the event subject to consultation with Council's ATSIAC Committee. The City would provide professional advice and liaison of officers from Community Development, Technical Services and its Public Relations Co-ordinator to assist with the event.

A suitable site for the Sorry Memorial Pole would be the Orchard Road side of Minnawarra Park located close to the amphitheatre, with a final location subject to investigation of underground services etc. A further suggestion is that the Pole could incorporate a "sun-dial" paving concept that depicts both time and the six Noongar Seasons. Council may wish to include this added dimension as a practical application of the Sorry Memorial Pole and the above estimates have included an allowance for this cost.

COMMENT

Analysis

Previous Sorry Day commemorations have been held in Subiaco, Bassendean, Forrest Place in Perth and Victoria Park. There is already in place a 'Sorry' Pole on Albany Highway in East Victoria Park and it is the intention of the Bringing Them Home Committee WA Inc. to establish them in all local governments in WA.

Informal consideration by the ATSIAC has indicated support and approval for the event to be held in Armadale.

Options

Council has the following options:

1. Endorse the involvement of the City in the 2005 Sorry Day commemoration as proposed by the Bringing Them Home Committee WA (Inc.) and provide a financial contribution of up to \$5000 after consultation with Council's ATSIAC Committee..
2. Endorse the principle of the 2005 Sorry Day commemoration as proposed by the Bringing Them Home Committee WA (Inc.) but to not contribute to the event in any form.
3. Endorse the principle of the 2005 Sorry Day commemoration and authorise involvement of the City in its development, but make no financial contribution.
4. Not endorse the 2005 Sorry Day commemoration to be held in Armadale.

Option 1 is recommended.

Conclusion

The Sorry Day event is an opportunity for the City to once again demonstrate its commitment to its Indigenous Community and build on its relationships and partnerships. It has the potential of attracting state and national attention, which, when promoted appropriately has significant benefits to the City, its current and proposed Indigenous projects and developments.

MOVED Cr Knezevich that Council:

1. approve the request from the Bringing Them Home Committee WA Inc for the 2005 Sorry Day commemoration to be held at Minnowarra Park on the 26th May 2005.
2. approve the installation of a Sorry Memorial Pole.
3. approve a contribution of up to \$5000 to the event from the current Reconciliation Budget, with the amount to be subject of a further report after consultation with Council's ATSIAC Committee.

96/3/2005 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**

Mayor, Cr Reynolds, declared the meeting closed at 7.35 PM

MINUTES CONFIRMED THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL 2005

MAYOR