

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
26 APRIL 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 TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2005 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

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 JP presided over	Westfield Ward
Deputy Mayor, Cr J H Munn JP CMC	West Armadale Ward
Cr J Knezevich	West Armadale Ward
Cr A L Cominelli JP	Forrest Ward
Cr G M Hodges	Forrest Ward
Cr R J Tizard	Armadale Ward
Cr F R Green	Armadale 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 A 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

Public: 6
Press: 2

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

APOLOGIES:

Nil

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

The following question was taken on notice at Council's meeting on 4 April 2005 and a response forwarded in a letter dated 12 April 2005.

Mr Jim Edwards – 18 Talus Drive, Mt Richon

Q-1 Does Council have any plans as to how local traffic will be affected once Talus Drive south is joined to Talus Drive north? There is a concern that Talus Drive will be used as a short-cut from Albany Highway to South Western Highway and similar problems as experienced with Ecko Road will occur.

A-1*At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 4 April 2005, you asked about the works being carried out by the subdivider's contractor on Talus Drive between the two ends of the existing Talus Drive. It has been the City's intention to have Talus Drive as a continuous road and indeed, street directories since at least 1998 have shown this arrangement.*

Your particular concern was that Talus Drive has the potential to become a 'rat run' through your neighbourhood for traffic avoiding the Bedforddale Hill Road / South West Highway intersection when intending to travel south along the Highway.

This circumstance is not expected to occur with any great frequency, and in particular by Albany Highway traffic using this route as a short cut.

The City has an on-going traffic monitoring system and roads such as Talus Drive are monitored as required and in priority with the City's other traffic issues.

In order to emphasise the speed environment – the speed limit for Talus Drive is 50km/hr – a traffic island is being installed in the new section of road and will act as a traffic calming device.

All roads in Western Australia must be designed to allow the passage of "as of right" vehicles, which includes semi-trailers.

Connectivity and permeability are important social amenities delivered by roads. These amenities are only removed when adverse safety and noise impacts are greater than the benefits of connectivity and permeability for the immediate community.

I thank you for your interest in this important matter and the courtesy you showed me when we discussed it both in the Council Chambers and on the phone the next day.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr T Pilkington – 312 Croyden Road, Roleystone

Q1 Have recently been made aware that Cr Hopper is not running for election as a Councillor and would like to know whether there is a record of a discussion that was had with Crs Hopper and Stubbs on 14 September 1998. The discussion referred to traffic management problems being experienced during the Tulip Festival and how those problems might be resolved.

As the information was not readily available the Mayor advised that a response will be forwarded within two weeks and a copy of the response included in the agenda for next Council meeting.

Mrs K Fry – 3 O’Sullivan Drive

Q-1 I would like to know if my letter and petition regarding removal of the new bus shelter on O’Sullivan Drive has been received and will be dealt with by Council today.

The Mayor confirmed receipt of the 13 form letters and a petition containing 45 signatories and clarified that the matter will be formally presented to Council later in the agenda for referral to the Technical Services Committee for appropriate action.

Question time declared closed at 7.08pm

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6 PETITIONS

6.1 Bus Shelter on O'Sullivan Drive

Cr Reynolds tabled a petition signed by 45 residents, the prayer of which reads:

“Due to previous anti-social behaviour at a bus shelter in this street we request the immediate removal of the new bus shelter.”

13 Form letters were also received in this regard.

MOVED Cr Reynolds that the petition and letters be received and be referred to the Technical Services Committee.

108/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

6.2 Development Application for Lot 273 Heritage Drive, Roleystone

Cr Hart tabled a petition signed by 83 residents, the prayer of which reads:-

“We the undersigned residents of the Araluen Golf Course Estate call on the Councillors of the City of Armadale to refuse the building development application for Lot 273 Heritage Drive, Roleystone on the following grounds, that the roof design does not meet the policy criteria and that the design does not meet the interpretation of Australian Vernacular that has been acknowledged and accepted in building design for this discreet area for over 10 years. Furthermore we call on Councillors to have the draft policy PLN 3.7 ‘Araluen Residential Estate’ which relates to this site, reviewed and altered accordingly to strengthen the design guideline – dwelling character – in line with the previous covenant interpretation.

MOVED Cr Hart that the petition be received and be referred to the Development Services Committee.

109/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON 4 APRIL 2005

MOVED Cr Stewart that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 4 April 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

110/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Meeting with Snr Sergeant Gardiner

On Monday 11th April together with the CEO, and appropriate management and operational staff the Mayor met with Senior Sergeant Gardiner and his Shift Sergeants from the Armadale Police Station to discuss opportunities for enhanced information sharing designed to more accurately and quickly resolve common problems.

Citizenship Ceremony – 14th April

On Thursday 14th April, along with Crs Munn, Tizard, Green, Hart, Clowes-Hollins and Everts, the Mayor attended the public citizenship ceremony held in the City of Armadale's Function Room. Mr John Day MLA whose electorate now includes Karragullen and parts of Roleystone and Kelmscott welcomed the new citizens on behalf of his parliamentary colleagues. Once again it was a ceremony enjoyed by all participants.

Forrestdale Planning Workshop

On Saturday 16th April, the Mayor attended a Planning Workshop in Forrestdale hosted by Minister MacTiernan. The Mayor had already circulated to Councillors a report on this workshop. Overall impressions were that it was a useful meeting, with all parties having a clearer idea of the future development of the Forrestdale township.

Community Day – William Skeet Oval

On Sunday 17th April, Cr Cominelli welcomed visitors to Council's Community Day held on William Skeet Oval and adjacent facilities. A good crowd attended and the skate park in particular was extremely popular.

Roleystone Village Working Group Meeting

On Wednesday 20th April, along with Cr Hart, the Manager Community Development, and Cr Elect Scidone, the Mayor attended a meeting of the Roleystone Village Working Group at the Roleystone Seniors Centre. We began with a walk around the precinct followed by an introductory workshop designed to identify for the consultant the issues that he will need to address in the community consultation stage.

Armadale PCYC Annual General Meeting

On Thursday 21st April, along with Mr Askew, the Mayor attended the Armadale PCYC Annual General Meeting at the Armadale Arena. Senior Police and PCYC representatives were all very complimentary of the relationship between PCYC and Council, and the new Manager is convinced that with some changes the deficit can be substantially reduced.

Meeting with Reps from Perth Urban Indigenous Coordination Centre

On Friday 22nd April, along with the CEO, Mr Askew, Ms Coyne and ATSIAC Chair Viv Hansen, the Mayor met with Peter Bass from the (Perth) Urban Indigenous Co-ordination Centre. Mr Bass heads a team of people set up to co-ordinate some of the programmes and resources previously funnelled through ATSIAC and ATSIIS. The meeting was cordial, and it is expected that we will have ongoing dealings with Mr Bass and his staff.

Anzac Day Services

On Monday 25th April, the annual ANZAC Dawn service at Memorial Park was again very well attended. The Mayor congratulated Mr Lanternier and his staff for the manner in which the park was presented to the public, especially since he had only been able to commence refurbishment work in the last fortnight. With perhaps a little more work that might fit into the coming year's budget, Armadale will have a CBD park second to no other Regional Centre in Western Australia. The enhanced park's appearance will be an extremely strong point of difference for us to promote in our marketing of our revitalised town centre and that it will compliment the other major upgrades that are currently underway in Kuhl Park, Cross Park and Rushton Park.

Council representatives also attended the Anzac Day ceremonies conducted at Dale Cottages and at Rushton Park in Kelmscott.

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

Nil

10 REPORTS

10.1 CITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Report of the City Strategy Committee held on 11 April 2005.

MOVED Cr Hodges that the Report be received.

111/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED

(14-0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation CS31/4/05 – Basis of Rates for the 2005-06 Rating Year

MOVED Cr Hodges that Recommendation CS31/4/05 be amended by adding:-

(a) the further following 45 properties to those already recommended; and

Assess No	Property	House No	Street Name	Suburb
3876	LOT: 17 D/P: 49520	284	Albany	BEDFORDALE
193843	LOT: 22 O/L: 600 D/P: 77376	308	Albany	BEDFORDALE
13837	LOT: 681 D/P: 254995	251	Canns	BEDFORDALE
155065	LOT: 19 O/L: 17 D/P: 92416	444	Canns	BEDFORDALE
375	LOT: 7 D/P: 28644	322	Carradine	BEDFORDALE
151459	LOT: 53 D/P: 59895	86	Cross	BEDFORDALE
21448	LOT: 50 D/P: 71123	0	Dmietrieff	BEDFORDALE
224694	LOT: 61 O/L: 10 D/P: 89844	69	Dmietrieff	BEDFORDALE
234966	LOT: 601 D/P: 98939	96	Waterwheel	BEDFORDALE
202646	LOT: 508 O/L: 506 D/P: 79704	122	Waterwheel	BEDFORDALE
25644	LOT: 500 O/L: 94 D/P: 32614	0	Eleventh	BROOKDALE
25680	LOT: 502 O/L: 111 D/P: 32614	0	Eleventh	BROOKDALE
25676	LOT: 108 D/P: 694	0	Eleventh	BROOKDALE
228246	LOT: 500 O/L: 94 D/P: 32614	0	Ninth	BROOKDALE
25694	LOT: 112 D/P: 694	0	Rowley	BROOKDALE
1052	LOT: 5067 O/L: 4 D/P: 30019	0	Rowley	BROOKDALE
168856	LOT: 24 D/P: 71918	25	Anstey	FORRESTDALE
186581	LOT: 4 O/L: 1 D/P: 76136	250	Anstey	FORRESTDALE
186991	LOT: 1 O/L: 32 D/P: 75868	0	Nicholson	FORRESTDALE
44696	LOT: 27 D/P: 226007	0	Oxley	FORRESTDALE
1066	LOT: 6 D/P: 226007	0	Rowley	FORRESTDALE
55627	LOT: 420 D/P: 165069	0	Taylor	FORRESTDALE
241773	LOT: 602 O/L: 37 D/P: 37818	141	Taylor	FORRESTDALE
165111	LOT: 112 D/P: 68072	683	Warton	FORRESTDALE
165107	LOT: 111 D/P: 68072	713	Warton	FORRESTDALE
117417	LOT: 4 D/P: 32349	0	Brookton	KARRAGULLEN
117566	LOT: 9 D/P: 42350	0	Brookton	KARRAGULLEN
118473	LOT: 72 D/P: 44492	0	Brookton	KARRAGULLEN
117863	LOT: 18 D/P: 42015	1088	Brookton	KARRAGULLEN
154027	LOT: 20 D/P: 62092	1120	Brookton	KARRAGULLEN
154013	LOT: 21 D/P: 62092	1122	Brookton	KARRAGULLEN
135552	LOT: 16 D/P: 55492	1271	Brookton	KARRAGULLEN

Assess No	Property	House No	Street Name	Suburb
117796	LOT: 14 D/P: 116390	1279	Brookton	KARRAGULLEN
117750	LOT: 13 D/P: 11639	1281	Brookton	KARRAGULLEN
119259	LOT: 1 D/P: 25682	1759	Canning	KARRAGULLEN
156003	LOT: 1 D/P: 13926	68	Convine	KARRAGULLEN
119407	LOT: 2 D/P: 48540	432	Chevin	ROLEYSTONE
156017	LOT: 2 D/P: 13926	0	Convine	ROLEYSTONE
156035	LOT: 4 D/P: 13926	101	Convine	ROLEYSTONE
156021	LOT: 3 D/P: 13926	102	Convine	ROLEYSTONE
244062	LOT: 532 D/P: 121264	0	Irymple	ROLEYSTONE
115724	LOT: 4 D/P: 51110	106	Irymple	ROLEYSTONE
237732	LOT: 69 O/L: 111 D/P: 24309	0	Peet	ROLEYSTONE
176962	LOT: 5 O/L: 2 D/P: 74357	0	Redtail	ROLEYSTONE
176958	LOT: 4 O/L: 2 D/P: 74357	34	Redtail	ROLEYSTONE

(b) a part (2) to recommendation CS31/4/05 as follows:-

2. That Council note that the Report recommendation will have the effect of reducing future annual rate revenues by approximately \$45,000 per annum.

112/4/2005 AMENDMENT not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

MOVED Cr Hodges that Recommendation CS31/4/05, as amended, be adopted.

113/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

Recommendation CS37/4/05 – Purchase of Additional Fleet Vehicles

MOVED Cr Hodges that Recommendation CS37/4/05 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn

114/4/2005 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (14-0)

MOVED Cr Hodges that Recommendations CS29/4/05 to CS38/4/05, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

115/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

10.2 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report of the Development Services Committee held on 12 April 2005

MOVED Cr Zelones that the Report be received.

116/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation D39/4/05 – Proposed Equestrian Activity and Rural Use – Lot 413 Albany Highway, Bedfordale

Cr Tizard disclosed that he resides in close proximity to the subject property. As a consequence, there may be a perception 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.

MOVED Cr Zelones that Recommendation D39/4/05 be adopted.

117/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

Recommendation D40/4/05 - Proposed Single Residence – Lot 273 Heritage Drive, Roleystone

MOVED Cr Hart that Recommendation D40/4/05 be not adopted as the development does not sufficiently comply with the requirements of Policy PLN 3.7.

OPPOSED Cr Everts
SECONDED Cr Hopper

The outcome of voting was an equal number of votes for and against the above motion; i.e. 7-7

In terms of Section 5.21(3) of the Local Government Act, if the votes of members present at a Council meeting are equally divided, the person presiding may cast a second vote.

The Mayor cast a second vote and voted against the motion.

MOTION LOST (7-8)

MOVED Cr Reynolds:-

That Recommendation D40/4/05 be amended as follows:-

1. That a new part 1(b) be added as follows:-
 - b) Redesign of the wind baffles in a manner that reduces the angular nature of their design to the satisfaction of the Executive Director Development Services such that they more sympathetically relate to the topography and landscape character of the Araluen Country Club Estate and locality.

2. The existing parts 1(b) and 1(c) be renumbered to 1(c) and 1(d) respectively.
3. In part 1(c) of the Recommendation, the words “sympathetic to the immediate landscape” be added in brackets after the word “textures.
4. Part 1(d) be amended to read as follows:-
 - d) The submission of a comprehensive landscape plan is required to the satisfaction of the Executive Director Development Services. Such plan to demonstrate the integration of vegetation and wind baffles to assist with the screening of the garages from Heritage Drive. The plan is to include plant species (predominantly West Australian natives), numbers, location, container size and method of irrigation of the landscaped areas. The landscape plan is to be approved and the landscaping installed and maintained thereafter, to the satisfaction of the said officer.
5. Part 2(b) be amended to read as follows:-
 - b) With regard to condition 1(c) , the schedule submitted with the application is unacceptable.
6. In part 2(c), the reference to condition 1(c) be amended to read “condition 1(d)”

118/4/2005 AMENDMENT not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

MOVED Cr Reynolds that D40/4/05, as amended, be adopted.

119/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

MOVED Cr Zelones that Recommendations D39/4/05 to D47/4/05, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

120/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

10.3 TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report of the Technical Services Committee held on 18 April 2005

MOVED Cr Clowes-Hollins that the Report be received.

121/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation T25/4/05 – Armadale Arena Storage Facility - Funding

MOVED Cr Clowes-Hollins that Recommendation T25/4/05 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn

122/4/2005 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (14-0)

Recommendation T27/4/05 – Advertising Litter Bins

Council noted the following information that was tabled.

Executive Director Technical Services reported that Natsales is now able to confirm that the following five sites are to be deleted, as suggested by Committee and that revised locations for these five litter bins will be reported to Council for approval once Natsales have had the opportunity to investigate new locations.

1. *Brookton Highway corner Bernard Street*
2. *Brookton Highway corner Soldiers Road*
3. *Armadale Road near McDonalds (west)*
4. *Armadale Road corner Church Avenue (west)*
5. *Armadale Road opposite Church Avenue (east)*

MOVED Cr Clowes-Hollins that Recommendation T27/4/05 be adopted.

123/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

MOVED Cr Clowes-Hollins that Recommendations T25/4/05 to T27/4/05, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

124/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

10.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report of the Community Services Committee held on 19 April 2005

CORRECTION:

Page 50 In the third line of the preamble the word “Fog” to be changed to “Frog”

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

125/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Recommendation C31/4/05 – Advisory Committees

MOVED Cr Cominelli that Recommendation C31/4/05 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn

126/4/2005 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (14-0)

Recommendation C34/4/05 – Lease – Christian Outreach Centre – Lot 15 Neerigen Street, Armadale

*Cr Everts declared a financial interest in Recommendation C34/4/05 as he has an association with the applicant.
Cr Everts left the meeting.*

MOVED Cr Cominelli that Recommendation C34/4/05 be adopted.

127/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)

Cr Everts returned to the meeting.

Recommendation C35/4/05 - Sorry Day Memorial Pole – Minnowarra Park

MOVED Cr Cominelli that part (a) of Recommendation C35/4/05 be amended to read as follows:

- (a) approve the temporary positioning of the “Sorry Pole” at the Orchard Road end of Minnowarra Park, **approx. 50m south of the location shown on the Plan included in this report**, with the view to relocating the pole to the Aboriginal Interpretive Centre at Champion Lakes when it opens.

128/4/2005 AMENDMENT not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

MOVED Cr Cominelli that Recommendation C35/4/05, as amended, be adopted.

129/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

Recommendation C36/4/05 - Innovation in Community Engagement Conference 2005

MOVED Cr Cominelli that no Councillor nomination be made for attendance at the Innovation in Community Engagement Conference 2005.

130/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

Recommendation C37/4/05 – Community Arts Network (WA) Inc – Council Representation

MOVED Cr Cominelli that Recommendation C37/4/05 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn

131/4/2005 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (14-0)

Recommendation C38/4/05 – Dog Free Reserves

MOVED Cr Hart that Recommendation C38/4/05 be not adopted and be recommitted to the Community Services Committee for further investigation on some of the implications of the amendments to this local law.

132/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

Recommendation C41/4/05 – Request to Conduct a Circus in the City

MOVED Cr Cominelli that Recommendation C41/4/05 be amended by deleting the words “(to be confirmed prior to Council meeting)” in the 5th dot point.

133/4/2005 AMENDMENT not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

MOVED Cr Cominelli that Recommendation C41/4/05, as amended, be adopted.

134/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

Recommendation C42/4/05 – Armadale Soccer Club Debt

MOVED Cr Cominelli that Recommendation C42/4/05 be adopted.
SECONDED Cr Munn

135/4/2005 MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL (14-0)

Recommendation C43/4/05 – Youth Affairs Council of WA Conference

MOVED Cr Cominelli that no Councillor nomination be made for attendance at the Youth Affairs Council of WA Conference.

136/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

MOVED Cr Cominelli that Recommendations T31/4/05 to T44/4/05, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

137/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

10.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Report of the Chief Executive Officer as at 21 April 2005

MOVED Cr Wallace that the Report be received.

138/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

10.5.1 WA Local Government Association – AGM – 7 August 2005

MOVED Cr Clowes-Hollins:

Notice of the WA Local Government Association Annual General Meeting 2005 be received and motions for inclusion on the Agenda be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer by 27th May 2005 for report to Council on 7th June 2005 prior to these being forwarded to WALGA.

139/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

10.5.2 Councillors' Information Bulletin – Issue 8/2005

MOVED Cr Wallace that Council acknowledge receipt of Issue No. 8/2005 of the Information Bulletin.

140/4/2005 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (14-0)

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 Hart That the matter of the Draft Policy PLN 3.7 clearly identifying “buildings blending with the landscape” characteristics, be referred to the Development Services Committee.

- Cr Hart That the matter of installation of pelican lights on the corner of Armadale Road and Seventh Road (at the school crossing) be referred to the Technical Services Committee.
- Cr Hart That the matter of additional opportunities for green waste disposal be referred to the Technical Services Committee.
- Cr Munn That the matter of progress on the contract, or lack of contract, with Landfill Gas and Power Pty Ltd to supply renewable power to the City be referred to the City Strategy Committee (T83/7/03 refers).
- Cr Munn That the matter of what energy and water saving plans have been incorporated in the Administration Building upgrade be referred to the Technical Services Committee.
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14 MATTERS REQUIRING CONFIDENTIAL CONSIDERATION

NIL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In closing this two year chapter of Council business, the Mayor took the opportunity to make some brief comments.

“Councillors we have come to the end of another electoral cycle. Before closing the meeting it is appropriate that I make some comments about those in our midst who have chosen to retire, and those for whom it is their turn to again seek endorsement from the community.

To begin with Cr Hodges. Trudi Hodges has served just less than eight years with Council having initially been elected on the 3rd of May 1997 to represent Armadale Ward. Then in 1999 Trudi had a short break before being elected to represent Forrest Ward. For the last four years Trudi has very ably chaired the City Strategy Committee, and her guidance in that area will be missed. Trudi has also been active in a range of Council matters, but particularly those relating to youth and seniors. I am certain that she will continue to provide advice to us in relation to our older citizens, albeit from outside the group.

While we might have wanted Cr Hodges to remain a key member of the team, we recognise that other priorities are for the moment drawing her away from Council. Perhaps she will consider rejoining Council at some time in the future as we would all recognise the value of your participation.

Cr Deb Hopper is almost a rarity in that she has never faced an election – well not in Armadale anyway. Elected unopposed for Roleystone on May 3rd 1997, Deb has now completed eight years in that role. She leaves us to seek elected office in her new home town of Subiaco, where we wish her well. While on our team she was Chair of the Technical Services Committee from 2001 to 2003, a delegate to WALGA at several levels, including the last two years on the State Executive, and Cr Hopper has chaired the Municipal Waste Advisory Council for I think the past five years. Thank you Deb, enjoy the Subi experience.

Cr Frank Green was elected to represent the Armadale Ward on the 4th of May 1996, and tonight completes nine years of service on Council. Frank has at the same time provided ongoing community involvement via the Dale Cottages Management Board, and the Roleystone Bowling Club, while always being available to help out anyone that needed help.

Frank has not been a serial debater, preferring instead to allow his actions to speak for themselves. When he has spoken on an issue, it has always been from the heart and based on his honest assessment of the problem before Council. Thank you for your service over those nine years Frank, and we all wish you and Eileen a very happy retirement and many satisfying years with your grand daughter and the rest of your family.

Crs Vivienne Clowes-Hollins and John Knezevich have both offered to continue on, and we await the outcome of this year's election process to see if they will continue or not. I won't tempt fate by eulogising them, simply thanking them very genuinely for their assistance to this point, and wishing them good fortune on May 7th.

Crs Jim Everts and Jim Stewart are already over the line and will continue on along with those of us who were last elected in 2003. I should also thank not only our senior staff, but indeed all staff for their efforts on behalf of the residents of the City over the last two years. It has been an exciting period that has seen some of the many, many years of planning materialise into real bricks and mortar on the ground, at the same time as we have taken some major steps in terms of community service provision.

On behalf of our shared community, can I thank all of you for the way in which you have pitched in as a team? A champion team will always beat a team of champions, and while we all have our own unique and individual strengths, it has been the blending of those strengths into a focused team that has allowed us to achieve so much at a time when so many other Councils are imploding.

While we do have different views from time to time, there is always a willingness to explore the issues and to find a consensus view which can then become Council's view.

I am particularly appreciative of the way that you have all worked with me and supported me, thus making my job much easier than it might otherwise have been. Thank you very much.

Perhaps I can now invite each of the retiring members to say a few words prior to my closing the meeting."

Farewell speech by Cr Hodges:-

“In 1996 when I was considering being involved with local government, I approached ex-councillor and Honorary Freeman Ev Gribble and in her words “you’re mad ... you get no thanks.....no time for yourself....your family is too young and you’re too young...too many meetings.....forget about it and leave it for another 10 years”.

She was perfectly right and I should have listened..... but as usual I ignored everything she said, walked away and got myself on Council.

My time has been very interesting and very challenging. The first few years were frustrating as there seemed to be fantastic ideas and lots of activity but not enough money. However, today those ideas that stemmed from Council have been embraced by the ARA and have been progressed and it’s good to see some of those ideas come to fruition.

There is only one disappointment that I can recall during my term and that was the issue of a suburb name change.

I was happy to be involved with the community effort to close the Brookdale Waste Treatment Plant and I do believe that I have played some part in ensuring that the issues to do with seniors remain in everybody’s radar.

Most of all I am pleased to see the big change in appreciation of community development as a core business of Council. Even though roads, rates and rubbish are very dear to our hearts they have a place.... but in the world of Council today, the focus is very much on people and if we can focus on people then Council can support and make things different for the community.

My thanks to the CEO and staff who have been very supportive. My appreciation to all councillors, particularly Alison Cominelli my fellow ward councillor and Cr Green my previous co-ward councillor and thanks to the Mayor for your guidance.

I have enjoyed my term on Council and am very much the wiser for the whole experience. Thank you.”

Farwell speech by Cr Hopper:-

“When I first became a councillor, I was indeed fortunate to be taken under the wing of my co-ward councillor who became my mentor and my friend.

Under his tutelage, I had to learn a number of lessons, not the least of which was the way in which I expressed myself, in both the ceremonial protocols and in the social niceties of being an elected member in local government.

One of the first questions I asked following the election in 1997, was – where should I direct my effusive energies in local government? This was after overhearing a conversation where it was made clear that Councillors from the City of Armadale were actively encouraged to “go out and mingle” - to join in other activities in the wide world of local government, to learn about

other councils and to experience the way local government activities are carried out throughout the state.

In fact, Cr Reynolds suggested that there was no-one “doing rubbish”. Rubbish? I asked – and did it. And How!

Within the space of seven months, I had been seconded onto the Municipal Waste Advisory Council as a representative of the SE Zone of WAMA, a position I have held since then, with the last five years spent being its elected chair.

I was also encouraged into representing Armadale on the SE Zone Refuse Committee, which became the SE Metropolitan Waste Committee and then the SE Metropolitan Regional Council, of which I was privileged to be the inaugural chair.

I have worked in waste management, with some very interesting and exciting people and organisations, at a local, state and national level for the last five years – where else would I have ever had that opportunity?

A few years ago, the question was posed: How did I know so much about the wider world of local government – I must have had a conduit into that mysterious world of local government at large, but in fact, I was working and participating in that mysterious world in my own right, and have been for seven of the last eight years.

Over that time I have had the honour to represent local government on all cabinet-appointed waste management bodies, bar the Waste Management Board, including the Keep Australia Beautiful Council, the Advisory Council on Waste Management and the State Recycling Committee.

The last two years as the SE Zone’s representative on the Western Australian Local Government Association has been the pinnacle of my journey and I thank you for that opportunity.

It has been an exciting, exhilarating and challenging ride.

Local government has given me the opportunity to meet people I would never have had the chance to meet and to do things I would never have dreamed of doing.

On a more serious note, the role of a Councillor in a close-knit community like Roleystone is sometimes a little different to other areas of the City. This is reflected in the extent to which we can become involved in some very human issues and dramas and in respect of the position of being involved in some very sad situations.

In particular, the incident which shook the district to its very core - the death of teenager Andrew King by a hit and run driver escaping from a burglary at the local chemist.

The councillors became the focal point for the grief of parents, other young people and the community – through organising the memorial service, through trying to find appropriate avenues for their grief by working with the schools and the local businesses, and by being the

conduit for other members of the community to try to understand the perceived lenient reaction towards some very anti-social behaviour by some very angry and bewildered teenagers.

My job has been to remain consistent and calm in the face of some horrifying human tragedies – the community has asked us to do things that were far beyond the intent of the Local Government Act of 1995. It has been very draining and at times, I often asked if this was all worthwhile.

Last week I received a letter from one of those recalcitrant children – five years after these particularly difficult few months. Her letter told of years of drug abuse as an addict out of control and how, after twelve months on a SW farm undergoing rehabilitation, she has finally understood what we were trying to do for her and for all of the others. She just wanted to say thank you.

.....just one poignant example of doing a sometimes demanding and “above and beyond the call of duty” job of representing an insular, protective and often critical community – one that makes representing a ward like Roleystone so challenging but meaningful.

While the roads, drains and rubbish in Roleystone are important, so too is Andrew’s tree, growing near Roley pool. The tree planted by the lost and confused children (albeit some of them adults) in a culturally appropriate location – one sponsored by this council - the support and encouragement from our officers for situations like these (and there have been a number) make the experience memorable and so worthy.

As you all know, I am now entering a new phase in Subiaco. I leave here with regrets – but with a love of local government that has been nurtured over the last eight years, I have decided to run in the Subiaco election – hopefully giving me the opportunity to continue to use the valued and valuable experience of local government. All of my adult life, I have been involved in community activities and I don’t see why it should not be the same in Subiaco.

While I may win or lose, but it is important for all Councillors to remember that, as former Mayor Blackburn said, “We are only here at the whim of the people – that is the democratic way. Forget that, and we are finished”.

So... good luck to all of the candidates facing an election and I hope that you will be comfortably returned. For those who have decided to call it a day, I wish you good fortune in your chosen path.

Thank you to all of my fellow Councillors – it has been a long journey under often trying circumstances – but we have emerged, if not totally unscathed, then better for the experience.

Thank you to the officers and especially to the CEO – your support, encouragement, forgiveness when necessary, and guidance when required, has been unequivocal. Throughout my journey involving other councils and regional councils, I have had extensive interaction with officers and elected members, and I am still of the opinion that our staff at the City of Armadale are up there with the best of them.

It has been an honour and a privilege. Thank you.”

Farewell speech by Cr Green:-

“It has been 9 years on Council and at the time most people asked why I did not represent Roleystone but I have always considered Armadale as my home ...it is where my heart is. I have already faced 3 elections and my wife and I were not keen on running another election.

I was lucky to have the support of a man that I have known for many years in Ray Pound. Ray always told me to make my own decisions and not be influenced by other people’s opinions and his advice certainly helped.

To all councillors around the table tonight and those that I have worked with in the past, on behalf of Eileen and myself, I would like to say thank you for your support. All the very best to those councillors running an election this year.

To Ray and the staff, I hope to see you again next year at corporate bowls. My thanks to the officers and staff who have always been very helpful and have not given me reason to write many councillor memos.

Having worked very closely with Trudi at Dale Cottages, I am proud of what Dale Cottages has achieved these last 9 years. Thanks to Bob, my current co-ward councillor who I have worked with successfully these past 2 years.

To the Mayor, thank you for your advice and guidance. Thank you.”

Mr Ray Tame, Chief Executive Officer thanked the Mayor, Crs Hodges, Hopper and Green for their acknowledgement of officers and staff and expressed his appreciation for the professional relationship that Council shares with the organization. On behalf of the staff he conveyed his best wishes to Crs Hodges, Hopper and Green on their retirement and thanked them for their many years of service to Council and the community.

Cr Munn expressed his appreciation to the Mayor for his leadership, perspicacity and patience during the last two years and conveyed his best wishes to those councillors having an election. To Crs Hopper, Hodges and Green he expressed a thank you for the years spent working together on Council and wished them well in their future endeavours.

15 CLOSURE

Mayor, Cr Reynolds, declared the meeting closed at 8.45 PM

MINUTES CONFIRMED THIS 9th DAY OF MAY 2005

MAYOR

