



# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 2 September 2002

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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, 2 SEPTEMBER 2002 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

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**1            DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

*Mayor, Cr Reynolds, declared the meeting open at 7.30 pm.*

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

**PRESENT:**

Mayor, Cr L Reynolds JP presided over:	Westfield Ward
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Deputy Mayor, C J H Munn JP CMC	West Armadale Ward
Cr J Knezevich	West Armadale Ward
Cr F R Green	Armadale Ward
Cr R Fletcher	Armadale Ward
Cr A L Cominelli JP	Forrest Ward
Cr V L Clowes-Hollins	Kelmscott Ward
Cr H A Zelones JP	Kelmscott Ward
Cr J D Cumming	Seville Ward
Cr J Everts	Seville Ward
Cr J A Stewart	Westfield Ward
Cr R C Stubbs AM	Roleystone Ward
Cr D L Hopper JP	Roleystone Ward

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr R S Tame	Chief Executive Officer
Mr A F Maxwell	Executive Director Community & Corporate Services
Mr W A Bruce	Executive Director Technical Services
Mrs Y Ward	Acting Executive Assistant

Public:        33  
Press:         1

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Nil

**APOLOGIES:**

Apology received from Cr Hodges.

MOVED Cr Cominelli that the apology be received.

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**322/2002      MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED      (13-0)**

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

NIL

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**4                    PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Mr Peacock, Roleystone Ward**

**Question 1:**

Why is the Council not embracing the need for an indoor aquatic centre as they are for a Cultural Plan, when the Cultural Plan was based on only two hundred sponsors and individual residents?

*The Mayor advised that there was no comparison or a direct connection between the Aquatic Centre and the Cultural Plan, but that both were unfunded.*

**Ms Cooper, Westfield Ward**

**Question 1:**

Given that the Council has yet to adopt its Recreational Needs Study, how will it respond given that this Study recommends an indoor aquatic facility? Will Council have this recommendation struck from the recreational needs of its community?

*The Mayor advised that Council would not have it struck from any listing.*

**Mr Busby, 2 Pelham Court, Armadale**

2 questions had been forwarded to Council for answer by Mr Busby previous to the meeting. The first of those questions follows:

The Chief Executive Officer proceeded to read the following question and response.

**Question 1:**

Regarding the frontages of the railway land through Armadale:

- 1) who is responsible for the maintenance of the verges between the railway land and the roads, where the railway lines pass through the Armadale City Council area; and therefore, who is responsible for keeping the grass on that land mowed, and
- 2) what action is the Armadale City Council taking, in order to keep the grass both on the railway land, and, on the land between the railway land and the roads through the Armadale City Council area, regularly mowed, in order to keep the grass short, thus to reduce the risk of the annual grass fires on that land, for example at the intersection of Sixth Road and Church Road, and, to reduce vermin and therefore snakes, in the Armadale City Council area?

**Response:**

*On the railway reserve - WA Government Railways (WAGR);  
on Albany Highway - WAGR and Main Roads WA;  
along Railway Avenue (between kerb and fence) - Council.*

*In response to Council approach, Council has assumed maintenance responsibility for some rail frontages along the Highway.*

**Mr Page, Kelmscott Ward**

**Question 1:**

Why do other Councils think it important enough to put in an indoor swimming pool and complex whereas Armadale-Kelmscott cannot support one?

*The Mayor advised that Council was not saying it was not important – Council recognizes that there is a demand for a facility of this nature. What it is constantly required to do is to balance a number of competing demands. The proposal that was put to Council, and one that Council has also looked at in the past, was for large-scale heated swimming pool activities, with a costing that Council felt was well beyond its means at the present time.*

**Ms Adams, Westfield Ward**

**Question 1:**

At the meeting last week I understood someone to say that the Armadale Aquatic Centre returned about 90 cents in the dollar whereas other facilities don't return anywhere near that much. I would like to request you to consider that if the Aquatic Centre is returning that much, that you really need to be looking at improving the facilities and giving us a chance.

*The Mayor advised that he had not attended the Community Services Committee on 27 August 2002 so was unable to comment on what information was given at that time. It is true that some other facilities provided by Council are provided at considerable cost, i.e. grassed sports are subsidised to the tune of \$400,000 plus per annum. That in itself is part of the problem for Council. It does restrict the ability to pick up an increased subsidy that it would have to have for a heated pool but that is not to say that it is ruled out. There is a willingness to review the situation again as per the recommendation before Council.*

**Mr Busby, 2 Pelham Street, Armadale**

Here follows the answer to the second question submitted to Council by Mr Busby previous to the meeting:

The Chief Executive Officer proceeded to read the following question and response.

**Question 2:**

Regarding the recent mailout of the Armadale City Council rates Notices; given that the council recently convened a workshop entitled "Recreation Planning Workshop", in which methods that the council could increase support for local organisations, comprised Topic 4, and, given that the mailout of the Rates Notices, included materials relating to the council's operations, and, in the interest of increasing public communication and public participation in local affairs:

- 1) has the council considered including in Rates Notice mailouts, brief information about local residents and ratepayers associations, listing the existing organisations and to which ward they pertained, and meeting and contact details, and similarly for other local organisations, and
- 2) what would be the extra cost to council, if the council included such information in the Rates Notice mailouts?

**Response:**

*No, although they are listed in the "Your Key" publication issued by Council and the Chamber of Commerce. The cost of inclusion in Rates Notices has not been considered.*

**Mr Glasgow, Kelmscott Ward**

**Question 1:**

Apparently the swimming pool is going to be taken off the Five Year Plan – is that a fact? Is there any other facility such as cricket and football ovals making any more of a profit or loss than the swimming pool does?

*The Mayor advised that there was nothing in the agenda to this effect and that all facilities universally make a loss. All services that Council offers to its public in effect have to be subsidised in part through rates.*

**Ms Petersen, Roleystone Ward**

**Question 1:**

The Armadale-Kelmscott Swimming Club invested approximately \$5,000 in unpaid hours to prepare a study for Council. Has Council instructed its officers to study this report, especially as in their Vision Statement they claim to be working together with the community positively and practically to address issues and challenges?

*The Mayor advised that in regard to a formal Council motion instructing officers to study that report, a check of the records would need to be made. Certainly the fact that the report has been lodged with Council means that the officers have read it, as have all of the Councillors. In terms of it being part of Council's consciousness and part of its decision-making, yes Council is aware of it and aware of the work that Mr Ashton and others have done in assisting Council to prepare a position on the situation in regard to the swimming pools. It is seen in a positive light.*

**Ms Kingston, Armadale Ward**

**Question 1:**

Are you talking to the Disability Services before you think about transporting people out of Armadale?

*The Mayor advised that the reason that this matter came up before Committee was that in the absence of having a heated swimming pool in the short term, what could Council do to try and help persons needing hydrotherapy services. It is not correct to suggest that Council is blind to the needs of the disabled*

*and perhaps it would be pertinent to advise that at the time the hospital was being reconstructed, Council did make a proposal to the Health Department, that the costs of a therapeutic pool be shared. Council is conscious that there are three groups of people who want to use heated water – the disabled, young persons learning to swim as well as the lap swimmers and the recreation people. Council will try and find a result that is fair for all groups.*

**Question 2:**

Before that is done, would you be talking to the Disability Services and chiropractors, as to how many people we are talking about and how many times?

*The Mayor advised that Council would look at the other aspects that Ms Kingston has raised.*

**Ms Voysey, Neerigen Brook**

**Question 1:**

Why is it that after five years and the statements from Council about all year round swimming this has not occurred?

**Question 2:**

Can you either guarantee or make a definitive statement saying it is the Council's intention to have the actual pool heated or at least all year swimming placed on the Five Year Plan.

**Question 3:**

Has the Council re-approached a Labour Government, with the Minister of Infrastructure as the Local Member, to see if the money is available for the construction of a therapeutic pool in partnership with the Hospital, as previously proposed?

*The Mayor advised that the answer to the first question is money, the lack of money.*

*In reply to the second question, Council currently has a draft Strategic Plan that has not been through final adoption by Council. In terms of the draft Strategic Plan there is recognition of a need for a heated swimming pool but it is an unfunded project. In the context that it is identified, it is on the document, that it says we need it, yes. In terms of have we got the money for it at the moment, the view is no. At the moment it is suggested it will become a priority in five years hence. That was in the context of the large pool/recreation complex proposal. In recent times there has been a change of*



*attitude towards what can be done in the interim that would be affordable and can provide the heated water.*

*Whilst the Local Member can lobby on Council's behalf the maximum amount that can be achieved is \$1.5M – that is the upper limit. Regional centres in the country that have got more money have got it through a different proposal.*

**Mr Glasgow, Kelmscott Ward**

**Question 2:**

Is there any other sporting facility going to benefit from the Five Year Plan, such as the construction of a Shire Golf Course? Is Council going to provide money for the construction of a Golf Course? Is there a need for a Golf Course in the Shire?

*The Mayor advised yes there is scoping for a Golf Course in the Five Year Plan. However, if it is to be funded, it will only be funded on a business case, in other words, that it can pay entirely for itself. Council is not putting that same requirement on a heated swimming pool because if that was to be the case then it would never build a heated swimming pool.*

**Mr Mulder, Armadale Ward**

**Question 1:**

In light of the fact that there are about 20 primary and senior schools in the area, does Council feel that it is not something that it can approach government about?

*The Mayor advised that in the examination of any issue, funding is an integral part of that examination. In terms of anything that costs \$7M to \$10M, if Council builds any facility in that range and this Council is looking at having to borrow \$5M at least, service that loan, and then service the extra costs. That is what has been factored in and that is why at the moment it is unfunded. Council is always prepared to look at whether it can do something, rather than just automatically saying no. Council has said no to the major cost at this time.*

**Mr Busby, 2 Pelham Street Armadale**

**Question 3:**

What is the status on a relative basis of a heated all year round swimming facility as opposed to the footpath network?

*The Mayor advised that there is an allocation made each year to the footpath programme, as there is an allocation made each year to the running of the*

*swimming pools. In neither case is Council able to satisfy all the demands. The footpath programme flows at about \$300,000 for new paths per annum for the next five years and at the end of five years there still won't be a skeletal footpath system in place. Equally Council has provision for an operating loss and some minor improvements to the pools in the next five years. At the end of the five years Council still won't, according to the draft Five Year Plan, have achieved what the people would like.*

**Ms Wildie, Armadale Ward**

**Question 1:**

In regard to the cheaper option for an aquatic centre, because it has not been addressed officially by Council, what do we have to do to get that before Council, putting a more expensive option to one side? When that is achieved could you give us a rough time frame on the decision?

*The Mayor advised that whilst it has been talked about, and is being promoted by some Club members to individual Councillors, it has not yet been put before Council in a formal way. The first thing to do is place a formal proposal before Council.*

**Question 2:**

When Ashton & Associates put in their report last year about an all year round facility a few people said this is not an unbiased report and we can't take the costing seriously, so if we put a costing for this cheaper version from maybe Ashton & Associates again, are people going to take any notice of that or are they going to want an independent survey done?

*The Mayor advised that he would not pre-empt the officers on that matter. The question implies obstruction and it is not the intention of Council to obstruct a proper debate. They are merely asking what are the issues. The proposal before Council tonight asks officers to prepare a report.*

**Ms Corry, Kelmscott Ward**

**Question 1:**

Is Council aware that the petition that had been signed by several thousand people was not generated or initiated by the Swimming Club, but by private ratepayers and it was thought that point had been lost?

*The Mayor advised the point had not been lost because it was known to many Councillors previously, when it was presented by Councillor Zelones, that it was not a petition initiated by the Swimming Club.*

*Question time declared closed at 7.58 pm.*

**5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

5.1 Request for Leave of Absence – Cr Hodges

Request for Leave of Absence received from Cr Hodges for the period Monday, 2 September to Friday, 6 September 2002, inclusive.

MOVED Cr Stewart:

That the request for Leave of Absence received from Cr Hodges for the period Monday, 2 September to Friday, 6 September 2002, inclusive, be received and granted.

**323/2002 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)**

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**6 PETITIONS**

NIL

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**7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2002

**CORRECTION:**

Page 9 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING  
WITHOUT DISCUSSION

8.1 “Revelator Conference – Perth” to read “Travelator  
Conference – Perth”

MOVED Cr Stewart that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 August 2002, subject to the above correction, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**324/2002 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)**

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

### **8.1 Armadale Sporting Club Meeting**

On 22 August 2002, the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director Community & Corporate Services and the Mayor met with representatives from the Armadale Sporting Club. The meeting was held in good spirit and as a result Council and the Club may be a little closer to resolution.

### **8.2 Armadale Redevelopment Authority Meeting**

On 23 August 2002 the Armadale Redevelopment Authority met with the Ministers for Planning & Infrastructure and Housing & Works. As was outlined to Councillors in the previous briefing from the Chair of the Redevelopment Authority, some good outcomes are occurring.

### **8.3 Presentation of Cheque to ARK Roadwise**

On 23 August 2002, Cr Clowes-Hollins, on behalf of Council, received a cheque from the Member for Armadale, Alannah MacTiernan, to fund the employment of a Road Safety Instructor for ARK Roadwise for a year.

### **8.4 Meeting with Police Commissioner**

On 23 August 2002, the Mayor was invited to meet with the Police Commissioner at the Minister's Office in Kelmscott. The meeting dealt with problems relating primarily to the Kelmscott Shopping Precinct. Also discussed were issues of concern in terms of crime across the broader community.

### **8.5 Rates Prize**

On 26 August 2002, Cr Green, on behalf of Council, had his photograph taken with the winner of the Rates Prize.

### **8.6 Armadale Schools Music Festival**

On 30 August 2002, Cr Munn represented Council at the Armadale Schools Musical Festival.

### **8.7 Heritage FM Permanent Licence**

On 31 August 2002, the Mayor was interviewed by Heritage FM when the announcement was made that they had received their permanent licence. This was the brainchild of Cr Knezevich, which previous Cr

Fokkema had run with and turned into a reality. Only one other licence was granted at the same time.

### **8.8 Knights of the Southern Cross – 80<sup>th</sup> Year State Conference**

Also on 31 August 2002, the Mayor hosted the Knights of the Southern Cross 80<sup>th</sup> Year State Conference dinner in Council's Function Room.

### **8.9 Meeting with recently appointed Armadale Police Officers**

On 2 September 2002, the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer met with the new Officer in Charge at Armadale, Senior Sgt Kim Fergusson and Det. Senior Sgt Bill Munnee, along with Superintendent Murray Lampard and District Inspector, Gary O'Meara. The opportunity was taken to introduce a number of Senior staff and it is now proposed to arrange a sundowner-type occasion that will allow Councillors the opportunity to meet these two new senior officers.

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

NIL

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## **10 REPORTS**

### **10.1 TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Report of the Technical Services Committee held on 26 August 2002.

#### **CORRECTIONS:**

Page 29 Recommendation T104/02 – Second Road Main Drain – Upgrade of Drainage System

Ward to be changed from "Armadale" to "Westfield".

Page 33 Recommendation T105/02 – Champion Drive – Dual Carriageway

Ward to be changed from "Armadale" to "Seville"

Page 42 Recommendation T108/02 – Waste and Recycle 2002 Conference

Recommendation T108/02 to read as follows:

“That Councillors Hopper and Munn be nominated to attend the Waste and Recycle 2002 Conference to be held in Perth on the 3 – 4 October 2002, with the cost of \$660.00 per registration being allocated from GL1508520.”

Page 48 Recommendation T111/02 – Tender No. 22/02 – Supply of Bulk Verge Collection Services

Table 1: Existing Contract Information

Commencement Date of Contract to be changed from “4 October 2002” to “4 October 2001”.

Page 50 Recommendation T112/02 – Councillors’ Items

The word “investigate” appears twice in the first line of part (1) of the recommendation – one to be removed.

The following words to be inserted after the recommendation:

“Moved Cr Hopper  
MOTION CARRIED (7/0)”

Page 51 Recommendation T113/02 – Armadale Shale Quarry Management Plan – Interim Report

Part (2) of the recommendation to read:

“continue to keep the Armadale Shale Quarry closed to all access unless with the express permission of the Chief Executive Officer.”

MOVED Cr Hopper that the Report, subject to the above corrections, be received.

**325/2002      MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED      (13-0)**

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT**

Recommendation T99/02 – Armitage Road - Temporary Road Closure/ Parking Arrangement

Cr Munn declared a financial interest in Recommendation T99/02 on the basis that he occasionally performs Funeral Celebrant services at the premises, the subject of this report.

*Cr Munn left the meeting.*

MOVED Cr Zelones that Recommendation T99/02 be adopted.

**326/2002**      **MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED**      **(12-0)**

*Cr Munn returned to the meeting.*

Recommendation T105/02 – Champion Drive – Dual Carriageway

Cr Stewart declared a financial interest in Recommendation T105/02 on the basis that he owns property in close proximity to Champion Drive.

*Cr Stewart left the meeting.*

MOVED Cr Hopper that Recommendation T105/02 be adopted.

**327/2002**      **MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED**      **(12-0)**

*Cr Stewart returned to the meeting.*

MOVED Cr Hopper that Recommendations T98/02 to T113/02, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

**328/2002**      **MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED**      **(13-0)**

**10.2**      **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Report of the Committee Services Committee held on 27 August 2002.

MOVED Cr Stewart that the Report be received.

**329/2002**      **MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED**      **(13-0)**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT**

Recommendation C133/02 – Discussion Paper on Future Provision of Aquatic Services

MOVED Cr Stewart that Recommendation C133/02 be amended by the addition of a part (iii) as follows:

- iii)      In considering the above, any report into this matter give a detailed assessment of the financial and strategic implications of taking this course of action.

**330/2002**      **AMENDMENT not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED**      **(13-0)**

MOVED Cr Stubbs that Recommendation C133/02 be amended by the addition of a part (c) as follows:

- c) That Council request the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to provide the Swimming Club and other interested parties with a briefing upon Council's financial situation and the implications that the Aquatic Centre proposal has for the Strategic Plan.

**331/2002 AMENDMENT not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)**

MOVED Cr Zelones that Recommendation C133/02, as amended, be adopted.

**332/2002 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)**

Recommendation C141/02 – Ready for Life – Project Update

MOVED Cr Stewart that Recommendation C141/02 be amended by the addition of the words:

“as presented at Attachment “A-3” to these Minutes.”

*Cr Stewart tabled the suggested Attachment “A-3” depicting the Ready for Life Image.*

**333/2002 AMENDMENT not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)**

MOVED Cr Stewart that Recommendation C141/02, as amended, be adopted.

**334/2002 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)**

Recommendation C142/02 – Southern Districts Support Association – Selection of Site for Partnership

Cr Stewart declared a financial interest in Recommendation C142/02 on the basis that he lives in close proximity to one of the suggested sites.

*Cr Stewart left the meeting.*

MOVED Cr Cominelli that Recommendation C142/02 be adopted.

**335/2002 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (12-0)**

*Cr Stewart returned to the meeting.*

Recommendation C145/02 – Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

MOVED Cr Stewart that Recommendation C145/02 be adopted.  
SECONDED Cr Munn



**336/2002      MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL      (13-0)**

Recommendation C147/02 – Parking & Parking Facilities Local Law

MOVED Cr Stewart that Recommendation C147/02 be adopted.  
SECONDED Cr Munn

**337/2002      MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY A SPECIAL MAJORITY OF COUNCIL      (13-0)**

Recommendation C149/02 – Minnowarra Arts Festival

MOVED Cr Stewart that Recommendation C149/02 be adopted.  
SECONDED Cr Munn

**338/2002      MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL      (13-0)**

Recommendation C152/02 – Lease Armadale Aquatic Centre Kiosk

MOVED Cr Stewart that Recommendation C152/02 be adopted.  
SECONDED Cr Hopper

**339/2002      MOTION DECLARED CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL      (13-0)**

Recommendation C153/02 – Armadale Sporting Club

MOVED Cr Stubbs that recommendation C153/02 be amended by the addition of a part (c) as follows:

- c) That a further report which addresses the issue of rationalisation of Gwynne Park and similar recreational facilities be received by Council before the commencement of the 2003 football season.

**340/2002      AMENDMENT not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED      (13-0)**

MOVED Cr Stubbs that Recommendation C153/02, as amended, be adopted.

**341/2002      MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED      (13-0)**

MOVED Cr Stewart that Recommendations C133/02 to C154/02, except those already dealt with, be adopted.

**342/2002      MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED      (13-0)**

**10.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Report of the Chief Executive Officer as at 29 August 2002

MOVED Cr Cominelli that the Report be received.

**343/2002 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)**

**10.3.1 Councillors' Information Bulletin – Issue No. 17/2002**

MOVED Cr Hopper that Council acknowledge receipt of Issue No. 17/2002 of the Information Bulletin.

**344/2002 MOTION not opposed, DECLARED CARRIED (13-0)**

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**11 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

NIL

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**12 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION**

NIL

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**13 MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO STANDING COMMITTEES - WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

Cr Clowes-Hollins That the matter of formulating Committee recommendations on the electronic whiteboard be referred to the City Strategy Committee.

Cr Munn That the matter of the Travelator Report regarding 4 way stop signs be referred to the Technical Services Committee.

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**14 MATTERS REQUIRING CONFIDENTIAL CONSIDERATION**

NIL

**15 CLOSURE**

*Mayor, Cr Reynolds, declared the meeting closed at 8.54 pm*

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MINUTES CONFIRMED THIS 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2002

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MAYOR

