



City of Belmont
ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING
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ATTACHMENTS INDEX

Nil.

ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING

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PRESENT

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| Cr P Marks, Mayor (Presiding Member) | East Ward |
| Cr B Ryan | East Ward |
| Cr S Wolff | South Ward |
| Cr J Powell | South Ward |
| Cr P Gardner | South Ward |
| Cr L Cayoun | West Ward |

IN ATTENDANCE

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Mr S Cole | Chief Executive Officer |
| Mr N Deague | Director Community and Statutory Services |
| Mr R Garrett | Director Corporate and Governance |
| Mr R Lutey | Director Technical Services |
| Mr J Olynyk, JP | Manager Governance |
| Ms E Cashman (<i>arr 7.06pm</i>) | Senior Governance Officer |
| Ms S D'Agnone | Governance Officer |

MEMBERS OF THE GALLERY

Mr J Van Nus
Mr R Greenwood
Mr L Rosolin
Mrs B Whiteley (*arr 7.05pm*)

1. WELCOME

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7.03pm and welcomed those in attendance from the public.

The Mayor advised that a public notice of the meeting had been made in the Southern Gazette on Tuesday 29 November 2016, Tuesday 6 December 2016 and Tuesday 13 December 2016.

A public notice has been placed on the Notice Board of the Ruth Faulkner Library and the City of Belmont Administration Building Notice Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The notices also stated that copies of the 2015-2016 Annual Report were available from the City's Website and the Ruth Faulkner Public Library.

The Mayor read the Acknowledgement of Country.

It is important that we acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting today the Noongar Whadjuk people and pay respect to Elders both past and present.

2. APOLOGIES

Cr R Rossi, JP, Deputy Mayor (Apology)
Cr P Hitt (Apology)
Cr M Bass (Absent)

West Ward
West Ward
East Ward

7.05pm Mrs Whiteley entered the meeting.

7.06pm The Senior Governance Officer entered the meeting.

3. RECEIVING OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Mayor drew attention to the financial statements provided in the Annual Report and invited questions on the financial statements in the 2015-2016 Annual Report.

Mr Van Nus asked the following question:

1. Elected Member Remuneration increased substantially in 2016. What is the reason for this?

Response

The Director Corporate and Governance advised that the City of Belmont was reclassified from a Band 2 Council to a Band 1 Council. This reclassification increased Elected Member remuneration significantly. As the reclassification was determined after the City's budget was prepared, subsequent adjustments were required to be made during the budget review process.

RECOMMENDATION

MR JOHN VAN NUS MOVED, MRS BRENDA WHITELEY SECONDED,

That the Annual Financial Statements for the period ending 30 June 2016 as shown in the City of Belmont 2015-2016 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED 9 VOTES TO 0

4. RECEIVING OF THE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

The Mayor invited questions on the Report of the Auditor.

There were no questions.

RECOMMENDATION

CR POWELL MOVED, CR RYAN SECONDED,

That the 2015-2016 Auditor's Annual Report as shown in the City of Belmont 2015-2016 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED 8 VOTES TO 0

5. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor provided an overview of the Mayor's Report provided in the 2015-2016 Annual Report. The Mayor invited questions on the Mayors Report.

There were no questions.

RECOMMENDATION

MR JOHN VAN NUS MOVED, CR POWELL SECONDED,

That the Report of the Mayor as shown in the City of Belmont 2015-2016 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED 8 VOTES TO 0

6. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Mayor invited questions on the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

There were no questions.

RECOMMENDATION

MRS BRENDA WHITELEY MOVED, CR RYAN SECONDED,

That the 2015-2016 Report of the Chief Executive Officer as shown in the City of Belmont 2015-2016 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED 8 VOTES TO 0

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

7.1 REPORT OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Presiding Member of the Executive Committee, Cr Marks, provided an overview of the report as printed in the 2015-2016 Annual Report. The Mayor invited questions on the Executive Committee Report.

There were no questions.

RECOMMENDATION

CR WOLFF MOVED, MR JOHN VAN NUS SECONDED,

That the 2015-2016 Report of the Presiding Member of the Executive Committee as shown in the City of Belmont 2015-2016 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED 8 VOTES TO 0

7.2 REPORT OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (AUDIT AND RISK)

The Presiding Member of the Standing Committee (Audit and Risk), Cr Cayoun, provided an overview of the report as printed in the 2015-2016 Annual Report. The Mayor invited questions on the Report of the Standing Committee (Audit and Risk).

There were no questions.

RECOMMENDATION

MR JOHN VAN NUS MOVED, CR RYAN SECONDED,

That the 2015-2016 Report of the Presiding Member of the Standing Committee (Audit and Risk) as shown in the City of Belmont 2015-2016 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED 8 VOTES TO 0

7.3 REPORT OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (COMMUNITY VISION)

The Presiding Member of the Standing Committee (Community Vision), Cr Powell, provided an overview of the report as printed in the 2015-2016 Annual Report.

The Mayor invited questions on the Report of the Standing Committee (Community Vision).

There were no questions.

RECOMMENDATION

CR POWELL MOVED, CR RYAN SECONDED,

That the 2015-2016 Report of the Presiding Member of the Standing Committee (Community Vision) as shown in the City of Belmont 2015-2016 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED 8 VOTES TO 0

7.4 REPORT OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL)

The Presiding Member of the Standing Committee (Environmental), Cr Wolff, provided an overview of the report as printed in the 2015-2016 Annual Report.

The Mayor invited questions on the Report of the Standing Committee (Environmental) Report.

There were no questions.

7.17pm Mr Van Nus departed the meeting.

7.18pm Mr Van Nus returned to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

CR WOLFF MOVED, CR RYAN SECONDED,

That the 2015-2016 Report of the Presiding Member of the Standing Committee (Environmental) as shown in the City of Belmont 2015-2016 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED 8 VOTES TO 0

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Mayor invited further questions.

Mr Van Nus asked the following questions:

1. What is happening with the proposed boundary amendment concerning the City of Belmont and the City of Swan?

Response

The Manager Governance advised the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) met on 8 December 2016 to discuss the City's counter proposal. The LGAB has advised that they have submitted their recommendation to the Minister for Local Government and Communities, who will make the final determination. The City is not expecting to receive notification of the outcome before the end of this year.

2. What is happening with the Hay Road development? Sea containers are still blocking the road so that it cannot be used.

Response

The Director Technical Services advised that the developer has completed construction of Hay Road and is still in negotiations with the State Government regarding land adjacent to the newly constructed road. This road has not yet been handed over to the City. Because of this land issue, verges and other infrastructure have not been fully constructed and as a result it is appropriate that the road remain closed.

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Mr Greenwood asked the following questions:

1. What are the financial ramifications of the proposed boundary amendment for the City?

Response

The Director Corporate and Governance advised that the financial ramifications are dependent on the Minister's ruling. The City is hopeful that the LGAB will accept its counter proposal. If the City of Belmont proposal is accepted, two properties and a small portion of another property will come into the City. This will result in a rates revenue increase.

If the City of Swan proposal is accepted, one property will be removed from the City which will result in a minor decrease in rates revenue.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the report to Council addressing the City's proposal relating to this boundary amendment issue is included in the minutes of the 18 October 2016 Special Council Meeting.

2. Could you give a ballpark figure?

Response

The Director Corporate and Governance advised if the City's proposal is accepted, the City's rates revenue will increase by approximately \$100,000. If the City of Swan's proposal is accepted, the City will lose approximately \$30,000 in rates revenue.

Note:

Subsequent review has identified that the potential rate loss to the City of Belmont for the 2016-2017 financial year includes two properties and is valued at approximately \$107,000, should the LGAB accept the City of Swan proposal. Detailed rating information is not available from the City of Swan and the estimated revenue increase remains as stated should the City of Belmont proposal be accepted.

9. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.26pm.

MINUTES CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that these minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held 14 December 2016 were confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 28 February 2017.

Signed by the Person Presiding: *P. Marks*

PRINT name of the Person Presiding: *Philip Marks*