



Annual Electors' Meeting

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Minutes from the Annual Electors' Meeting held in the Function Room, City of Belmont Civic Centre, 215 Wright Street, Cloverdale on Wednesday 8 March 2023 commencing at 7.00pm.

Minutes

Present

Cr P Marks, Mayor	East Ward
Cr B Ryan	East Ward
Cr S Wolff	South Ward
Cr D Sessions	West Ward

In attendance

Mr S Downing	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Ms J Gillan	Director Development and Communities
Mr J Bidwell	Acting Director Infrastructure Services
Ms A Bird	Acting Director Corporate and Governance
Ms L Chaplyn	Coordinator Media and Communications
Mrs J Cherry-Murphy	Senior Governance Officer
Ms M Phillips	Governance Officer

Electors

Ms J Gee
Ms H Hawke
Ms D Ransome
Ms E Ransome
Mr R Reakes
Mr L Rosolin
Mr E Spini
Mr T Teasdale

Members of the Public

Ms S Forsyth
Ms L Hollands

I Welcome

7.00pm The Presiding Member welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.

The Presiding Member read aloud the Acknowledgement of Country.

Acknowledgement of Country

Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

I further acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs, connection and relationship with this land which continues today.

7.07pm In accordance with Section 17.2 of the City of Belmont *Standing Orders Local Law 2017*, the Presiding Member informed the meeting, that should any person in attendance wish to participate in the discussions, who is not an elector or a ratepayer, an elector can move a motion in order for this to occur.

Note:

Ms L Hollands indicated that she would like the opportunity to participate in the discussion.

Ms J Gee moved, Ms D Ransome seconded

That in accordance with Section 17.2 of the *Standing Orders Local Law 2017* Ms L Hollands who is not an elector or ratepayer, be permitted to participate in the discussion.

Carried 6 votes to 0

2 Apologies and leave of absence

Cr M Bass (apology)	East Ward
Cr N Carter (apology)	South Ward
Cr J Davis (apology)	South Ward
Cr R Rossi (apology)	West Ward
Cr G Sekulla (leave of absence)	West Ward
Mr J Christie (apology)	Chief Executive Officer
Ms M Reid (apology)	Director Infrastructure Services

3 Report of the Mayor

The Report of the Mayor is contained in the 2021-2022 Annual Report. The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the report.

Ms L Hollands asked the following question:

1. There are various awards contained within the Report of the Mayor, does it cost the City anything to be considered or nominated for any of these awards and if so what are the costs?

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer stated that the question would be taken on notice.

4 Report of the Chief Executive Officer

The Report of the Chief Executive Officer is contained in the 2021-2022 Annual Report. The Mayor asked if there were any questions regarding the content of the report.

Ms L Hollands asked the following question:

1. Why is the City investing \$100,000 in gym equipment for Belmont Oasis when it is a private business?

Response

The Mayor stated that the question would be taken on notice.

5 Receiving the Annual Report

Officer Recommendation

Mr T Teasdale moved, Cr S Wolff seconded

That the City of Belmont [Annual Report 2021-2022](#) be received.

Carried 11 votes to 0

6 General business

6.1 Notice of Motion 1

Ms J Gee moved, Ms D Ransome seconded

That Council commences the immediate livestreaming of all meetings including Ordinary Council Meeting, Agenda Briefing Forums, Special Meetings and all meetings of electors.

Carried 7 votes to 1

6.2 Notice of Motion 2

Ms J Gee moved, Ms D Ransome seconded

A vote of no confidence in the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried 5 votes to 2

6.3 Notice of Motion 3

Ms J Gee moved, Mr L Rosolin seconded

That Council supports the implementation of a speed limit reduction to 40km/h on Stanton Road and directs the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the necessary steps and necessary requirements to allow this to happen.

Carried 5 votes to 3

6.4 Notice of Motion 4

Ms J Gee moved, Ms D Ransome seconded

1. That Council does not support the recently introduced Complaint Management Policy without oversight of any penalties being allowed on residents for unreasonable complaint conduct which is undefined.
2. Officers are to provide any evidence of such conduct that requires a penalty, and the matter will come before Council to be decided. The resident will have the opportunity to address the Council before the matter is determined.

Carried 7 votes to 1

6.5 Notice of Motion 5

Ms J Gee moved, Ms D Ransom seconded

1. Urban Forest Policy to include a mandate on street trees on all vacant street verges where the City thinks they are both necessary and appropriate.
2. Increase verge tree planting to 3000 trees per year for the next five years after which a review of street tree numbers is undertaken to plan for the future.

Carried 7 votes to 1

6.6 Notice of Motion 6

Ms J Gee moved, Ms D Ransome seconder

That Council vote on these motions individually and not en bloc at the Council meeting.

Carried 8 votes to 0

6.7 Ms L Hollands, Redcliffe

1. Within the Audit and Risk report, what was in the Auditor General's report, what was proposed action plan and where can we find it?

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer stated that the Auditor General's report was confidential and not available to the public. Everything has been addressed to the satisfaction of the auditors.

2. Outcome 8 of the Access and Inclusion Plan is to raise awareness in the broader community, how are we giving access and inclusion to people who cannot attend meetings if we do not livestream?

Response

The Mayor stated that just because the City does not livestream does not mean the City does not give access to most people.

The Director Development and Communities stated that the Access and Inclusion Plan targets the most important things. The City cannot do everything. Chambers itself is accessible and the audio recording is made available after the meeting.

3. The Freedom of Information Report states there were 16 applications which were processed and completed within 48 days. Why are they taking longer than the 45 days required when 16 applications does not seem like a lot?

Response

The Acting Director Corporate and Governance stated that the question would be taken on notice.

4. On page 89 of the Annual Report 2021-2022, the Independent Auditor's Report stated that "other information" was not received prior to the date of the auditor's report. What information was not provided and why was it not provided when the City was aware there was an audit?

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer stated the question would be taken on notice.

5. With regard to Epsom Avenue parking, are we on track for completion, if not, why not?

Response

The Acting Director Infrastructure Services stated the question would be taken on notice.

6. What steps are the City taking to stop re-offenders who dump rubbish on verges?

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer stated the question would be taken on notice.

7. When will we get the outcomes of the Faulkner Precinct Parking Survey and get some seniors marked bays?

Response

The Acting Director Infrastructure Services stated the question would be taken on notice.

8. Can Council please explain what steps have been taken in previous years to consider the Annual Electors' Meeting, under the Act the Annual Electors' Meeting has to be considered?

Response

The Mayor stated the question would be taken on notice.

6.8 Mr L Rosolin, Belmont

1. In the past I have reported a rubbish issue at 272, 274, 276 Hardey Road which is still continuing. The units belong to the Department of Housing. What can the City do to help?

Response

The Director Development and Communities stated that with community housing issues residents need to continue to report every incident. Unfortunately, this is the process that the Department of Communities needs to follow. If the Department of Communities have continuous complaints against an occupant, they can do something under their complaints management process.

2. I had some issues near my property and tried to contact Security Watch. I had to call twice before speaking to someone. They said someone would come. How many security watch officers are there?

Response

The Director Development and Communities stated that if Mr Rosolin has any concerns with the Security Watch services provided he should contact the Manager Safer Communities to report the issue.

6.9 Ms J Gee, Cloverdale

1. Has Council heard anything else about how many Councillors will be in each ward and what boundaries we are going to have?

Response

The Acting Chief Executive Officer stated that the City is waiting for the Minister's determination. The City expects the determination in the next several months, there has been no timeframe given.

7 Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.25pm.