



# City of Belmont

## SPECIAL ELECTORS' MEETING

# MINUTES

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Nil.

## SPECIAL ELECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

### IN ATTENDANCE

#### **Councillors**

Cr P Marks, Mayor (Presiding Member)	East Ward
Cr R Rossi, JP, Deputy Mayor	West Ward
Cr M Bass	East Ward
Cr J Davis	South Ward
Cr J Powell	South Ward
Cr S Wolff	South Ward
Cr L Cayoun ( <i>arr 6.41pm</i> )	West Ward
Cr G Sekulla, JP	West Ward

#### **Members of Staff**

Mr J Christie	Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Garrett	Director Corporate and Governance
Ms J Gillan	Director Development and Communities
Mr M Ralph	A/Director Infrastructure Services
Mrs M Lymon	Principal Governance and Compliance Advisor
Ms D Morton	A/Coordinator Marketing and Communications
Ms E Whiteley	Compliance Administrator
Ms A Lloyd-Bostock	Risk and Business Continuity Officer
Ms S D'Agnone	Governance Officer

### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

#### **Electors**

Mr R Birch	Ms D Irons
Ms J Bousfield	Mr N Irons
Mr D Burke	Mr P Kelly
Mr C Evers	Mr M Lee
Mr R Foster	Ms S Lee
Ms J Gee	Mr R Mayne
Mr I Glading	Ms E Newton-Faas
Mr R Greenwood	Mr P Oggelsby
Ms Y Harris	Mr S Quinn
Ms H Hawke	Ms M Saldanha
Ms L Hitt	Mr D Smith
Mr P Hitt	Mr E Spini
Ms L Hollands	Mr E Teasdale
Mr R Jordan	

#### **Non Electors**

Mr G Ferstat	Mr S Wallace
Mr M McLerie	Mr S Zammit
Mr V Maxwell	

## 1. OFFICIAL OPENING

6.30pm The Presiding Member welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.

The Presiding Member read the Acknowledgement of Country.

***Before I begin I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting today, the Noongar Whadjuk people, and pay respect to Elders past, present and future leaders.***

## 2. WELCOME

The Mayor advised that public notice of the meeting was made in the Southern Gazette on Thursday 29 August 2019, Thursday 5 September 2019 and Thursday 12 September 2019 and the West Australian on Saturday, 14 September 2019.

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

Members of the public in attendance have been provided with an Information Sheet explaining the Special Electors' Meeting process, which will be followed this evening.

It is important to remember that we are currently in an election period and this is not to be a platform for electioneering of any kind.

## 3. APOLOGIES

Cr B Ryan (Apology)

East Ward

#### **4. PURPOSE OF MEETING**

##### **4.1 REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS – LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S (CEO'S) CONTRACT**

A request for a Special Meeting of Electors was received by the City of Belmont on 12 August 2019.

Following verification of the request as required under section 5.28 of the *Local Government Act 1995* a Special Electors' Meeting has been called to discuss the following items:

1. Live Streaming of Council Meetings
2. Access to the CEO's Contract

The Presiding Member advised the following:

*'Before the meeting proceeds to the Motions it is necessary for all electors present to be informed of certain obligations that Councillors have.*

*Under Part 8 of the City of Belmont Standing Orders Local Law 2017 a Councillor is not to speak against any decision of Council except on a Council motion that the decision be revoked or changed.*

*An electors' meeting cannot legally revoke a decision of the Council. Such a motion would need to be formulated by Council/Councillors to accord with the Local Government Act 1995, Regulations and the Standing Orders Local Law 2017.*

*Electors are encouraged to provide their views and avoid soliciting Councillors' views that may lead to a legislative breach. A breach of the Standing Orders Local Law 2017 could result in a complaint being dealt with by the Local Government Standards Panel and I would like to see this avoided.*

*Please note that this meeting is only for elector comment and voting on the motions put. All decisions made this evening will be considered by Council at an Ordinary Council Meeting.'*

## 5. MOTIONS

### 5.1 LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Presiding Member called for a Mover and Seconder for the Motion.

#### **ELECTORS' MOTION**

##### **MS LISA HOLLANDS MOVED, MS JANET GEE SECONDED,**

- (1) *That Council agrees to the audio livestreaming of all public meetings of Council including the Agenda Briefing Forum, the Ordinary Council Meeting and any Special Meetings or Electors' Meetings.*
- (2) *The recordings are to commence within three months of the motion being carried.*
- (3) *That these recordings are made available to the residents of Belmont free of charge on the City of Belmont website.*
- (4) *The BEXB45 Policy to be amended removing the copyright on the recordings of meetings including any reference to the Elected Members and supervision.*

6.41pm Cr Cayoun entered the meeting.

Electors were invited to make comment and ask questions relevant to the above motion only. A number of electors spoke for or against the motion, made comment and asked questions. Speakers were as follows:

- Ms L Hollands\*
- Ms J Gee\*
- Mr P Hitt\*
- Mr D Smith\*
- Mr M McLerie\*\*\*
- Mr R Birch\*\*
- Ms L Hollands
- Mr E Teasdale\*\*
- Mr R Birch
- Ms L Hitt\*
- Mr P Hitt
- Mr S Wallace\*\*\*
- Mr R Foster\*
- Mr J Gee
- Ms L Hollands (closing comment by mover of the motion)
- Cr Cayoun

\*For

\*\*Against

\*\*\* Non Elector

**CARRIED 23 VOTES TO 2**

## 5.2 ACCESS TO CEO'S CONTRACT

### Note:

Mr John Christie, Chief Executive Officer, declared an interest that may affect impartiality in Item 5.2.

Nature of Interest: Mr Christie is the Chief Executive Officer.

The Presiding Member called for a Mover and Seconder for the Motion.

### ELECTORS' MOTION

#### **MS LISA HOLLANDS MOVED, MS JANET GEE SECONDED,**

*That Council direct that the CEO provides a copy of his contract, on the same terms as the requirement prior to the amendment of s5.94(t) of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) as it was requested on 30th April 2019, before the amendment to the Act.*

Electors were invited to make comment and ask questions relevant to the above motion only. A number of electors spoke for or against the motion, made comment and asked questions. Speakers were as follows:

- Ms L Hollands\*
- Ms J Gee\*
- Mr M McLerie\*\*\*
- Mr R Birch\*\*

\* For

\*\*Against

\*\*\* Non Elector

**CARRIED 19 VOTES TO 2**

## 6. CLOSURE

The Mayor advised that in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*, all decisions made at the Special Electors' Meeting would be considered by Council at the 29 October 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

**7.35pm** There being no further business the Mayor thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting.