

CITY OF WANNEROO

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS, HELD IN THE FUNCTION AREA, THIRD FLOOR, JOONDALUP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 1992

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:	R F JOHNSON, Mayor	South-West Ward
	A M CARSTAIRS	Central Ward
	G A MAJOR	South-West Ward
	N RUNDLE, from 7.39 pm	South-West Ward

Deputy Town Clerk:	A ROBSON
City Planner:	O G DRESCHER
City Parks Manager:	F GRIFFIN
Committee Clerk:	D VINES

There were 56 Electors in attendance.

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7.35 pm.

ITEM OF BUSINESS

This meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of Section 171(3) of the Local Government Act, in response to a petition of Electors.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed Telecom Communication Tower (Mobile Telephones) Park and Trigonometric Station, Reserve 17758 (Trig Park), in particular to:

- 1 call upon Council to rescind its motion G20445 to erect the proposed Telecom Communication Tower;
- 2 call upon Council to desist from taking such action as may result in the erection of the tower;
- 3 request the presence of Crs Rundle, Freame, Major and Johnson as South West Ward Councillors to explain their positions on the proposed Telecom tower;
- 4 call upon Council to discuss the following points:
 - (a) have studies been carried out on the effect the tower would have on reception to television and radio etc within its vicinity?
 - (b) why has Council not advertised the proposal? Will Council provide:
 - design and layout details
 - height restrictions
 - reason for proposed position;

- (c) has Council considered:
 - safety factors (eg children climbing the tower)
 - the visual pollution
 - security (increase in crime rate and youths congregating);
- (d) what is the future plan for development of the park in regard to vegetation, lighting etc?
- (e) what is the financial commitment by Council including on-going costs?
- (f) what considerations have Council given to parking?

The Mayor advised the meeting that Telecom had withdrew its application for the Communication Tower proposed for Trig Park and has no future plans to resubmit the application. In view of this, the only points now on the petition left for discussion were points (d), (e) and (f).

He requested that the City Planner give a brief overview of the situation for the benefit of the meeting.

The City Planner advised that Telecom had approached Council stating that the mobile telephone reception for Duncraig, Sorrento and Marmion could only be resolved by way of a tower. As a result of negotiations with Telecom on Trigonometric Station Reserve, a concept plan for the Communication Tower was prepared by Telecom.

The viewing area on the proposed tower was marginally higher than the wooden platform, it included three up stands with 9 communication baffles around the top. All other aspects of the original concept plans for the park remained the same.

As a result of changes in Canberra in terms of Ministers, the whole mobile network is being reviewed and funding may no longer be available from the Government. Therefore Telecom could see no point in proceeding with the application.

The City Planner advised that when a further application is received from Telecom it will be considered by Council, but at this stage they have no intention of continuing with this application at this location.

Cr Rundle entered the Room at this point, the time being 7.39 pm.

The Mayor then sought questions from the floor.

Mr Wally Foreman requested that point three of the petition also be addressed with regard to comments from the South-West Ward Councillors and their views on the telecommunications tower.

Cr Major advised that he understood that the radionet would not interfere with electronic equipment, therefore the only reservation he had was with the observation platform and the possible loss of privacy to some residents. He believed Telecom had planned to contribute funds to help improve the park.

Cr Rundle advised that she did support the Telecom tower. She too believed there would be no interference with radio and television reception and adequate safety precautions associated with the platform were provided.

The Mayor stated that as a South-Ward Councillor, his view with respect to the telecommunications tower was the same as his Co-Ward Councillors and he further advised that there had been an earlier proposal from Telecom which was unacceptable to Council and the application finally accepted was felt by the Town Planning Committee to be reasonable and blended in very well with the Park.

The Mayor also advised that Cr Freame, the other South-West Ward Councillor, had been unable to attend the meeting, but she shared the views of her Co-Ward Councillors.

Mr Brian Batchelor mentioned a previous offer from the R&I Bank of \$10,000 to the City for development of Trig Park.

The City Planner advised that he was aware of such an offer, however he was not aware if a payment had been made but that he would look into the matter.

Other questions regarded future development of the Park and when it could be anticipated that improvements would be carried out.

The City Parks Manager advised that he had a five year programme for works which were listed for budget consideration each year and dealt with in order of priority. He provided a breakdown of costing proposed for the park and advised that it would now be scheduled for the 1994/95 Budget.

Other concerns expressed were in regard to the Ratepayers Association feeling there was a lack of consultation with them over this proposal.

Lengthy discussion ensued in regard to future development of the park and it was generally felt that there was a need for lighting and parking.

The Mayor then asked for any motions from the floor.

MOVED Mr Wally Foreman, **SECONDED** Mr Mike Upton that Council not make any decision on the development of Trig Reserve 17758 until such time as the ratepayers and Ratepayers' Association have been fully canvassed. **CARRIED**

MOVED Mr Brian Batchelor, **SECONDED** Ms Robyn Hehir that no car parking at all be constructed in or around Trig Reserve 17758. **CARRIED**

MOVED Mr Brian Batchelor, **SECONDED** Ms Robyn Hehir that no lighting at all be installed in Trig Reserve 17758. **LOST**

MOVED Mr Ian Harding, **SECONDED** Mr Wally Foreman that Council gives consideration to a stage programme for Trig Reserve 17758, over the next five years, as against putting forward the figure of \$100,000 and having it rejected or deferred year after year. **CARRIED**

CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.07 pm.