

CITY OF WANNEROO

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, JOONDALUP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 1992

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES:

Councillors:	R J JOHNSON - Mayor	South-West Ward
	W H MARWICK	Central Ward
	A M CARSTAIRS from 7.42 pm	Central Ward
	P NOSOW from 7.38 pm	South Ward
	G A MAJOR	South-West Ward
	F D FREAME from 7.38 pm	South-West Ward
	N RUNDLE	South-West Ward
Town Clerk:	R F COFFEY	
Deputy Town Clerk:	A ROBSON	
City Treasurer:	J B TURKINGTON	
City Planner:	O DRESCHER	
Acting City Engineer:	D BLAIR	
City Recreation and Cultural Services Manager:	R BANHAM	
City Environmental Health Manager:	G A FLORANCE	
City Building Surveyor:	R G FISCHER	
Acting Security Administrator:	K SMITH	
City Librarian:	N CLIFFORD	
Committee Clerk:	D VINES	

In Attendance

Mr G K McHarrie, Auditor - Deloitte Ross Tohmatsu

Apoloiges for absence were tendered by Cr Dammers and Mr M Blake, Auditor, from Deloitte Ross Tohmatsu.

There were 13 Electors, 1 Non-elector and 1 member of the Press in attendance.

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7.31 pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS, HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 1991

MOVED Allyn Bryant, **SECONDED** Ron Chamberlain that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors, held on 25 November 1991, be confirmed as a true and correct record. **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1992

MOVED Ron Chamberlain, **SECONDED** Allyn Bryant that the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 1992 be received. **CARRIED**

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1992

MOVED David Manning, **SECONDED** Allyn Bryant that the Auditor's Report for the Year Ended 30 June 1992 be received. **CARRIED**

MAYOR'S REPORT

MOVED Vic Harman, **SECONDED** Ron Chamberlain that the Mayor's Report for the year ended 30 June 1992 be received. **CARRIED**

Crs Freame and Nosow entered the Chamber at this point, the time being 7.38 pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY MR R CHAMBERLAIN

Mr. Chamberlain offered his congratulations to the City Treasurer and his staff for the presentation of Council's accounts and the answers provided to his questions submitted direct to the Treasurer.

Mr Chamberlain voiced his concern over the standard of budgeting for the capital expenditure items over the last two years with 45.9% being underspent in 1990/91 and 41% underspent in 1991/92. He commented that he had been told previously that works were required to be carried over to the new financial year, but in his view this did not make sense as the majority of the works carried forward were under contract and not performed by Council staff. He said that if rates continued to be raised annually, then Council should ensure that the works budgeted to be constructed were not only required but could be expended in that year. He concluded by saying that he hoped that this year's figures would be an improvement on the last two years.

COUNCIL LOANS

Mr Vic Harman asked the City Treasurer that as the Financial Statements revealed a surplus carried forward on the 1 July 1991 of \$5.3 million, why was it necessary to raise a loan of \$1.2 million.

The City Treasurer advised that there was a surplus of \$5.3 million brought forward from 1990/91 for carried forward works; such as, the Woodvale Library, Sorrento/Duncraig Youth Centre, Sorrento Surf Club, Sorrento toilets and changerooms etc, which were partly constructed at 30 June 1991. He stated that these works in progress totalled in the vicinity of \$2.6 million of the \$5.3 million surplus, and the remaining \$2.7 million was available to "cushion" the 1991/92 rates increase.

The City Treasurer informed Mr Harman that when Council considered its budget each year, it considered all the works and services to be undertaken then allocated the funding sources. It was considered at that time that some of the roadworks needed to be funded by loans. Council did borrow \$1.2 million in the 1991/92 financial year, which was in line with its debt reduction strategy. He advised that Council was reducing loan borrowings and this year (1992/93) Council only proposed to borrow \$800,000 which by comparison with other Councils, not only in this State, but Australiawide, was quite commendable.

PLANTING PROGRAM - WHITFORD AND HEPBURN AVENUES

Mr David Manning asked if Council had a program to tidy up Whitfords and Hepburn Avenues, median strips and the walkway/cycleway between Lake Goollelal and the Freeway, adjacent to Shepperd's Bush.

The City Parks Manager replied that parts of both Whitfords and Hepburn Avenue median strips were on the Winter Planting Program for next Winter. He advised that he was not familiar with the cycleway between Lake Goollelal and the Freeway, but would do some investigations.

Cr Carstairs entered the Chamber at this point, the time being 7.42 pm.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN STAFF

Mr Allyn Bryant wished to record his congratulations to the City Treasurer, staff at the City of Wanneroo and the Auditor in particular.

PROPOSED TILE FACTORY

Mr Vic Harman informed Council that he had read a notice in the Business Section of The West Australian, dated 23 November 1992, advising of a \$25 million tile factory planned for Perth. He suggested that Council seriously consider the possibility of approaching the joint venturers with a view to having the factory located in the City of Wanneroo.

The Mayor advised that this matter would be investigated.

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Mr Noal Gannon voiced his disappointment that when the meeting commenced there were only four Councillors present, and only one apology. He also stated disappointment at the format of the meeting room where the Councillors had their backs to the ratepayers. He said that he hoped that a new format will be considered in the future.

The Mayor advised Mr Gannon that the Council Chamber had been used as the venue because the microphones and taping equipment were available, but that his suggestions would be investigated.

RECYCLING

Mr Ron Chamberlain requested that with regard to recycling, Council investigate the use of plastic baskets rather than bags for its collections, similar to the scheme being used at the City of Stirling.

The Acting City Engineer advised that he would investigate.

Mr Gilbert Currie stated his concern at the lack of interest by the ratepayers of the City of Wanneroo into the affairs of Council. He said that his views were not a criticism of Council or the administrative staff, but he felt that Council should seriously consider employing a temporary officer to educate the ratepayers and encourage them to participate in the conduct of Council business. He said the average ratepayer had an investment in the City of Wanneroo and it seemed a shame that there was so little participation in Council meetings.

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