

C I T Y O F W A N N E R O O
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD IN FUNCTION AREA
ON MONDAY, 24 MAY 1993

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: G A MAJOR - Mayor
 P NOSOW
 H M WATERS
 W H MARWICK
 A V DAMMERS
 B A COOPER
 L A EWEN-CHAPPELL
 M J GILMORE
 N RUNDLE

South-West Ward
South Ward
North Ward
Central Ward
Central Ward
Central Ward
Central Ward
South Ward
South-West Ward

Town Clerk: R F COFFEY
Traffic Engineer: D POOLE
Design Engineer: P PIKOR
Uloth & Associates: F ULOTH
Landcorp: C FLOTMAN

There were 316 Electors in attendance.

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7.50pm.

This meeting had been called in accordance with the provisions of Section 171(4) of the Local Government Act, in response to a petition of Electors.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the City of Wanneroo - Edgewater Drive Traffic Study:

- 1 in particular, to discuss and have fully explained by competent engineering, environmental and traffic experts the details and implications of the four Alternative Solutions, A B C and D proposed in the traffic study questionnaire circulated by the City of Wanneroo to residents of Edgewater;
- 2 any other alternative solution arising from the public meeting.

Mr Pikor, Design Engineer for the City of Wanneroo, gave an overview of the Edgewater Drive Traffic Study, prepared by Uloth and Associates Pty Ltd. The traffic study assessed the traffic impact for the residential area of Edgewater located east of Joondalup Drive.

The study had reached public participation stage with a Questionnaire sent to Edgewater residents. Consultation with other authorities, such as Transperth, was also required.

Mr Pikor stated that after the public participation process, any recommendations would be put to Council for consideration.

Mr Fred Uloth, of Uloth and Associates Pty Ltd, explained Options A, B, C and D as submitted to the public in the Questionnaire. Mr Uloth pointed out that the Edgewater area is adjacent to Joondalup City Centre, which will be the second largest centre after Perth. Joondalup City Centre is planned for 80,000m² of retail floor space, 40,000 workplaces, and places for 18,000 students. He stated that the residential areas in the north and east of Edgewater will be large traffic generators, and even with the available public transport system, many cars will be travelling to and from Joondalup City Centre. He explained the existing traffic routes which cars will use, and the future projected traffic volumes. The majority of future traffic will go to and from City Centre, and he foresees that Edgewater Drive is the first route that will be used, with Joondalup Drive the second, and Mitchell Freeway third. However, Mitchell Freeway will be 6-lanes and heavily congested; Joondalup Drive will have a number of intersections, causing delay; and if Edgewater Drive is continued this will be used as a short-cut through the suburb.

Mr Uloth stated that the best plan is the one which is supported by the majority of the people but is difficult to achieve because of conflicts of interest between residential and commercial users. The best possible plan needs to be developed and evaluated to see who gains and who loses.

Mr Uloth explained the four Options in detail and stated that it appeared from the results of the Questionnaire that the majority of Edgewater Drive residents are against A and D, and would prefer C or B.

The Mayor invited questions from the floor.

Lengthy discussion ensued.

The electors present raised the following points and concerns:

- residents would like the status quo to remain and not have any of the four options put forward;
- residents chose to live in Edgewater because it was a good place to live, and for the flora, lakes and reserves;
- residents do not want any more traffic passing Edgewater Primary School;
- residents believe Ocean Reef Road and Joondalup Drive could be developed and widened to take larger traffic;
- shop keepers have not been asked their views on the plans;
- residential area should be kept for residents;
- plans for roads will affect prices of properties in Edgewater;
- will not produce safe environment for children;
- public should be encouraged to use public transport and share cars;

- speeds used along Edgewater Drive are excessive; objections were raised to bus lane along Edgewater Drive, as buses travel too fast;
- residents felt that traffic volumes and speeds would be reduced by the introduction of roundabouts and speed humps;
- residents do not want Joondalup City Centre to have adverse impact on Edgewater;

Cr Marwick stated he was an interested resident as he lives in Edgewater Drive. He pointed out that the City of Wanneroo had approached the people to ask what they thought of the plans. He said that the priority of people who had invested in and chosen the place they wanted to live, was to preserve its amenity. He felt that traffic could be taken around Edgewater.

A resident mentioned an accident which had occurred at the entrance of Treetop Drive and asked what would be done about this. The Town Clerk responded that between now to approximately the end of September, Joondalup Drive will be dualled and this should alleviate such problems.

The Mayor then sought motions from the floor.

MOVED Gay Erne, **SECONDED** Mark Reid that Treetop Avenue be closed to Joondalup Drive and no other roads to be opened to Joondalup.

CARRIED

Mr Jeff Binks raised his concern that the Treetop Avenue extension was important because if this extension did not go through, traffic for the Mater Dai College would go past Treetop Avenue. Therefore if Treetop Avenue was closed, the entrance should also be closed.

MOVED Glenn Oakley that:

- 1 the City of Wanneroo acknowledges the necessity of maintaining the integrity of the natural environment of Lake Joondalup and regional open space and Yellagonga Regional Park abutting Edgewater, the importance of the existing character, amenity and lifestyle of the Edgewater community, that the quality of lifestyle and amenity of the Edgewater community will be eroded if Edgewater Drive is connected to Lakeside Drive, and that the road be used as a short cut to the Joondalup City Centre, due to increased volumes of traffic, noise and pollution, that sufficient access to Joondalup Drive and the Joondalup City Centre already exists through Wedgewood Drive and Treetop Avenue for the Edgewater community;
- 2 that in accordance with the wishes of the Edgewater community, the City of Wanneroo resolves not to connect Edgewater Drive to Lakeside Drive, to improve safety measures on Treetop Avenue to Joondalup Drive, to improve and make safer the intersection of Treetop Avenue and Joondalup Drive.

There being no **SECONDER** the Motion

LAPSED

MOVED Robert Burns, **SECONDED** Max Brandenburg that Plans A, B, C and D be rejected and no other road be opened from the north end of Edgewater to Joondalup. **CARRIED**

MOVED Jeff Binks, **SECONDED** Victor Hill that if Treetop Avenue is closed, vehicular access to the Mater Dai College not come through Treetop Avenue but from Joondalup Drive. **CARRIED**

Crs Nosow, Ewen-Chappell and Cooper addressed the meeting and gave their support to the residents.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.