

CITY OF WANNEROO

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, JOONDALUP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 1997

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

A V DAMMERS, JP - Mayor	Central Ward
F D FREAME - Deputy Mayor	South West Ward
P O HEALY	North Ward
L A EWEN-CHAPPELL	Central Ward
S P MAGYAR	Central Ward
A G TAYLOR	South Ward
T W POPHAM	South Ward
D K TIPPETT, JP	South Ward
G A MAJOR	South West Ward
M E LYNN, JP	South West Ward
V G HANCOCK	South West Ward

Chief Executive Officer:	L O DELAHAUNTY
Manager, Corporate Services:	R E DYMOCK
City Treasurer:	J TURKINGTON
City Planner:	O G DRESCHER
City Engineer:	R MCNALLY
City Building Surveyor:	R G FISCHER
City Environmental Health Manager:	M AUSTIN
City Recreation and Cultural Services Manager:	R BANHAM
Manager Welfare Services:	P STUART
City Librarian:	J CADDY
Publicity Officer:	O DAVIDSON
Committee Clerk:	J AUSTIN
Minute Clerk:	S BRUYN

Apologies for absence were tendered by Crs O'Grady, Cooper, Wight and Duffy.

In Attendance

Mr G K McHarrie, Registered Local Government Auditor
Mr C Baker MLA, Member for Wanneroo

PUBLIC/ PRESS ATTENDANCE

There were 28 Electors and 1 member of the Press in attendance.

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 1937 hrs

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 1995

MOVED Mr R Chamberlain, **SECONDED** Mr A Bryant that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors, held on 18 December 1995 be confirmed as a true and correct record. **CARRIED**

RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

MOVED Mr R Chamberlain, **SECONDED** Mr A Bryant that the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 1996 be received. **CARRIED**

READING OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

The Auditor's Report was read by the City Treasurer.

MOVED Mr M Collier, **SECONDED** Mr V Harman that the Auditor's Report for the Year Ended 30 June 1996 be received. **CARRIED**

READING OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's Report was read by the Mayor, Cr Arnold Dammers.

MOVED Mr V Harman, **SECONDED** Mr F Lynn that the Mayor's Report for the Year Ended 30 June 1996 be received. **CARRIED**

GENERAL BUSINESS

MRS S STILES, GREENWOOD

Mrs Stiles of Greenwood submitted the following questions for the Annual General Meeting of Electors held 6 February 1997:

Q1(a) Is there a footpath replacement programme in existence for the older suburbs of Greenwood, Girrawheen, Koondoola and Marangaroo?

A1(b) The slab footpath replacement programme is scheduled for:

1996/97

Warwick Road - from Wanneroo Road to Tuart Road, Greenwood

Templeton Crescent - from Wanneroo Road to Marangaroo Drive, Girrawheen

There are also programmes scheduled in Duncraig, Warwick, Hillarys, Sorrento, Marmion and Padbury

1997/98

Coolibah Drive, Greenwood

Hudson Avenue, Girrawheen

There are also programmes schedule in Kallaroo, Craigie, Warwick, Padbury, Wanneroo and Quinns

1998/99

Blackall Drive, Greenwood - from Allenswood Road to Cockman Drive

Allenswood Road, Greenwood - from Warwick Road to Hepburn

Balgone Avenue, Girrawheen

Mereworth Way, Marangaroo

Also programmes in Kallaroo, Craigie, Wanneroo, Padbury, Hillarys and Duncraig

The slab footpath replacement programme will continue beyond 1998/99 until all footpaths are upgraded to insitu concrete standard.

Q1(c) If not, why not?

A1(c) Not applicable.

Q2(a) In light of various petitions calling for the extension of the dual use walk/cycle path around the eastern side of Lake Joondalup to service residents of the Wanneroo townsite and thereby create a walkpath around the entire perimeter of this lake, will Council please advise whether this item has been budgeted for in the 1997/98 budget?

Q2(b) If not, when will this item be budgeted for?

A2(a & b) The 1997/98 draft budget has not yet been prepared. The current 5 Year Capital Works Programme includes for 2000/2001 a \$100,000 contribution with joint funding proposed from CALM and Bikewest) towards a first stage dual use pathway within Yellagonga Regional Park. In response to petitions received, a report will be presented to Council in March 1997 so that further consideration can be given to the timing of the project.

MRS LOUISE SCULLEY, WANNEROO

Mrs Sculley of Wanneroo submitted the following question for the Annual General Meeting of Electors held 6 February 1997:

Q1 In view of the difficulties facing the City of Wanneroo in finding permanent volunteer bus drivers, will the City consider providing funding to pay for a driver for the Community Bus service which takes people to physiotherapy appointments at the Wanneroo Senior Citizens Centre in the Wanneroo townsite? If not, why not? (These people are recovering from major trauma and need on-going physio in order to give them a better quality of life).

A1 The Council's Welfare Department is aware of the increasing demand for transport for people with disability. It is at present negotiating with the Home and Community Care Programme for funding for the employment of an additional driver and also for brokerage funds to use taxi services for eligible clients.

In the interim a volunteer driver has been recruited for the physiotherapy service at Wanneroo. This is effective from the week beginning 3 February 1997.

VIC HARMAN - OCEAN REEF

Mr Vic Harman of 1 Bounty Place, Ocean Reef submitted the following question for the Annual General Meeting of Electors held 6 February 1997:

Q1 Would you please provide a breakdown of expenditure on the removal of graffiti. Also the actual amount provided in the 1995/96 Budget.

GRAFFITI COSTS - 1995/96

	ACTUAL \$	BUDGET \$
Buildings	43,568	25,000
Bus Shelters	31,506	15,000
Bus Shelter Murals	6,591	20,000
Pedestrian Underpasses	15,452	12,000
Pedestrian Underpass Murals	6,429	20,000
TOTAL	\$103,456	\$92,000

MR R CHAMBERLAIN, CONNOLLY

Mr Chamberlain submitted the following questions for the Annual General Meeting of Electors held 6 February 1997:

Q1 What was the total revenue raised for 1995/96 from refuse rates from all sources?

A1 Household Refuse Rates \$7,534,050
Commercial Refuse Rates \$1,027,695

Q2 Where is this income accounted for in the financial statement?

A2 Page 3 of the Financial Statements - Operating Statement by Function under Community Amenities - Revenue.

Page 11 (2b) in the Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements under "User Charges".

Q3 How is this income expended and where does this appear in the financial statement?

A3 Page 3 - Operating Statement by Function under Communities - Expenses.

Page 12 Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements:-

- "Employee Costs"
- "Materials and Contracts"
- "Depreciation"
- "Consultancy"

<u>Expenditure Household Refuse</u>	- Bulk Refuse Collection	671,440
	- Maintenance Badgerup Site	64,500
	- Tipping Fees Mindarie	1,114,750
	- Recycling Costs	992,790
	- Minor Equipment Purchases	197,520
	- New/Replacement Costs	158,230
	- Domestic Collection Costs	2,473,800
	- Depreciation Major Equipment	17,070
	- Transfer to Reserves for Future Replacement of Capital Equipment	2,792,800
		\$8,482,900
<u>Expenditure Commercial Refuse</u>	Less Depreciation Vehicles/Plant included in Transfer to Reserves	948,850
		\$7,534,050
	- Commercial Refuse Collection	474,600
	- Tipping Fees Mindarie	155,030
	- Bulk Bin Maintenance	57,890
	- Depreciation Major Equipment	68,995
	- Transfer to Reserves for future Replacement of Capital Equipment	354,280
		\$1,110,795
	Less Depreciation Vehicles/Plant included in Transfer to Reserves	83,100
		\$1,027,695

Q4 Will you please advise the total capital works expended to 30 June 1996 and the amount for the same works allowed in the 1995/96 Budget.

Total Capital Expenditure	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
	\$29,789,862	\$48,357,970	\$49,499,363

Q5 What capital works were carried forward from 1995/96 to 1996/97?

A5 Capital Works carried forward \$16,616,042

As per attached list.

JILL BROWN - MERRIWA

Facilities for Youth

Cr Hancock left the Chambers at this point, the time being 1957 hrs.

Ms Brown raised her concern with the lack of facilities in the Wanneroo area for youth. She believed that this lack of facilities was directly linked to drug and alcohol problems experienced by youth and believed that youth would benefit greatly from being able to attend a place established exclusively for youth. Ms Brown requested that Council seek the views of youth and provide counselling support groups for youth with alcohol and drug problems. In this regard she suggested that a social worker could be employed to endeavour to help young people.

Cr Hancock entered the Chambers at this point, the time being 2001 hrs.

MOVED Ms J Brown, **SECONDED** Mrs A Hine that Council makes it a priority to consult with our teenagers, provide them with meeting places of their own throughout the suburbs where they have a sense of ownership and pride and that this is implemented in this years' budget. **CARRIED**

In response, the Mayor referred to the Heathridge Drop-in Centre and reported on the youth policy adopted by Council. He also commented on a recreation centre with a youth component which was proposed for the Clarkson/Butler area.

The City Recreation and Cultural Services Manager advised of a report which would be submitted to the February Council meeting stating that Council had been successful in attracting a \$45,000 grant from the Department for Family and Children's Services to provide youth services in the northern areas. He commented on youth forums conducted by Council to ascertain the needs of young people.

MARY MASON - BELDONProposed split of Wanneroo Council

Mrs Mason requested that Council informs ratepayers of the proposed split as she was concerned that ratepayers would not have input into this decision.

The Mayor reported that the next edition of News Extra would include information on Council's proposal regarding the split. He advised that Council was also proposing to have a number of public meetings to inform ratepayers on the proposed split and commented that these would be advertised in the Wanneroo Times, as this was the best avenue to inform most of the ratepayers.

Mrs Mason requested that the dates of the meetings be circulated to ratepayers as she had previously missed notices placed in the Wanneroo Times. The Mayor advised that previous meetings had been conducted by the State Government.

MOVED Mrs M Mason, **SECONDED** Mr C Power that the City of Wanneroo holds a referendum on the issue of splitting the Wanneroo Council, once the Local Government Advisory Board has reported to the Minister for Local Government. **CARRIED**

MR A BRYANT - CRAIGIEPainting of Street Numbers on Kerbing

Mr Bryant referred to advice received from a kerb numbering contractor that the painting of street numbers on the kerb was illegal and a fee would be imposed by Council for their removal.

The City Engineer advised that Council had no official contractor performing this function, although there were a number of operators who provided this service for a fee. He commented that any contractor who contacted Council was provided with a set of standards to adhere to but so far no removal of numbers has occurred.

Reply to Lions Club Letters

Mr Bryant referred to a letter sent to the Chief Executive Officer from the Lions Club on 8 October 1996 requesting permission to place posters in Council premises and noticeboards in respect to selling limited edition Wanneroo number plates and advised that so far no reply had been received. He advised that the letter also requested Council to nominate a joint project between Council and the Lions Club of Wanneroo in order to expend funds received from the sale of Wanneroo number plates. Mr Bryant commented on a further letter sent by the Lions Club of Wanneroo on 22 September 1996 seeking Council permission to relocate a colorbond shed to the grounds of Lake Joondalup Kindergarten and queried whether a reply could be expected when Council resumes.

Clearing of Road Verges

Mr Bryant queried whether Council had a long range plan in respect to clearing road verges within the municipality.

The Mayor advised this item would be considered at the Policy meeting to be held on 10 February 1997.

Postal Voting

In the event that postal voting was conducted by Council, Mr Bryant queried whether an early vote by residents would be required by people not within the municipality or the State on polling day.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that absent voting can be undertaken under the Local Government Act.

GLYNIS MONKS - WANNEROO

Preservation of the Church of St Anthony's, Wanneroo

Mrs Monks was concerned that St Anthony's church was not shown on the Wanneroo Town Centre Structural Draft Plan and requested that consideration be given to preserving the church on its present site and that the structure plan be amended to incorporate this. In this regard she presented a 143-signature petition to preserve the church on its present site and advised that as this was an ongoing petition, more signatures would be submitted.

The Mayor advised that this matter would be dealt with in conjunction with the report on the structure plan.

DON HOOPER - ALEXANDER HEIGHTS

Spraying of Houses

Mr Hooper referred to recent additions carried out on his property and queried Council's requirement that termi mesh be used to control termites.

The City Building Surveyor advised that Council has received legal advice that if retreatment was not provided for and there was no other termite control measure, Council could be held liable because the chemical spray has a limited life. He advised that a report on new standards released will be submitted to the February meeting of Council.

Mr Hooper queried why the additions had to be treated as the rest of the house had not been built to that standard.

The City Building Surveyor advised that Council was imposing requirements applicable to a current application.

Mr Hooper commented that the builder had not submitted compaction tests to the Council in regard to his recent additions and queried whether this was common practise.

The City Building Surveyor advised that additions are required to have compaction tests and that compaction certificates are to be supplied to Council by a structural engineer.

The Mayor advised that this matter would be attended to and a reply would be submitted in writing.

Reticulation for Median Strip - Alexander Drive

Mr Hooper queried the installation of reticulation for the median strip in Alexander Drive and commented it was very unsightly at present.

The Mayor advised that the issue of median strips would be discussed at the February Policy meeting.

VIC HARMAN - OCEAN REEFGraffiti

Mr Harman referred to a letter presented by Cr Magyar on behalf of the Ocean Reef Ratepayers Association requesting an interim measure be instituted by Council for the removal of graffiti from public accessways and fences bordering roads. He requested that pending the implementation of the government's scheme for the removal of graffiti, Council consider removing graffiti when notified of specific cases. Mr Harman commented on graffiti in the underpass at Baroola Place, Ocean Reef and stated that the light in this underpass had been vandalised and was no longer functional. He also advised of a light vandalised at Beaumaris Primary School and requested this be attended to.

Lighting at Beaumaris Shopping Centre

Mr Harman asked Council to request the developer of the Beaumaris Shopping Centre to provide lighting in the car park as he was concerned with safety problems at night. He also requested that Council ensure that adequate lighting is installed in future shopping precincts.

Security System for Wanneroo

Mr Harman queried when a survey of residents would be conducted regarding the possibility of installing a security service in Wanneroo. He referred to the security service presently used at the City of Bayswater and commented that a petition would be submitted on this issue from residents of Duncraig.

Mr Mayor advised that an article on this matter would be published in the forthcoming edition of the Wanneroo Times and commented that this issue was being pursued. He also stated that an article, incorporating a questionnaire, would appear in News Extra on this matter.

Postal Elections

Mr Harman queried what response Council had received from the Electoral Commission with regard to costing for conducting postal elections.

The Mayor reported that the Electoral Commission has advised that it believed it could meet the requirements of the City, but would be unable to give a guarantee.

Proposed split of City

Mr Harman congratulated Council for its presentation on the split of the City. He drew attention to a letter he had received from the Albany Shire Ratepayers Association asking Council to request the Minister for Local Government to institute a poll provision for any proposed boundary changes to local municipalities. Mr Harman advised that the letter also asked that Council request an assurance from the State Government that there will be no imposed amalgamations or boundary adjustments of local municipalities.

Dualling of Hodges Drive

Mr Harman requested the Deputy City Engineer to contact him to arrange a suitable time to discuss matters arising from the proposed dualling of Hodges Drive.

Thanks to Mayor

Mr Harman expressed his thanks to the Mayor for his efforts on behalf of ratepayers and for the work carried out during his term of office.

MALCOLM COLLIER - CONNOLLY

Lakeside Shopping Centre Carpark

Mr Collier queried when provision would be made to provide additional car parking facilities at Lakeside Shopping Centre as part of the car parking space would soon be used for new development in the centre.

The Mayor advised that LandCorp was required to provide a number of sites for parking stations and commented that this would progressively happen. He believed that Joondalup train station had not been intended to be used as a parking station.

The City Planner confirmed that it was never intended that Joondalup be a parking station for the railway and there were no plans to provide long term parking in the City centre for the station.

Mr Collier believed LandCorp had an obligation to provide car parking for local residents.

The Mayor advised this was Westrail's responsibility, not LandCorp's.

Mr Collier believed Lakeside Shopping Centre would be losing revenue due to lack of parking for train users and also believed there was a lack of multi storey car parking.

The Mayor advised this matter will be investigated.

Coverage of Railway Line

Mr Collier queried when Council would give consideration to dualling Shenton Avenue, near the intersection with Joondalup Drive, as he considered this section to be dangerous due to the present chicane arrangement of the road.

The City Engineer advised that given current traffic levels, it would appear that the dualling is several years away. He commented that at an appropriate time, it would be included in the programme submitted to the Main Roads Department.

MRS A HINE - WANNEROO

News Extra

Mrs Hine advised she had not received a copy of News Extra and queried its delivery.

The Mayor advised that reliance was placed on delivery operators to distribute News Extra and this matter was being investigated.

Election of Mayor

Mrs Hine queried Council policy on the election of the Mayor as she believed ratepayers should make this decision.

The Mayor advised that Council elects the Mayor and commented on a past referendum held on this issue. He commented that a special majority of Councillors would be required prior to 22 February 1997 for Council to allow ratepayers to elect the Mayor and stated that a further referendum would not be required.

Voting by Councillors

Mrs Hine requested that Councillors use the old practise of 'crossing the floor' when voting to allow ratepayers to see their method of voting.

The Mayor outlined details of a computerised voting system which was being investigated for use in the new Council Chambers.

Splitting of Wanneroo

Mrs Hine queried whether Council had any green areas set aside for the splitting of the Council as she was concerned about the Burns Beach area. She requested that this area be made part of the green belt.

The Mayor advised it was too early to consider this matter and suggested items like this could be considered at future meetings for public input.

Clearance of Private Land

Mrs Hine requested consideration be given to the feasibility of Council requesting developers, when clearing sites, to transfer large trees to areas of public open space. She also suggested that Council request to be advised prior to developers clearing sites to enable plants, seeds or animals to be saved.

The Mayor reported on a recent TV documentary showing a community group which clears all endangered plants, collects seeds and works the area prior to clearing by developers.

Dundebar Road

Mrs Hine queried what plans Council had for Dundebar Road, particularly in relation to development presently being conducted on the corner of Dundebar Road and Griffiths Road.

The Mayor advised that the future realigned Dundebar Road was proposed to provide another entrance to the Wanneroo Shopping Centre. He commented that no major work would be carried out in this area until the concept plan of the townsite had been considered.

Native Title Claims

Mrs Hine queried the number of native title claims received from the Aboriginal Elders and asked whether they had all been consulted.

The City Planner advised that there were two official claims received, with two more pending. He commented that a report on this matter would be submitted to the February meeting of Council advising of the number of claims within the City of Wanneroo.

Dog Register

Mrs Hine queried why she had not received a reminder prior to renewal of her dog on the dog register this year. She also asked that consideration be given to implanting a microchip in the neck of animals to enable better identification.

The Mayor advised that this matter will be investigated.

Sump on Wanneroo Road

Mrs Hine referred to the sump installed by developers on Wanneroo Road and queried whether the Acting City Parks Manager could request Mr Trandos to transfer trees on his property awaiting development to this sump.

MRS E ROSE - HILLARYS

Replies to Letters

Mrs Rose referred to the late reply she had received to a matter she had raised at the previous annual general meeting of electors and queried why a letter of acknowledgement had not been sent sooner.

Youth Policy

Mrs Rose referred to the proposed closure of St Lukes Church in Padbury and commented on the lack of support received by the Northern Suburbs Youth Development Association from the federal, state and local governments in regard to youth affairs. She believed that funds expended on the new Council buildings were premature in light of the possible split of the Wanneroo Council and requested Council to do as much as possible to provide youth amenities, not only for the new northern suburbs but also for the older suburbs, particularly Padbury.

MR M SIDERIS - MULLALOOMullalloo/Ocean Reef Foreshore Study

Mr Sideris queried the present position in relation to the Mullalloo/Ocean Reef foreshore study as he was concerned with problems being experienced in this area.

The Mayor advised this study was presently out for public comment.

The City Planner advised that this study should be presented to Council in the near future and invited Mr Sideris to discuss any queries with him on this matter.

Mr Sideris advised he was concerned in relation to some of the path accessways to the beach front and the continual battle every summer with sand dunes and believed there should be more feedback from Council in relation to this matter. He queried how ratepayers could comment on the next stage of this study.

The Mayor advised that as this was a public document it could be accessed through local libraries or at the appropriate Committee meeting. He invited Mr Sideris to contact the Planning Department for relevant details.

Study of Oceanside Drive

Mr Sideris queried the present position in relation to Oceanside Drive.

The City Engineer advised he would take this matter on notice.

Proposed Split of Council

Mr Sideris queried how he could obtain a copy of the green book on the proposed split of Wanneroo Council.

The Mayor advised this could be obtained at local libraries.

MR A BRYANT - CRAIGIENews Extra

Following a comment from Mr Bryant that he had never received a copy of News Extra, the Mayor advised consideration would be given to distributing this via Australia Post.

Cr Popham left the Chamber at this point, the time being 2113 hrs.

MR N CRISAFULLI - WANNEROOFire Services Funding

Mr Crisafulli expressed his concern at the cost of the fire services within the district and queried funds contributed by Council to the WA Fire Services.

Cr Taylor left the Chamber at this point, the time being 2114 hrs.

The City Treasurer advised that the WA Fire Brigade levy was \$960,000 this financial year, with Council's contribution towards the total fire service being an extra \$370,000.

Mr Crisafulli raised his concern at the levy imposed by the WA Fire Service, via insurance policies and requested Council to investigate the funding of the fire services.

Cr Popham entered the Chamber at this point, the time being 2116 hrs.

The City Treasurer advised that a working party was presently looking at the contribution towards fire levies and commented on a proposal that local government be a collector for this levy rather than the insurance company.

The Mayor advised that this matter was being addressed and awaiting the outcome of the working party.

MR D HOOPER - ALEXANDER HEIGHTS

Smoke from Wood Heaters

Mr Hooper expressed his concern with the smoke generated by wood heaters in the winter.

The City Environmental Health Manager advised that a report would be submitted to the Committee meeting to be held on 18 February 1997, which would present the Perth haze study and the summary and major findings of that study which were prepared by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Cr Taylor entered the Chamber at this point, the time being 2120 hrs.

The City Environmental Health Manager commented on the report and advised that future new stoves will need to comply with an Australian standard and encouraging people through an education campaign to acknowledge their responsibility in using clean, dry wood.

In conclusion, the Mayor expressed his thanks to all the officers, in particular Mr Turkington for his efforts in reducing Council's loan commitment.

CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 2124 hrs, the following Councillors being present at that time:

COUNCILLORS: DAMMERS
FREAME
LYNN
EWEN-CHAPPELL
MAGYAR
TAYLOR
MAJOR
HANCOCK
HEALY
POPHAM
TIPPETT