



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
North Metropolitan Zone

MINUTES

29 September 2005

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting
Held at the City of Wanneroo
23 Dundobar Road
Wanneroo 6946

Thursday, 29 September 2005
Commencing at 6:00pm

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

(1) ATTENDANCE:

City of Stirling	Cr TW (Trevor) Clarey (State Council Member) Cr PL (Peter) Rose Mr R (Rod) Constantine Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr L (Laurie) Crouch Manager Community Safety (non-voting delegate)
City of Wanneroo	Cr F (Frank) Cvitan (Deputy Chairperson) (State Council Member) Cr R (Rudi) Steffens Cr T (Tracey) Roberts Cr D (Dot) Newton Mr D (Daniel) Simms, Director Governance
City of Joondalup	Commissioner S (Steve) Smith Mr G (Garry) Hunt, Chief Executive Officer Mr P (Peter) Schneider, Director Corporate Services and Resource Management
Secretariat	Mr P (Phil) McQue, Executive Support Officer, City of Stirling Ms E (Emma) Taylor, Council Support Officer, City of Stirling
WALGA	Mr B (Bruce) Wittber, Policy Manager, Governance Mr G (Gregg) Kinnesky, Policy Manager, Governance

(2) APOLOGIES:

Cr D (David) Boothman (Chairperson) (State Council Member)
Mr L (Lindsay) Delahaunty Chief Executive Officer (non-voting delegate)
Mr D (Darren) Simmons, Manager Council Support, City of Stirling
Cr WM (Bill) Stewart, City of Stirling
Cr M (Mark) Pearson, City of Wanneroo
Ms E (Elissa) Thomas, Council Support Coordinator, City of Stirling

II ANNOUNCEMENTS

III MINUTES

MOTION

Cr Clarey / Cr Rose

That the Minutes of the meeting of the North Metropolitan Zone held on Thursday, 28 July 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

IV ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nil.

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ATTACHMENTS

WALGA Status Report
 Attachment to item 3.2 – Resource Recovery Rebate Scheme - RRRS
 Attachment to item 3.3 - Local Government Rating Exemption
 Minutes 28 July 2005
 State Council Agenda
 State Council Attachments
 Summary Minutes of Previous Meeting
 Review of Representational and Structural Effectiveness of WALGA Zones

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

2. MATTERS REFERRED TO WALGA

MOTION

Cr Clarey / Cr Rose

That the status report be received.

CARRIED

2.1 Status Report on Matters Referred to WALGA State Council for Action

As a means of increasing communication and providing feedback to the North Metropolitan Zone Committee a schedule has been prepared on matters referred to WALGA State Council for action.

Please refer to Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION

That the status report be received.

3. REPORTS FROM MEMBER COUNCILS

3.1 Mayoral Vehicle Amendment to Regulations.

MOTION

Cr Clarey / Cr Rose

RECOMMENDATION

REQUEST that the Western Australian Local Government Association pursue on behalf of Local Government an amendment to the Local Government (Administration) Regulations to allow Council to provide a vehicle for official Council business and private use to the position of Mayor in recognition of the substantial after hours commitments provided by Mayors.

CARRIED

3.2 Resource Recovery Rebate Scheme - RRRS

MOTION

Cr Clarey / Cr Rose

RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA write to the Waste Management Board expressing concern regarding the Waste Board promoting an excessively high Landfill Levy and supporting the need for credible research to support any increase in the Landfill Levy.

CARRIED

3.3 Local Government Rating Exemption

MOTION

Cr Roberts / Cr Rose

RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA be requested to initiate a study of:

- The rate of increase of ILUs operated by organisations currently enjoying charitable exemption status under local government rating legislation;
- The change in proportion of ILU properties to other residential properties in local authorities;
- Projected shifts in rate burdens if current trends continue;
- Experience and practice in other Australian states; and
- Possible changes to legislation to ensure no continuing inequities between life tenants in ILUs operated by 'charitable' organisations and fee simple owners of similar resources who are only distinguished from life tenants in ILUs by the requirement to pay municipal rates.

and to report back to North Metropolitan Zone by March 2006

CARRIED

3.4 Underground Power – Financing Local Government Contributions

MOTION

Cr Rose / Cr Clarey

RECOMMENDATION

1. That WALGA be requested to canvas local governments for statements of experience, problems and recommend that improvements to obviate existing difficulties in applying rates and/or service charges to provide revenue to fund underground power schemes.
2. That WALGA be requested to liaise with the Department of Local Government and Regional Development to secure appropriate changes to the LGA to facilitate improvements for rating and service fee application for underground power projects sponsored by local governments.

CARRIED

3.5 - Biodiesel

MOTION

Cr Rose / Cr Clarey

RECOMMENDATION

1. That a study group from the North Zone examine the possibilities of creating a partnership with one or more fuel generating companies to examine the possibility of conversion of waste plastics and waste oil collected by local authorities to low sulphur biodiesel fuel.
2. That the study include an examination of potential cost benefits including benefits that may be available from a lower fuel excise regime and from grants available for new initiatives in producing alternative energy.

CARRIED

3.6 Regional Approach to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnership Agreement

MOTION

Cr Roberts / Cr Steffens

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the North Zone Committee in principle SUPPORTS the continuation of discussions working towards a joint regional approach to the community safety and crime prevention partnership agreement.
2. That the North Zone INVITE the Office of Crime Prevention to provide a presentation to the Committee on the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnership Agreement and City of Bayswater be invited to attend.
3. That each Local Authority ADVISES their Council of the activities to date or seeks support for a regional approach to a partnership agreement.
4. That the appropriate officers for each authority MEET with the Office of Crime Prevention to discuss the regional partnership approach.

CARRIED

4. WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Please note:

4.1 Item 2.5 – Regional Headworks Support (05-055-03-0006-MM)

MOTION

Cr Newton / Cr Steffens

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Headworks Support be endorsed subject to the following amendment:

1. That the Premier be lobbied to address the disincentive for social and economic development in outer metro areas and rural Western Australia due to unrealistic headworks costs for rural residential development proposals.

2. That the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development be lobbied to expand the Regional Headworks Programme to include residential developments.

CARRIED

Balance of State Council Reports

MOTION

Cr Newton / Cr Clarey

RECOMMENDATION

That the balance of the reports be received.

CARRIED

5. WALGA STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Nil

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Review of Representational and Structural Effectiveness of WALGA Zones

City of Joondalup Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Garry Hunt advised that correspondence has been received from the Western Australian Local Government Association providing the report into the Review of Representational and Structural Effectiveness of WALGA zones.

The dead line of completion has now been extended to 27 January 2006.

7. DATE, TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

DRAFT MOTION

That the next meeting of the North Metropolitan Zone be held on 1 December 2005 at the City of Joondalup.

8. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 7.03pm.