

minutes

Annual General Meeting of Electors

MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2018**

CITY OF JOONDALUP**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2018.****OPEN AND WELCOME**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5.30pm and introduced the Councillors, the Director Financial Audit – Office of the Auditor General, Ms Kellie Tonich and the City's Auditor, Mr Greg Godwin, Partner – Moore Stephens Perth.

ATTENDANCES**Mayor:**

HON. ALBERT JACOB, JP

Councillors:

CR KERRY HOLLYWOOD	North Ward
CR TOM McLEAN, JP	North Ward
CR PHILIPPA TAYLOR	North Central Ward
CR NIGE JONES	North Central Ward
CR CHRISTOPHER MAY	Central Ward
CR RUSSELL POLIWKA	Central Ward – <i>Deputy Mayor</i>
CR CHRISTINE HAMILTON-PRIME	South-West Ward
CR MIKE NORMAN	South-West Ward
CR JOHN CHESTER	South-East Ward
CR JOHN LOGAN	South-East Ward
CR RUSS FISHWICK, JP	South Ward

Officers:

MR GARRY HUNT	Chief Executive Officer	<i>from 5.31pm</i>
MR MIKE TIDY	Director Corporate Services	
MR JAMIE PARRY	Director Governance and Strategy	
MS DALE PAGE	Director Planning and Community Development	
MR NICO CLAASSEN	Director Infrastructure Services	
MR BRAD SILLENCE	Manager Governance	
MR DANIEL DAVINI	Media Advisor	
MR JOHN BYRNE	Governance Coordinator	
MRS LESLEY TAYLOR	Governance Officer	
MRS DEBORAH GOUGES	Governance Officer	
MRS WENDY COWLEY	Governance Officer	

In Attendance:

MR GLENN HEAPERMAN	Manager Human Resources
MR DAVID MURNAIN	Manager Information Technology
MR MALCOLM JENKINSON	Manager Rangers, Parking and Community Safety
MR MARK McCRORY	Manager Marketing and Communications
MS RUTH MARCH	Manager Infrastructure Management Services
MR BLIGNAULT OLIVIER	Manager City Projects
MR CHRIS LEIGH	Manager Planning Services
MR MICHAEL HAMLING	Manager Operation Services
MR RONEY OOMMEN	Manager Financial Services
MS JUDE THOMAS	Manager Community Development and Library Services
MS CHRISTINE ROBINSON	Acting Manager Compliance and Regulatory Services
MR PETER McGUICKIN	Acting Manager Executive and Risk Services
MRS GENEVIEVE HUNTER	Senior Projects Officer
MS JODIE DUTTON	Business Performance Analyst
MS JESSICA CRINGLE	Executive Assistant to Mayor

There were 14 members of the public in attendance, five of whom signed the attendance register. There was one member of the press in attendance.

The Chief Executive Officer entered the Chamber at 5.31pm.

ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed members of the public to the Annual General Meeting of Electors.

The Mayor advised that the meeting is being held in accordance with Section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The Mayor advised the meeting was advertised as follows:

- *Joondalup Times* newspaper on Tuesday 30 October 2018.
- *Joondalup Weekender* newspaper on Thursday 22 November 2018.

A public notice of the meeting was also placed on the City's website and notice boards.

PROCEDURES AT ELECTORS' MEETINGS

The Mayor outlined the requirements for voting and speaking at an Electors' Meeting and the definition of an Elector.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**Leave of Absence previously approved**

Cr Sophie Dwyer	3 December to 7 December 2018 inclusive;
Cr Christine Hamilton-Prime	20 December 2018 to 1 January 2019 inclusive;
Mayor Hon. Albert Jacob	18 January to 25 January 2019 inclusive.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

A video presentation was given outlining the events, activities and achievements of the City of Joondalup for the 2017-18 financial year.

CONTENTS OF THE 2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the Annual General Meeting of Electors was to discuss the contents of the Annual Report and raise any general business that Electors may have. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council adopted the Annual Report at its meeting held on 20 November 2018 (CJ197-11/18 refers).

The following questions were submitted prior to the Annual General Meeting of Electors:

Ms N Dangar, Beldon:

Re: Leafy Tree Program – No Watering to Trees.

On reviewing the Annual Report I note that there is only one “Leafy Suburbs” program which is managed by Baroness Holdings and includes planting and watering of the trees.

Q1 *What is the watering cycle for example when does the tree get watered?*

A1 Base Watering Schedule for Leafy City Program

July – Fortnightly.
August – Fortnightly.
September to December - Weekly.
January to March – Twice Weekly.
April to May – Weekly.
June – Fortnightly.

Q2 *Are some trees in the City of Joondalup planted by another organisation, and if so, how are they remunerated?*

A2 Some of the City’s landscape development programs are contracted to external organisations which may include verge planting of trees. The contractor would be remunerated through the relevant capital works program.

Q3 *If there is another organisation for example City of Joondalup employees planting some trees, why have these trees been excluded from the watering program?*

A3 The City has a residential tree planting program which is separate to the *Leafy City Program* or other landscape development programs. The difference being the street tree is requested by the resident. The City will supply and plant the tree and provide an initial watering during the winter planting season. The resident is provided with a leaflet detailing how to look after their new tree which includes providing supplementary watering.

The following questions in respect of the 2017-18 Annual Report were asked at the meeting:

Ms N Dangar, Beldon:

Re: Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility.

Q1 The Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility is still on the agenda and a large amount of money has been paid into that account this year and I cannot understand why?

A1 Mayor Jacob commented Council made its decision on the Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility and what is listed in the annual report reflects the decision of Council.

Q2 It is a large sum of money.

A2 Mayor Jacob reiterated the decision of Council and that it is reflected as such within the annual report.

Ms Dangar congratulated the City on the presentation of the 2017-18 Annual Report and commented it was well produced, informative and easy to understand.

Mr P Hocking, Joondalup:

Re: Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility.

Q1 As at June 2017 it was reported in the community newspaper Council had spent \$2.4 million on expenditure in relation to the Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility. In this year's accounts approximately \$16,246,677 million is listed. Why is this money still listed and why wasn't the \$2.4 million loss taken out of the account to lessen the burden on cash strapped ratepayers?

A1 Mayor Jacob stated the decision by Council was not to progress to a detailed design and concept stage. A performing arts facility is still an aspiration for the City of Joondalup as part of its future plans and as such it acquired land a number of years ago with this in mind. The annual report is a reflection of this and the decision of Council with respect to a performing arts and cultural facility.

Q2 Why did the \$2.4 million not come out of the Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility account?

A2 The Director Corporate Services commented it related to the 2016-17 financial year so in that financial year the money came out of the reserve account. In the current financial year there has been money put into the reserve account which represents proceeds from sale of various assets.

Ms J Quan, Edgewater:

Re: Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility.

Q1 Why does the Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility still appear in the City's budget when the Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility reserve is allocated for other projects? Apart from the budget being approved in June 2018, is there a Council decision in regard to the Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility design and reassessment?

A1 Mayor Jacob stated there is a Council decision post the budget decision in this regard.

Ms M O'Byrne, Kinross:

Re: Leafy Tree Program.

Q1 I am a recipient of a verge tree as part of the Verge Tree Program, but the tree has died. What is the overall cost to the City of the number of trees that have not survived around my suburb? My tree was approximately three years old and well established, but my preference would be to have a smaller tree that I could look after and water myself.

A1 The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the expenditure in relation to the Leafy City Program is within budget. In terms of the replacement of trees, unfortunately not all the trees have survived for different reasons. With respect to Ms O'Byrne's tree, the City will look at replanting another tree as part of next year's tree planting program.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Mayor commented that any questions of a general nature raised at the Annual General Meeting of Electors would be responded to and questions requiring a more detailed response would be taken on notice.

Mayor Jacob advised that motions raised at this evening's Annual General Meeting of Electors would be considered by Council at its meeting to be held on Tuesday 19 February 2019.

Mrs S Wilberforce, Edgewater:

MOVED Mrs S Wilberforce, SECONDED Mr M Moore that we the electors of the City of Joondalup REQUEST that Council make an annual payment, in perpetuity, to the West Australian Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated. Such payment to be the same dollar for dollar amount as the subscription fee paid by the City of Joondalup to the West Australian Local Government Association in the applicable year and that Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to immediately implement this decision.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Ms J Quan, Edgewater:

MOVED Ms J Quan, SECONDED Ms M O’Byrne that we the electors of the City of Joondalup REQUEST that Council with regard to the bulk hard waste collection:

- 1 improves the hard waste collection to eliminate the health and safety risks for residents;**
- 2 compares the cost and effect of the current green waste and hard waste system to the City of Swan’s ‘on call’ verge collection system.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Mr M Dickie, Duncraig:

MOVED Mr M Dickie, SECONDED Mr M Moore that Council NOTES that despite all current climate measures and policies, Australian cities are getting hotter and resolves to use all means in its power to seek and implement much stronger measures at individual, community, State, Federal and planetary levels to leave to our children an environment that is not massively hotter and more stressed than the one that we inherited.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Ms M O’Byrne, Kinross:

MOVED Ms M O’Byrne, SECONDED Ms J Quan that we the electors of the City of Joondalup REQUEST that Council makes the audio recording for all Briefing Session meetings available to the public.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Mr M Moore, Edgewater:

Re: Rate relief for churches, charitable organisations and schools.

Q1 When determining the increase in rates, it would be helpful to include information within the report that details how much rate relief is given to churches and charitable organisations, how much the community is subsidising those organisations and to schools that have facilities for hire and the like.

A1 Mayor Jacob advised this question would be taken on notice.

Ms N Dangar, Beldon:

MOVED Ms N Dangar, SECONDED Ms M O'Byrne that we the electors of the City of Joondalup REQUEST that Council restores its old website in an archive section of the City of Joondalup's website as the current website does not include anything before the launch of the new website. Previous information should be available for public information.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Ms J Quan, Edgewater:

MOVED Ms J Quan, SECONDED Ms M O'Byrne that we the electors of the City of Joondalup with respect to meeting procedures REQUEST that:

- 1 statement time be extended for 15 minutes maximum on two occasions during a Briefing Session and an Ordinary Council meeting;**
- 2 all meeting agendas to be published seven days before the meeting date, including, but not limited to:**
 - 2.1 Briefing Sessions / ordinary Council meetings;**
 - 2.2 Annual General Meeting of Electors or Special Meetings of Electors;**
 - 2.3 Committee meetings;**
- 3 the Annual General Meeting of Electors be scheduled on a date when no Briefing Session meeting or Ordinary Council Meeting is being held.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Ms J Quan, Edgewater:

MOVED Ms J Quan, SECONDED Ms M O'Byrne that we the electors of the City of Joondalup with respect to the Budget REQUEST that:

- 1 Council allows the budget to be discussed at a Briefing Session prior to the Ordinary Council meeting;**
- 2 the rate in the dollar should not be determined before the Budget is decided by Council;**
- 3 the Budget should be discussed at the April Council meeting instead of the June Council meeting to eliminate the risk of "if we don't approve the Budget, then Council will be shut down".**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Ms M O’Byrne, Kinross:

MOVED Ms M O’Byrne, SECONDED Ms J Quan that we the electors of the City of Joondalup **REQUEST** that consultation with respect to amended development plans should have a compulsory public consultation period for deferred applications or State Administrative Tribunal appeals and / or amend local laws as appropriate.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Ms J Quan, Edgewater:

MOVED Ms J Quan, SECONDED Ms N Dangar that we the electors of the City of Joondalup **REQUEST** that Council notify interested parties (neighbours, people who lodged comments during consultation and other impacted parties) of the following events:

- 1** the lodgement of an appeal to the State Administrative Tribunal (including case number) within seven days of the lodgement;
- 2** notification to interested parties at least seven days prior informing that a meeting has been scheduled to consider an item; meetings to include, but not limited to a Briefing Session, Ordinary Council meeting, Development Assessment Panel meeting and State Administrative Tribunal meeting that is open to the public.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Ms J Quan, Edgewater:

Re: Affordable housing within the City of Joondalup.

Q1 *How many affordable houses are planned to be built in the City of Joondalup? Will they primarily be located within housing opportunity areas?*

A1 Mayor Jacob advised that was a matter for the State Government.

The Director Planning and Community Development stated the City assesses a development application once it has been submitted to the City, the City does not draft the application. The City is not able to give an indication as to how many applications it is likely to receive. Development applications are submitted by an applicant as they see fit and it is the City’s role to assess the application and make a decision.

Q2 *It has been stated there will be 1,300 affordable houses located across the City of Joondalup. Will housing opportunity areas such as Edgewater and Craigie be targeted as there is a number of houses in those areas already? If so, who accepted the number in association with the Department of Housing of affordable houses to be accommodated in those areas?*

A2 Mayor Jacob advised this was a matter for the Department of Housing. As an example, with respect to Lot 9000 adjacent to the HBF Arena, the State Government has indicated it will be targeting affordable housing in the Joondalup CBD. This is a question for the State Government, not Council.

Ms N Dangar, Beldon:

Re: Rates pertaining to charitable organisations.

Q1 Has any calculation been undertaken as to the amount of revenue lost to the City and its residents in view of the fact that so many charitable organisations do not pay rates?

A1 Mayor Jacob advised this question would be taken on notice.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, Mayor Jacob declared the Annual General Meeting of Electors closed at 6.27pm. The following Elected Members were present at that time:

MAYOR HON. ALBERT JACOB, JP
CR KERRY HOLLYWOOD
CR TOM MCLEAN, JP
CR PHILIPPA TAYLOR
CR NIGE JONES
CR CHRISTOPHER MAY
CR RUSSELL POLIWKA
CR CHRISTINE HAMILTON-PRIME
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