



AGENDA

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Wednesday 20 March 2024

6.30pm

City of Albany Council Chambers

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ELECTORS MEETING PROCEDURE

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*, being:

5.31. Procedure for electors meetings

The procedure to be followed at, and in respect of, electors meetings and the methods of voting at electors meetings are to be in accordance with the regulations.

Subject to regulations 15 and 17 the procedure to be followed at a general or special meeting of electors is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting.

5.32. Minutes of electors meetings

The CEO is to:

- (a) cause minutes of the proceedings at an electors meeting to be kept and preserved; and
- (b) ensure that copies of the minutes are made available for inspection by members of the public before the council meeting at which decisions made at the electors meeting are first considered.

5.33. Decisions made at electors meetings

- (1) All decisions made at an electors meeting are to be considered at the next ordinary council meeting or, if that is not practicable-
 - (a) at the first ordinary council meeting after that meeting; or
 - (b) at a special meeting called for that purpose,

whichever happens first.

- (2) If at a meeting of the council a local government makes a decision in response to a decision made at an electors meeting, the reasons for the decision are to be recorded in the minutes of the council meeting.

The procedures for the conduct of an electors meeting are prescribed in the *Local Government Act (Administration) Regulations 1996*, being:

reg 15. Matters for discussion at general electors meetings-s. 5.27(3).

For the purposes of the section 5.27(3), the matters to be discussed at a general electors meeting are, firstly, the contents of the annual report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

reg 17. Voting at electors meetings-s 5.31

- (1) *Each elector who is present at a general or special meeting of electors is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting but does not have to vote.*
- (2) *All decisions at a general or special meeting of electors are to be made by a simple majority of votes.*
- (3) *Voting at a general or special meeting of electors is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.*

reg 18. Procedures at electors meetings-s 5.31

Subject to regulations 15 and 17, the procedure to be followed at a general or special meeting of electors is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2. OPENING PRAYER

“Heavenly Father, we thank you for the peace and beauty of this area. Direct and prosper the deliberations of this Council for the advancement of the City and the welfare of its people. Amen.”

“We would like to acknowledge the Noongar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land.

We would also like to pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging”.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Mayor	G Stocks
Councillor	P Terry (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor	T Brough
Councillor	A Cruse
Councillor	D Baesjou
Councillor	S Grimmer
Councillor	R Sutton
Councillor	C McKinley
Councillor	L McLaren
Councillor	M Lionetti

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer	A Sharpe
Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services	M Gilfellow
Executive Director Community Services	N Watson
Executive Director Infrastructure, Development and Environment	P Camins

Meeting Secretary	H Bell
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Public Gallery and Media:

Apologies/Leave of Absence:

Councillor	M Traill
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4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

DRAFT MOTION

THAT the minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held on 27 March 2023, as previously distributed, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

5. RECEIPT OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2022-23 FINANCIAL YEAR

DRAFT MOTION

THAT the City of Albany Annual Report for the 2022-23 Financial Year be RECEIVED.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

The matters to be discussed at a general electors meeting are, firstly, the contents of the annual report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND STATEMENT TIME

Under the *City of Albany Standing Orders Local Law 2014* (as amended) the following points apply to Public Question Time:

- Clause 5) The Presiding Member may decide that a public question shall not be responded to where—
- (a) *the same or similar question was asked at a previous Meeting, a response was provided, and the member of the public is directed to the minutes of the Meeting at which the response was provided;*
 - (b) *the member of the public asks a question or makes a statement that is offensive, unlawful or defamatory in nature, provided that the Presiding Member has taken reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to rephrase the question or statement in a manner that is not offensive, unlawful or defamatory.*

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING