



# **MINUTES**

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**on  
Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2001  
5.30pm  
City of Albany - Mercer Road Office**

## City of Albany

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2001

***Andrew Hammond***  
Chief Executive Officer

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ALBANY  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MERCER ROAD, ALBANY  
ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2001 AT 5:30PM**

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**1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING**

Mayor Goode declared the meeting open at 5:32pm and extended a welcome to all present.

**2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
(PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)**

Attendance:

Her Worship the Mayor  
Councillors

- A.E. Goode JP  
- S.M. Bojcun  
- J. Cecil  
- A.H.M. Demarteau  
- R.H. Emery  
- M. Evans  
- D. Evers  
- G.J. Sankey  
- D.W. Wellington  
- I.A. West  
- J. Williams  
- I.W. Wilson  
- D. Wolfe

Chief Executive Officer

- A.C. Hammond

Executive Director

- Corporate & Community Services

- W.P. Madigan

Executive Director

- Works & Services

- C. Meeking

Executive Director

- Development Services

- R.J. Fenn

PA to Executive Director

- Development Services

- H.L. Bennett

Approximately 15 members of the public  
2 media representatives

Apologies/Leave of Absence:

Councillor J.M. Walker

Councillor E.A. Barton

Mayor Goode extended sympathies to Councillor Wellington on his recent bereavement.

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### 3.0 OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was read by Mayor Alison Goode.

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

### 4.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Council’s Standing Orders Local Laws provide that each Ordinary Meeting of the Council shall make available a total allowance of 30 minutes, which may be extended at the discretion of Council, for residents in attendance in the public gallery to address clear and concise questions to Her Worship the Mayor on matters relating to the operation and concerns of the municipality.

Such questions should be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer, **in writing, no later than 10.00am** on the last working day preceding the meeting (the Chief Executive Officer shall make copies of such questions available to Members) but questions may be submitted without notice.

Each person asking questions or making comments at the Open Forum will be **LIMITED** to a time period of **4 MINUTES** to allow all those wishing to comment an opportunity to do so.

#### \* G. Greenhalgh

Mr Greenhalgh read from the following prepared statement:

*“In 1997 I purchased Lot 1995 with an agreement from the Engineering Department, City of Albany that the access roads within road reserve No. 13890, would be constructed at a cost of \$18,920 with myself as owner to contribute 50%. I agreed to this and I have the copy of the agreement.*

*With this agreement to hand I signed the contract for the purchase of the land. After signing the contract I was informed by the Shire that the road was only to be a “nine month road” as the area is subject to flooding. This was not stated on the “Application for road access” on which the quotation for works appears.*

*A revised estimate of \$40,920 for a “twelve month road” was supplied on 2/9/97. Again I was asked to contribute 50%. I agreed to this but was informed that as the amount was above a certain amount the item would have to go before the Council for budgeting for the following year. The item was not included in the budget for 1998 as it was of low priority.*

*As the construction of a residence was due to start I required access to the land. I was left with no option other than to construct the road on the reserve at considerable cost to myself. The road was constructed to shire specification and was overseen by Engineering Department staff.*

*A letter from the Valuer General’s office states that the access road is the reason that the unimproved value of the land increased from \$30,500 in 1996 to \$143,000 in 1999, an increase of \$112,500 in three years. My Shire rates have increased 368% in the same period.*

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*I am therefore seeking compensation for a portion of the cost of construction.”*

The Executive Director Works & Services responded that the former Shire of Albany had a procedure for funding road access when applicants requested the Shire to carry out the access road construction works. On completion of the works, actual costs were apportioned equally between Council and the applicant, subject to a report going to Council and a resolution giving approval for Council’s 50% subsidy. This matter was referred to the 1998/99 budget meeting for consideration. In May 1998 the former Shire’s Director of Engineering Services advised in writing that the construction of the access road could not be funded by the Shire of Albany in the 1998/99 budget and the landowner was advised to arrange his own construction. There was no agreement that the Shire would construct the access road as it was subject to Council approval.

Her Worship the Mayor suggested that Mr Greenhalgh make an appointment to see the Executive Director Works & Services, the Chief Executive Officer or the Mayor should he wish to pursue this issue further.

**\* L. Briscoe**

Ms Briscoe advised she was speaking on behalf of the Albany Visitors Centre and requested that Council maintain funding to the Centre. The Centre needs to be staffed 7 days per week as tourism is important to the City. 80% of the funding received is spent in “non-income” time (ie. visitor care) with the balance being used in looking for further funding. The Centre needs Council support to work with them to become self sufficient. The Centre is working hard towards gaining further Top Tourism awards and requested that Council work together with the Centre to become the destinational city of the South West.

**\* A. Triplett**

Mr Triplett advised that he is the Registrar of the Albany Junior Soccer Association (AJSA).

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Councillor Demarteau had declared an impartiality interest in this matter. The nature of Councillor Demarteau’s interest is that he is directly related to members of the Executive Committee of the Albany Soccer and Junior Soccer Association, however he has no direct involvement with the Association. As the interest was of an impartial nature, it would not affect Councillor Demarteau’s involvement in debate and attendance while this matter was being discussed.

Mr Triplett advised that the AJSA had put forward a submission for funding of \$10,000 for the completion of a new 1.5 hectare playing field. There is currently one playing field with two new fields under construction. \$30,000 has already been invested and the funding from Council would be used to seed, fertilise and install water systems. If this work wasn’t completed the field would become a dust bowl in summer. This funding would provide facilities for youth who were currently using degraded ovals. It would be a capital investment as Council owns the land and the AJSA are the lessees.

**\* B. Hughes**

Mr Hughes addressed Council regarding the Albany City Heart differential rate. He asked if monies not used from the last financial year would revert back to Council and could these funds be used for fireworks/pageant. He also requested that City Heart monthly profit and loss statements be made available for scrutiny.

The Executive Director Corporate & Community Services advised that Albany City Heart was required to provide audited statements to Council which stated that expenditure had been fully funded and used for purposes as set out in the budget. As such, he questioned if there would be a balance due back to Council. He undertook to request that Albany City Heart provide these details to Mr Hughes.

**\* A. Brady**

Ms Brady advised that she is the Registrar of the Senior Soccer Association and wished to support the application from the Albany Junior Soccer Association for funding. There are currently 500 senior members and this funding would increase the numbers of people attending Master Games, thereby increasing tourism dollars spent in Albany. The completion of the playing field would provide youth and future youth with somewhere to play. She requested that Council look favourably on this application.

**\* B. Appleyard**

Mr Appleyard advised that he was speaking on behalf of the Frederickstown Progress Association. He stated that Council had previously resolved to retain the Administration Building in the CBD and then rescinded that resolution and decided to move the facilities to North Road. Council had spent \$150,000 on reports for the CBD location and it was budgeted to spend \$600,000 in the 2001/02 budget for feasibility studies and \$150,000 in the 2002/03 budget. He questioned why this money would be spent when the land at North Road had not yet been rezoned to allow the construction of an Administration Centre on that site.

The Executive Director Development Services advised that the only funds that would be expended in the current budget would be on rezoning documentation and that no funds would be spent on the building designs until there was finality on the site.

**\* L. Armstrong**

Mr Armstrong urged Council to look at providing funding for the Lower King and Milpara areas for kerbing, guttering and roadways. Milpara had been identified as a “black spot” area and school students had to contend with narrow roads and water filled gutters when going to and leaving the high school. He also questioned why Council was providing grants for the eastern region of the City (ie. Wellstead) when approximately 200 residents had left the area in a 2 year period.

**\* D. Phillips**

Mr Phillips addressed Council regarding the funding application for the Duyfken Shed. He referred to the Council resolution regarding this matter (refer Council Meeting 16/11/99 Item 13.1.3) and questioned whether the milestones set for the Duyfken Shed had been achieved. With regard to financial reporting, has Council got the detailed financial reports from the Boat Shed Manager? Have the job creation claims (ie. boat building, tour guiding, retail merchandise sales, delivery of short courses to community groups, boat tour operations, maintenance and repairs) been achieved?

Her Worship the Mayor took these questions on notice.

Her Worship the Mayor declared the public question time closed and thanked everyone for their comments and questions.

## 5.0 DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

[Members of Council are asked to use the forms prepared for the purpose, aiding the proceedings of the meeting by notifying the disclosure by 3.00pm on that day.]

Councillor Demarteau – Item 7.1

Nature of Impartiality Interest – Councillor Demarteau is directly related to members of the Executive Committee of the Albany Soccer and Junior Soccer Association, however he has no direct involvement with the Association.

## 6.0 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Nil.

## 7.0 REPORTS – CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Her Worship the Mayor advised that meetings of this nature were not provided for in the Standing Orders, however she would allow general discussion prior to any motions being put forward, however once a motion was recorded Standing Orders would be adhered to. The Mayor then opened this matter for discussion.

### 7.1 Review of Draft 2001/02 Budget

**MOVED COUNCILLOR EVANS  
SECONDED COUNCILLOR DEMARTEAU**

**THAT Council increase the budget for Community Financial Assistance funding by \$35,000 to accommodate the Albany Hospice funding request.**

**MOTION LOST 10-3**

**MOVED COUNCILLOR EVERS  
SECONDED COUNCILLOR WILSON**

**THAT the previous motion relating to the Albany Hospice funding request be rescinded.**

**MOTION CARRIED 13-0  
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

After general discussion, the following items were raised as issues that Councillors would like to review as part of the 2001/02 Draft Budget deliberations.

- Community Funding Assistance submissions (specifically Albany Hospice, Anzac 2002 Committee, Albany Visitors Centre).
- Tourism – integration of resources between Albany Visitors Centre, Albany Economic Development Unit and the City of Albany.

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- Christmas decorations for the CBD.
- Beautification of Albany Highway at the entrance to the City.
- Wellstead ablution/playground/signage funding. The Executive Director Works & Services advised that of the \$90,000 budgeted for 2001/02, \$72,500 had been carried over from 2000/01 (of which \$45,000 was external funding), therefore only \$17,500 was budgeted for the current year.
- Lower King/Milpara upgrades. The Executive Director Works & Services advised that Council was waiting on the Water Corporation to provide infill sewer to the area of Milpara, but it was not high on their priorities as it was a low density area. Staff have addressed this issue with WaterCorp numerous times over the past two years. Footpaths cannot be constructed until the area is sewered.

**8.0 CLOSED DOORS**

Nil.

**9.0 NEXT ORDINARY MEETING DATE**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2001, 7.30pm

**10.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

6:55pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

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**A.E. Goode JP**  
MAYOR