

XIV. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

XV. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE WAS GIVEN AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM 15.1: NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BOSTOCK

THAT Council ENDORSE the following media statement for submission to the Albany Advertiser Newspaper:

“In June 2011, Council agreed to limit rate rises for the 2011-12 financial year to an average of 5%, but following delivery of the rates notices, Councillors received numerous complaints from individual ratepayers that their rates had increased by far greater amounts, up to 25% or more. Accusations that the City had misled residents were frequently expressed and were difficult to refute. More detailed investigations, however, which have only recently been completed, reveal the average increase was indeed 5%, but that individual rises were very unevenly distributed.

There was a general review of the gross rental value (GRV), on which all rates are based, by the Valuer General, an official in the State government, in early 2011, when he “rationalised” the GRV in Albany by lumping together large blocks of properties which had previously had a wide range of GRVs and raised them all to the same level.

For example, 500 properties whose GRV had ranged from \$6,980 to \$11,492 were all standardised to \$11,960 and there have been many similar instances. The inevitable consequence was that residences which had been at the bottom end of the scale suffered enormous increases while those at the top actually enjoyed a decrease in their rates, a classic example of robbing the poor to pay the rich.

Not surprisingly, Council has borne the anger of many residents, through no fault of its own, rejects the imposition of a grossly unfair and arbitrary increase in GRV which discriminates against those in the community least able to afford huge rate increases and calls on the Valuer General to remedy the situation at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor’s Reason:

It is of the utmost importance that the people of Albany retain trust in their Council and understand that Council did not deliberately mislead them. It must also be made clear when unfair charges are imposed by the State government, without consultation with, or approval by, the Local Authority.

XVI. URGENT BUSINESS TO BE APPROVED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

XVII. REQUEST FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

XVIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION TO BE DEALT WITH AT THE NEXT MEETING.

XIX. ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH WHILE THE MEETING IS CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

XX. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING DATE

Tuesday 16 October 2012.

XXI. CLOSURE OF MEETING

ITEM 21.0: MOTION

THAT Standing Order 3.1 be RESUMED to stop recording of proceedings.

**STATUS REPORT ON DEFERRED ITEMS
 FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Meeting Date	Item Number	Details/Status
16/11/2010	2.6	Surrender Lease over Hangar Site 2 at Albany Airport. REQUIRES FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THE AIRPORT MASTERPLAN/BUSINESS PLAN.
19/04/2011	4.7	Audit Committee Recommendations. That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to further review the investment of Surplus Funds Policy through the Finance Strategy Committee, prior to recommendation to Council. PENDING - AWAITING DEVELOPMENT OF FIVE YEAR (FINANCE) PLAN.
17/07/2012	2.5	Development Application-Demolition (Single House Listed on Municipal Heritage Inventory)-Lot 49 (45) Seymour Street, Mira Mar LAI D ON THE TABLE
21/08/2012	2.11	Consideration of Amendments to Local Planning Scheme 1A and 3 Policy Manual for Policy 2A-Outbuildings. LAI D ON THE TABLE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL AT COMMITTEE LEVEL.
21/08/2012	15.1	Notice of Motion by Councillor Bostock. LAI D ON THE TABLE TO ALLOW FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS.