



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Thursday 19 December 2013

6.00pm

City of Albany Council Chambers

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** REFER DISCLAIMER **

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Open and Welcome
2. Introduction of Elected Members and Staff
3. Record of Attendance and Apologies
4. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM of Electors held 13 March 2013
5. Discussion of Annual Report for the 2012-13 Financial Year
6. Community Strategic Plan-Presentation
7. General Business-Opportunity for Questions
8. Closure of Meeting

The advertisement calling the meeting was published in the Albany Advertiser on 3 December 2013 and the Great Southern Weekender on the 5 December 2013, together with notices displayed on the City of Albany website.

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.

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.

I. Opening and Welcome

The Mayor declared the meeting open at [6:00:07 PM](#)

2. Introduction of Elected Members and Staff

3. Record of Attendance:

Mayor Dennis W Wellington

Councillors:

Kalgan Ward	Vacant
Kalgan Ward	J Price
Breaksea Ward	V Calleja JP
Breaksea Ward	R Hammond
Vancouver Ward	N Williams
Vancouver Ward	S Bowles
West Ward	G Gregson
West Ward	A Goode JP
Yakamia	A Hortin JP
Yakamia	R Sutton

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer	G Foster
Executive Director Corporate Services	G Adams
Executive Director Community Services	C Woods
Executive Director Planning and Development Services	D Putland
Executive Director Works and Services	M Thomson
Facilitator Strategy and Improvement	S Grimmer
Minutes	J Williamson

Public Gallery and Media: One member of the media and five members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies:

Frederickstown Ward	G Stocks
Frederickstown Ward	C Dowling

4. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM of Electors held 13 March 2013

ITEM 4.0: RESOLUTION

**MOVED: COUNCILLOR GREGSON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR HORTIN**

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 13 March 2013, as previously distributed, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED

5. Discussion of Annual Report for the 2012-13 Financial Year

Executive Director Corporate Services gave an overview of the 2012-13 Annual Report.

6. Community Strategic Plan

Facilitator Strategy and Improvement gave an overview of the City of Albany Community Strategic Plan. A summary of the Strategic Plan was made available to all in attendance.

7. General Business-Opportunity for Questions

6:09:39 PM Mr John O'Dea, Bushby Road, Lower King

Summary of key points:

- Suggested that Councillors should socialise with ratepayers after the Annual General Meeting of Electors
- Disappointed that the previous member for the Kalgan Ward (Councillor Attwell) had not attended any meetings of the Progress Association. Stated that this showed a lack of commitment by Councillor Attwell.
- Stated that the City centre was dying, with vacant commercial buildings in the central business district. Stated that the City should be working with the community and business owners to rectify this and rejuvenate the central business district.
- Implored Council to keep the rates low.

6:13:35 PM Mr Tony Stanton, Little Grove

Summary of key points:

- Commented on the Community Strategic Plan and the City's decision to increase fees for swimming lessons for the disabled at Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre.
- Requested a response to his previous questions on this matter. Executive Director Community Services has undertaken to provide a response to Mr Stanton.
- Disappointed that the City had not supported the Harbour Swim.
- Requested that future Annual General Meetings of Electors be held no earlier than 6.30pm.

6:18:02 PM Mrs Wendy Wood, 15 Greyhound Circle, Lockyer

Summary of key points:

- Thanked Council for reinstating the Agenda Briefing Session and stopping the sale of land on Cockburn Road.
- Requested that the City urgently provide maintenance to Cuming Road, as it was at times almost impassable. Increased use of this road in response to the development of the Cull Road Subdivision has led to the road becoming full of potholes and corrugations.
- Requested that the City take action on rubbish blowing onto surrounding land from construction sites in the Cull Road Subdivision.
- Stated that ratepayers should not be providing funding for the upcoming CMCA Rally.

6:22:37 PM Mr Anthony Wood, Cordillera Street

Summary of key points:

- Supported Mr Stanton's call for future Annual General Meetings of Electors to be held later.
- Did not support En Bloc voting, but was pleased with the reinstatement of the Agenda Briefing Session.
- Cull Road Subdivision vacant blocks are full of weeds and not being maintained. This represents a fire hazard and vacant blocks look unattractive. Surely this is not appealing to prospective purchasers.
- Expressed disappointment with the resignation of Councillor Attwell, and stated that this showed a disregard by Councillor Attwell of what Councillors stand for. The cost of the election would be borne by the ratepayers.
- Complained about the state of roads in Lockyer.
- In relation to the Cull Road subdivision, asked how the City was projecting \$1.4m in sales across the next five years when the price of the blocks had been reduced. Executive Director Corporate Services took this question on notice.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Graham Foster, advised that all questions asked by ratepayers at this Annual General Meeting of electors would be answered in writing by the end of January 2014.

MOTION BY MR TONY STANTON

MOVED: MR TONY STANTON

SECONDED: MR JOHN O'DEA

THAT the AGM of Electors be held no earlier than 6.30PM.

CARRIED

8. Closure of Meeting

[6:34:13 PM](#) There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

(Unconfirmed Minutes)