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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Held on Tuesday 7 February 2017

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.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

[6:30:02 PM](#) Mayor declared the meeting open.

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 both past and present”.

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

Mayor

Dennis W Wellington

Councillors:

Frederickstown Ward
Kalgan Ward
Breaksea Ward
Breaksea Ward
Vancouver Ward
Vancouver Ward
West Ward
West Ward
Yakamia

C Dowling
B Hollingworth
R Hammond
P Terry
N Mulcahy
J Shanahun
A Goode JP
S Smith
A Moir

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Commercial Services
Executive Director Development Services
Executive Director Works and Services
Executive Manager Community Services

Meeting Secretary

A Sharpe
M Cole
C Woods
P Camins
M Thomson
A Cousins

J Williamson

Public Gallery and Media: 14 members of the public and one media representative were in attendance.

Apologies/Leave of Absence:

Yakamia
Kalgan Ward
Frederickstown Ward

R Sutton (Apology)
J Price (Apology)
G Stocks (Apology)

4. PRESENTATIONS

Executive presentation to the Electors and Council regarding the City's key highlights and achievements for 2015-16. This presentation is detailed at Appendix A.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM 5.0: RESOLUTION

**MOVED: COUNCILLOR DOWLING
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SMITH**

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 10 March 2016, as previously distributed, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED 10-0

6. RECEIPT OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2015-16 FINANCIAL YEAR

ITEM 6.0: RESOLUTION

**MOVED: COUNCILLOR DOWLING
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MOIR**

THAT the City of Albany Annual Report for the 2015-16 Financial Year be received.

CARRIED 10-0

7. 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.

[6:41:42 PM](#) **Mr Tony Stanton, Little Grove**

Mr Stanton's tabled address is detailed below.

Address to Council - Pool Times

Mr Mayor, Councillors

An Irishman had a pet zebra. He named it Spot.

The Council has a swimming pool they call the Leisure Centre, which is also funny.

When do we have Leisure? Before & after work & on weekends & public holidays.

The pool opens later & closes earlier on weekends & public holidays even though the water must still be heated & remain clean, at a large cost, 24 seven.

There is another anomaly, Council decided Albany has a climate of 7 months of winter & 5 months of summer, again for the purpose of extra pool shut time. Is Tourism aware of this slur to our region?

There also appears to be an assumption fewer people will use the fully enclosed heated pools when it is cold & wet. If so, do you expect a crowd on a sunny day? The news is, in either season, on sunny days people go to the beach.

There is very little to attract the public in droves to the pool on weekends & holidays. I suspect patronage is falling. Over the Christmas Holidays, Rockingham pool has two weeks of free entry. They have a grassy area & cover their costs by providing food & drinks to the many families that picnic & swim for the day.

Our slide has mainly restricted hours. The City has out-sourced the Café & it opens later & closes earlier than the pool. It appears that cutting costs means cutting wages & not giving service.

A free ticket to a child could mean at least they would visit with a paying friend & at best, bring a visit from a paying family. There are many ways to increase patronage including better customer service.

I joined a large Australian Manufacturing Company, which had a National market monopoly. A survey indicated if their customers could purchase elsewhere, they would dump it.

Have you thought about holding a similar survey about ALAC's monopoly? I would suggest you might be surprised at the result.

Do you really know how your regular customers feel or will you just allow pool staff to make all the decisions leaning toward saving & ignoring your Community Service Obligation.

Do any Councillors ever visit ALAC, a large City asset, to acquaint themselves about how its regular patrons feel? Perhaps you may spot an improvement.

Tony Stanton
7th February 2017 Elector's Meeting

6:45:32 PM Mr John O'Dea, Target Road, Yakamia

Summary of key points:

- Mr O'Dea raised his concerns over the intersection of Hudson Road and Chester Pass Road, Yakamia, and entrance from Nanarup Road to the Kalgan Rowing Club and Sports Ground. Mr O'Dea said that he had raised these concerns previously with elected members but had received no further response.
- Mr O'Dea expressed his dismay at the condition of the sculpture at the entrance to the Council Chambers.

Response provided by Executive Director Works and Services: *The intersection of Hudson Road and Chester Pass Road has been inspected by City engineering officers and it was found to be compliant with regard to intersection site distances. Chester Pass Road is a busy four lane road it is difficult for right turn movements from Hudson Road at peak times due to the traffic volumes. However, the intersection is not considered to be unsafe and there are alternative routes available.*

With regard to the Albany Rowing Club and Sports Ground entrance on Nanarup Road, a Customer Service Request has been raised to check the vegetation for sight lines and prune if necessary.

6:48:02 PM Mr Don Dufty, 6 Lunar Rise, McKail

Summary of key points:

- Mr Dufty urged Council to reinstate the Seniors Committee, in light of the growing aged population in Albany.
- Requested that Council consider 90 degree parking in York Street, instead of the current angle parking.

The Executive Director Works and Services responded to Mr Dufty, stating that there was a risk of two vehicles attempting to enter a 90 degree parking space at the same time, given the high volume of traffic in this area. It was considered that the current angle parking was a more efficient solution.

- Mr Dufty stated that the road should be realigned in Middleton Beach should development occur.

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[6:54:16 PM](#) **Mr Warren Marshall, 36 Cliff Street, Albany**

As Mr Marshall was unable to attend the AGM of Electors Meeting, the CEO read Mr Marshall's address to the meeting.

Dear Sir Madam

I am unable to attend the Annual Electors Meeting tonight. in request the following email be tabled.

In 2014, I communicated as follows to the City regarding webcams in/ promoting Albany. I had phone calls well.

Sent: Tuesday, 29 July 2014 7:43 AM

To: 'keirt@albanywa.gov.au'

Cc: 'keirt@albany.wa.gov.au'

Subject: FW: 5555

Hello Keir

HMAS Perth - gone

Coastalwatch - Middleton Beach - gone

Sk8 - works intermittently

Grasmere windfarm – works well, interactive but can't see Albany though

Questions

1. When will the City embrace the technology to actively promote the City by Webcam?
2. Has any planning occurred with respect to the placement of webcams on each/ either Mount? Why? Why not?
3. What impediments exist to the adoption of webcam technology promoting Albany and the iconic natural and built landscapes?
4. Is the City aware of the webcam in Rovaniemi Lapland which promotes this City as the heart of Santaland, northern lights Laplandetc?
5. Are the Councillors and Officers aware of the Windfarm webcam for example and its interactive features?
6. What more must be done to convince the City that it needs to embrace this technology to promote itself to the world and in so doing support the local community through increased tourism revenue.
7. Would the City envisage managing such a project itself or would it be prepared to seek private sponsorship?
8. Could not the Anzac Centre be a part of this project?
9. Why have my past representations to the City fallen on deaf ears?

Warren Marshall

36 Cliff Street

Albany

The following response has been provided by the Manager Tourism Development and Services:

"The City agrees that there are some great opportunities that could be included in our current Amazing Albany online and social media platforms.

The webcams that were previously located on the HMAS Perth dive wreck have not been replaced due to the ongoing maintenance and failure issues the City was experiencing. As you can imagine, this is a very hostile environment for camera equipment and the City made the decision not to continue to repair these units.

In lieu of the HMAS Perth cameras, the City is investigating relocating the equipment to other locations offering very scenic view sheds and integrating these into the current Amazing Albany websites. "

**7.0: MOTION BY MR JOHN O'DEA
MOVED: MR O'DEA
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR DOWLING**

THAT the alignment of the intersection of Chester Pass Road and Hudson Road Yakamia be corrected to improve sight lines when exiting and entering Hudson Road.

CARRIED BY SHOW OF HANDS

7.0:MOTION BY MR JOHN O'DEA

**MOVED: MR O'DEA
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR HOLLINGWORTH**

THAT the vegetation at the entrance to the Kalgan River Rowing Club and sports ground be pruned to improve safety when entering and exiting onto Nanarup Road.

CARRIED BY SHOW OF HANDS

7.1 PUBLIC QUESTION AND STATEMENT TIME

No further members of the public wished to address the meeting.

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at [6:56:48 PM](#)



Dennis W Wellington
MAYOR