

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

on
Tuesday, 12th November 2002
7.30pm
City of Albany – Mercer Road Office

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Signed		Date: 14 th November 2002
	Andrew Hammond	
	Chief Executive Officer	

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1.0 **DECLARATION OF OPENING**

Deputy Mayor Evans declared the meeting open at 7.37pm and extended a welcome to all present.

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

Attendance:

Councillors - M.J. Evans JP

- S.M. Bojcun

- A.H.M. Demarteau

- D.M. Evers - D.J. Wolfe

- D.W. Wellington

- G Sankey - J.D. Williams

- J. Cecil - J Walker - E.A. Barton - I.W. Wilson

- A.C. Hammond Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director -

Development Services - R. Fenn

Executive Director -

Corporate & Community Services - W.P. Madigan

Executive Director -

Works & Services - B Joynes - S Goodman Manager of Finance

Corporate Planning & Development Officer

- C Grogan

- L J Lewis Minute Secretary

Approximately 4 members of the public

1 media representatives

Apologies/Leave of Absence:

- A.E. Goode JP Mayor Councillors - R.H. Emery

- I.A. West

Mrs Linda Paver

3.0 **OPENING PRAYER**

Deputy Mayor Evans read the opening prayer.

"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

*Mr A Stanton

Mr Stanton asked at what stage was the swimming pool consultancy report.

The Executive Director Corporate & Community Services advised Mr Stanton that the first draft was approximately 10 days away.

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS 2000/2001 HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2001

MOVED: MRS F CROWLEY

SECONDED: MR M PEMBERTON

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2000/2001 held on 4th December 2001 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

6.0 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2001/2002 FINANCIAL YEAR

MOVED: MR A STANTON SECONDED: MR R PAVER

THAT the City of Albany Annual Report for the 2001/2002 financial year be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

7.0 2002 WALGA BEST PRACTICE AWARDS

Deputy Mayor Evans commented on the WALGS Best Practice Awards and thanked and congratulated the Mayor, the City of Albany, the Chief Executive Officer and the City of Albany team on their efforts. He then asked the Chief Executive Officer to present the submission, which the Chief Executive Officer then proceeded to do.

8.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

*Mr Michael Pemberton

Mr Pemberton referred to the Annual Report and asked what the cost of the Christmas Pageant/New Year celebrations would be for this year, and what was the budget for the previous year.

The Manager of Finance advised that for this year, the Christmas Pageant had been allocated an amount of \$8,500.00 and the New Year celebrations had been allocated an amount of \$8,500.00.

The Executive Director of Corporate & Community services advised that an amount of \$8,000.00 was spent on each of the Christmas Pageant and New Year celebrations for previous year.

*Mr Michael Pemberton

Mr Pemberton asked what the policy on buy local was like in Albany.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that it is being implemented, but there were still changes to be made. He also advised that he was not aware when the buy local policy had not been implemented.

*Mr Michael Pemberton

Mr Pemberton asked if the buy local policy would relate to street signs.

The Executive Director of Works & Services advised that this contract would be put out to full public tender over the next three months.

*Mr Michael Pemberton

Mr Pemberton asked if it was likely that local suppliers would get a reasonable share of the tender.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that at the end of the day if there was a large price difference it would be up to the Council to make the decision to go ahead. He said it makes it more competitive.

*Mr Roly Paver

Mr Paver congratulated the Council on its presentation of the 2002 WALGA Best Practice Awards.

Mr Paver then asked Council what its policy was in relation to offering incentives for new business, and if so, what are the incentives.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there were no incentives offered.

*Mr Roly Paver

Mr Paver asked whether it was worth Council considering a look at incentives to attract more business in Albany.

The Chief Executive Officer advised there was a policy in place to attract new business, but if there is a new business that comes to Albany there is usually no opposition.

*Mr Roly Paver

Mr Paver asked why, under the skilled migrant programme to promote regional development, those who apply have to satisfy less in the points test. Mr Paver said it does not make it easy for migrants to settle here because Albany does not provide an English language course for them like other States.

The Chief Executive Officer said it was worth taking on board, and he would ask the support of the Great Southern Development Commission and the Chamber of Commerce in relation to this matter.

*Mr Michael Pemberton

Mr Pemberton asked if there are any things happening in the coming year in relation to development that would benefit the City of Albany.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there would be the Boat Harbour, the Convention Centre, the fishing patrol boats and the Wind Farm Discovery Centre. He also advised that they were looking at on-stream wood processing.

*Mr Roly Paver

Mr Paver asked what the final results were in relation to Antarctica and the airport.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that no result was available at the moment, but Council was lobbying quite heavily. He also advised that Council was working through the issues at the moment, and that the Australian Government did not really favour tourism in the Antarctic area.

*Mr Michael Pemberton

Mr Pemberton enquired about funding for the new entertainment centre.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council had lodged an application with the Great Southern Development Commission and was exploring funding through the Federal Government. The Chief Executive Officer advised that Albany would probably receive a multi-purpose performing arts centre to seat up to 550 people.

Deputy Mayor Evans advised that Albany had to recently knock back people for a conference because we could not accommodate more than 220 people.

9.0 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

M Evans, JP	
Deputy Mayor	