



CITY OF VINCENT

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting

9 February 2021

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF VINCENT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AS E-MEETING AND AT THE
ADMINISTRATION AND CIVIC CENTRE
244 VINCENT STREET, LEEDERVILLE
ON TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 5.30PM**

PRESENT: (AS ELECTORS)	Cr Emma Cole Cr Susan Gontaszewski Cr Jonathan Hallett Cr Dan Loden Cr Sally Smith Cr Ashley Wallace Cr Joshua Topelberg	Presiding Member South Ward South Ward North Ward North Ward South Ward South Ward
IN ATTENDANCE:	David MacLennan Andrew Murphy Virginia Miltrup John Corbellini Emily Williams Wendy Barnard	Chief Executive Officer Executive Director Infrastructure & Environment Executive Director Community & Business Services Executive Director Strategy & Development Senior Land and Legal Advisor Council Support Officer
Media:	Nil	
Electors:	Ron Alexander Paul Kotsoglo Paul Perich Adrian Easton Douglas Maier Lisa Coyle Katherine Athanasiou Peter Le Lidio Fiore Jeffrey Locke Celia Gray Fiona Keating Marie Slyth Norelle O'Neill Ray Stevenson Nick Catania Elector (Name Withheld) Cameron Sinclair Kathleen Ruffo David Parker Geraldine Box Susan Winter	Perth Perth Leederville Perth Highgate Mt Lawley Mt Hawthorn Highgate Mt Hawthorn North Perth North Perth Highgate West Perth Mt Hawthorn North Perth North Perth West Perth Leederville Mt Lawley Mt Lawley North Perth West Perth

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole declared the meeting open at 5.37pm and read the following Acknowledgement of Country statement:

“The City of Vincent would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging”.

The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, provided the following introduction to the meeting:

“Good evening everyone and welcome to our Annual General Meeting of Electors.

The purpose of this meeting is twofold – firstly, to receive the City's 2019/20 Annual Report and secondly, to provide electors with an opportunity to raise any general business or motions relating to the City of Vincent.

To speak or vote at this meeting you must be an elector of the City of Vincent. If you are not an elector then you are welcome to remain in the Chamber as an observer to the proceedings.

Every elector present has one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting, but voting is not compulsory.

All decisions at this meeting are to be made by a simple majority, meaning more than 50% of the votes in favour of the motion. The mover and seconder for all decisions will be recorded in the minutes of meeting, with votes being recorded as simply 'Carried' or 'Lost' based on a show of hands.

The procedures for tonight's meeting have been outlined on page 3 of the agenda papers, which are available online and have also been placed around the Council Chamber.

Speakers at tonight's meeting will need to come forward to the microphone and please state their name and address and address the meeting through me, the Presiding Member. All speakers are asked to keep their questions and comments respectful and relevant to the business of the City of Vincent.

If you wish to move a motion at tonight's meeting, then I would ask that you please submit it in writing. Motions will need to be seconded by another elector before they can be debated. A form to submit your Notice of Motion was available online and also here at the meeting tonight.

Please note that decisions made at tonight's meeting are not binding on Council. Rather, Council will consider tonight's decisions at its next practicable meeting. Depending on the number and nature of motions this evening, this will be at either the 16 February Council Meeting or the 23 March Council Meeting.

The CEO will provide a brief outline of the 2019/20 Annual Report before I call for a mover and seconder."

2 APOLOGIES / MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Alex Castle (**Leave of Absence**) (Apology) [~~A retrospective leave of absence was approved at the 16 February 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting~~]

Cr Joanne Fotakis (Apology)

~~Cr Joshua Topelberg (Apology)~~

3 REPORTS

The CEO provided a brief outline of the Annual Report.

3.1 2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT (INCLUDING 2019/20 FINANCIAL REPORT)

Attachments: 1. 2019/20 Annual Report (including 2019/20 Financial Report) 

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City of Vincent's 2019/20 Annual Report be presented to the Annual General Meeting of Electors for discussion.

ELECTORS' DECISION ITEM 3.1

Moved: Susan Winter Seconder: Ron Alexander

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 MARIE SLYTH – WEST PERTH

Marie Slyth submitted the following motion:

Moved: Marie Slyth Seconded: Susan Winter

That Council recognise the great urgency involved in the matter and place the Cleaver Precinct Character Retention Area in the 2020/21 budget.

CARRIED

4.2 CAMERON SINCLAIR - LEEDERVILLE

Cameron Sinclair submitted the following motion:

Moved: Cameron Sinclair Seconded: Dudley Maier

We call on the City of Vincent Council to reconsider the discontinuation of commercial waste collections for the 2,111 small businesses in our community who rely on it every week and consider either:

- a) **Acting as an agent to negotiate the services required by local businesses and reducing rates permanently to reflect the increased cost of doing business in the City of Vincent.**

OR

- b) **Deferring the change by 12 months to explore other service options such as engaging neighbouring Councils to provide commercial waste collections.**

CARRIED

The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, provided an explanation of the reasons that Council made the original decision.

4.3 PAUL KOTSOGLO - PERTH

Paul Kotsoglo submitted the following motion:

Moved: Paul Kotsoglo Seconded: Ron Alexander

Council to resolve to undertake an independent review of its planning and development policies as the policies are often applied, with little realistic achievement or benefit in terms of the aims or objective of the policies. The policy review should be undertaken independently by a party/ies expert in the field of statutory planning including the application of planning policy.

The review should be completed within the next three (3) to six (6) months.

The key components of the review would be to:

- 1. Assess the current practices in terms of the development and application of the Council's planning and development policies.**
- 2. Measure the effectiveness of the Council's planning and development policies against independently verifiable criteria and, whether the aims and objectives set out in the policies are in fact being achieved.**
- 3. Establish the legitimacy and legality of policy application so as to confirm or otherwise, if Council's planning and development policies are being correctly implemented (for example the use of percent for art funds for purposes other than on properties on which the fees were imposed, parking contributions when parking is not provided within 200m of the development site, or measurements for assessment of power or water saving. If they are**

not, what rectification needs to happen to ensure the correct application of the Council's policies?

4. Advise and recommend to Council the appropriate strategy to adopt and apply policies to ensure fair and appropriate application of policy to achieve the desired outcomes in a legally correct and financially fair manner. (Consideration of public workshops with practitioners operating within the jurisdictions may be considered).
5. Presentation of a report containing the findings and recommendations to Council not later than September 2021.

CARRIED

4.4 KATHLEEN RUFFO – MT LAWLEY

Kathleen Ruffo submitted the following motion:

Moved: Kathleen Ruffo Seconded: Lisa Coyle

That the City considers a third option of upgrading the park's facilities at 10 Monmouth Street along with the current options of "continue maintaining 10 Monmouth Street in its current condition OR to sell the land", be subject of the current community consultation.

CARRIED

The Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, advised that the Monmouth Street land is not for sale. No decision has been made on the Monmouth Street item and it has been made clear that if it was sold the proceeds of any sale would have to be used for public open space.

4.5 CELIA GRAY – NORTH PERTH

Celia Gray submitted the following motion:

Moved: Celia Mary Gray Seconded: Dudley Maier

That the community requests that the City adopts the following actions in order to protect our water catchments in accordance with the adopted Sustainable Environment Strategy, also in accordance with much needed climate change action and in particular requests that the City raises community awareness of these issues through such mechanisms as letter box brochures:

1. Encourage residents to replace "fake grass" with real grass and reduce the size of paved areas.
2. Advise all landholders and mowing contractors to remove catchers from their mowers and leave lawn clippings in-situ.
3. Increase greening, urban cooling and wildlife habitat by planting more trees and shrubs that are native to the area.
4. Stop the planting of deciduous trees in verges, parks and public places and encourage the community to do likewise.
5. Promote the existing brochure which identifies native plants that are suitable to the soil types within Vincent.
6. Provide information to the community about environmental weeds.
7. Reduce fertiliser use and export to waterways.
8. Stop using glyphosate.

CARRIED

4.6 RON ALEXANDER - PERTH

Ron Alexander submitted the following motions:

Motion 1

Moved: Ron Alexander Seconded: Paul Kotsoglo

Please explain why Daisy Lane and 5 other lanes are being transferred from the City of Vincent to the State Government.

Please explain why only these 6 and not 40 or so other lanes are being transferred?

In any transfer of Daisy Lane please ensure that there is a caveat that reads as follows, that:

“the residents abutting Daisy Lane each have the right to approve or reject any changes whatsoever to Daisy Lane. This includes any developments.” For clarity that is 100% of the vote is required for any changes.

CARRIED

Motion 2

Moved: Ron Alexander Seconded: Paul Kotsoglo

The electors of the City of Vincent resolve the following:

- 1. All works involving removal of grass and sand, and the placement gravel for paths or other purposes, and planting of ivy stop immediately and do not recommence until a comprehensive master planning process has been completed.**
- 2. The Hyde Park masterplan shall address matters including:**
 - a. Shade friendly grass to be immediately planted in patchy areas and the recently gravelled areas near the roundabout/main entrance on Glendower Street.**
 - b. The aesthetics in the area near the main entrance to Hyde Park in proximity to the Glendower Street roundabout enhanced by the following actions including removing, painting or softening of the yellow bollards and other gas infrastructure and other innovations including way finding (painting the bollards green – with reflective tape to ensure visibility perhaps).**
 - c. Instigate actions to reverse to water quality decline by 2021/2022 and safeguard the wildlife.**
 - d. Make public all information in the City’s possession in relation to water quality assessment and recommendations.**
 - e. The City to take immediate action to have the water quality and associated drains maintained to a standard and quality recommended by ARI Water, Craig Rothleitner and Bob Humphries Water Hydrologists.**
- 3. All development works either planned or approved do not proceed until completion of a revised Hyde Park masterplan has been the subject of community consultation, referral to and approval by the Heritage Council of Western Australia and the Council of the City of Vincent.**
- 4. The Council of the City of Vincent seek specialist expert input for the review of recent works, and proposed plans for Hyde Park not later than the first week of April 2021. The brief for the specialist input would be the subject of review by a Hyde Park working group established by the Council of the City of Vincent.**

5. The main entrance to Hyde Park near the roundabout on Glendower Street to be investigated with following actions to beautifying it including removing, painting or softening some of the yellow bollards and other gas infrastructure and other innovations including way finding (painting the bollards green – with reflective tape to ensure visibility perhaps).
6. The City of Vincent Hyde Park working group shall consist of Elected Members and appropriate Community Members. The City of Vincent Hyde Park working group be called for and established within one month from the date of this meeting.
7. The Hyde Park working group shall provide input and direction on the style of the Hyde Park garden themes and make comment on plans and associated reports prepared by the specialists. In addition, the Hyde Park working group would be expected to provide input and comment on plans and concepts which may be under consideration, previously considered or previously approved for Hyde Park and considered for inclusion in the Hyde Park masterplan.
8. The Council of the City of Vincent seek specialist input for design services inputs from appropriately qualified and experienced independent consultants and allocate an appropriate budget (circa \$50,000.00) to engage specialist consultants to prepare the masterplan for community consultation, Heritage Council of Western Australia approval or guidance as necessary, Council adoption and approval.
9. All community consultation to include electronic media, signs on site, and letters to owners and residents, with a minimum of twenty eight (28) days public submission period.

CARRIED

~~Marie Slyth~~ **Celia Gray** asked if the botulism referred to was tested as botulism, as if so aerators would help with that. The Presiding Member Emma Cole advised that she would take that question on notice.

4.7 DUDLEY MAIER - HIGHGATE

Dudley Maier submitted the following motions:

Motion 1

Moved: Dudley Maier Seconded: Geraldine Box

1. That the City investigate options for funding a long-term program to provide underground power throughout the City;
2. That one option that must be considered is one based on the model developed by the City of Subiaco in the 1980s and which saw the all power put underground within about 35 years, and was mainly based on funding the program by taking out loans which were paid off by a small increase in annual rates;
3. That any models developed address issues of equity for community members in the Highgate East area who have already contributed to have their power put underground;
4. That any models that are developed to be used as a basis for consulting the community about the possibility of putting power underground.

CARRIED

Motion 2

Moved: Dudley Maier Seconded: Norelle O’Neille

That the electors:

1. **NOTE that :**

- 1.1 Prior to December 2017 the City's Code of Conduct had a requirement that Council Members should respond to all enquiries as soon as practicable, but in any case, within 48 hours of receiving a written enquiry;
 - 1.2 At the council meeting of 12 December 2017 the council voted unanimously for a revised Code of Conduct that no longer contained this requirement;
 - 1.3 The change to the Code of Conduct was made without any public consultation;
 - 1.4 The report that went to council did not indicate that the clause was to be removed either through the use of tracked changes or by mention within the report, and in fact said there was "little change to the substance and effect of the code", and
 - 1.5 The report to council stated that there had been several rounds of internal consultation and that all Council Members had an opportunity to provide feedback on the revised Code prior to it being adopted.
2. **REQUEST** that the City's Code of Conduct be reviewed and amended, and that the previous requirements for Council Members to respond to enquiries from members of the community be reinstated prior to the document being advertised for community comment.

CARRIED

Motion 3

Moved: Dudley Maier Seconded: Geraldine Box

That in the future years the City improve the promotion of the Annual General Meeting of Electors as an opportunity for the community to be engaged and have their say, and that any promotion emphasises that community members may speak on any issue relating to Vincent, or may move motions that must be considered by the Council if passed.

Mayor Cole advised that her mobile phone number is on the website and she spends a lot of her time speaking to residents in her daily life. She advised she is happy to support this motion.

CARRIED

Motion 4

Moved: Dudley Maier Seconded: Geraldine Box

That the electors:

1. **NOTE** that there is a mixture of uncertainty and scepticism within the community that the City's rangers check streets for adherence with parking rules on a regular or frequent basis;
2. **REQUEST** that the City's website display information which is updated on a weekly basis, and which shows which streets or street segments have been checked for compliance with parking rules and that the information contain the street or street segment and the time(s) of day that the street was checked.

CARRIED

Motion 5

Moved: Dudley Maier Seconded: Geraldine Box

That the City reinstate the former practice of displaying proposed amendments in the council chamber prior to each council meeting, and that the proposed amendments be placed on the City's web site prior to the meeting where practicable.

CARRIED

Motion 6

Moved: Dudley Maier Seconded: Geraldine Box

That the electors:

1. NOTE that the signature block on emails sent by City employees contains the words "Engaging, Accountable, Making a Difference:"
2. NOTE the examples provided at the meeting of instances where transparency and accountability have diminished, and where engagement has been poor;
3. REQUEST that the administration stop using the words "engaging" and "accountable" on their signature block until such time as they are.

CARRIED

In accordance with section 5.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, these motions will be considered by Council at the next practical Ordinary Council Meeting of Council, which will be 23 March 2021.

5 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member, Mayor Emma Cole, declared the meeting closed at 7.46pm with the following persons present:

PRESENT: (AS ELECTORS)	Cr Emma Cole	Presiding Member
	Cr Susan Gontaszewski	South Ward
	Cr Jonathan Hallett	South Ward
	Cr Dan Loden	North Ward
	Cr Sally Smith	North Ward
	Cr Ashley Wallace	South Ward
IN ATTENDANCE:	David MacLennan	Chief Executive Officer
	Andrew Murphy	Executive Director Infrastructure & Environment
	Virginia Miltrup	Executive Director Community & Business Services
	John Corbellini	Executive Director Strategy & Development
	Emily Williams	Senior Land and Legal Advisor
	Wendy Barnard	Council Support Officer

Public: Approximately 22 members of the public.

These Minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true record and accurate of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 9 February 2021.

Signed: Mayor Emma Cole

Dated