



MINUTES OF ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING

HELD ON

**Monday 3 February 2020
AT 7.00 PM**

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
83 MANDURAH TERRACE MANDURAH**

PRESENT

MAYOR	R WILLIAMS	
COUNCILLOR	P JACKSON	NORTH WARD
COUNCILLOR	A ZILANI	NORTH WARD
COUNCILLOR	M DARCY	COASTAL WARD
COUNCILLOR	J GREEN	COASTAL WARD
COUNCILLOR	P ROGERS	TOWN WARD

MR	M NEWMAN	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MR	A CLAYDON	DIRECTOR WORKS AND SERVICES
MR	T FREE	DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
MR	G DAVIES	DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MRS	C MHOVILOVICH	DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES
MRS	L SLAYFORD	MINUTE OFFICER

GUEST

MR T SANYA DELOITTE AUSTRALIA

THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

OPENING OF MEETING [AGENDA ITEM 1]

Mayor Williams opened the meeting at 7.00pm welcoming electors, the City's Auditor, Elected Members and City officers in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY [AGENDA ITEM 2]

Mayor Williams acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional land of the Bindjareb people, and paid his respect to their Elders past and present.

APOLOGIES [AGENDA ITEM 3]

Leave of Absence
Councillor Schumacher
Councillor Lee
Councillor Knight

Apologies
Councillor Di Prinzio
Councillor Pember
Councillor Lynn Rodgers
Councillor M Rogers

DISCLAIMER [AGENDA ITEM 4]

The Mayor advised that no person should rely on any comments made by Members or officers until formal written advice is received by that person.

PRESENTATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER [AGENDA ITEM 5]**AE.1/2/20 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S PRESENTATION**

The Chief Executive Officer welcomed electors to the 2020 annual meeting. The Chief Executive Officer presented an overview of the City's vision, achievements, projects completed and currently underway and its financial position.

DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL REPORT [AGENDA ITEM 6]

The Mayor invited electors to raise issues and ask questions.

AE.2/2/20 S ZIELINSKI: PORT MANDURAH SPECIFIED AREA RATE

Mr Zielinski requested clarification as to what the funds of approximately \$365,000 collected via the Port Mandurah Specified Area Rate (SAR) are used for.

The Director Works and Services advised the Specified Area Rate provides the following services:

- *Canal dredging*
- *Water quality monitoring*
- *Litter collection from waterways*
- *General maintenance where required*
- *Management of waterways*
- *Hydro surveying*

Mr Zielinski requested the following questions to be responded to after the meeting:

1. Does the MARC run at a profit? (based on costs noted in booklet provided with rates).

2. What is the percentage of top management income as a percentage of the total wage bill?

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS [AGENDA ITEM 7]

The Mayor invited electors to raise issues and ask questions.

AE.3/2/20 M GEORGEFF: TREE PLANTING

Mr Georgeff asked who was responsible for the tree planting in Cooper Street, west to Anstruther Road, as there appeared to be line of sight issues.

The Director Works and Services advised that street trees were planted in all the streets of Mandurah to ensure a consistent streetscape. The possible sight line issue raised in Cooper Street is to be reviewed by officers and appropriate advice / actions will be provided to Mr Georgeff.

AE.4/2/20 S ZIELINSKI: JETTY FEES

Mr Zielinski queried why jetty fees imposed via the *Jetties Act 1926* could not be collected and utilised by local governments as another stream of income.

Mayor Williams outlined discussions previously held with the State Government in relation to this item and the State's reluctance to forego such income.

AE.5/2/20 J RANDALL: JETTY FEES

Further to the previous question, Mr Randall asked what had occurred in relation to the former Minister for Transport's (Alannah MacTiernan) correspondence to transfer jetty licences to the City of Mandurah.

Mayor Williams confirmed that he was aware of the jetty licence issues within the Port Mandurah community and the City's continuing discussion with the Minister on the subject. The Director Works and Services believed the offer had been declined and that ongoing costs associated with jetty oversight and inspection etc was not in the City's best interest. Mayor Williams advised he was happy to meet in regard to the historical information to assist the City with further State discussions.

AE.6/2/20 J RANDALL: CAMBRIA ISLAND ENTRANCE ROAD

Mr Randall requested clarification as to who was to pay for repairs in regard to the issue with the entrance road to Cambria Island.

The Director Works and Services advised the City would be funding repairs to the abutment walls of the bridge servicing Cambria Island. Movement of the walls has been detected and maintenance repairs are being finalised ahead of remedial works being undertaken.

AE.7/2/20 J RANDALL: WATERWAYS ADVISORY GROUP

Mr Randall questioned why no representatives would be appointed to the Port Mandurah Waterways Advisory Group.

Mayor Williams advised that representatives had been appointed in the past however meeting times often clashed with the working hours of Councillors so the requirement to have an Elected Member on each group was removed. As items for each group were generally operational in nature it was also difficult for Elected Members to separate themselves from

operational aspects as required by legislation. Mayor Williams confirmed that Elected Members could be invited as observers / advisors to meetings at any time.

AE.8/2/20 S ZIELINSKI: ANNUAL RATE INCREASES

Mr Zielinski noted the economic downturn and requested information as to what could be done to reduce annual rate increases.

Mayor Williams spoke of Council's economic priority focus. By investing in tourism and pursuing unique opportunities such as the water data array, city centre redevelopment and opening of Yalgorup National Park to tourism as avenues to assist businesses thrive, increase tourist spend and encourage people to visit Mandurah. Event attraction was also a focus priority as every dollar spent by the City generated an estimated \$42 injection of spend into the local economy.

The Director Corporate Services advised the City's Long Term Financial Plan was expected to be adopted in March / April 2020. The ten year plan identifies the required income to fund the capital expenditure requirements along with the operating costs associated with delivering programs and services of a Local Government. There are external cost increases that a local government has no control over and any external increases will impact how much needs to be raised from revenue to cover these. External costs such as utility expenses, minimum wage requirements and superannuation guarantee rises impact the overall running costs. Although new subdivisions generate additional rate income, it also generates additional operational costs associated with road maintenance, park maintenance, bushland maintenance, services for community centres and facilities such as libraries, and service programs.

Mayor Williams provided an overview of the continuing organisational analysis and business reviews, how the City had restructured the organisation to reduce costs and deliver more services with the same budget.

AE.9/2/20 M GEORGEFF: RESTRICTED PROPERTY ACCESS

Mr Georgeff advised of an access issue to a property on Dower Street and asked what could be done to rectify the issue.

The Director Works and Services advised an officer would contact Mr Georgeff to meet and discuss this item along with the street tree matter.

AE.10/2/20 M GEORGEFF: COMMERCIAL INTEGRATION

Mr Georgeff requested information in relation to the continuing integration of commercial enterprises in residential areas.

The Director Sustainable Communities advised that the inner Mandurah area permitted such commercial integration and how other areas were transitioning to this format.

AE.11/2/20 J RANDALL: DUAL LANGUAGE SIGNAGE

Mr Randall asked why dual language signs were required and what languages they would be in.

Mayor Williams advised the signs would be in the Noongar language and that it was part of the City's third Reconciliation Action Plan.

AE.12/2/20 M GEORGEFF: INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT

Mr Georgeff asked what percentage of the workforce were Aboriginal.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer spoke of the Indigenous trainee program run by the City and advised further figures would be provided to Mr Georgeff.

AE.11/2/20 J RANDALL: BUSINESS CLOSURES

Mr Randall commented on the many business closures and loss of employment in the District.

Mayor Williams confirmed the economic downturn was being experienced by many areas such as Perth and Fremantle along with Mandurah. Council's economic focus and effort to invigorate the community via different avenues would continue to assist in placing Mandurah in a better position.

CLOSE OF MEETING [AGENDA ITEM 8]

Mayor Williams thanked electors, Elected Members and staff for their attendance. There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.57pm.

CONFIRMED (MAYOR)