



City of Rockingham

MINUTES

Annual Meeting of Electors Minutes

Held on Wednesday 21 December 2022 at 6:00pm
City of Rockingham Reception Room

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3.	Annual Report for the Financial Year
	<p>In accordance with Section 5.27 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> a general meeting of electors is to be held once every financial year, not more than 56 days after the local government has accepted the annual report.</p> <p>Regulation 15 of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996</i> specifies that 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.</p> <p>At its meeting held 22 November 2022 Council resolved to accept the Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2022, inclusive of the Audited Financial Report 2021/2022.</p> <p>Council resolved to hold the Annual Meeting of Electors on Wednesday 21 December 2022 commencing at 6.00pm in the reception area of the City Administration Centre.</p> <p>The Mayor invited questions on the Annual Report 2021/2022. There were none.</p> <p>There being no questions the Mayor asked for a motion to receive the Annual Report for 2021/2022.</p> <p>Moved Ms Diane Park, seconded Ms Stacey Graham:</p> <p>That the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2022 inclusive of the Audited Financial Report 2021/2022 be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
4.	General Business
	<p>The Mayor asked those in attendance whether there was any general business to be raised.</p> <p>4.1 Tourism History & Art Graphic Trail – Possible future project</p> <p>Ms Sharyn McAskey, thanked City staff and management for all their hard work and acknowledged that the events run in our community make our community a better place to live.</p> <p>Ms McAskey advised that the Shire of Collie has a Tourism Trail, that this Trail has reduced graffiti and enhanced the community, with First Nation art, stories and more. It was suggested that the use of the CSBP Silos as a blank canvas for our own Tourist/Art Trail.</p> <p>The Mayor noted Ms McAskey's comments and asked the Director Community Development, Mr Michael Holland to investigate this further.</p> <p>4.2 Public Question Time – Right to Reply</p> <p>Mr Ian Sagers requested that the public have the right to reply at Public Question Time, when the Council answer the question at a regular Council meeting. He has asked questions twice at meetings and would like to reply when not fully satisfied.</p> <p>The Mayor advised that Public Question Time is not an opportunity to debate however a person can ask a further question if they are within the timeframe. The Mayor further advised that, if you are still not satisfied you may email the City seeking additional information.</p> <p>4.3 Cat Act 2011 - Amendments</p> <p>Ms Sharon Spencer asked are we able to submit amendments to Council bylaws in relation to stopping roaming cats? Or at least fines? In the past 2.5 years registered cats have destroyed gardens, property (lounges) and set off house alarms at all hours of the night. The owners (of the cats) have been spoken to and yet the incidents continue to occur. Where am I to go next? I also have a daughter who is anaphylactic to cats.</p>

	<p>Director Legal Services and General Counsel, Mr Peter Doherty advised that the only practical way of preventing cats from roaming is to have the legislation amended to require cats to be confined (e.g. in a cage or in a house). Neither the Cat Act 2011 nor the regulations require this. The City does not have the power to require cats to be confined.</p> <p>One might lobby State politicians to amend the Cat Act 2011 to require confinement, but little appetite to do so has been evident.</p> <p>4.4 Selfie Frame – Possible future project</p> <p>Ms Carolyn McAndrew asked if we can install a metal selfie frame at the foreshore, in front of the café strip, using the # rediscoverrockingham. This would provide free publicity and marketing across social media and all over the world. How can we make this happen?</p> <p>Director Community Development, Mr Michael Holland advised that he is happy to investigate this with the Manager of Economic Development and Tourism.</p> <p>Ms McAndrew than asked if we can do fundraising?</p> <p>Mr Holland advised we are always happy for community members to fund raise.</p> <p>4.5 Penguin Island – Relocation of Discovery Centre</p> <p>Ms Stacey Graham voiced her concern regarding the penguins and the relocation of the Discovery Centre, will this mean that it will be moved out of Rockingham? How can we work together to make sure it stays in Rockingham?</p> <p>The Mayor advised of a recent visit to Dumas House with the CEO and the Director of Community Development and having spoken with the Minister's Chief of Staff, having made it clear that the penguins are very important to Rockingham.</p> <p>The CEO advised that the City has made it clear that the little penguins are a key part of tourism in Rockingham and that funding of \$250k has been allocated by the State to undertake a feasibility study to look at options for a Discovery Centre on the mainland. The City would be disappointed if any relocation outside of Rockingham was considered.</p> <p>4.6 Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) – Better Practices</p> <p>Mr Sunny Miller raised the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation related to Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) and City's future implementation.</p> <p>Director Corporate Service, Mr John Pearson advised that the City has adopted a Waste Plan which identifies the City moving to a FOGO waste collection system in 2025. The current waste collection contracts expire in 2025. When these contracts were put in place the City was unable to move to a FOGO plan as there was no recipient for the FOGO product, therefore we used a Garden Organics (GO) process. Before FOGO is implemented in 2025 there will be a significant education campaign undertaken to inform the public about FOGO changes and requirements.</p>
5.	<p>Motions</p> <p><i>* Please note that the following motions and reasons have been produced as presented by the Mover, and may contain grammatical errors.</i></p>
	<p>5.1 Motion – Health and Safety Policy</p> <p>Moved Tom Mannion, Seconded Kelly Middlecoat</p> <p>Councillors to develop a Health and Safety Policy that clearly states that the Health & Safety of the Public is considered the utmost priority in their decision making and in doing so comply with relevant legislation, regulations, associated codes of practice, guidance notes and best practice.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried - 29/16</p>

	<p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>While the city continues to focus on the Health and Safety of their employees it has disregarded the Public in failing to develop a Policy that ensures Public Safety is a priority.</p> <p>Over a number of meeting over several years I have raised concerns with the risk to the public's Health and Safety with the city failing in their duty of care to apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Management – Guidelines: AS ISO 31000:2018• Water Corporations Stormwater Management Guidelines for Western Australia to minimise the public risk, including risk of injury or loss of life, to the community• Department of Health Guidelines – Beach Grade Classifications• Department of Transport – Planning and Designing for Bike Riding in Western Australia: Shared and Separated Paths
5.2	<p>Motion – Development Signage</p> <p>Moved Dion Dredge, Seconded Maureen Richardson</p> <p>Directs Council to mandate signage on blocks to be developed 3 months prior to submissions. Sign to indicate i.e. submissions, council meeting date, community consultation dates, website/link to Proposal. Mandate community meetings (4 of them) for developments over 2 million dollars – like every other state.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried - 39/11</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Rockingham is changing, there is a new proposal about to go through that will change us to an R Zone. WA/Rockingham has its own zoning and they could put up a 20 storey building, its happened to me. There is limited community engagement. The Council has guidelines and can change them whenever they want.</p>
5.3	<p>Motion – Same Day Delivery</p> <p>Moved Dion Dredge, Seconded Rex Oliver</p> <p>Council directs the CEO to use a same day delivery service for important letters such as a submission closing dates or any variation to the development that is time sensitive, use of express post and same day delivery mandated at a cost to ratepayers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried - 29/17</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>This is an important issue, the public don't want to miss their letters.</p>
5.4	<p>Motion – Public Submissions</p> <p>Moved Dion Dredge, Seconded Margaret Marsiglio</p> <p>Direct Council to ensure that all Councillors read all public submissions and publicly advertised they have as a means of ensuring community concerns have been taking into consideration i.e. 40 submissions received for Parkin and Harrison with 38 against and 2 for would indicate further community consultation required. In a percentage 95% of residents apposed the Development.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried - 29/19</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Councillors have limited time to read submissions, they get Friday and go to Council Monday/Tuesday.</p>

	<p>5.5 Motion – City Officers/Councillor Due Diligence Moved Dion Dredge, Seconded Eve Russell</p> <p>Councillors to cease completely relaying on City Officers, I feel the City Officers are running the city and not the Mayor and her Councillors. Councillors to do more research and due diligence when voting for Major Projects. Councillors to hold City Officer to Accountable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried - 30/17</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Councillors rely on officers to get information, officers that do not live in Rockingham</p> <p>5.6 Motion – Peace Pavilion Moved Mary Ann Rath, Seconded Dion Dredge</p> <p>That the Peace Pavilion that was, be represented somewhere in Churchill or Bell Parks, looking out to Garden Island, with the inclusion of the previous plaque with verse and the Peace Dove graphic.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried – 24/11</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>The previous Mayor assured the public that a Peace Pavilion would be represented somewhere.</p> <p>7:26pm <i>Cr Robert Schimdt left the meeting and did not return.</i></p> <p>5.7 Motion – Tree Conservation Moved Mary Ann Rath, Seconded Rebecca Privilege</p> <p>That any stand of trees that fall in the developers hands be considered as habitat for birds and other creatures. That such habitat be preserved as such in a sensitive and valued way.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried - 22/14</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Developers are totally clearing habitats, Cockatoos are endangered and as a human I for one want them to stay.</p> <p>5.8 Motion – Weed Control Moved Mary Ann Rath, Seconded Kelly Middlecoat</p> <p>That chemical weed control be excluded from being sprayed around children's playgrounds and dog areas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Lost – 16/18</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Dogs are getting sick, children can't go onto their playgrounds, health issues. These are all the issues associated with chemical weed killers.</p> <p>5.9 Motion – Pesticide Registry Moved Mary Ann Rath, Seconded Angela Taylor</p> <p>That an exclusion Pesticide Registry be established so that residents who don't want chemical weed control on their verge be respected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Withdrawn</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Director Asset Services, Mr Sam Assaad advised that the City already has a register.</p>
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	<p>5.10 Motion – Pesticide Registry Annual Notification Moved Mary Ann Rath, Seconded David Rudman</p> <p>That an annual notification of such that of an ‘Exclusion Pesticide Registry’ be sent out with the rates notice.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Lost – 11/18</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>This is a common courtesy to make people more aware.</p> <p>5.11 Motion – Fruiting Trees on Verge Moved Mary Ann Rath, Seconded Diane Park</p> <p>That the city of Rockingham amends the verge policy for further inclusion of fruiting trees as a permissible tree and investigates other suitable trees to encourage wildlife.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Lost – 6/20</p> <p>5.12 Motion – Tree Nomination Moved Mary Ann Rath, Seconded Angela Taylor</p> <p>That residents can nominate a tree to be protected from being destroyed and such a tree go on a registry listing its protection.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Lost – 3/20</p> <p>5.13 Motion – City Chronicle Moved Diane Park, Seconded Teresa Ong</p> <p>The Chronicle cease being delivered to every household immediately. That the City print only 500-1000 copies to be placed in the Autumn Centre, Libraries, and city buildings and doctors surgeries.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Lost – 18/21</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Over the years the Glossy Chronical Magazine sent out every quarter has literally cost hundreds of thousands \$\$ to ratepayers and more. Being a glossy magazine, I believe it also costs extra funds to recycle. Recycling that we pay for.</p> <p>This week a resident of Secret Harbour contacted me. I don’t know this lady at all. Apparently she also put a post on social media questioning the need, cost etc. of the Chronicle. I do have her permission to mention this. She had emailed every councillor and questioned the need for this magazine. She was disgusted that only three councillors took the time to respond to her email. One reply was typical council response, one didn’t want it, and one said the ‘oldies’ liked it.</p> <p>Whenever this comes up at council or the Annual Electors meeting, we hear responses such as, we only had 40 replies saying they didn’t want it. This councillors, isn’t an indication that everyone else wants it. Have you thought that people have just lost faith in being heard by this council and know that it’s hard to get change in any matters as we continually see block voting?</p> <p>We hear it may be granny’s or mums highlight of the week to receive it. Well as you will hear, I will propose in my motion to print 500 copies to put into libraries, doctors surgeries, autumn centre and city buildings. I personally wouldn’t find it a hardship to go and collect one and deliver it.</p> <p>I have signed up for Rockport, I can read it there but I still get four copies delivered because there is no ‘opt out’ opinion.</p> <p>The majority of items in the magazine are on the website, councillor’s social media sites, the Sound Telegraph etc. and if people are actually interested they can ask.</p>
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	<p>Last year alone the postage was stated as being \$80,000, then the cost of printing, layout etc. we all know just how much postage has risen this year never mind the cost of printing and materials.</p> <p>I picked up this free booklet this week in the shopping centre and I applaud those behind it. What helpful information it includes. Help for plumbers, gas, solar, water, mechanical and car technicians etc. A list of emergency numbers, contact numbers for Community Services, it even has a full timetable for everything happening at the Autumn Centre and Kwinana Senior Citizens Centre Timetable, something actually useful and it didn't cost the ratepayers one cent! A very valuable source of information, free to pick up at shopping centre.</p> <p>We heard last night at council meeting a proposed 5.4% rate increase, with a further 4.9% increase in the following two years. We heard a very sensible motion put forward by a councillor to defer voting on the rates in order to allow the City staff to look at ways to hopefully trim the budget figures. We, as a state, are in financial crisis. Our Premier is advocating caution, and we have so many living in cars because of the rental market. People are doing it tough!</p> <p>This council needs to cut the fat, needs to be seen to cut the cloth accordingly. They cannot keep asking ratepayers to dig deep. We appreciate that costs for the City also increase but unfortunately ratepayers don't have ex amount of millions in the bank, they don't have one of the highest FHI of 96, if not the highest out of all councils, and some don't even have the capacity to borrow.</p> <p>5.14 Motion – Strategic Community Plan Moved Rebecca Privilege, Seconded Mary Ann Rath</p> <p>Direct Council, and the CEO and the City of Rockingham to publicly advertise and hold, ten (10) face-to-face workshops and public meeting so the electors and ratepayers, who are not computer literate, are involved in the major review of our Strategic Community Plan.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried – 23/11</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Every four (4) years, the City of Rockingham undertakes a full, major review of its Strategic Community Plan, as per the Integrated Planning and Advisory Standard and the Local Government (1996) Regulations.</p> <p>When the City of Joondalup undertook their major review of their Strategic Community Plan, they held ten (10) community, face-to-face workshops and Public meetings.</p> <p>5.15 Motion – Culture Review Moved Rebecca Privilege, Seconded Dion Dredge</p> <p>Direct Council and the CEO to appoint Natalie Lincolne – Trainer, Coach and Consultant, from Price Consulting to conduct an independent culture review, and allocate a budget of approximately \$10,000.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Withdrawn</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>The Mayor advised that Councillor training has been organised for the new year. The CEO advised it was not appropriate to nominate a specific person and that procurement process must be adhered to.</p>
6.	Closure
	<p>There being no further business, the Mayor thanked those persons present for attending the Annual Meeting of Electors, wished everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and declared the meeting closed at 8:17pm.</p>