



City of Cockburn
Annual General Meeting of Electors
Minutes

For Tuesday, 5 February 2019

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT:**ELECTED MEMBERS**

Mr L Howlett	-	Mayor (Presiding Member)
Ms L Smith	-	Deputy Mayor
Mrs C Reeve-Fowkes	-	Councillor
Mr M Separovich	-	Councillor
Dr C Terblanche	-	Councillor
Mr P Eva	-	Councillor
Ms L Kirkwood	-	Councillor
Ms C Sands	-	Councillor

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Cain	-	Chief Executive Officer
Mr D Green	-	Director Governance & Community Services
Mr S Downing	-	Director Finance & Corporate Services
Mr D Arndt	-	Director Planning & Development
Mr C Sullivan	-	Director Engineering & Works
Mrs L Spearing	-	PA to Chief Executive Officer

7 Electors present

APOLOGIES:

Mr S Pratt	-	Councillor
Mr K Allen	-	Councillor

1. DECLARATION OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7:00pm and welcomed the City of Cockburn ratepayers.

The Presiding Member acknowledged the Nyungar People who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting is being held and pay respect to the Elders of the Nyungar Nation, both past and present and extend that respect to Indigenous Australians who may have been present.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING

This Annual General Meeting of Electors has been called in accordance with the Section 5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995 and the following matters discussed. The Annual General Meeting of Electors will be conducted in accordance with Section 5.31 of the Local Government Act and Clauses 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

3.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

- (a) Copies available on the website and at the door to Electors attending.
- (b) Queries to be answered by Presiding Member or appropriate Staff.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Written Questions

Nil

4.2 Motions On Notice

Nil

4.3 Other Business

4.3.1 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS - 26 JANUARY

MOTION

Moved Ramon Woodcock Seconded Santo Pasqua

That the City of Cockburn maintain celebrating Australia Day on 26 January.

CARRIED 6/0

Reason for Decision

The rationale is for Council to maintain this day of celebration in anticipation that the Federal Government may, before or after the forthcoming Federal Election, move such a thing to see that 26 January is maintained as Australia Day. Australia Day has always been celebrated on 26 January.

4.3.2 UNIFORM COUNCIL RATES ACROSS THE CITY

MOTION

Moved Ramon Woodcock

That the City of Cockburn Administration approach the current State Government to amend the Local Government Act to ensure that all religious organisations in the State of Western Australia pay the same Council Rates as other non-religious organisations and ratepayers.

MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER

4.3.3 RELOCATION OF THE CITY OF COCKBURN ADMINISTRATION

MOTION

Moved Ramon Woodcock Seconded Arie Hol

That Council ensure that the City of Cockburn administration remains at its current location at 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood Western Australia.

CARRIED 2/1

Reason for Decision

In approximately 1962 there was an old corrugated red building here on this site which was owned and operated by the Spearwood Market and Vegetable Growers Association. Through the Associations hard work, over the years, the Association bequeathed or passed it over to the City of Cockburn and for the City of Cockburn to remain here forever.

The Administration has been located at this premises over a number of years. Is there any need to go to a more clustered area like Cockburn Central?

Arie Hol, South Lake

Q1 Mr Hol asked the question about the status of the City's surplus funds?

A1 The City does put a report to Council each November. The City offered to provide Mr Hol with information relating to the status of the City's surplus funds and how it achieves its returns on investments, both its cash and non-cash investments.

Q2 The City of Melville has a scheme in place where by they allocate surplus funds back into the system at the end of each financial year. Mr Hol asked whether it would be possible for the City of Cockburn to instigate the same type of procedures here?

A2 The City has done that for the last 12 years. It has a budget management policy that says that any surplus funds that it receives at the end of the year, for example surplus funds last year totalled approximately \$2 million, which is allocated to community infrastructure or road infrastructure reserves. These funds are expended in following years, thus improving the infrastructure of the City of Cockburn.

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7:18pm