

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**

**HELD ON**

**MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2020**

**AT 6.30PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MELVILLE CIVIC CENTRE**

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MELVILLE CIVIC CENTRE, 10 ALMONDBURY ROAD, BOORAGOON, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2020.**

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The Mayor acknowledged the attendance of Lisa O'Malley MLA, Member for Bicton.

**1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Presiding Member invited Cr Karen Wheatland to read the Acknowledgement of Country.

*"The City of Melville acknowledges the Bibbulmun people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the lands on which the City stands today and pays its respect to the Whadjuk people, and Elders both past, present and emerging. Sovereignty has never been ceded. It always was and always will be, Aboriginal land."*

**2. PRESENT**

Mayor Honourable George Gear

**COUNCILLORS**

Cr N Pazolli (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr D Macphail, Cr N Robins  
Cr C Robartson, Cr M Woodall  
Cr G Barber, Cr J Barton  
Cr K Mair, Cr M Sandford  
Cr T Fitzgerald, Cr K Wheatland

**WARD**

Applecross – Mount Pleasant  
Bateman – Kardinya - Murdoch  
Bull Creek - Leeming  
Bicton – Attadale – Alfred Cove  
Central  
Palmyra – Melville - Willagee

**3. IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr M Tieleman  
Mr A Ferris  
Ms C Young  
Mr M McCarthy  
Mr S Cope  
Ms K Johnson

Ms J Arbel  
Mr B Taylor  
Ms C Newman  
Ms J Head  
Mr W Thornton  
Mr N Fimmano  
Ms T Wright  
Ms R Davis  
Ms P Dennison

Chief Executive Officer  
Director Corporate Services  
Director Community Development  
Director Technical Services  
Director Urban Planning  
Executive Manager Organisational  
Development  
Strategic Communication Advisor  
Manager Governance and Property  
Governance Coordinator  
Governance Officer  
Civic Facilities Coordinator  
Property Coordinator  
Governance Officer  
Executive Assistant  
Customer Relations Team Leader

At the commencement of the meeting there were 112 Electors of the City of Melville, 6 Non-Electors and one member of the press in attendance.

**4. APOLOGIES**

Nil.

**5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr S Kepert

Applecross – Mount Pleasant

**6. INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

The Presiding Member advised that Elected Members were in attendance and introduced the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Marten Tieleman who introduced the senior staff in attendance.

**7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST****7.1 FINANCIAL INTERESTS**

Nil.

**7.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE A CONFLICT**

Nil.

**8. BUSINESS****8.1 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**

The following Notice of Meeting was advertised in the Melville Gazette on Thursday, 16 January 2020 and the Melville Herald on Friday 17 January 2020 in addition to being displayed on public notice boards at all the City of Melville libraries, the Civic Centre and the City's website. The notice read:

***“Annual General Meeting of Electors (AGM)***

*City of Melville residents are invited to our AGM to welcome in the New Year and receive our Community Annual Report 2018-2019.*

**Date:** Monday, 3 February 2020

**Time:** From 6.30pm

**Location:** City of Melville Civic Centre Conference Room,  
10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon

*We welcome your questions on the Community Annual Report 2018-2019. If you have a complex question you would like answered at the meeting please submit by 5.00pm Tuesday, 28 January 2020 at [www.melvillecity.com.au/agm2020](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/agm2020) or contact Corporate Support on **9364 0607** for alternative arrangements.*

*In line with our Sustainability Policy, limited printed copies of the report will be available on the night at the meeting and at libraries and community centres.*

*For more information and to read the report, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/annualreport](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/annualreport)”*

## **8.2 MANNER OF CONDUCT OF THE MEETING**

Welcome to the City of Melville Annual Elector's Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the City of Melville Annual Report and any other general business pertaining to the business of the City of Melville. In accordance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, the Mayor is to preside at a general or special meeting of electors and is to determine the procedure to be followed.

1. It is a requirement to advise that in the event of an emergency, everyone should take direction from officers who will guide you to the exit points of the building.
2. Toilets are located immediately before the entry to the Council Chambers.
3. All present are required to sign the attendance register at the entry to the Conference Room.
4. Each person who participates in a vote or speaks must be an Elector of the City of Melville.
5. The proceedings are being recorded for the purpose of production of the Minutes and speakers are requested to use the microphones each time they speak. The Minutes will include a summary of any questions asked and a summary of the response provided.
6. No other audio or visual recording is to be undertaken without the permission of the Presiding Member.
7. Speakers are asked to clearly give their name and address each time they speak.
8. Upon a motion being proposed, each speaker is to address the Chair.
9. Only Electors of the City of Melville may move or second a motion.
10. All addresses are to be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. Extension of time is permissible only with the agreement of a simple majority of Electors present (*Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 Regulation 17*)
11. The community are welcome to participate in the meeting. To ensure the efficient conduct of the meeting, please participate in a concise and respectful manner.
12. All Elected Members and Directors attend this meeting to observe the proceedings and hear comments from Electors. All questions and comments should be directed to the Mayor who may invite a response from the Chief Executive Officer, Presiding Members of Committees, Directors or Elected Members.

**9. PRESENTATION OF CITY OF MELVILLE COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019 INCLUDING FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019.****City of Melville Community Annual Report 2018-2019**

At 6:33pm moved Mr S Wallace, of Bicton, seconded Mr G McCann of Ardross –

**That the Community Annual Report 2018-2019 for the Year Ended 30 June 2019 be received.**

At 6:34pm the Presiding Member declared motion

**CARRIED**

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS****9.1 Public Question Time**

9.1.1 Question Received prior to the Meeting

**9.1.1.1 Mr A Foster, Palmyra****Question 1**

*We live in the Palmyra area with 3 kids and we find the bin situation an absolute disgrace. How you as a council can leave the bins not changed over for two weeks with faeces from baby's nappies is unbelievable, every week the front of our house smells like sewage.*

*We have a number of friends that have young families that are in the same situation as we are, all three bins need to be changed over weekly.*

*Over the Christmas period we had to ask friends to take rubbish home with them, what a disgrace that the council can't even provide bins that families can put their waste in. Something needs to be done.*

**Response:**

The City commenced its three bin FOGO trial in October 2017 and found that FOGO worked well for a majority of residents, but also understands that it isn't a one-size-fits-all system and provides options for residents who are finding the system challenging.

After receiving the question from Mr Foster, he was contacted by a City employee and the issues regarding the odour, volume and collection frequency was discussed.

The City's website has tips on reducing odours in your bins or the Waste Education Officer can be contacted or can visit your home to discuss these issues and to assist in finding a solution, which can include residents requesting a free-of-charge to upgrade to a 360 litre recycling bin, which Mr Foster has done, and following a needs assessment can also request free of charge to upgrade to a 240 litre general waste bin.

Between 16 October 2017 and the 31 December 2019, 10% of residents have upgraded their recycling bin and 2% upgraded their general waste bin. After the 2017 FOGO trial and the 2019 FOGO rollout to the remainder of the City, the recycling was reverted back to fortnightly collection with the general waste bin collected on the alternative fortnight. This meant there was no need to procure any additional trucks or employ additional staff which has saved operational and capital costs and is diverting a substantial amount of waste from landfill.

9.1.1 *Question Received prior to the Meeting continued.*

**9.1.1.2 Mr R Willis, Bull Creek**

Question 1

*At a Safety Meeting of local residents on 22 July 2019, held in Leeming and attended by Cr Robartson, Cr Woodall and the Director Michael McCarthy what actions has been taken on the seventeen ideas that come out of this meeting?*

Response

The seventeen issues raised at the meeting were recorded and distributed to participants and the City by the resident who arranged the meeting on 22 July 2019. The City reviewed the issues raised to determine what could be actioned and what issues required further investigation, noting that a proportion of the actions were the responsibility of Main Roads with the City required to take an advocacy role.

Officers reporting the outcomes of the investigations and recommendations for City of Melville related actions to the Elected Members Information Session (EMIS) on 12 November 2019 – further information is provided in the response to question 3.

Question 2

*Has a Traffic count been taken to assess the speed and type of traffic using Farrington Road? Also has a proposal been submitted to MRWA to reduce the speed limit from 60kph to 50kph? If the current speed is above 50kph what treatments are proposed to reduce it to 50kph so the MRWA can reduce the speed limit?*

Response

The City gathered speed and traffic count data for Farrington Road in May 2018 in order to gain data prior to the construction of the Murdoch Drive Connection. This survey showed the average weekday traffic volume on Farrington Road to be in the range of 17,000 to 18,000 vehicles per day with an 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile (operating) speed in the range of 55 to 63 km/h.

Crash records obtained from Main Roads WA for Farrington Road between Karel Avenue and the Freeway on and off ramps for the last five years, indicate that a total of 47 crashes were recorded, with most of the crashes located at intersections treated with roundabouts.

Taking into account the speed data, traffic volumes and crash records, the City is proposing to install speed cushions on roundabout approaches along Farrington Road to reduce the speed of cars and reduce crash incidents. This treatment has been put forward in the 2020/21 capital works program.

Following the installation of speed cushions, further traffic surveys will be conducted to assess the new operating speeds on Farrington Road, and assuming the speed cushions do reduce the speed of cars, the City will then be able to request that Main Roads WA (MRWA) reduce the posted speed limit to 50km/hr

9.1.1 *Question Received prior to the Meeting continued, Mr Willis*

Question 3

*On the 27 August 2019 council resolved that the CEO investigate traffic treatments in Farrington Road and report back to council no later than December 2019. Can you please advise what action has been taken to date and what is proposed for the future to improve the safety of users of Farrington Road in Leeming?*

Response

City officers put forward a range of recommendations at an Elected Members Information Session (EMIS) presentation on 12 November 2019 including:

- List the project to install speed cushions on all roundabout approaches between Kwinana Freeway and Karel Avenue for consideration in the 2020-2021 capital works budget.
- Work with MRWA regarding the removal of the filter phase at Karel Avenue and reallocation of lanes to operate more effectively.
- Apply to MRWA under new speed policy to reduce speed limit on Farrington Road to 50km/h from Kwinana Freeway to Karel Avenue.
- Undertake further traffic studies once Murdoch Drive Connection and Karel Avenue widening projects are complete.
- Once the Murdoch Drive Connection project is complete, ensure MRWA removes directional signs indicating access to Fiona Stanley Hospital from Roe Highway through Karel Avenue and Farrington Road.

**9.1.1.3 Mr R Willis, Bull Creek**

Question 1

*When is the council going to develop the Lower land of Heathcote which has two heritage wells for a market garden when Perth was first settled in 1829?*

Response

A concept plan has been developed, based on previous and more recent engagement, including strong Aboriginal consultation. The development of the detailed design is planned for this current financial year. The redevelopment includes passive recreation, pedestrian connection to the upper Heathcote Cultural Precinct, and inclusion of restoration of wetlands area guided by Aboriginal input. An important part of the project is the interpretation of the significant heritage elements on the lower land.

Question 2

*Has the council received a grant to fund the development and if so when are you going to spend it?*

Response

The City has received no grant funding for the proposed development.

9.1.1 *Question Received prior to the Meeting continued.*

**9.1.1.4 Mr E Nielsen, Booragoon**

Question 1

*When does the City intend to fix up its website as it needs urgent attention to make it far more user friendly?*

- A. *It is not compatible with the small screens of mobile phones or tablets. Overly large images dominate the screens preventing quick access to relevant information.*

Response

Our website has been specially-designed for desktops, mobile devices and tablets however there are some separate, public-facing applications that may not yet be mobile or tablet responsive.

We use images to add interest to our website pages and to assist in communicating information to users who are very visual in nature.

We are always open to feedback on our website and encourage users to submit a 'Was this page helpful' form, located at the bottom of content pages, to give us feedback about how we can improve any specific page.

Question 2

- B. *The site lacks proper structure and planning and gives the impression in some places that documents have just been "dumped" rather than placed in some sort of logical sequence. e.g. When searching for 'Policies' via the "search box" on the main page there are 788 results spread randomly over 79 pages on many subjects, including 'policies', without any form of numerical or alphabetical order.*

Response

We want users to be able to find information quickly and easily when using our website, which is why we created a search bar on the homepage. The way the search bar works is when you input a search term, such as 'policies' it will pull up every webpage, publication, form or minute that has that word on it.

We identified this was not the ideal solution during user testing and created a publications and forms library to host all our documents, including local laws, plans and strategies, policies, procedures and guidelines and reports, with the ability to sort by newest to oldest or alphabetical order.

The publications and forms library can be found at  
[www.melvillecity.com.au/our-city/publications-and-forms](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/our-city/publications-and-forms)

9.1.1 *Question Received prior to the Meeting continued, Mr Nielsen*

Question 3

C. *The latest form for Public Question Time /Council Forums and Meetings (07/11/2019) (following the introduction of two questions at the time) leaves a lot to be desired. Being a PDF form it lacks regular facilities such as spell check, bullet points, paragraphing and indentation and worst of all, it only prints the first 7 lines of the question making it impossible to print it out and “hand deliver” it at the meeting.*

*... and these are just a few?*

Response

Thank you for these comments, the City is aware that there are issues associated with this form and the page is currently under review and the concerns raised in this question will be taken into consideration as part of that process.

Question 4

*When is the City going to provide the option of downloading the audio recordings in a similar manner provided by other councils, parliament, radio and TV stations?*

Response

The City has been publishing the audio of Council meetings for less than 12 months, and is currently monitoring access statistics. The publishing of the audio was the first part of the project to consider live streaming of Council meetings. The technical aspects of downloading audio were not included in the first phase of the project, and could be considered should live streaming be endorsed by the Council.

Question 5

*Why is the City making the following statement “All audio content is the property of the City of Melville under the Copyright Act 1968 and must not be copied, republished or reproduced without the City's written permission” when in fact anyone can do so when dealing with matters under Sections 103A, 103AA, 103B, 103C and 104 of the Copyright Act and without first obtaining the City's permission?*

Response:

Audio recordings are a document in terms of the *Copyright Act 1968* and belong to the City of Melville. Any exemptions described in the Copyright Act, including those referred to in the question, do apply.

At 6:47pm the Presiding Member invited questions from the meeting.

#### 9.1.2 Questions Received at the Meeting

##### 9.1.2.1 Ms J Edinger, Melville

###### Question

*At the City of Melville Annual General Meeting of Electors (AGM) held 5 December 2018, the Alfred Cove Action Group (ACAG) moved a motion to terminate the lease of the proposed Wave Park, that motion included a request that representatives from the City of Melville meet with representatives of ACAG to consider an ACAG proposal for the establishment of a Melville Bird Sanctuary and Discover Centre on part of the proposed Wave Park site. This motion was endorsed at the AGM.*

*The motion was presented to the 19 February 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council, the City's recommendation to the Council was to not support the recommendation as the City at that time was bound by the terms and conditions of the existing lease agreement. At the same meeting (former) Councillor Guy Wieland was permitted to present to the Council a motion without notice for a proposal supporting a wildlife sanctuary on the foreshore of the Troy Park peninsular, with this motion being carried by the Council. The former Mayor directed the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the possibility of the City of Melville working in partnership with State and Federal Governments to jointly fund the rehabilitation to natural habitat and the establishment of a wildlife sanctuary and appropriate viewing facilities on the Troy Park peninsular.*

*Given the overwhelming endorsement of electors at the last AGM to the proposal for a Melville Bird Sanctuary, can the Council please indicate what their intentions are in relation to this project?*

###### Response

The Chief Executive Officer responded that no action had been taken on the motion brought forward by former Councillor Wieland at that time as the City is currently progressing the review of the Tompkins Park and the future facilities.

The whole area including Tompkins Park, Alfred Cove, Troy Park and Attadale Foreshore is a very sensitive area. The feedback during the Wave Park process showed how important the area is to the residents of the area and the community beyond.

The City would like to get resolution of the two proposed facilities at Tompkins Park and engage with the community with a masterplan for the entire area, with an initial focus on Alfred Cove and the resolution of the issues brought forward as part of the Wave Park proposal.

The Mayor provided further information with regard to a meeting he attended with the Member of Bicton Lisa O'Malley that morning where the area was discussed, in particular proposals to make the footpaths and cycleways safer whilst retaining and rehabilitating the natural vegetation.

9.1.2 *Questions Received at the Meeting continued.*

**9.1.2.2 Ms A Nicholson, Booragoon**

Question 1

*My question relates to the culture of City of Melville, by example, I emailed a query to the City of Melville on 3 January 2020 where I requested information on how much spent on all public art and installations in the 2017-2018 financial year, including monies from the Public Art Levy extracted from developers of commercial properties under the City's provision of public art and development proposals policy, Capital Works budget, Arts budget and any other funds the City used including grants from any source.*

*The response from the Director Community Development was "Dear Effie, the details you request require staff resources to undertake research to provide responses. At this point I do not support the use of staff resources in this manner, which diverts their efforts from operational business."*

*I asked what I thought was a simple question – how much of the ratepayers money has been spent on public art, something I thought would be readily available on the City's finance system, I should require research.*

*Why does the City continue to act in a covert manner when dealing with ratepayers? And if and when will the City's long standing culture of answering a question with a response that does not relate to that question, be terminated?*

Response

The Mayor advised that he meets regularly with the Chief Executive Officer and that this particular question had been discussed. Our intention is that responses to questions should be relevant and concise and contain the information that is asked for and we will be working towards that intention.

Question 2

*So the answer is that it will happen, but can we say when?*

Response

Mayor advised it will happen as soon as possible.

Question 3

*Can I resubmit my question and get a dollar answer?*

Response

The Mayor responded - yes.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he had provided Ms Nicholson with a subsequent email in response to her question.

9.1.2 *Questions Received at the Meeting continued.*

**9.1.2.4 Mr I Pound, Mt Pleasant**

Question

*Extract from the Annual Report 2018 – 2019 is "... the City's Local Planning Strategy continued to ensure that the multi-unit dwellings developed within the boundaries of activity centres that are connected to major transport corridors, which then enables the City to protect and retain its much loved quiet suburbs ..."*

*What action is being taken to resolve the issues of the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan boundary passing mid-street with no buffer between, such as a street, which is the case in View Road?*

Response

The Mayor advised that the Council has taken a position on the development in View Road and it was rejected.

The people who live in the area expected height cap of 10 and 15 storeys, however that is not what has eventuated. The Council has passed a resolution to place a cap on heights with the H10 area having a maximum of 13 storeys and the H15 area having maximum of 20 storeys.

The City has resolved an immediate review of the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan by 31 October 2020, putting forward amendments that will address the issues and concerns raised by the community.

Question 2

*I believe that when this motion was resolved there was an element that noted that this review would take 12 months and there may be more urgent matters that would benefit from being dealt with more expediently, such as View Road. Is that the case or should we wait until October?*

Response

Cr Pazolli advised that there are two elements to the Council's resolutions on this matter. One was the commencement of an immediate review of the Structure Plan, which will require Western Australian Planning Commission approval. The other is a short term solution through the introduction of a Local Planning Policy which would give direction to Planning Officers in how they should be interpreting the requirements for bonus storeys against community benefits.

It is the review of the structure plan that will bring about the ultimate changes.

Question 3

*So in the interim matters that go to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) will have a SAT decision? And after 31 October 2020 they will be done and dusted?*

Response

Cr Pazolli advised, there will be some applications going to SAT until then and there is a current development that will go to SAT and it is one in which he looks forward to a legal precedent being set in that SAT hearing and he fully expects the City to strongly support the rejection of the application for 4A View Road.

9.1.2 *Questions Received at the Meeting continued.*

**9.1.2.5 Dr J Maltas, Ardross**

Question

*The food van (Kerbside Café) that operates at Mt Henry Bridge, is tremendous boost to the local people in the area. In the recent period, there has been some issues in relation to the food van, its operations and its impact on other local business.*

*The owner of the food van has sought to use a piece of vacant land to store his van. This this has been turned down by the City on the basis of 'procedural fairness'.*

*This is a valuable facility to the local people in the area, particularly elderly people who need to exercise and get out on the river for good health, and I take great exception to bureaucratic interference of persons right to operate a business in a way that will provide such a good facility for the local people, and I think the owner should be helped and should be allowed to store his van nearby and pay rent for the land he operates on, he already has an electricity connection there.*

*The members of the council have the right to determine policy and it is up to the official to determine it*

Response

The Mayor responded that he supported and appreciated the service, and had spoken to the owner of the business after the elections, and he appeared happy with the undertakings given at that time. The compound that was being used for storage should have been demolished some time ago as it left over from previous construction. It is scheduled to be demolished soon. Other issues such as seating and shade have been accommodated.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the business is operated as a mobile food vendor, not as a permanent food vendor, and therefore is requested to vacate over an evening. These areas need to be allocated in accordance to a policy, the system cannot give an advantage to an individual over another. Under the policy, similar facilities need to be provided to all potential vendors.

Question 2

*What kind of agreement does he operate under, is it is lease agreement?*

Response

CEO responded that it is not a lease agreement, it is a licence to operate, with conditions. A lease would apply to a piece of land.

Question 3

*Can the licence be adjusted to include a storage space for his van?*

Response

The CEO advised it is a mobile food vendor and that does not provide permanency.

9.1.2 *Questions Received at the Meeting continued.*

**9.1.2.6 Ms M Matassa, Melville**

Question

*We have been assured by the Minister for Environment that with respect to the Crown Lot 9759 park foreshore that Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCAs) will continue to work with local government to manage and to protect the very significant value of the land. How is the city planning to manage the Lot 9759 to support and enhance the environmental value for flora, fauna and people?*

Response

The Director Technical Services advised that the feedback through the Wave Park process has been gathered and has been considered as to how it can be applied to the Alfred Cove area.

The City is currently developing a proposal to realign the footpath in the area to go between the boundary of the State Government crown land and the boundary of the City's freehold land where the Melville Bowling Club sits and connect that across using a low impact boardwalk to the other side at Pelican Cove where it can safely connect to the existing path as well as provide a connection to Canning Highway. The proposal includes streamlining the drainage area, and providing a constructed wetland and rehabilitating the riverine area back to a natural state for a wildlife habitat and buffer for human use of the area. Essentially we are looking to create a foreshore area to become part of the marine park and to make the path safe and accessible and to traverse the wetland area.

The next stage is to engage in discussions with DCBA to determine if the proposal is acceptable, to engage with the local community groups in the area such as SERAG, ACAG and others operating in the area. This would be a component of a Master Plan for the area.

There is an opportunity to identify the master plan and boardwalk/restoration proposal as priority project in the lead up to State Government Election and leverage funding as a partner project between the community, the City of Melville and the State Government.

**9.1.2.7 Mr D Kenny, Applecross**

Question

*With respect to the Council resolutions for the development of Local Planning Policy and the complete review of the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan, I understand that the tenders for the independent preparation of the Local Planning Policy closed at the end of January. Can you advise the progress of the development of Local Planning Policy and the expected timeline of presentation of the policy to Council?*

Response

The Director Urban Planning advised that the Requests for Proposals only closed a matter of days ago and are currently under evaluation. The Council resolution required that the consultant be engaged by the end of February 2020 with the policy preparation to take a couple of months after that.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the City can proceed with the appointment of the consultant under delegated authority. The City is not writing the policy, just appointing a suitably qualified consultant to undertake the work.

9.1.2 *Questions Received at the Meeting continued.*

Question 2

*What is the status of the review of the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan?*

Response

The Director Urban Planning advised that the Council resolution included a notional timeframe of late 2020, which was acknowledged as being an ambitious timeframe. The scoping of Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan review with Elected Members will take place in the near future.

Question 3

*Will both the development of the Local Planning Policy and the review of the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan include community consultation?*

Response

The Director Urban Planning advised development of a Local Planning Policy is subject to community consultation and the review of an Activity Centre Plan such as the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan would involve extensive community engagement.

**9.1.2.8 Mr O Sherry, Mt Pleasant**

Question

*With regards to the Woolworths development on Reynolds Road, in particular the egress from parking area, the footpath becomes a wide crossover which is hazardous for pedestrians. The only warning that vehicles are coming up from the carpark and there are not warning sign is black and white paint on the crossover.*

*This is a current issue. In light of all the apartment developments there will be similar problems between cars and pedestrians. Is this something the Council can do something about in the planning stage?*

Response

The Director Technical Services advised he was aware of the concerns associated with the Woolworths site and the City is currently in discussion with Woolworths to make the site safer and to rectify the issues.

The City is also looking more broadly at the application of standards of access and parking in buildings and required setbacks to ensure standards are applied to buildings as they are constructed. A review is planned to look at existing buildings to ensure of safe access and check compliance against relevant standards.

**9.1.2.8 Ms M Curtis, Bull Creek**Question

*There is discussion on the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan and its implementation. Bull Creek Leeming area has a similar plan, the Murdoch Activity Structure Plan, can some of the development focus be moved to the Murdoch Structure Plan.*

*Is the Council doing any preliminary work on the implementation of the Murdoch Activity Structure Plan in Bull Creek and Leeming?*

Response

The Mayor advised yes, work is being undertaken.

The Director Technical Services advised that the Murdoch is being approached in two ways:

- The Murdoch Precinct Strategic Group that has been in place for approximately 10 years to coordinate high level stakeholders in the precinct continues to meet and operates mainly as a stakeholder reporting mechanism; and
- The Murdoch Precinct Coordinating Group which is administered by Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and also involves Perth Transport Authority, Main Roads WA and other agencies in the precinct has been recently formed. This group looking to implement the Activity Centre Plan recommendations and actions, particularly in relation to the provision of infrastructure to support the area.

The City is trying to elevate this precinct to the State Government to ensure structured, coordinated and integrated development.

**9.1.2.8 Ms J Edinger, Melville**Question

*In the last ten years we have watched City of Melville developed with infill and multilevel apartments which must have increased the City's rate-base. We have also watched the Western Australian economy be moribund*

*The Minutes of the Council's meeting contain a "Representation of Networking Capital Report" and in that there is a line item called "Investments". The December 2019 value of the "Investments" line is \$200,409,370.00. Are there State Government mandated levels of capital and what are they? And is there any scope for the Council to commit to zero rate rises for the next four years?*

Response

The Chief Executive Officer advised there is no mandated State Government Capital Adequacy Ratio, except what is in the financial ratios which are guidance from the State as in terms of the sorts of financial ratios we should achieve. What is mandated is the Integrated Planning Framework which includes:

- the Strategic Community Plan,
- the Corporate Business Plan,
- long term financial planning,
- asset management planning

### 9.1.2 Questions Received at the Meeting continued, Ms J Edinger

The Director Corporate Services advised that at 30 June 2019 the City had \$157 million in cash back reserves. The value of \$200 million was the figure in total funds invested at 31 December 2019.

The City has long term financial plan which is one of the principles on which the City operates to ensure it is fiscally responsible.

At 30 June 2019 the City had \$870 million dollars in non-current assets, if you deduct the value of the land the City owns then the City has non-current assets with a written down value of \$570 million. This figure includes the buildings, roads, fleet and drainage assets. As an example there is over 350km of drainage infrastructure under the City with a written down value of \$135 million. The long term financial plan allows the City to properly plan for the maintenance and replacement of all of its existing assets.

One of the best ways to reduce the reserve balance is for the City to deliver key infrastructure and projects that provide significant benefits and services to the community. Some of the City's long term key projects include the Library and Cultural Centre, which is a \$40 million project, and the upgrade of Shirley Strickland Reserve, estimated to cost \$10 million, which is currently out to tender. These are just examples of the significant needs outlined in the long term financial plan.

In relation to the comment regarding zero rate increases over the next four years that is subject to further discussion with elected members during the development of the 2020-2021 budget and in its consideration of the long term financial model and plan.

#### 9.1.2.8 Mr R Willis, Bull Creek

##### Question

*Heathcote has been owned and the responsibility of City of Melville for over 12 years, it is disappointing nothing has happened in 10 years. Is it true that the City was offered a \$800,000 Heritage Grant and this grant was withdrawn last week?*

##### Response

Director Community Development responded that City has not been formally offered a grant. The City was in discussions with a private philanthropic foundation and has not received any formal notification of termination of any offer.

##### Question 2

*Following the Farrington Road Meeting held on 22 July 2019 meeting, a motion was presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27 August 2019 requested the traffic treatments be investigated. The matter did not go back to Council, it was presented to and Elected Members Information Session and the information did not get back to originators of the concern, could we have some assurance that there will be further workshop or briefing of the interested residents on the outcome?*

##### Response

Mayor undertook to follow up this issue with the Ward Councillors.

9.1.2 *Questions Received at the Meeting continued.*

**9.1.2.8 Mr C Campbell, Applecross**

Question

*What is the benefit to the community from the bonus heights in the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan. Who makes the decision as to what is the community benefit? On what basis are the decision made? Does the community get input as to whether the bonuses are valid?*

Response

The Mayor advised that currently there no limit on how high the buildings can go and the Council moved the resolution with the 30% maximum to try and put a restriction on building height.

Cr Pazolli advised the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan has been interpreted under delegated authority and under Joint Development Assessment Panel decisions that has made it unacceptable to the community. The interpretation that there isn't a cap on building heights is not correct, there was always intended to be restriction on the height.

**9.1.2.8 Mr N Williams, Mt Pleasant**

Mr Williams made statements with regard to the:

- Canning River wetlands,
- Booragoon Lake wetland and the interface with Leach Highway;
- Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan
- Train Infrastructure points (development)

*At 7:57 Cr Wheatland left the meeting and returned at 8:03pm.*

**9.1.2.8 Mr P Bruce, Applecross**

Mr Bruce made statements with regard to:

- Questionnaires circulated by the City of Melville in relation to the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan, have closed questions.
- The validity of community benefits under the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan to the people that live in Applecross and Mount Pleasant.

Response

The Mayor acknowledged Mr Bruce's comments in regard to questionnaires circulated by the City.

At 8:07pm the Presiding Member closed Public Question Time.

## 9.2 Motions

### **MOTION 1 – MR M McLERIE OF BICTON on behalf of the City of Melville Residents and Ratepayers Association**

At 8:08pm Mr McLerie of Bicton moved, seconded Mr S Wallace of Bicton –

**Council undertakes an independent review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the City Administration's current approach and capabilities in relation to the provision of legal advice to the Mayor, Councillors and Administrative staff with specific consideration of:**

- a) the City directly employing a qualified practicing lawyer, in a full-time senior employee role with accountabilities to Council and the CEO, to provide legal advice to Council and the administration in real-time, and**
- b) providing a clear mechanism to allow Councillors/Council to select, engage and brief qualified external lawyers to provide advice on Council matters from time to time, independent of the City's administration.**

At 8:12pm the Presiding Member declared the motion

**CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2 – MR M McLERIE OF BICTON on behalf of the City of Melville Residents and Ratepayers Association**

At 8:13pm Mr McLerie of Bicton moved, seconded Mr M Marusco of Bicton –

#### **Council:**

- a) directs the Chief Executive Officer to competitively market test the City's current insurance services supplier, LGISWA the WALGA appointed insurance scheme manager, by seeking proposals from a range of competing insurance companies; and**
- b) participates in the assessment and selection of the supplier that offers the best value for money for the benefit of residents and ratepayers of the City.**

At 8:16pm the Presiding Member declared the motion

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 3 – MR G WAUGH, BULL CREEK  
on behalf of the City of Melville Residents and Ratepayers Association**

At 8:18pm Mr G Waugh of Bull Creek moved, seconded Ms A D'Souza of Murdoch –

**Council undertakes a fulsome review of the City Administration's community consultations, policies, procedures, practices and past performance to identify policy change opportunities to improve the community's perception of Council and Administration's openness, transparency, honesty, integrity, timeliness, level of two-way engagement and representation of, and responses to, adverse feedback. The review should consider the community's feedback on the Administration's past performance in relation to the specified criteria for a select number of past community consultations starting with Bert Jefferey Park proposed developments and include others such as the Wave Park, John Connell Reserve, Melville Glades Golf Course redevelopments, Beach St Bicton footpath, Attadale foreshore and Canning Bridge Activity Centre precinct apartment developments.**

At 8:32pm the Presiding Member declared the motion

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 4 – MR C ROSS, APPLECROSS**

At 8:33pm Mr Ross of Applecross moved, seconded Mr D Maynier of Attadale –

**That the Council of the City of Melville resolves that the City of Melville make an ongoing annual payment to the West Australian Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated.**

- (i) Such payment to be the same dollar for dollar amount as the annual subscription fee paid by the City of Melville to the West Australian Local Government Association in the applicable year; and**
- (ii) The Council directs the CEO to immediately implement this resolution.**

At 8:58pm the Presiding Member declared the motion

**CARRIED**

*At 8:45pm Mr A Ferris left the meeting and returned at 8:50pm.*

**10. CLOSURE**

There being no further business, Mayor Honourable George Gear, as Presiding Member, declared the meeting closed at 9:00pm.