

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**

**HELD IN THE**

**CONFERENCE ROOM, MELVILLE CIVIC CENTRE**

**AT 6.30PM ON**

**WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2016**



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MELVILLE CIVIC CENTRE, 10 ALMONDBURY ROAD, BOORAGOON, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2016.**

**1. PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor, Russell Aubrey

**COUNCILLORS**

**WARD**

Cr R Aubrey (Deputy Mayor)	City
Cr D Macphail	City
Cr N Pazolli	Applecross/Mount Pleasant
Cr J Barton, Cr G Wieland	Bicton/Attadale
Cr C Robartson	Bull Creek/Leeming
Cr P Phelan	Palmyra/Melville/Willagee
Cr N Foxton, Cr T Barling (from 6.49pm)	University

**2. IN ATTENDANCE**

Dr S Silcox	Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Tieleman	Director Corporate Services
Mr J Christie	Director Technical Services
Mr S Cope	Director Urban Planning
Mr L Hitchcock	Executive Manager Legal Services
Ms K Johnson	Executive Manager Organisational Development
Mr J Clark	Governance and Compliance Program Manager
Mr G Ponton	Manager Strategic Urban Planning
Mr P Prendergast	Manager Statutory Planning
Mr T Capobianco	Manager Building and Environmental Health Services
Mr J Bird	Manager Parks and Environment
Mr T Cahoon	Manager Healthy Melville
Ms L Reid	Manager Cultural Services
Mr M Duncan	Manager Information and Communications Technology
Ms J Arbel	Marketing and Communications Coordinator
Mr E Gould	Digital Communications Advisor
Mr G Pajorski	A/Manager Neighbourhood Amenity
Mr P Handcock	A/Manager Resource Recovery and Waste
Mr N Fimmano	Governance and Property Officer
Ms C Newman	Executive Support and Governance Officer
Ms S Williams	Administration Officer - Specialist

At the commencement of the meeting there were 107 Electors of the City of Melville and one member of the press in attendance.

### **3. APOLOGIES**

Cr T Barling for late arrival at 6:49pm.  
Cr C Schuster  
Cr L O'Malley

Applecross/ Mount Pleasant  
Palmyra/Melville/Willagee

### **4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr M Woodall

Bull Creek/Leeming

### **5. INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

His Worship the Mayor, R Aubrey, introduced individual Elected Members and Senior Staff to the meeting.

### **6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **6.1 FINANCIAL INTERESTS**

Nil.

#### **6.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE A CONFLICT**

Nil.

## **7. BUSINESS**

### **7.1 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**

The following Notice of Meeting was advertised in the West Australian Newspaper on Saturday 19 November 2016 and the Melville Times Community Newspaper on Tuesday 22 November 2016, 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**

Electors are invited to the Annual General Meeting of Electors on **Wednesday, 7 December 2016** in the Conference Room of the City of Melville Civic Centre, 10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon commencing at 6.30pm.

Order of Business:

1. To receive the Community Annual Report 2015 - 2016
2. General Business

Elected Members and staff welcome your questions regarding the City of Melville, the Community Annual Report or any matter relating to the Notice of Meeting. A question form can be obtained from the City of Melville website [www.melvillecity.com.au/AGM](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/AGM) are available or please contact Corporate Support on 9365 0607 for alternative arrangements.

In order for complex questions to be answered at the Meeting, questions must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, 25 November 2016.

Copies of the Community Annual Report will be available on the City of Melville website from Monday 21 November 2016 and printed copies from Wednesday 30 November 2016 at the Melville Civic Centre and all City of Melville Libraries.

**Dr Shayne Silcox  
Chief Executive Officer”**

His Worship the Mayor read out the Manner of Conduct of the Meeting.

## **7.2 MANNER OF CONDUCT OF THE MEETING**

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. Speakers must be Electors of the City of Melville.
5. The proceedings are being taped 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. 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*).
10. No persons are to use offensive or objectionable expressions in reference to any Member, employee of the Council, or any other person (8.3 of Standing Orders).
11. 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.

**The Mayor asked for a general agreement from Electors that the meeting would conclude at approximately 8.30pm.**

## **8. PRESENTATION OF CITY OF MELVILLE COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016 INCLUDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016.**

His Worship the Mayor advised that copies of the Community Annual Report 2015-2016 were available, had been circulated and had been available on request from City of Melville, libraries and the City's website.

### **CITY OF MELVILLE COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015**

His Worship the Mayor called for a mover and seconder to receive the Community Annual Report 2015-2016.

At 6.39pm Mr A Bajada of Applecross moved, seconded Mr Walkley, Bicton –

**That the Community Annual Report 2015-2016 for the Year Ended 30 June 2016 be received.**

At 6.40pm the Mayor submitted the motion which was declared

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

His Worship the Mayor read out questions that were received in writing prior to the meeting.

### **9.1 Mr K Kelers, Alfred Cove**

#### Question 1

*It has been estimated that the Wave Park could generate an additional 1000 cars per day on an already busy highway.*

*Relocating the Melville Bowling Club (of about 600 members) and the Mt Pleasant Bowling Club (of about 500 members) to Tompkins Sports Hub will create another traffic hazard and congestion at Dunkley Road/Norma Road Canning Highway Junction which is already a "black spot"*

*Is the Council prepared and funded to face Common Law Litigation and Class Action resulting from:*

- (a) The two created traffic safety hazards*
- (b) The devaluation of ratepayers' properties in Alfred Cove, Dunkley Street and Pelican Cove resulting from the above actions.*

#### Response

Canning Highway is a major distributor road and currently has over 45,000 vehicle movements per day. Attendance at the proposed Wave Park is regulated by approximately 80 people per hour using the lagoon. Given that Mr Kelers believes that Melville Bowls Club has over 600 members this would suggest that a significant amount of vehicle movements already happen at this site.

Response Continued

The figures quoted by Mr Kelers of membership are however much higher than reported to the City by the Melville Bowls Club and Bowls WA. Albeit the figures the City works from are pennant playing members, Melville Bowling Club and Mt Pleasant Bowling Club report Bowls Pennant players being 160 people. This would mean that at both Clubs over 70% of those attending are not involved in the sport of Bowls. Such data would indicate that these other activities and attendances could be easily accommodated in an improved Tompkins Park hub facility and aren't requiring specialised sports facilities.

The City is aware of the current situation with the Dunkley Rd/Norma Rd junction on Canning Highway and is investigating possible treatments in conjunction with the Main Roads department, who is the ultimate authority for the final approval of any traffic treatments.

Question 2

*Has the Council taken into account that the aged population is estimated to double in Perth by 2050 and that closing down two age friendly community bowls centres is against the trend?*

*That jamming Melville Bowls Club (members totalling about 650) and Mt Pleasant Bowls Club (members totalling about 500) into the Tompkins Park Sports Hub, to share facilities with youth oriented sports such as cricket, rugby, soccer and fitness clubs – as well as other community users such as Darts, Scrabble, Probus, Corporate social bowls and many other social functions into one Hub has been tried before and failed.*

*Why then is the Council going to spend \$2.5 million dollars to facilitate this relocation when the alternative of merging Mt Pleasant Bowls Club with the existing Melville bowls Club at its current site, would save a lot of ratepayers funds, sociological, environmental, financial and legal – negative outcomes?*

Response

The Council has endorsed a community hub policy that acknowledges the value of sports recreation, and community functions sharing facilities. This is a far more sustainable model that ensures those activities can continue to be offered in the City of Melville. For example the cost to the City for providing the three facilities is estimated at \$300,000 per annum. By rationalising the Melville Bowling and Mount Pleasant Bowling Club's buildings and relocating into the Tompkins Park building will reduce the burden on ratepayers by around \$140,000 per annum.

Again the figures stated in this question are different to those provided by both Bowls Clubs which suggest less Pennant bowlers. The sport of Bowls in Melville, in Western Australia and in Australia is in decline as noted in the City of Melville Lawn Bowls Strategy. By working with Mt Pleasant and Melville Bowls Clubs the City is confident that the new facility at Tompkins Park will provide modern, accessible and contemporary facilities and far improved amenity, securing the long term future of the sport of Bowls in the City of Melville.

A shared sporting and community hub also operates at far lower subsidy rate from ratepayers than stand alone facilities. As an example Council Officers report the ratepayer subsidy for bowling members at Melville Bowls Club is over \$400 per person, compared to under \$200 per person on average for other sporting clubs operating in a hub model.

Social membership in some instances has increased and activities such as scrabble and Probus meetings can be easily accommodated in a shared use facility.

**9.2 Ms S Norris, Attadale**Question

*Has serious consideration been given to the fact the proposed Wave Park is within 200 metres of an international bird sanctuary and an A Class nature reserve? The movement and noise will disturb wildlife and generally destroy the tranquillity of the area.*

Response

The proposal, if progressed, will require approval from relevant environment agencies as part of any development application. Such matters would be addressed in any approval process.

The City understands that the wave generator itself is silent, and that any noise would be from waves during operational hours.

***Cr T Barling entered the meeting at 6:49pm.***

**9.3 Mr E Nielsen, Booragoon**Question 1

*Question Time for the Agenda Briefing Forum (ABF) was introduced by Council on 18 July 2006. As a result of the City staff's decision in September this year to revoke Public Question Time for the ABF without Council approval, the Council on 18 October 2016 reaffirmed Question Time for the ABF with some adjustments. Why hasn't the City updated its Council Policy CP-014 – Question Time at Committee and Council Meetings to reflect this Council Decision (OMC 18 October 2016, refers)?*

Response

The Council Policy has been updated and is available on the City's website.

Question 2

*After an on again off again availability of Agenda and Minutes on the City's website at the beginning of this year, the City staff decided in August to cut the Links to all the Agenda and Minutes spanning from 2007 to 2011 leaving the public with no access. The explanations given for doing this and the alternatives offered are very concerning as I have alerted you to in the email communications with you (Elected Members and Staff, 25 Aug – 5 Sept 2016, refers). When are our Elected Members going to take steps to not only have these Links restored but also to ensure that these publications are listed in chronological order?*



### Response

As communicated to Mr Nielsen by emails dated 26 August 2016 and 1 September 2016, the City ceased on-line access to the minutes up to 2011 as a result of them being accessed by the public on rare occasions and as a measure to help reduce the size of the database supporting the web-site in order to improve web-site performance. Mr Nielsen was advised that access to previous year's minutes not available on the web-site could be achieved via specific request to the City.

Currently the agenda and minutes are listed in the order of the date that the publications are posted to the web-site. This matter will be addressed during the re-design of the City's new web-site that is taking place at present, for expected rollout in the latter half of 2017.

### Question 3

*I noticed recently on the City's website that Agenda and Minutes would be available at our Libraries. When checking this out it proved not to be the case and I was advised that they have not been given any of these for a long time. Why are these Agenda and Minutes (hard copies) not available at our Libraries as they used to be?*

### Response

If the questioner advises the City where they found the reference it will be corrected. There was little request to access the hardcopy documents by the community. Should a person visit a library to view a particular set of Minutes or Agenda, library staff will access an online copy for the enquirer.

## **9.4 Mr E Nielsen, Booragoon**

### Question

*With reference to the Council's Decisions at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 October 2010 regarding the relocation of the Myaree Substation together with High Voltage powerlines into the industrial area and the inevitable increase in demand for electricity, particularly for developments in and around Canning Bridge; Garden City; Riseley Street and Melville Plaza, what communication has the City of Melville had with Western Power and the Minister for Energy regarding accommodating these Council Decisions?*

### Response

The City of Melville was requested by electors to hold a Special Meeting of Electors on 7 October 2010. The decisions from that meeting were reported to the Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration on 19 October 2010 where the resolution of Council was that decisions 1 – 6 of the Special Meeting of Electors be advised to Western Power. The decisions related to community concern on the expansion and placement of substations, the effect of high voltage power lines within residential areas and a concern that a substation may be developed in Murray Road, Bicton. The City wrote to the Managing Director of Western Power on 22 November 2010 to communicate the October 2010 resolution of Council and to seek a response.

### Response Continued

The City subsequently received a response from Western Power, acknowledging the City's letter of 22 November 2010 and advising that Western Power is undertaking investigation of future power reliability and network security within the City of Melville and City of Fremantle.

It is worth noting that subsequently in September 2012 the City purchased the Murray Road Bicton undeveloped substation site at \$2.2 million and secured it for Public Open Space for the local community.

## **9.5 Mr M McLerie, Bicton**

### Question 1

*Since the last year's Annual General Meeting of Electors, how many complaints from electors were received in relation to the City's failure to perform its function and/or Elected Member and administrative staff misconduct?*

### Question 2

*What is the summary breakdown of the nature of those complaints?*

### Question 3

*How many of those complaints were investigated or reviewed by the Council.*

### Question 4

*What corrective actions were implemented by Council and/or the City's administration?*

### Question 5

*How many complaints is Council and/or the City's administration aware of that have been made/referred to external agencies such as the Minister, Corruption and Crime Commission, Local Governments Standards Panel, WA Ombudsman, Public Sector Commission, Auditor General, Information Commissioner etc. What is the summary breakdown of the nature of those complaints to those external agencies?*

### Response to Questions 1-5

As the City has not been informed by any external agency of any complaints against Elected Members or administrative staff that have been assessed and upheld, the City refers the questioner to page 54 of its Annual Report and to the External Agencies themselves.

The City practices continuous improvement through the application of its processes consequent upon its own, and external, audits and reviews.

**9.6 City of Melville Residents and Ratepayers Association (Inc)**Question 1

*The rates and fees and charges revenue for 2015-16 were \$ 82.8 million and \$ 15.4 million respectively; 5% and 6% more than the 2014-15 actuals and both significantly higher than current WA Consumer Price Index (CPI). What was the basis for the above CPI increases and what is the breakdown of how and where the additional revenue was derived?*

Response

## Rates

The above variance is not a CPI increase. The City was instructed by its auditors to treat an amount of \$951k in prepaid rates as rates income. This amount is shown in Note 14 of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016. In previous years this amount has been treated as a current liability. This change in accounting treatment accounts for the majority of this variance. Interim rates of \$599k were raised compared to budgeted interim rates of \$51,103. The interim rates were raised in the following areas Residential \$275,000, Commercial \$259,000 and Commercial Vacant \$64,000. Again, these amounts are shown in Note 14 of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016.

## Fees and Charges

Increase in Parking Fee income of \$244,000. See Note 17 of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Question 2

*2015-16 other expenditure was \$7.4 million, an increase of 8% over the previous year which is significantly higher than WA CPI. What is the breakdown of this additional expenditure?*

Response

The increase in expenditure (22%) is represented by an increase in cash calls required to be made to Western Power in respect of underground power projects being undertaken in 2015-2016 of \$587,500. See Note 18 of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Question 3

*There is a \$3 million variance between the budgeted and actual interest expenses; why is this so. What is the breakdown of the 2015/16 interest expense and why is it 100% more than 2014/15*

Response

Based on the information provided in the question, we are unable to identify and therefore report on this variance.

Interest expenses shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature or Type on page 1 of the Annual Financial Report were \$204,067 in 2015/2016 compared to \$193,391 in 2014-2015, an increase of \$10,676 or 5.52%. See Borrowings Note 11, page 29, of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016.

#### Question 4

*Other property and services expenditures was \$11 million. What was this expenditure for and why is it a 24% increase over 2014/15 expenditure?*

#### Response

The reported increase in expenditure is represented by an accounting entry to reflect the decrease in equity in the South Metropolitan Regional Councils Joint Venture of \$2.46 million. This amount is shown in Note 24 of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016. When this extraordinary item is excluded, the result is a 3.83% decrease.

#### Question 5

*The City has set aside \$40.5 million for capital. Exactly what have these funds been set aside for and exactly why is it 31% more than in 2014/15.*

#### Response

At Note 12 of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016, detailed information is provided in respect to the movements to and from reserve accounts and the purpose of each reserve is clearly described.

The increase of 31% in funds set aside to reserve accounts is mostly represented by the following:

- Special Projects Reserve (New) - \$980,000
- Future Works Reserve (New) - \$2,245,172
- Collateralised Debt Obligation distributions returned to reserve accounts - \$6,601,845

#### Question 6

*The 2015/16 budget planned to deposit into and withdraw from a number of specific reserve accounts. However the actual reserve fund transfers vary significantly versus to the budget planned. Please explain the reasons for the actual vs plan variances and associated questions for the following reserve accounts:*

##### 6.1. Community Facilities Reserve

- *Plan - \$2.8 million (\$2.5 million set aside + \$0.3 million interest) deposit and withdraw \$4.5 million from it (presumably for Community Facilities Projects) vs;*
- *Actual - \$6.4 million was deposited only \$0.8 million withdrawn - a net result of \$6.6 million more than was originally budgeted.*
- *What were the sources of the additional funds deposited and which specific Community Facilities projects did not proceed or commence during 2015/16.*

Response

## Amounts Set Aside during the year

- Amount set aside per long term financial plan - \$2,478,598
- Distribution from Collateralised Debt Obligation returned to reserve - \$2,689,590
- Items identified in Council item C15/6088 November 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting
- Synthetic Turf Project Murdoch University - \$250,000
- Building Asset Funding Gap 2015/2016 - \$139,306
- Building Asset Funding Gap 2016/2017 - \$264,148
- Building Asset Funding Gap 2017/2018 - \$26,148

## Amounts Used (not) during the year

## Community Facilities projects that did not proceed or commence during 2015/2016

- New Civic and Cultural Hub - \$2,546,968
- Melville Civic Centre - Floor East - \$174,125
- Point Walter Toilets - \$100,000
- Deepwater Pt Changerooms – Refurbishment - \$95,000
- Heathcote Clocktower Repair - \$94,965
- Bull Creek Library And Hall – Entrance - \$90,000
- Melville Aquatic Centre – Changerooms - \$90,000
- Alan Edwards Reserve Clubrooms - \$89,478
- Civic Centre - Carpet replacement - \$75,275
- Civic Square Library – relocation - \$65,000
- Melville Rec Centre – Changerooms - \$50,000
- Operations Centre - Roof & Storage Bay - \$50,000
- Tompkins Park Redevelopment Stg 1 - \$50,000

Question 7*6.2. Infrastructure Asset Management Reserve*

- *Plan - \$12.5 million deposit and withdraw \$12.6 million from it vs:*
- *Actual - \$14.7 million was deposited and only \$9 million withdrawn - a net result of \$5.8 million more than was originally budgeted.*
- *What were the sources of the additional funds deposited and which specific major projects did not proceed or commence in 2015/6.*

Response

## Amounts Set Aside during the year

Amount Set aside per long term financial plan - \$12,063,647

Distribution from Collateralised Debt Obligation returned to reserve - \$6,098

- Items identified in Council item C15/6088 November 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting
- Asset Funding Gap 2015/2016 - \$680,142
- Asset Funding Gap 2016/2017 - \$1,289,662
- Asset Funding Gap 2017/2018 - \$127,661

## Amounts Used (not) during the year

## Major projects that did not proceed or commence in 2015-2016

## Drainage

- City Wide Minor Drainage 2015-16 (P) - \$104,185
- Murdoch Drive Drainage Renewal - \$96,395
- Stormwater Management Strategy Development - \$87,149

Response Continued

## Environmental

- Foreshore Restoration Program - \$198,454
- DAA Section 18 Blanket Approval - \$119,176

## Foreshore Facilities

- Majestic Boardwalk Stage 3 - \$493,505

## Irrigation

- In Field - WN Malcolm/ Anthony Dodd - \$95,000
- In Field - Wireless Hill Upper & Lower - \$74,285

## Parks Streetscapes Structures

- Wireless Hill 2012 - Stage 2, Playground - \$213,372
- Waylen Scout \_Heathcote Boardwalk steps - \$160,731
- Piney Lakes \_Murdoch-Leach Corner Upgrade - \$121,882
- Blue Gum Community Entrance - \$74,437
- Point Walter Wash Down Bay – Construct - \$55,295

## Paths

- Oberthur - Maley to Read - \$220,377
- Bike Plan Implementation Works 2015-16 (P) - \$128,207
- Missing Link South St - South Side - \$209,961

## Playgrounds

- Piney Sensory Playground Renewal stage 2 - \$482,700
- Playground Renewal Program 2014-15 (P) - \$253,185

## Roads

- Esplanade Stage 6A - \$424,597
- Shirley Strickland Reserve Verge Parking - \$395,878
- Intermediate Road Projects 15-16 (P) - \$360,000
- North Lake Road (A) - \$150,744
- Farrington Rd - Logan to Casserly - \$117,474
- Heathcote Upper Carpark Renewal - (P) \$104,919
- North Lake Road (B) - \$56,645

Question 8*6.3. Plant Replacement Reserve*

- *Plan - \$2.0 million deposit and withdraw \$3.7 million from it vs;*
- *Actual - \$ 2.4 million was deposited into the Reserve and only \$1.3 million withdrawn - a net result of \$2.8 million more than was originally budgeted.*
- *What were the major plant replacement projects budgeted for in 15/16 that did not proceed?*

Response

Amounts Set Aside during the year

Amount Set aside per long term financial plan - \$2,000,000

Distribution from Collateralised Debt Obligation returned to reserve - \$189,015

Major plant replacement projects budgeted for in 2015/2016 that did not proceed by 30 June 2016 were,

- (1) Ford Utility - \$42,438
- (5) Waste trucks - \$2,203,260
- Other minor withdrawals from the reserve were not required

***The CEO left the meeting at 7:04pm and returned at 7:06pm  
Cr R Aubrey left the meeting at 7:06pm and returned at 7:11pm***

**His Worship the Mayor read out questions that were received in writing at the meeting.**

**9.7 Ms A Hall, Bateman**Question

*Why are residents of London Way, Bateman being discriminated against by Council not allowing them to have parking permits to be able to park in their street?*

Response

The City recently endorsed Council Policy CP 097 – Parking Permits Policy in support of the City of Melville Parking Local Law 2016 that provides guidelines for the issue of parking permits to ensure these are issued equitably across the City.

Ms Hall was invited to make contact with the Executive Manager Legal Services to further discuss this matter and other concerns she may have.

**His Worship the Mayor invited questions from the meeting attendees.**

**9.8 Mr S Wallace, Bicton**Question

*Would like to know why the Chief Executive Officer has deleted the recorded audio of him abusing and intimidating himself and other ratepayers, he has been trying to get a response from staff on this matter for approximately three months and is not satisfied with the responses to date?*

Response

Mr Wallace was advised that the audio recording had not been deleted. The audio is used to assist in the production of the hard copy document of minutes of the meetings. The minutes are a summary of what has occurred at the meetings. The audio is available for the community to access.

**9.9 Mr R Reading, Booragoon**Question

*Related to the cash at bank that the City has:*

- *in 2013-2014 it was approximately \$91 million;*
- *in 2014-2015 approximately \$104 million;*
- *and today is approximately \$118 million.*

*This equates to approximately \$2,940 per dwelling in the City. Would like to know why the City is accumulating approximately \$10 million in cash per annum. What is the strategy and intent behind this?*

Response

It was advised that the City has a Long Term Financial Plan which provides details of the financial strategy into the future. The City holds cash to this value as it has over \$1 billion worth of assets, which depreciates over time, the City needs to be in a position to replace these when they fall due, and holds funds in reserve for this purpose. These assets include buildings, road, drains, footpaths, irrigation etc. Note 12 of the Community Annual report provides more detail on this matter.

The City does not utilise loan borrowings as the City is an established local government replacing existing assets, not creating new infrastructure

**9.10 Mr N Williams, Mount Pleasant**Question 1

*What are the present plans for the existing Main Hall (part of the Civic Centre building) as part of the AMP/Garden City Redevelopment?*

Response

Currently there is no identified use for the Main Hall, although it may be utilised in the short term for the relocation of certain services to ensure continued delivery while redevelopment works are undertaken. It is also not part of any redevelopment works at this time.

Question 2

*Given there is money in Reserve is there any consideration being given to upgrading the Main Hall at this time?*

Response

At this stage there is a concept for a major cultural centre, with a number of existing facilities being integrated and new services being considered to activate the area. At this stage no long term decision will be made on the Main Hall until the concepts have been finalised and endorsed.



### Question 3

*Is the Civic Administration Building going to remain as it is under the proposed development?*

### Response

The Civic Administration Building will remain as it is and is not part of the redevelopment. The Council Chambers may be relocated to the proposed cultural centre?

The Civic Library is part of the proposed development

### Question 4

*With regard to the relocation of the Melville Bowls Club and the proposal for the Wave Park at that site, where will the water for the proposed Wave Park come from?*

### Response

The water is proposed to come from ground water. The City is still working through Business Case for the proposal.

## **9.11 Mr C Walkley, Bicton**

### Question

*Are there any proposals to decommission the current War Memorial given a new one has been constructed? A particular ceremony is required as part of any decommissioning.*

### Response

At this stage there are no plans to decommission the old war memorial until demolition works are imminent. All memorial activities will take place at the new war memorial at Wireless Hill.

When it is time to decommission, the required processes and ceremonies will take place.

## **9.13 Mr R Willis, Bullcreek**

Advised that he raised two questions at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 15 November 2016, which were not answered:

### Question 1

*With regard to the future development of Garden City, will Garden City be exempt from the Public Art Policy?*

### Response

The Policy in its current form does not apply to owner of the Garden City Shopping Centre and therefore, they are exempt at this point in time. Council is considering a review of the policy.

### Question 2

*When would a reply to the question raised at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 November 2016 relating to 880 Canning Highway and the four storey dwelling and whether the public art policy is applicable to this property? The question was taken on notice.*

### Response

The question was taken on notice as the matter requires research, a response will be provided as soon as possible.

### Question 3

*At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 15 November 2016, it was indicated that a workshop would be held for Councillors on the Public Art Policy. Would interested members of the community be able to attend this workshop/s?*

### Response

A response to this will be provided in writing.

## **9.14 Mr S Wallace, Bicton**

### Question 1

*Asked if when he makes a complaint to the City, does he have to accept the answers provided?*

### Response

Advice was provided that there are external avenues that can be explored if he is dissatisfied with the responses provided. These include:

- The Ombudsman of Western Australia
- The Department of Local Government and Communities
- The Public Service Commission.

Mr Wallace was invited to make contact with the Executive Manager Legal Services who would provide contact details for these agencies.

### Question 2

*Does the Ombudsman of Western Australia have any power over the City of Melville if they find wrong doing by the Council or Council Staff?*

### Response

Mr Wallace was advised that any action that can or will be taken is best discussed with the particular external agency.

**At 7:33pm the Mayor declared question time closed.**

**MOTIONS MR M REYNOLDS, WINTHROP**

At 7.34pm moved Mr M Reynolds of Winthrop, seconded Ms C Ross-Davies, Melville -

**Motion 1**

That this AGM of electors calls upon the MRRA (Melville Residents and Ratepayers Association) to re-institute an open membership policy, consistent with the original constitution of the MRRA, to allow any resident or ratepayer to become a member of the association.

**At 7.42pm the Mayor called for a show of hands for and against an extension of time for Mr Reynolds to continue to speak for the motions.**

**CARRIED**

At 7.34pm moved Mr M Reynolds of Winthrop, seconded Ms C Ross-Davies, Melville -

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At 7.50pm the motion was declared

**CARRIED (59/1)**

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**Motion 2**

**That this AGM of electors calls upon the City of Melville and all other organisation and media outlets to reject the MRRA as a representative body of the ratepayers and residents of the City of Melville until an open and transparent membership process is re-instituted.**

At 7.53pm the motion was declared

**CARRIED (55/1)**

**MOTION MR S WALLACE, BICTON**

At 7.53pm moved Mr S Wallace of Bicton, seconded Mr M McLerie, Bicton.

**Motion 3**

**That the meeting of Electors call for a vote of “No Confidence” in the Mayor, the Executive Manager Legal Services and the Governance and Compliance Program Manager, for not dealing with complaints and for making a vote against the Melville Residents and Ratepayers Association.**

At 8.02pm the mover Mr S Wallace of Bicton and the seconder Mr M McLerie of Bicton withdrew the motion.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

On behalf of the Elected Members and Staff of the City of Melville, His Worship the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

#### **10. CLOSURE**

There being no further business, His Worship the Mayor, R Aubrey, declared the Meeting closed at 8.05pm.