

minutes

Elected Members Briefing
Session



Please be advised that the Elected Members Briefing Session commenced at **6.30pm** on **Tuesday 7 October 2014** in the **Council Chambers**, Administration Centre at 99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Vuleta".

MR ANTHONY VULETA
A/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

10 October 2014

1 OPENING

Deputy Mayor, Cr Anderson opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

There are guidelines that need to be adhered to in our Council meetings and while we are not as strict as we could be, it is important to remember that during question and statement time, I would like to request that the people speaking do not personalise any questions or statements about Elected Members or staff or use any possible defamatory remarks.

3 ATTENDANCE

Acting Mayor: Cr C (Claire) Anderson (Deputy Mayor)

Banksia Ward: Cr J (John) Bissett
Cr M (Mark) Windram

Jarrah Ward: Cr V (Vince) Maxwell
Cr D V (Vin) Nairn
Cr B (Brian) Oliver
Cr V (Vicki) Potter

A/Chief Executive Officer: Mr A (Anthony) Vuleta

Directors: Ms T (Tina) Ackerman
A/Director: Mr W (Warren) Bow
A/Director: Mr R (Robert) Cruickshank
A/Director: Mr G (Graham) Pattrick

Secretary: Mrs A (Alison) Podmore

Public: 15

3.1 Apologies

Mayor Mr T (Trevor) Vaughan
Banksia Ward Cr K (Keith) Hayes
Director Future Life & Built Life Ms R (Rochelle) Lavery
Director Business Life Mr N (Nathan) Cain

3.2 Approved Leave of Absence

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest are to be made in writing prior to the commencement of the Meeting, (a form to assist Elected Members and Staff is attached at the end of this Agenda).

Declaration of Financial Interests

Nil

Declaration of Proximity Interest

Nil

Declaration of Interest affecting impartiality

Nil

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Herbert Rowe

Will the footpath that has been damaged in front of the new shops in Archer Street be upgraded to a better level than it is?

Is that up to the owner of the building or up to Council?

6 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

David Crann

1. Further to a recent complaint against the council regarding herbicide being sprayed on verge plants, this is being done by sub-contractors from Activ. These people should be supervised as they are killing people plants.
2. Rubbish has been accumulating in Kitchener for the last 6 weeks, for verge pickup.
3. The Community Garden still waiting on the assessment of the renaming of it in Mr John Cumbers.
4. Residents of surrounding streets we told to stay in their home over the weekend due to a bomb threat.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Moved: Cr Potter

Seconded: Cr Nairn

That the minutes of the Elected Members Briefing Session meeting held on Tuesday, 2 September 2014 be confirmed.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7-0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Anderson; Cr Bissett; Cr Maxwell; Cr Oliver; Cr Potter; and Cr Windram

8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Petitions

Nil

8.2 Presentations (Awards to be given to the Town)

Nil

8.3 Deputations (Planning / External Organisations)

- 6:35pm Item 11.3 – Matt Evans from Celsius Property Group was in attendance to discuss this application.
- 6:40pm Item 11.4 – Regina Browne was in attendance to discuss this application.
- 6:45pm Item 11.5 – Steven Lozyk was in attendance to discuss this application.
- 6:50pm Item 11.6 – Edward Capelli from Oats Street Storage was in attendance to discuss this application.

9 METHOD OF DEALING WITH AGENDA BUSINESS

RESOLVED:

Moved: Cr Windram

Seconded: Cr Potter

That at Section 21 of the Agenda, Meeting Closed to the Public, Items 12.6 and 12.8 be discussed prior to Items 10.5 and 10.6.

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CARRIED (7-0)

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10 – 14 REPORTS

Section 1

No questions were asked in relation to the following:

- Item 10.1 2015 Schedule of Council Meetings & Elected Member Briefing Sessions
- Item 10.3 Metropolitan Local Government Reform: Stage 1 Closure
- Item 11.2 11 (Lot 1) Hampton Street, Burswood – Demolition of Existing Dwelling
- Item 11.7 59 (Lot 88) Albany Highway, Victoria Park – Change of Use to Unlisted Use (Health Studio)
- Item 12.2 Review of Policy and Procedure - ENG14 - Asset Management
- Item 12.4 Proposed Disposal by Sale of Portions of 268 (Lot 500) and 284 (Lot 501) Orrong Road, Lathlain
- Item 12.7 Tender TVP/14/15 – Provision of Bespoke Street Furniture at Lathlain Place – Zone 4 – Lathlain Precinct Redevelopment Project
- Item 12.9 Waste Conference and Exposition - 15 & 16 October 2014, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
- Item 14.1 Schedule of Accounts for 31 August 2014
- Item 14.2 Financial Statements for the Month ending 31 August 2014

Section 2

Council Agenda Modifications, Additional Information Sought and Questions – in relation to the following:

- Item 10.2 Town Centre Redevelopment: Project Budget and Project Team

Council Agenda Modifications:

Mayor Vaughan, Cr Hayes, Cr Anderson, Cr Oliver and Cr Potter have nominated for the Project team.

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

Nil

- Item 10.4 WA Local Government Association Feedback – Dadour Poll Provisions

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Will any decisions made have any bearing on the amalgamations?
- What does the boundary changes mean in item 1?
- Can it be deferred until the next Council meeting?
- Does it really matter what we recommend to them? Are we just advising and are we going to miss the cut-off date?

Item 11.1 996 (Lot 5) Albany Highway, East Victoria Park – Demolition and Construction of 8 Multiple Dwellings and Office

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- There have been a few neighbours complaining about the boundary wall, is there anything we can do to help the neighbour with the high wall?

Item 11.3 696-700 (Lot 1) Albany Highway, East Victoria Park – Signs

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Could we have a photo of both sides of the wall?
- Is this being brought to Council because there hasn't been an application put through and not because it was unsightly?
- What size is the sign?
- Are there two signs or multiple signs on the building?
- So what's the actual reason that we're asking the applicant to remove the sign? Is it because it's duplicating what's on the front of the building?

Item 11.4 441 (Lot 793) Berwick Street, St James – Application for Retrospective Approval of Outbuilding (Sea Container)

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Was I correct in hearing that there is going to be an application for this site?
- Would it be sensible for the applicant to submit a building application, so that we could consider the sea container to be on the property for 12 months?
- Would I be correct in assuming that the neighbouring properties are reasonably new?
- Would a shed be approved with similar dimensions to the sea container?

Item 11.5 47 (Lot 174) Cookham Road, Lathlain – Application for Retrospective Approval of Outbuilding (Sea Container)

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- The report refers to the matter coming to the Town's attention through a complaint about a residential building. Is it referring to the sea container or the house?
- So there isn't anything wrong with the house?
- Is a sea container much higher than the back fence height?

Item 11.6 No. 152-154 (Lot 603) Planet Street, Carlisle – Additions and Alterations to Non-Conforming Use (Warehouse)

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Is it actually going to be used for storage of furniture or for something else?

Item 11.8 Proposed Policy PLNG7 'Guide to Concessions on Planning Requirements for Mixed Use, Multiple Dwelling and Non-Residential Developments'

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Is there an actual maximum amount of plot ratio variation that the Development Assessment Panel (DAP) can approve?
- Does that generally mean that they're always going to get approved by DAP if the plot ratio is bigger?

Item 12.1 Accessible Ramp/River Wall Emergency Works at McCallum Park

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Is there any other way that we can get money from another Department?

Item 12.3 Community Environmental Working Group – Endorsement of the 'Adopt-a-Verge' Program

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

- Can we get some more information from the City of Vincent on what they're doing to their front verges and if it's successful?

Questions:

- Are we going to pay people to look after their front verge?
- Do some verges just need mowing? Would there be a service to mow any verges?
- Would this be 'in kind' or 'in cash' in what way?
- How do you acquit the \$500, does an officer go and inspect to ensure the work has happened?
- If Council approve this, does that follow through to encompass the new entity?
- Wouldn't it be better to spend \$20,000 to send our contractors up our streets to clean them up?
- What is the incentive for the recipients to maintain their verge once they've received the money?
- Is there a limit on how many times someone can apply for the grant?
- What's that limit?
- What happens if they spend the money on something other than their verge?
- Can you please remind us where this idea originally came from?
- Is the \$20,000 for the gardens or the administration costs?

- Are the administration costs included in the \$20,000, or are they hidden?
- At the next council meeting can we have an idea of the administrative costs?
- Did the \$20,000 come from another program that's not happening anymore and what was that?
- If this \$20,000 isn't used in this way, then what would happen to the money? Where would that go?

Item 12.5 Tender TVP/14/09 – Construction of a Memorial Wall at the Victoria Park Returned and Services League of Australia (RSL) Property, 1 Fred Bell Parade, East Victoria Park

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Can you explain how you advertise for people to actually build this wall?

Item 14.3 Application to Register Five Cats – 35 State Street, Victoria Park

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- What happens if the cats pass away? Will it need to come back to council each time?
- Are the cats micro-chipped?

Item 14.4 Dog Control Measures

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Would we be reducing some of the dog exercising in certain areas? Are we going to establish more dog exercise areas that are fenced? Or is it just going to be in Lathlain?
- Are we planning more dog exercise areas that are fenced, similar to the one in Lathlain?

18 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil

19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Peter Lesiter

1. The Hawkers Market has been very successful in the Town, why is Council closing it?
2. So it would indicate then that Friday night is very successful, why would you change it to another night?
3. How many verges do we have in the Town?
4. If someone decides to put a garden in to get the rebate and after a couple of years they let it go, who going to rectify it?
5. What if it's just a garden made of corrugated iron that doesn't look very good, will that be maintained.
6. And what happens if they don't maintain it?

David Crann

A seat has been put around the tree at the post office in honour of Mr Pesich; it would be good if that seat could be moved into the shade, raised and have a plaque put on it with Mr Pesich's. Would someone possibly go and commiserate with him and rearrange the seating and signage?

Cr Oliver left the Council Chambers at 8:03pm and returned at 8:05pm.

Herbert Rowe

I am a member at Aqualife at go there every day. When it rains it leaks in the hallway that leads into the gym. There is also the issue of cleanliness of the toilets and showers; I realise this has been an ongoing problem, has the Council done anything about the leak and has something been said about the new cleaners?

Peter Lesiter

1. Was the \$20,000 given to the town from a garden competition?
2. Why is the town using is for fixing the verges?

David Crann

Will you be spending \$21,690 to decorate one pine tree again this year as was done a couple of years ago?

Herbert Rowe

When these companies develop properties, are they given a time frame that they have to adhere to, to repair the verge?

Maria Colletti – Resident, 231 Shepperton Road

Is the footpath part of the verge?

There are shrubs/weeds that overhang onto the pathway on the corner of Boulder and Shepperton Road. It makes it difficult to walk down there with young children because of this. Is Council responsible for this?

I use my laneway a lot. There is a house on the end of the laneway before you get to Mint Street where I nearly ran over a boy. I have concerns over the height of the fence, can someone please have a look at it and see if it is legal or not?

20 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

Peter Lesiter

Leave the \$20,000 in the reserve account and use it for what it was intended.

21 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

21.1 Matters for Which the Meeting May be Closed

Moved: Cr Oliver**Seconded: Cr Bissett**

That the meeting be closed to the public at 8:17pm

CARRIED (7-0)

- 21.1.1 Electricity Supply Contract – Town of Victoria Park Facilities – *Confidential Item*
- 21.1.2 Native Title Compensation Claim Bodney (Ballaruks People) – *Confidential Item*
- 21.2.3 HR Matter – *Confidential Item*
- 21.1.4 HR Matter – *Confidential Item*

Moved: Cr Potter**Seconded: Cr Oliver**

That the meeting be reopened to the public at 8:39 pm

CARRIED (7-0)

21.2 Public Reading of Resolutions That May be Made Public

Nil

22 CLOSURE

There being no further business, Cr Anderson closed the meeting at 8:39pm.