

minutes

Elected Members Briefing
Session



Please be advised that the Elected Members Briefing Session was held at **6.30pm** on **Tuesday 2 October 2012** in the **Council Chambers**, Administration Centre at 99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park.

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

ATHANASIOS (ARTHUR) KYRON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5 October 2012

1 OPENING

The meeting was opened by the Mayor at 6:30pm.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

1. As the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) celebrate National Landcare Week, they would like to thank Council for the Support of Landcare in the area. The Council's commitment through on ground works and financial support to local environmental community groups is critical in the ongoing management and repair of the natural environment. Whether it is river care, wetland or bushcare it is all Landcare – how we care and manage our land for present and future generations.
2. There are guidelines that need to be adhered to in our Council meetings and while we're not as strict as we could be and don't eject any member of the public from the gallery, it is important to remember that during question and statement time, I would like to request the gallery don't mention any Councillor or staff member by name or use any defamatory remarks.

3 ATTENDANCE

Mayor:	Mr T (Trevor) Vaughan
Banksia Ward:	Cr C (Claire) Anderson Cr J (John) Bissett (Deputy Mayor) Cr K (Keith) Hayes
Jarraah Ward:	Cr D (David) Ashton Cr V (Vicki) Potter Cr A (Adam) Vilaca
Chief Executive Officer:	Mr A (Arthur) Kyron
Directors:	Mr N (Nathan) Cain Mr A (Anthony) Vuleta Ms T (Tina) Ackerman
Acting Director	Mr R (Robert) Cruickshank
Secretary:	Mrs A (Alison) Podmore
Public:	6

3.1 Apologies

Ms R (Rochelle) Lavery – Director, Future Life and Built Life Programs

3.2 Approved Leave of Absence

Cr R (Rowena) Skinner – Banksia Ward

Cr V (Vin) Nairn - Jarrah Ward

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Peter Lessiter – 40 Oats Street, East Victoria Park

Mr Lessiter would like to know about works happening on Oats Street. There are 'Men at Work' signs that have been there a week. There are different speed zones, it's dangerous and there are blind spots. Where does that put Main Roads if there is an accident there?

Sam Zammit – 31 Alvah St, St James

Mr Zammit has spoken directly to an Elected Member with his concerns on the Town's infrastructure being damaged from building houses. The Town is left with a bill. Why is it left to Mr Lessiter and I to bring this to the Town's attention? Mr Zammit would like the Elected Members to listen to what he's saying – we must take a step forward.

What is Council doing to stop the damage that developers are doing? What policy does the Town have in place? Could you arrange a workshop to step in the right direction?

David Crann – 47 Kitchener Avenue, Victoria Park

Rev. Bruce Hyde has accepted to conduct a service of commemoration on Sunday 11 November at Edward Millen. What provision and organisation for the time and place of the service will be made by the Council?

The history of the Edward Millen site shows that Nurse Baille maintained a medicinal herb garden for the treatment of her patients in the grounds along with the goats whose milk was recommended for tubercular diseases. Will such an area be sited as a memorial to the 1,000 plus patients whom she nursed?

Response – Ms Ackerman

- The program for the Edward Millen Centenary Celebration has been finalised. No provision has been made for Rev Hyde to conduct a service.
- Currently there are no plans to create a memorial for Nurse Baille as plans for the Edward Millen site have yet to be developed.

6 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

David Crann – 47 Kitchener Avenue, Victoria Park

Mr Crann made various statements regarding the following:

- Opening of the Town Hall;

Response – Ms Ackerman

- At this point in time the Town does not have plans to conduct tours of the Administration Building; however the Local History Co-ordinator's Annual Work Plan includes an objective to develop a proposal for the 2013/14 financial year that includes tours of the Town, which could include a stop at the Administration Building.
- Members of the public are welcome to make an appointment with the Local History Co-ordinator, who is based at the Town of Victoria Park Library, to view photographs and memorabilia held in the Local History Collection.
- The Town's Written History will be launched at the Edward Millen Centenary Celebration on 11 November 2012. Elected Members in attendance at the launch would be happy to sign copies for people in attendance. Alternatively, anyone wishing to have their copy of the book signed by an Elected Member are welcome to contact them directly to arrange a mutually convenient time.

- Cultural and Local History Working Group meeting;

Response – Mr Kyron

- I am informed that the meeting commenced at 5pm, it is not a late start. The conduct of Council and staff at meetings is of high standard.
- The statements made about Cr Potter and her children, that she "should consider withdrawing from the Committee" is both inappropriate and unnecessary. Cr Potter is entitled to attend to Council business with her children; we are an equal opportunity employer and a family friendly Council and will soon be accredited as a Breast Feeding Friendly Workplace.
- On the matter of Mrs Easter's letter and sending her a letter of apology, it is the Presiding Members decision as to whether to allow it to be table at the Committee Meeting.

- Payment of courses for Elected Members;

Response – Mr Kyron

- Council makes an annual allowance for the Professional Development of Elected Members and Staff. This is a decision of Council with the aim of enhancing the quality of the decisions and actions of Elected Members and staff.
- As this is an approved expense neither Elected Members nor staff will be requested to or required to reimburse the Council.

- Street Festivities

Response – Ms Ackerman

Shopfront decorations:

- No resources have been allocated for a project of this nature in the 2012/13 Budget. Consideration will be given to such an initiative during 2013/14 Budget deliberations.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Moved: Cr Potter

Seconded: Cr Ashton

That the minutes of the Elected Members Briefing Session meeting held on Tuesday, 4 September 2012 be confirmed.

CARRIED (8-0)

8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Petitions

Nil

8.2 Presentations (Awards to be given to the Town)

Nil

8.3 Deputations (Planning / External Organisations)
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Nil

9 METHOD OF DEALING WITH AGENDA BUSINESS

10 – 14 REPORTS

Section 1

No questions were asked in relation to the following items:

- Item No. 10.2 **Connected Enterprise 2012 Conference, Melbourne, 21 – 22 November**
- Item No. 11.1 **27 (Lot 192) Hampton Street, Burswood – Proposed Four Grouped Dwellings**
- Item No. 11.5 **6 – 8 (Lots 593-596) Planet Street, Lathlain – *Confidential Item***
- Item No. 13.1 **Recommendation from Culture and Local History Working Group**
- Item No. 14.1 **Schedule of Accounts for August 2012**
- Item No. 14.3 **Parking Management Committee Recommendation: Adoption of Parking Fees**
- Item No. 14.4 **Parking Management Committee Recommendation: Parking Permit Policy**
- Item No. 14.5 **Tender TVP/12/06 – Supply of Business Systems Analyst Consultancy**

Section 2

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

- Item No. 10.1 **Local Government Elections 2013 – Appointment of Western Australian Electoral Commissioner**

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Are we aware if the electoral commission is audited by anyone external to the audit commission?
- Would it be appropriate for us to put a 3rd clause in the report, subject to clarifications?

Item No. 11.2 935D (Lot 20, Strata Lot 9) Albany Highway, East Victoria Park – Change of Use from Shop and Restaurant to RestaurantCouncil Agenda Modifications:

- Regarding 1.8 of the Officer Recommendations – insert a condition requiring a minimum of 16 car bays for the development.
- Include a condition that if there are more than 20 patrons, then toilets for patrons need to be installed.

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Can we have some clarification on condition 1.8 in the report? Are we saying that we're waiting to find out whether the Strata will allocate a bay?
- If the applicant wanted to extend the opening hours, will he have to provide more car parking spaces and do we know how many?
- Are the toilet facilities for staff or for patrons, if the latter, does that mean they can operate with more than a 20 chair capacity?

Item No. 11.3 Final Approval of Amendment No. 59 to Town Planning Scheme No. 1 – Re-classification of 77, 79 and 81 (Lots 41, 15 and 14) Armagh Street, Victoria Park from 'Residential R30' to 'Residential R30/R60'Council Agenda Modifications:

- Italic 1, 2, 3, and 4 on page 55.

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Page 55 – Landscaping refers to retaining a mature fig tree. If the engineers had their choice, they would remove all fig trees in the Town as they have a very invasive root system. Can we change the clause to say that something will need to be planted in its place?

Item No. 11.4 Amendment No. 60 to Town Planning Scheme No. 1 – Motor Vehicle Sales Premises in Commercial Zone within Albany Highway Precinct

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Open Air Sales and Display - does that include storage of vehicle on the land?
- What are the implications of doing this in the case of existing premises submitting want to do additions?
- These people that don't want car yards in the Town, what do they want in its place and what are the implications?
- Is this only in certain sectors of the Town or the full length of Albany Highway?
- If somebody has a caryard and decide they want to enclose it and make changes, would it come to us as a non-conforming use?

Item No. 13.2 East Victoria Park Primary School – Petition Received Regarding 'Out of Boundary' Children

Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Is this something that the Town should be getting involved in?
- Where does it stop?
- Does it also affect other Primary schools in the Town?

Item No. 14.2 Financial Statements and Budget Variations for the Month ending 31 August 2012Council Agenda Modifications:

Nil

Additional Information Sought:

Nil

Questions:

- Can Council ask the Director to reword “favourable outcome” not a time balance?

15 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

16 MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

17 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

- Cr Vilaca – PTA and The Town have installed a number of bus shelters – Rubbish bins are they coming?
- Cr Vilaca - A number of streets in Victoria Park that have had Telstra in doing some work, is that NBN running ahead of schedule?
- Cr Bissett – once we give planning approval for a development, how long can the development take to complete?

18 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil

19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIMESam Zammit - 31 Alvah St, St James

Is parking permitted on cycleways?

Are we considering changing the hours of our Ranger Services?

Are we going to have paid parking along Albany Highway?

Will we be implementing more staff to police it?

20 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

Nil

21 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

21.1 Matters for Which the Meeting May be Closed

Moved Cr Potter

Seconded Cr Vilaca

That the meeting adjourn to Meeting room 3

CARRIED (8-0)

The Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 7:22pm. Andrew Smith and Craig McClure from Hester Property Group were in attendance to brief Council in relation to:

21.1.1 Item 11.5 – 6-8 (Lots 593-596) Planet Street, Carlisle

Mr Vuleta left the room at 7:55pm and returned at 8:07pm

Ms Ackerman left the room at 8:10pm and returned at 8:12pm

Moved: Cr Vilaca

Seconded: Cr Bissett

That meeting be reopened in Council Chambers.

CARRIED (8-0)

The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 8:15pm.

21.2 Public Reading of Resolutions That May be Made Public

Nil

22 CLOSURE

There being no further business the session was closed at 8:30 pm.

I confirm these Minutes to be a true and accurate record of proceedings of this session.

SignedMayor

Dated this Day of2012